

MINUTES
Special Session of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, September 19, 2006
8:03 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Brayman; Councilmembers Krouse, Catlin, Perry, Fellows, Hampton and Peña-Melnyk; Student Liaison Jesse Blitzstein.
Councilmember Milligan arrived at 8:05 p.m.

ABSENT: Councilmember Olson.

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Sara Imhulse, Assistant to the City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Terry Schum, Director of Planning; Elisa Vitale, Planning Department Staff; Jeannie Ripley, Code Enforcement Supervisor; Amanda Tuma, Deputy Student Liaison.

During the regularly scheduled Worksession of the College Park City Council on September 19, 2006, a motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Fellows to enter Special Session. The motion passed 6-0-0.

Action Items:

06-G-118 Approval of the Request For Re-consideration Of The Jefferson Square Preliminary Plan For Subdivision

A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Fellows to approve, per the City's staff report, the applicant's request for reconsideration of the Jefferson Square Preliminary Plan for Subdivision, due to a limited transportation issue.

Staff clarified that tonight's purpose is only to consider the applicant's request to the Planning Board for reconsideration. The issues relating to the reconsideration will be heard by the Mayor and Council at a future Worksession providing the request is granted by the Planning Board. The request for reconsideration goes to the Planning Board this Thursday.

There were no comments from the audience on this item.

Chip Reid was present to represent the applicant, JPI. He thanked the Council for considering this request.

Councilmember Milligan commented that although he originally voted against this project, he will now support the request. He has not seen any other applicant alter a

project in response to community comments as much as this developer has. He believes the applicant is due this reconsideration.

Councilmember Fellows supports this request, and urges the applicant to change the name of the project from Jefferson Square to something that more reflects the University of Maryland.

Councilmember Peña-Melnyk also originally voted against this project, but has been impressed with the applicant's responsiveness to the neighborhood, and will support this request.

Mayor Brayman echoed Councilmember Milligan's comments, and applauds the big improvements made to the project.

The motion carried 7-0-0 (Councilmember Olson absent).

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Fellows to adjourn from Special Session. The motion carried 7-0-0, and the Special Session was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller, City Clerk