

# MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

**MEETING DATE:**

July 20, 2009

**CALL TO PODIUM:**

Louise Kauffmann, Director of Housing and Community Development

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:**

Louise Kauffmann

**AGENDA ITEM:**

(please check one)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Presentation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proclamation/Certificate
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Hearing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:

**PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:**

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Introduced	
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Hearing Date	
Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

<b>TITLE:</b>
Resolution of the Mayor and City Council Approving a Community Legacy Application and Receipt of Financing for a Community Legacy Project in Gaithersburg, Maryland, to be Financed Either Directly by the Department of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland or Through Other Departments or Agencies of the State of Maryland

<b>SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:</b>
The City of Gaithersburg is applying for grant funding under the FY 10 Community Legacy Program for a project that promotes Smart Growth initiatives in locally designated Community Legacy Areas. This program, administered through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, provides a flexible source of funding in support of local revitalization efforts.
The City has received numerous grants under this smart growth program, including funds for the multi-use trail along North Summit Avenue; funding to install a brick sidewalk from the Cannery along East Diamond Avenue to terminate at the Fire Station Museum; decorative light fixtures in the Brookes, Walker, Russell Historic District and along Chestnut Street; for design of the Olde Towne Park Plaza area and improvements at the intersection of East Diamond and Summit Avenues; and to install new sidewalks and intersection improvements within the Brookes, Russell, Walker Historic District. The most recent award allows the City to provide financial assistance for façade improvements at commercial and residential buildings.
This year's application in the amount of \$125,000 would allow the City to continue to support this facade improvement program within Olde Towne and in the adjacent historic districts. Eligible property owners would be required to provide a 1:1 match.
A resolution from the Mayor and Council approving the project is a required component of the application.

<b>DESIRED OUTCOME:</b>
Vote on Resolution

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL APPROVING A COMMUNITY LEGACY APPLICATION AND RECEIPT OF FINANCING FOR A COMMUNITY LEGACY PROJECT IN GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND, TO BE FINANCED EITHER DIRECTLY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND OR THROUGH OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Gaithersburg recognize that there is a significant need for reinvestment and revitalization of the communities in the City of Gaithersburg; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gaithersburg proposes to develop a *Community Legacy* Project in the area designated a *Community Legacy Area* ("Area"), the purpose of which will be to contribute to the reinvestment and revitalization in the Area; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Community Development ("Department") of the State of Maryland, either through *Community Legacy* or through other Programs of the Department, or in cooperation with other State departments or agencies, may provide some or all of the financing for the project (the "Project Financing") in order to assist in making it financially feasible; and

WHEREAS, the Area is located within a priority funding area under Section 5-7B-02 of the Smart Growth Act and the Project will conform to the local zoning code; and

WHEREAS, the applicable law, regulations and Departmental requirements necessitate approval of the Project and the Project Financing by Mayor and City Council and, where appropriate, by the chief elected executive official of the local subdivision:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of Gaithersburg hereby approve the request in the form of a grant, or other financial vehicles, in the approximate amount of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor be, and is hereby requested to endorse this Resolution, thereby indicating his approval thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute documents and take any action necessary to carry out the intent of these resolutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Secretary of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland for consideration by the Community Legacy Board.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 20th day of July, 2009.

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SIDNEY A. KATZ, MAYOR and  
President of the Council

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council in public meeting assembled on the 20th day of July, 2009.

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Angel L. Jones, City Manager