



**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL PRE-EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING held in response to the Fraternal Order of Police, Tuesday, May 1, 2001.**

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:06 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building.

PRESENT were Council members Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts, Alan Turnbull, Thomas X. White, and Mayor Judith F. Davis.

STAFF PRESENT were Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager; Consuella Harris, Human Resource Officer; and Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT were Charles Hendricks, President of Hendricks & Associates, and Patrick McAndrew and John Rogers of the Fraternal Order of Police (F.O.P.).

In response to Mayor Davis's request, John Rogers introduced himself and Mr. McAndrew, saying they were present to formally protest the anticipated closing of this meeting to the public. He said it was the opinion of the F.O.P. that this matter should be discussed by Council in public work session.

Mr. Roberts said he did not see that there was a problem since Council would make no decision tonight. Rather, Council was merely reviewing Mr. Hendricks' findings and recommendations. Mr. Rogers responded that the F.O.P. believed that since specific facts and information would be attached to any such review of the study, there should be the opportunity for others to evaluate those facts and raise questions about them as appropriate. Mr. Roberts said Council would not modify the study or the information it presents. Mayor Davis confirmed that and said the term "draft" was attached to the study not because it was to be altered but because the City Council might wish to ask for additional information. She said she wanted to hold a work session on the study as soon as feasible.

Mr. Putens asked why in fact the meeting could not be open, since Council would not deal with individual personnel issues. Mr. McLaughlin responded that he expected that although the study and Mr. Hendricks' presentation do not cite individual information, Council's discussion very well might need to do so. Mr. Putens then suggested the study be made available to employees following this meeting.

Mr. Roberts moved that Council conduct this Executive Session in accordance with Section (1) of State Government Article 10-508 (a) of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland to discuss compensation of employees over whom it has jurisdiction. Mr. White seconded.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Putens - yes

Mr. Roberts - yes

Mr. Turnbull - yes

Mr. White - yes

Mayor Davis - yes

The meeting was closed to the public at 8:15 p.m., at which time Mr. Rogers and Mr. McAndrew left the room.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Gallagher  
City Clerk