

**SPECIAL SESSION, WORKSESSION AND CLOSED SESSION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Monday, December 7, 1998

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor Porter	City Administrator Habada
Councilmember Chavez	Assistant City Administrator Hobbs
Councilmember Elrich	City Clerk Sartoph
Councilmember Hawkins	Police Chief Anderson
Councilmember Rubin	Community Development Coordinator Sickle
Councilmember Stewart	Public Works Team Leader Braithwaite
Councilmember Williams	Public Works Team Leader D. McKenzie
	Treasurer L. McKenzie
	Planning Center Coordinator Ludlow
	Telecommunications Manager Moffett

The City Council convened at 7:30 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room of the Municipal Building, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

SPECIAL SESSION

1. Resolution re: Union Contract (Local 400).

Assistant City Administrator Hobbs stated that he is pleased to announce that the negotiation teams reached an accord, and that members of Local 400 voted unanimously to accept the proposal. He noted and commented on each of the items in the proposal. Mr. Hobbs said that Chief Anderson was a lot of help in the negotiations, and complimented him on his efforts.

Moved by Rubin; seconded by Chavez.

Councilmember Rubin remarked that he hopes that with ratification of this Agreement we can work to develop better team work between the Police Department and the City Council, so we can be on the same page with serving citizens.

Mayor Porter extended thanks to the officers who worked on this contract, but most particularly, to the management staff (i.e., Wayne Hobbs) who worked very hard on this agreement. She said

that she is very pleased about this contract, and that both parties have come a long way. This is an agreement that we both can work with and be proud of. It stays within defined cost parameters, but gives officers some of the things that they wanted (i.e., better pension and some take-home cars). She remarked about the take-home car program that will be implemented, and concluded that she will very enthusiastically support ratification of this contract.

Mr. Chavez agreed that it is a very good agreement. Both the Police Department and the City Council are on winning sides with this contract. He expressed hope that we continue to foster good relationships.

Resolution #1998-63 was adopted unanimously, ratifying the contract between the City and Local 400 (VOTING FOR: Porter, Chavez, Rubin, Stewart, Williams; ABSENT: Elrich, Hawkins).

**RESOLUTION #1998-63
(Attached)**

WORKSESSION / CLOSED SESSION / ADJOURNMENT

The City Council moved into Worksession and later convened in Closed Session. Following the Closed Session, the Council adjourned for the evening.

Closed Session 12/07/98 - Moved by Williams; seconded by Rubin. Council voted unanimously to convene in Closed Session at 10:15 p.m. in the Conference Room. OFFICIALS PRESENT: Porter, Chavez, Elrich, Hawkins, Rubin, Stewart, Williams. (1) STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT: Sartoph, Ellis Koch, Sickle. The Council discussed possible land license regarding city-owned lot in Takoma Junction, and gave direction to attorney to proceed with negotiations. (2) NOTE: Staff and others left the room. The Council discussed the City Administrator hiring process, and received an update (Authority: Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, Section 10-508(a)(7) and (1)(i)).
