WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Wednesday, February 10, 2016, for the purpose of a City Manager Update.

Mayor Jordan started the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The meeting was held in Room 201 of the Community Center.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Konrad E. Herling, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael McLaughlin, City Manager and David Moran, Assistant City Manager.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Bill Orleans and Dianne Oberg, News Review.

Monthly Financial Report

Mr. McLaughlin discussed a February 4 City Manager Update memo. He indicated revenues and expenditures were on track based on the FY 2016 Adopted Budget. Mr. McLaughlin reported that red light and speed camera receipts were ahead of budget and there were savings due to lower gasoline costs.

Mayor Jordan discussed County revenues and expressed concern about the loss of School Resource Officer (SRO) funding. It was suggested that Bowie, Hyattsville and Greenbelt send a letter to the County Executive reminding him about this issue.

Mr. McLaughlin reviewed the January 27 financial report memo from the City Treasurer. Ms. Davis asked about the GHI assessments. Mr. McLaughlin responded that City staff would be meeting with GHI staff to discuss the issue. He reported that expenditures were trending below the adopted budget.

Ms. Davis asked about Police Department vacancies. Mr. McLaughlin responded that police officer recruitment is a long process.

Mayor Jordan asked about lower hotel/motel tax revenue. Mr. McLaughlin responded that sometimes this is a result of receiving payments at different intervals.

Preliminary FY 17 Budget

Mr. McLaughlin reported a drop in apartment values. He also indicated a drop in commercial office values due to vacancy rates.

Under General Fund Summary Revenues, Mr. McLaughlin noted that the City was only estimating a $300,000 revenue increase from the prior year. He stated these were preliminary numbers.

Management Objectives

Council reviewed the Management Objectives. Council wanted to hold a work session on the Organizational Assessment. After discussion, Council agreed to wait until the Hyattsville

Community Development Corporation completed their work, before moving forward on the tax credit or grant program.

There was a discussion of cable negotiations. Mr. McLaughlin indicated that there was a satisfactory agreement given to Montgomery County, but Comcast was unwilling to give the same agreement to Prince George's County.

Ms. Mach noted problems with the Safe Routes to Schools program at Springhill Lake Elementary School and expressed concern about applying for another grant for Greenbelt Elementary School.

Council reviewed the Capital Projects Update and the Council Action Request Report.

Informational Items

Ms. Pope reported a shopping cart stuck in the mud near the lake park entrance on Lakecrest Drive.

Ms. Davis stated that she was concerned about the Greenbelt East numbers on the Police statistical report. She provided a Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments report on the Zika virus. She also shared a Sierra Club publication.

The meeting ended at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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