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CITY OF GAITHERSBURG

MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

April 27, 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, and City Attorney Board.

I. TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

A. Report from District 17 Delegation (Senator Jennie Forehand, Delegates Kumar Barve, Luiz Simmons, and Jim Gilchrist) and District 39 (Senator Nancy King) on the 2009 Legislative Session

The Delegates and Senators provided an overview on the legislative session. It was noted that budget issues dominated the legislative session. Two of the City priority bills dealing with the environment and program open space were passed. In addition, a \$250,000 bond bill was approved for the Community Museum. While the diminutive credit bill was not voted on in either the House or the Senate, Senator King indicated she would sponsor the bill again in the 2010 session. Also, Senator King indicated that she had talked to Secretary of Aging Gloria Lawlah and expected \$800,000 to be included in the 2011 Department Budget for the Gaithersburg Senior Center. The Mayor and City Council thanked the Delegates and Senators for all their hard work on the City's behalf.

B. Report from the Ad Hoc Elections Ordinance Review Committee

Assistant City Manager Felton presented the Committee's recommendations to the Mayor and City Council. The Mayor and City Council generally concurred, and staff was directed to schedule the introduction of an ordinance to amend Chapter 6C of the City Code to implement the Committee's recommendations. Additionally, staff was directed to develop an amendment to Section 32 of the City Charter that would allow the Board of Supervisors of Elections to extend the hours of the polls on Election Day if extraordinary circumstances warrant an extension.

C. Approval of Board of Supervisors of Elections Recommendations on the Number and Locations of Polling Places

The Mayor and Council discussed the recommendation of the Board of Supervisors of Elections regarding the number and location of polling places for the 2009 City Election. A resolution approving the number and location of polling places will be placed on a future Mayor and City Council meeting for consideration.

II. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Felton (Topics A & B) and Lynn Board (Topic C)