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CITY OF GAITHERSBURG

MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

March 30, 2009

A work session of the Mayor and City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m., Mayor Katz presiding. Council Members present: Ashman, Drzyzgula, Marraffa, Sesma, and Spiegel. Staff present: City Manager Jones, Assistant City Managers Felton and Tomasello, Planning and Code Administration Director Ossont, Planner Voigt and City Attorney Board.

I. TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

A. Shady Grove Adventist Hospital

Mr. Dennis Hansen, President of Shady Grove Adventist Hospital and Mr. Robert Jepson, Vice President of Government Relations & Public Policy for Adventist HealthCare provided an update regarding future operations and facility planning for Shady Grove Adventist Hospital.

B. Discussion of Membership of the Historic District Commission

City Attorney Lynn Board provided an overview of the state statutory requirements for selection of members of the Historic District Commission. The Mayor and City Council directed staff to prepare City Code amendments to provide for the appointment of members to the Historic District Commission to be qualified individuals other than the Mayor and City Council and to delete the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee.

C. Maryland Association of Historic District Commission (MAHDC) Site Visit Report and Staff Recommendations

Planner Voigt gave an overview of each of the recommendations made by the MAHDC in their December report to the City. Staff provided a response for each recommendation. Cory Kegerise, Administrator of Local Preservation Programs at the Maryland Historical Trust, provided an overview of the Certified Local Government (CLG) program. Mr. Kegerise provided insight into the CLG program and noted that the current membership of the Historic District Commission does not meet the CLG requirements.

The Mayor and City Council noted that the recommendations related to updating the City web page and adding information to the Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP) applications can be undertaken by staff at this time. The recommendations concerning the membership of the HDC and the historic preservation ordinance will be the subject of a future public discussion and hearing.

II. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this session of the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Various City staff