

MINUTES
Special Session of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, July 1, 2008
9:40 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Brayman; Councilmembers Molinatto, Wojahn, Catlin, Perry, Mark Cook, Hampton and Mary Cook; Student Liaison Dan Hartinger.

ABSENT: Councilmember Stullich.

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Steve Groh, Director of Finance; Terry Schum, Director of Planning; Elisa Vitale and Dorothy Friedman, City Planning Staff.

At 9:40 p.m. during the regularly scheduled Worksession of the College Park City Council, a motion to enter into Special Session was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Catlin. The motion carried 7-0-0.

Action Items:

08-G-68 To Consider Proposals From Davenport & Company, LLC, And Municipal Group, LLC, To Provide Financial Advisory Services Relating To Tax Increment Financing For The East Campus Project And For Downtown College Park

A motion was made by Councilmember Catlin and seconded by Councilmember Molinatto to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contractual agreement with Davenport & Company, LLC and Municipal Group, LLC as consultants to: 1) analyze tax increment financing and the special taxing district feasibility for the downtown College Park area exclusive of East Campus, and 2) analyze tax increment financing and the special taxing district for the East Campus project. The proposed cost is \$25,000 for the downtown College Park area and \$30,000 for the East Campus project. Funding in excess of these amounts is available from outside sources, and while the hope is that the costs do not exceed these amounts, if it necessary to spend additional money that is available from outside sources, that would be permissible under this motion.

Mayor Brayman summarized that the motion awards the proposals as outlined in the staff memo, and provides authority contingent upon grant funds earmarked for this purpose to exceed those amounts if necessary. The East Campus letter of intent provides reimbursement to the City for financial advisory services for East Campus from the developer, and the City has obtained grant funds that would fund the downtown TIF study.

Councilmember Catlin noted the short time frame available to analyze the tax increment financing proposals.

There were no comments from the audience on this item.

Councilmember Perry commented that there are two projects: one north of fraternity row and one south of fraternity row. He asked if the south one would be able to hold up the northern one, or if the northern one could proceed waiting on the south. Is it necessary for them to go together?

Mayor Brayman said that is to be determined.

The motion carried 7-0-0.

A motion was made by Councilmember Catlin that the Council authorize City Staff to issue a Request of Interest for redevelopment of the City Hall site, specifically to develop the site with a full service hotel, preferably a Hilton Hotel. The motion failed for lack of a second.

A motion to recess the Special Session was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Mark Cook. The motion carried 7-0-0, and the Special Session was recessed at 9:45 p.m.

At 10:10 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Hampton to reconvene the Special Session. The motion carried 7-0-0.

08-G-69 Preliminary Plan of Subdivision 4-07078 for the Chinese Bible Church

A motion was made by Councilmember Mary Cook and seconded by Councilmember Hampton to approve the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision, with the conditions listed in the staff report, for the Chinese Bible Church.

Councilmember Mary Cook noted that they have been good neighbors.

There were no comments from the audience on this item.

The applicant noted that they agree to all of the conditions indicated in the staff report and will so testify before the planning board.

The motion carried 7-0-0.

A motion to recess was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Molinatto. The Special Session was recessed at 10:15 p.m. by a vote of 7-0-0.

Janeen S. Miller, City Clerk