



Gaithersburg

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CITY OF GAITHERSBURG
MINUTES OF A REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, MAY 7, 2012

A meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m., Mayor Katz presiding. Council Members present: Ashman, Drzyzgula, Marraffa and Sesma. Council absent: Spiegel. Staff present: City Manager Jones, Deputy City Manager Tomasello (*arrived at 8:15 p.m.*), Public Works Director Arnoult, Parks, Recreation and Culture Director Potter, Planner Bowling, Community Facility Directors Goldstein and Mogus, Lourdes Carazo, Police Administration Team (Laura Morales & Nancy Patino [not present]), Community Services Division Chief Herndon, City Attorney Board, and Municipal Clerk Stokes.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was led by Jake Skimmons, Lakelands Park Middle School, Boy Scout Troop #1097.

II. INVOCATION

In lieu of an invocation, Mayor Katz called for a moment of silence.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Council Member Ashman, seconded by Council Member Marraffa, that the minutes of the Mayor and Council regular meeting held March 19, 2012, be approved.

Vote: 4-0

Motion was made by Council Member Drzyzgula, seconded by Council Member Ashman, that the minutes of the Mayor and Council regular meeting held April 16, 2012, be approved.

Vote: 2-0-2 (Abstained: Marraffa and Sesma)

Motion was made by Council Member Sesma, seconded by Council Member Marraffa, that the minutes of the Mayor and Council special meeting held April 23, 2012, be approved.

Vote: 4-0

Motion was made by Council Member Sesma, seconded by Council Member Drzyzgula, that the minutes of the Mayor and Council work session held April 23, 2012, be approved.

Vote: 4-0

IV. CONSENT ITEMS**A. Resolution of the Mayor and City Council Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract to Purchase and Install Playground Equipment for Bohrer Park**

This resolution authorized the City Manager to award a contract for the above to Miracle Recreation Equipment Company, Inc., 878 Highway 60, PO Box 420, Monett, MO 65708, in the amount of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$119,290), of said funds to be expended from the Capital Improvement Budget and Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred Ten Dollars (\$30,710), of said funds to be expended from the Playground Equipment Replacement Fund; for a total amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000).

B. Resolution of the Mayor and City Council Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Wireless Equipment and Installation Services to Support Police In-Car Cameras

This resolution authorized the City Manager to purchase wireless hardware and services from Connectivity Solutions Inc., 104A Carpenter Drive, Sterling, Virginia 20164, in the amount not to exceed Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000); said funds to be expended from the Police Technology Replacement Fund.

Motion was made by Council Member Marraffa, seconded by, Council Member Ashman, that the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. R- 27-12 and R-28-12), be approved.

Vote: 4-0

V. PRESENTATIONS**A. Presentation by Lakelands Park Middle School PTSA to the Dolores C. Swoyer Scholarship Fund**

Mayor Katz and Parks, Recreation and Culture Director Potter, were joined at the podium by Kim Skimmons, President of the Lakelands Park Middle School PTSA and Co-Chairs of the PTSA Basketball Night event, Diane Strodel and Cara Copeland. On March 9, 2012, the Lakelands Park Middle School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) held its Sixth Annual Basketball Night event for charity at the school. This year, the Dolores C. Swoyer Camp Scholarship Fund for the City of Gaithersburg, was selected as the beneficiary. The PTSA raised \$1,782.54 to contribute to the Fund.

B. 2012 First Quarter Employee Recognition Awards

Congratulations to the winners of the Employee Recognition Awards for the First Quarter of 2012, January 1, 2012 – March 31, 2012. Award winners are nominated by their peers and final selections are made by the Employee Recognition Committee which is comprised of employees from each City Department. The winner of the First Quarter Employee Recognition Award is Lourdes Carazo. The Police Administration Team comprised of Laura Morales and Nancy Patino was the team winner.

C. Proclamation of the Mayor and the City Council Designating May, 2012 as “Active Older Adult Month” in the City of Gaithersburg

Mayor Katz and Grace Whipple were joined at the podium by members from the senior center. Mayor Katz recognized and acknowledged the many contributions older adults have made to our communities including the legacy of volunteerism, acting as role models to younger generations and the gift of patriotism. The City of Gaithersburg selected the theme, “Aging Smart and Aging Strong” for this year’s Active Aging Expo. The Expo was held to bring awareness, promote and improve the quality of life for older adults through education, programs and other services.

D. Proclamation of the Mayor and City Council Designating May 18, 2012 as “Water Safety Day” in the City of Gaithersburg

Mayor Katz issued a proclamation in partnership with Montgomery County and the City of Rockville. The 2nd Annual Water Safety Day will be held at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center on Friday, May 18 from 4-7 p.m. Informational booths, lifeguard demonstrations and free swim lesson screenings will be conducted in an effort to promote water safety prior to the summer season. The proclamation was accepted by Community Facility Directors Adam Goldstein and Jennifer Mogus.

E. Proclamation of the Mayor and City Council Designating May 19, 2012 as “National Kids to Parks Day” in the City of Gaithersburg

Mayor Katz issued a proclamation designating the above to signify the efforts to encourage children, teens and their families to visit America’s parks. The City is participating in this special day and has registered its events such as the Gaithersburg Book Festival on the “Kids to parks.org” website under the State of Maryland. The proclamation was accepted by Shana Newman, Development Director of National Park Trust.

F. Proclamation of the Mayor and City Council Designating May 2012 as “Historic Preservation Month” in the City of Gaithersburg

The theme for National Historic Preservation Month 2012 is: “Discover Gaithersburg’s Hidden Gems.” National Historic Preservation Month is co-sponsored by the City of Gaithersburg and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Chris Kirtz, Chair of the City’s Historic District Commission, was joined by other members to accept the proclamation.

G. City of Gaithersburg Water Park Renovation

Parks, Recreation and Culture Director Potter presented Phase I and II for the Water Park renovation. A work session was held in August of 2011. Major items were in need of replacement to preserve this amenity and operations for the next 20 years. Phase I consisted of major renovations to the Main and Tot Pools, along with the installation of an ultraviolet/germicidal water treatment protection of waterborne pathogens which began September 6, 2011. The grand re-opening and ribbon cutting will be held on May 24, 2012. As the pool closes its 2012 season, Phase II will commence. The scope of work includes other recommended improvements as identified in the Facility Study of 2010, to increase customer service and implement energy efficient upgrades through mechanical, electrical and plumbing measures in the Water Park entrance, Bath House, Snack Bar, and Slide Tower.

Total Project Cost: \$2,346,800
Program Open Space: \$1,739,600
City Funds: \$401,700
Bond Bill: \$205,000

VI. FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL/ANNOUNCEMENTS**Council Member Drzyzgula**

1. Closed meeting was held at City Hall by the Mayor and City Council of Gaithersburg on Monday, April 16, 2012, at approximately 9:05 p.m., pursuant to a motion adopted unanimously. The meeting was proposed to be closed pursuant to the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 10-508(a)(4) consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State; Section 10-508(a)(8) consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation; and Section 10-508(a)(1)(i) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction. The topics discussed were the consideration of a proposal for an apartment complex to remain in the City, pending litigation, and the process for the City Attorney's annual review. Present at the meeting were Mayor Katz, Council Members Ashman, Drzyzgula and Spiegel. Staff present were Director of Economic Development Lonergan (*left at 9:12 p.m.*), City Manager Jones (*left at 9:35 p.m.*), and City Attorney Board. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the closed meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:12 p.m.

Council Member Sesma

1. Closed meeting was held at City Hall by the Mayor and City Council of Gaithersburg on Monday, April 23, 2012, at approximately 8:10 p.m., pursuant to a motion adopted unanimously. The meeting was proposed to be closed pursuant to the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 10-508(a)(1)(i) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction and Section 10-508(a)(4) to consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State. The topics discussed were the process for the City Attorney's annual review and consideration of proposals from three separate businesses for a business to locate, expand or remain in the State. Present at the meeting were Mayor Katz, Council Members Ashman, Drzyzgula, Marraffa and Sesma. Staff present were Deputy City Manager Tomasello (*left at 8:45 p.m.*), Director of Economic Development Lonergan (*left at 8:45 p.m.*), and City Attorney Board (*left at 8:50 p.m.*). Upon conclusion of the discussion, the closed meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:26 p.m.
2. Announced the vacancies on various City Boards and Committees. Visit the City's website for a complete listing of committee vacancies at www.gaithersburgmd.gov.
3. Attended the State of the City Address held at the Asbury Methodist Village.
4. Attended the dedication of the Montgomery County Public Safety Memorial event at the former GE site.
5. Attended the Gaithersburg Interfaith Alliance Luncheon and met with members of the community and residents of Asbury Methodist Village.
6. Attended the Denims and Diamonds Gala. Thanked the donors and those involved in the event.
7. Attended the fountain commemoration at the Casey Community Center, which was dedicated to recent retiree Tommy Mason. This was the City's first formal commemoration using the new naming policy.

8. Attended the Montgomery County Housing Fair held at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park.
9. Attended the Paws in the Park event at Bohrer Park.
10. Thanked the Lakelands Park Middle School PTSA for their efforts recognized above.
11. Congratulated the winners of the City's First Quarter Employee Recognition Award.

Council Member Marraffa

1. Echoed thanks to Lakelands Park Middle School PTSA and residents for their donation.
2. Congratulated Tommy Mason on his retirement and thanked him for his years of service to the City of Gaithersburg.
3. Attended the "Active Aging" Expo held earlier during the day in the City.
4. Attended the Kentlands Day parade and other festivities that took place in downtown Kentlands.
5. Announced that the Mayor and City Council are seeking to fill one (1) vacancy on the Animal Control Board. All applicants must reside within the corporate City limits. Resumes and letters of interest should be submitted via U.S. Mail to: Mayor and City Council, 31 South Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877, or send via email to: cityhall@gaithersburgmd.gov. This position will remain open until filled. For more information visit the City's website or contact Animal Control Director Lisa Holland at 301-258-6343.

Council Member Ashman

1. Closed meeting was held at City Hall by the Mayor and City Council of Gaithersburg following the scheduled special meeting on Monday, April 30, 2012, at approximately 8:50 p.m., pursuant to a motion adopted unanimously. The meeting was proposed to be closed pursuant to the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 10-508(a)(1)(i) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction. The topic discussed was the process for the City Attorney's annual review. Present at the meeting were Mayor Katz, Council Members Ashman, Drzyzgula, Marraffa, Spiegel and Sesma, Staff present City Attorney Board. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the closed meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:50 p.m.
2. Joined his colleagues in congratulating and recognizing all the presentations mentioned above.
3. Announced the Gaithersburg Book Festival scheduled for Saturday, May 19th, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., on the grounds of City Hall. Mentioned the Montgomery Community media and CVS radio put together 30 second spots for the event. Encouraged residents to come out to hear and talk with authors and enjoy activities for all ages. Reported that Erin Willet, contestant on "The Voice" will make an appearance to read and sing. For more information visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

Mayor Katz

1. Requested the following:

Council Member Drzyzgula made the motion, seconded by Council Member Sesma, to conduct a closed executive session immediately following its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 7, 2012, at City Hall. The meeting is proposed to be closed pursuant to the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 10-508(a)(4) consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State. The topic to be discussed is the consideration of a proposal for an apartment complex to remain in the City. The closed executive session will be conducted pursuant to a motion properly adopted during the session of the Mayor and City Council on Monday, May 7, 2012.

Vote: 4-0

2. Notified the public of the following meeting schedule:

- Work session on Tuesday May 8, 2012, to discuss the FY 2013 proposed budget on nonprofit funding recommendations.
- Joint session with the Mayor and City Council of Rockville on Monday, May 14th, 6 p.m., at the Rockville City Hall, to receive a brief overview and discuss each jurisdiction's Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance.
- No work session will be held on Monday, May 14, 2012 at City Hall.
- Next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 21, 2012 at City Hall.

VII. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**Economic Development Director Lonergan**

1. Announced that the Office of Economic Development held its first Bio Tech meet and greet on April 25, 2012 with NIH Federal Credit Union and Sheer Partners.
2. Reported that Quince Orchard Plaza has been seeing changes; LA Fitness has received their permits, and Federal Reality is working to close with perspective restaurant tenants for the pad formerly occupied by Chevys.
3. Meeting scheduled with leasing representatives from Beatty Management to discuss the state of retail and leases in the Kentlands Market Square.
4. Reported that the Kentlands Main Street survey has been receiving feedback, deadline is May 11, 2012.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this session of the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at approximately 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris R. Stokes

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Municipal Clerk