APPROVED: Meeting No. 28-94

ATTEST: Paula Jewell

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Meeting No. 27-94

September 26, 1994

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in General Session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on September 26, 1994, at 7:35 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor James F. Coyle

Councilmember Robert E. Dorsey

Councilmember Rose G. Krasnow

Councilmember James T. Marrinan

Councilmember Nina A. Weisbroth

In attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer, City Clerk Paula Jewell and City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Re: City Manager's Report

1. On Saturday, September 24th, Councilmembers Krasnow and Dorsey represented the City at the Hispanics United for Rockville (HUR) graduation ceremony. The HUR program, which the City helps to fund, provides training in English, computers, auto mechanics, and air condition and heating repairs.

2. This weekend's Oktoberfest was another very successful event; there were an estimated 18,000 people in attendance on Saturday and Sunday who came to enjoy music, dancing, crafts, and a fire safety demonstration. For the first time, this year's event was sponsored by the law firm of Miles & Stockbridge, and on Saturday, the City presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the firm for their sponsorship.

3. A new Cityscape program airing this month on Cable television focuses on the work of the Human Needs and Services Advisory Task Force. Guests include Task Force

Chair, Rusty Wallace; Director of Community Ministries of Rockville, Mansfield Kaseman; and Community Services Director, Jo Roberts.

4. Mr. Romer noted that on September 19th, the Mayor and Council heard a presentation from a private company on a proposal to build an ice rink at Welsh Park. The proposal called for building an ice rink on four acres of land adjacent to the Swim Center. In return, the private developer would provide compensating items, including cash to the City on a yearly basis. Mr. Romer said that general reaction was one of great interest; however, there was also great concern that the proposal was a bit too aggressive. The Mayor and Council had questioned whether the proposal needed to move as rapidly as suggested by the private company. Mr. Romer said that in response to the question, staff had met and decided on the following proposed project schedule for the ice arena project:

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| 9/20/94 - 10/7/94 | Staff preparation of *Report on Public-Private Partnership to Construct Ice Arena* and general *Request for Proposal* information |
| 10/10/94 | Delivery to Mayor and Council |
| 10/17 - 10/28/94 | Neighborhood Informational Meeting (exact date to be announced) |
| 11/14/94 | Mayor and Council *Approval of Project Concept* |
| 11/20/94 | Advertise for *Expressions of Interest/Proposals* in Washington Post |
| 1/9/95 | Deadline for Receipt of *Expressions of Interest/Proposals* |
| 1/9/95 - 2/27/95 | Staff evaluation of proposals |
| 3/20/95 | *Public Hearing/Presentation of Proposal by Recommended Developer* |
| 4/10/95 | Mayor and Council *Approval of Project/Developer* |
| 4/11/95 - 6/2/95 | Lease Contract Negotiation |
| 6/12/95 | Mayor and Council *Approval of Lease Contract* |

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| 6/95 - 8/95 | Design Development Phase |
| 8/95 - 10/95 | Construction Drawing/Bidding Phase |
| 11/95 | Permits Issued (City, State) |
| 11/95 - 8/96 | Construction Phase |
| 9/96 | Occupancy Permit/Opening |

Mr. Romer noted that in the proposed scenario, the entire process could take up to two years, during which time, the Mayor and Council would take into account recommendations from the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board, as well as others.

Councilmember Krasnow thanked Mr. Romer for the proposed schedule. She said that she, as well as others were concerned that the City was moving much too quickly on the proposal. Ms. Krasnow said that the new schedule would give the Mayor and Council time to find out what other communities have done in their studies of similar proposals.

Councilmember Marrinan agreed that staff's proposed timetable seemed much more appropriate. He recommended expanding the idea to consider other possible sites, not only within the City's jurisdiction, but also to help focus on potential commercial property sites.

Re: Raffle ticket drawing for winner of "An Evening at Glenview".

The winner of the second raffle drawing will receive a private dinner party for 10 persons, which includes costumes, flowers, and disc jockey. The proceeds of raffle ticket sales will be deposited in the Mansion Fund for the purpose of funding on-going refurbishment at Glenview Mansion.

Civic Center Superintendent, Bob Giesy explained that a number of tickets had been sold over the last few months. Mayor Coyle then drew the winning ticket in the name of Isabella Sneary. The next ticket sale will start on November 1st and the drawing will take place in January 1996.

Re: Citizens Forum - This time is set aside to hear from any citizen who wishes to address the Mayor and Council.

1. Judith Osborn, 801 Aster Boulevard expressed her support for the ice rink proposal in Rockville. She said that she spent 3-5 days at the Cabin John rink, however, it was very difficult to get ice time there.

2. Linda Schugar, 1510 Allview Drive, Horizon Hill said she was involved in sports programs in the City, county, and the Washington area, and she was immediate past president of Montgomery Soccer. She spoke in support of an ice rink in Rockville, which she said, like any recreational activities, enhanced the quality of life for Rockville children. Ms. Schugar also said she hoped that the City did not get bogged down by the timetable, and she hoped the Mayor and Council would consider moving forward with the proposal.

Councilmember Krasnow encouraged anyone with comments or ideas on what features an ice rink should include, to contact the City so that their ideas could be included in the requests for proposals.

3. Bill Meyer, 804 Leverton Road spoke in support of Consent Agenda Item C, the bid award to Environmental Systems Analysis to provide engineering services on the design of stream stabilization at five sites in the City. He said that three of the five sites were in the Cabin John drainage area, and the consultant would be asked to take the recommendations from

the COG study into consideration. In addition, Mr. Meyer suggested that the Mayor and Council consider expanding the consultant's contract since the company had experience in dealing with the State, they might be able to assist the City in the engineering and permitting process for the work to be done along the Cabin John Parkway.

Commenting about the ice rink proposal, Mr. Meyer said he was pleased to see the timetable extended. He noted that if City land were to be used for the rink, a text amendment to allow private ventures to use City land would be necessary, and he suggested that the text amendment process, be included in the proposed schedule.

4. Fred Newton, 10 Dale Drive said as a coach of youth hockey and an avid ice skater, he knew there was an extreme lack of ice available to Rockville residents, and the proposal was a unique opportunity for residents. Mr. Newton said the idea in concept was very feasible. Councilmember Krasnow remarked that there were now several firms looking to locate an ice rink, and she asked Mr. Newton if he felt there was enough demand to build more than one rink. Mr. Newton responded that there was the opportunity for at least two more rinks in this section of the County all the way north to Frederick County.

Re: Appointments

Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Dennis Kelly was appointed to sit as a temporary member on the Board of Appeals Application #APP94-0570.

Upon motion of Councilmember Krasnow, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Joseph Zuccaro was appointed to serve on the Economic Development Council.

Re: Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Councilmember Weisbroth, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Minutes of Meeting No. 24-94 (August 1, 1994), were approved as amended.

Re: Consent Agenda

Councilmember Marrinan requested removal of Item C. Upon motion of Councilmember Weisbroth, duly seconded and passed, with Councilmember Dorsey abstaining from the vote on Item A, the following consent agenda items were approved.

(A) Award of Contract
To: Consolidated Computer Investors, Inc.
Of: Hanover, Maryland
In the amount of: $44,062.85

For: Computer equipment and software per the terms and conditions of Montgomery County Contract No. 75929AA. Pricing extended to the City of Rockville.

(B) Award of Bid #12-95
To: Humphrey & Son, Inc.
Of: Laurel, Maryland
In the amount of: $104,435.60

For: Replacement of Commercial Water Meters

(D) Award of Bid #44-95
To: Norair Engineering Corp.
Of: Landover, Maryland
In the amount of: $161,300

For: HVAC rehabilitation and upgrade at the Water Treatment Plant

(E) Award of Bid #C95-020 (Prince George's County)
To: Morton Salt Division
Of: Chicago, Illinois
In the amount of: $35,717

For: Purchase of Bulk Road Salt

Re: Award of Bid #41-95
To: Environmental Systems Analysis, Inc.
Of: Annapolis, Maryland
In the amount of: $114,395

For: Engineering services for the design of stream stabilization at five sites throughout the City.

Councilmember Marrinan requested removal of the item in order to commend staff for showing appropriate concern about the need for the superior stream stabilization design. He said that staff chose the most experienced and capable environmental firm, even though the cost was slightly higher than the next ranked company. Mr. Marrinan said that staff was clearly mindful of the costs and benefits involved in the procurement, and he complimented the thoroughness and appropriateness of their priorities. Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Bid #41-95 was awarded to Environmental Systems Analysis, Inc.

Re: FYI/Correspondence

1. Mayor Coyle commented on the report from Rockville Center, Inc., on its recently conducted workshop for minority business enterprises; he noted that some 40 firms were represented at the workshops.

2. Mayor Coyle noted the letter from past and present Carnation Players, commending Senior Center Supervisor, Judy Beck for her dedication and service to the Seniors.

3. Councilmember Marrinan commented that the Oktoberfest was a huge success and he said that staff were to be commended.

Re: New Business

1. Mayor Coyle thanked all those who participated in the Civic Association Presidents meeting; he said the meeting came off very well, and he was pleased that there was excellent feedback and discussions from the associations. He asked staff to look into the possibility of holding another meeting in the near future. Mayor Coyle said that on September 27th, the Mayor and Council would meet with the chairpersons of the City's boards and commissions in a similar setting, to get input on where the City was heading in its relationship with the boards and commissions.

Re: Next Meeting

The Mayor and Council will meet in a General Session scheduled for Monday, October 10, 1994.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m., to convene again in General Session at 7:30 p.m. on October 10, 1994, or at the call of the Mayor.