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CITY OF GAITHERSBURG

MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

SEPTEMBER 14, 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: Assistant City Managers Felton and Tomasello, Planning and Code Administration Director Ossont, Planner Robinson, and City Attorney Board.

I. TOPIC(S) OF DISCUSSION

A. Presentation by the Economic Development Committee and Discuss Economic Development Opportunities Funding

Robyn Renas and Kent Howard, members of the Economic Development Committee, presented a report describing what committee members believed to be challenges to furthering economic development resulting from City policies and/or procedures. There was extensive dialogue between members of the City Council and the presenters, and several areas of disagreement.

The second part of the work session was a discussion of potential uses of the Economic Development Opportunities funding included in the FY 2010 City Budget. This was collectively presented as an economic development “toolbox”. Assistant City Manager Tomasello presented various options that had been prioritized by the Economic Development Committee and City staff. After discussion, the Mayor and Council endorsed the uses. Staff will develop guidelines relating to use of the individual incentives and publicize their availability to the business community.

B. Guidance on the City’s Position on the I-270/US 15 Multi-Modal Corridor Study

Assistant City Manager Fred Felton gave a brief presentation on staff’s recommendation on the City’s position on this study. The Mayor and City Council unanimously supported staff’s recommendations concerning the Corridor Cities Transitway.

After considerable discussion, the majority of the Council supported staff’s recommendations for the highway alternative. At the conclusion of the work session, the Mayor and City Council directed staff to draft letters to Governor Martin O’Malley and County Council President Phil Andrews on both the transit and highway options.

II. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this session of the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at approximately 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony Tomasello, Assistant City Manager
Frederick J. Felton, Assistant City Manager