

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, September 13, 2010.

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Konrad E. Herling, Emmett V. Jordan, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Judith F. Davis.

ALSO PRESENT were Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager; John Shay, City Solicitor; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Mayor Davis asked for a moment of silence in memory of Greenbelt residents George Clark, Fredda Dingler and Joseph Gibson, former residents Dorothy Sucher, Richard Astrayka, Betty Kitchen Clark, Judith Goldstein and Samuel Ashelman, Jr., and for the victims of the September 11, 2001, attacks. She then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Mr. Jordan that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Work Session, April 21, 2010  
Work Session, May 3, 2010  
Work Session, May 19, 2010  
Work Session, June 9, 2010  
Work Session, June 14, 2010  
Work Session, June 21, 2010  
Work Session, June 23, 2010  
Special Meeting, July 19, 2010  
Work Session, August 2, 2010  
Work Session, August 4, 2010  
Regular Meeting, August 9, 2010  
Work Session, August 11, 2010  
Work Session, August 18, 2010  
Approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advisory Planning Board, Report #10-3 (Beltway Plaza Conceptual Site Plan Proposal):  
Council accepted the report, which had already been discussed at the July 21 work session with Beltway Plaza.

Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Report #2010-04 (Regional Energy Outreach Program): Council accepted the report.

COUNTY LEGISLATION – CB-40-2010: Council supported County Legislation CB-40-2010.

SEPARATION OF ANACOSTIA TRAILS HERITAGE AREA, INC. FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Council supported the separation of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area from the Redevelopment Authority.

AT&T TELECOMMUNICATIONS ANTENNA – BELTSVILLE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER: Council approved the location of the new communications antenna to be placed on an existing water tower on the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center property and authorized a letter of concurrence be sent to the National Capital Planning Commission.

DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR NLC CONGRESS OF CITIES: Council designated Mayor Davis as the voting delegate, Mayor Pro Tem Jordan as the first alternate, and Mr. Putens as the second alternate for the business meeting of the National League of Cities 2010 Congress of Cities.

REAPPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Council reappointed Kevin Hammett to the Community Relations Advisory Board.

RESIGNATIONS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES: Council accepted with regret the resignation of Franklin Noll from the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, Mary Chapman from the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, and Bill Holland from the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Mr. Jordan that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG) ENERGY OUTREACH CAMPAIGN: Maia Davis, Environmental Planner for COG, announced that Greenbelt was one of three communities chosen to participate in the pilot phase of the Wi\$e Energy by Capital Area Neighbors (WE CAN) educational campaign about residential energy efficiency in the Washington region. She commented on her work with the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability at the Labor Day Festival to recruit residents to participate in the program, and her plans to meet with local homeowner associations and community groups in the next few months to recruit additional participants.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Mr. Orleans, Greenbelt, spoke about the recent strike by drivers of Veolia Transportation, the private contractor that operates Prince George's County TheBus transit service. He expressed concern that Veolia Transportation may employ non-union drivers to operate the transit service during the strike. Mr. Orleans requested Council take action this evening on the situation and suggested a communication be sent to the County urging them to prohibit Veolia Transportation from employing non-union drivers during the strike.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. McLaughlin provided an update on the current operating routes for TheBus during the transit operators strike. He also provided information on Active Aging Week 2010 which will be held September 20-25.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Ms. Mach commented on the Great Maryland Lawn Mower Exchange and the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Communications Committee meeting.

Ms. Mach and Mayor Davis noted their attendance at Congressman Hoyer's Women's Equality Day luncheon and the Three Sisters Garden Project at Schrom Hills Park.

Mayor Davis commented on the Meet and Greet with Principal Sharon Porter of Greenbelt Middle School, the Creative Kids Camp production "Memory Quest in Central Park," the community forum of the Association of Black Cardiologists, the MML Legislative Committee meeting, and the Labor Day Festival.

Mayor Davis announced that COG and the Prince George's County Council have designated September 22 as No Car Day for the region. She also announced the Drug Enforcement Administration was coordinating the First National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on September 25, and residents could turn in expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications for destruction at the University of Maryland Police Department in College Park or at the Christian Life Center in Riverdale. Ms. Mach announced that the Advisory Committee on Education will be hosting a community forum for School Board Candidates in the Council Room of the Municipal Building on October 14.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

LEGISLATION:

A Resolution to Establish a Greenbelt Middle School Task Force

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Putens introduced the resolution for second reading and moved that it be adopted. Ms. Pope seconded the motion.

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| ROLL CALL: | Mr. Herling | - | yes |
|            | Mr. Jordan  | - | yes |
|            | Ms. Mach    | - | yes |
|            | Ms. Pope    | - | yes |
|            | Mr. Putens  | - | yes |
|            | Mr. Roberts | - | yes |
|            | Mayor Davis | - | yes |

The resolution was declared adopted (Resolution No. 1069, Book 8).

A Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of Construction Services for the Emergency Repair of a Broken Sewer Line at the Roosevelt Center

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Herling introduced the resolution for first reading and moved suspension of the rules in order to allow second reading and passage of the resolution tonight. Mr. Putens seconded the motion.

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| ROLL CALL: Mr. Herling | - | yes |
| Mr. Jordan             | - | yes |
| Ms. Mach               | - | yes |
| Ms. Pope               | - | yes |
| Mr. Putens             | - | yes |
| Mr. Roberts            | - | yes |
| Mayor Davis            | - | yes |

Mr. Herling introduced the resolution for second reading and moved that it be adopted. Mr. Putens seconded.

Mr. McLaughlin answered several questions regarding the Roosevelt Center condominium documents and the discrepancy between the original bill submitted by CSG Commercial Builders and the bill approved by staff for payment. Mr. Putens asked that Council be provided with the total cost for the emergency repair of the sewer line, including city staff time, other plumbing charges and for the repair of the sidewalk.

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| ROLL CALL: Mr. Herling | - | yes |
| Mr. Jordan             | - | yes |
| Ms. Mach               | - | yes |
| Ms. Pope               | - | yes |
| Mr. Putens             | - | yes |
| Mr. Roberts            | - | yes |
| Mayor Davis            | - | yes |

The resolution was declared adopted (Resolution No. 1070, Book 8).

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY STORMWATER LEGISLATION: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mr. Roberts moved that Council send a letter of opposition to the County for the Stormwater Management regulations contained in CB-79-2010, and transmit a letter of support for CB-80-2010. Council further moved that in its support letter for CB-80-2010, the City Council advocate for municipal referral on all stormwater management plans, stormwater mitigation to occur within the same watershed, and the legislation to contain the same strength of Montgomery County stormwater management regulations. Mr. Putens seconded.

Bill Duncan, 13-D Ridge Road, and Cary Coppock, 9-D Ridge Road, thanked Council for the support of CB-80-2010 which includes the stormwater management regulations that are supported by the local watershed groups.

The motion passed 7-0.

Petition for Traffic Signal at St. Hugh's Crosswalk: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Ms. Mach moved that Council approve the installation of the Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon at the St. Hugh's crosswalk. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Hruby explained the RRFB systems are being used in various areas of the country and have proven to be very effective at improving motorist "yield to pedestrians" compliance at crosswalks.

Mr. Herling questioned if the vehicle volumes and pedestrian usage of the crosswalk was close to meeting the requirements of the 2009 Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) to allow for the use of the High Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) beacon. Ms. Hruby said the crosswalk was not close to meeting the minimum requirements of the MUTCD.

Leonie Penney, 127 Northway, expressed concern that traffic will not stop for the RRFB and allow pedestrians to safely cross the road. She said a traffic signal would be more appropriate to stop traffic.

Anne Gardner, 113 Northway, said she was very pleased action was being taken to make the crosswalk safer. However, she added that she is very skeptical that anything except a traffic signal would allow pedestrians to safely cross the road.

Ole Hass, 129 Northway, said he was pleased a warning signal was being installed but expressed concern that the noise generated from the frequent use of the voice activation of the device may be annoying to some residents.

After further discussion of the RRFB, Ms. Hruby said she would determine how other communities have dealt with the workability of the system for disabled individuals, research other options for the voice feature, check on the warranty for the voice equipment, and arrange for a demonstration of the RRFB for Council and interested residents.

Mayor Davis requested that Hanover Parkway by the Doctors Offices and Hanover Drive be added to the list of potential future sites for the RRFB when funds become available.

The motion passed 7-0.

AWARD OF PURCHASE – MOBILE RADIOS: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mr. Putens moved that Council approve the purchase of twenty-three (23) Motorola APX 7500 mobile radios as specified in the August 23, 2010, memo from Lieutenant James Parker utilizing Prince George's County bid #C-0891-06 at a cost of \$80,339. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

AWARD OF PURCHASE – DISPATCH WORKSTATIONS: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mr. Putens moved that Council approve the purchase of Communications Office workstations as specified in the August 25, 2010, memo from Lieutenant James Parker from Wright Line, LLC utilizing Baltimore Regional Cooperative Purchasing Committee Bid #IFP2008-001 at a cost of \$42,840. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Renewal of Baltimore Washington Corridor Chamber of Commerce Electricity Cooperative Purchasing Program: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Ms. Mach moved that Council renew its participation in the Baltimore Washington Corridor Chamber (BWCC) of Commerce Electricity Cooperative Purchasing Program and for staff to make a determination at the time prices are offered the best package available and whether the inclusion of 25 % wind energy credits option is beneficial to the City. Mr. Jordan seconded.

Ms. Mach noted that employees of members of the BWCC are eligible to join the Residential Energy Purchasing Cooperative. Mr. Moran said staff is working with representatives of BWCC to determine options available for employees to join the cooperative. Mr. Putens commented that groups/blocks of residents could benefit from purchasing electricity through a cooperative and asked Mr. Moran to check with the BWCC to determine if condominium associations and homeowner associations could participate in the program.

Tom White, 8 Woodland Way, questioned the method for determining whether the City actually receives the wind energy credits that are purchased through the contract. Mr. Moran said that the City receives certification that wind energy credits have been generated but explained that the calculation method is an extremely complicated process.

Mr. Roberts suggested the City purchase solar energy credits in place of wind energy credits. Mr. McLaughlin said he expects future renewable energy credits will combine a variety of energy methods such as solar, wind and possibly geothermal, and will be available for purchase in place of only wind energy credits.

The motion passed 7-0.

Community Development Block Grant Application for PY 37: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mr. Putens moved that Council approve submission of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for Program Year 37 to Prince George's County requesting funding for Empirian Village Street and Safety Improvements at a cost of \$87,840 as the City's top priority and for a Youth and Family Empowerment Program for the Empirian Village Apartments at a cost of \$17,000 as the City's second priority. Mr. Jordan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

OTHER REPORTS: Council provided information from the following meetings and conferences they had recently attended.

Mr. Herling - Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Metropolitan Development Policy Committee Meeting  
Envision Prince George's Implementation Meeting

Mr. Jordan – Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation meeting with Councilmember Turner regarding proposed changes to TheBus service

Mayor Davis - COG Board of Directors meeting  
National League of Cities Energy, Environment and National Resources  
Steering Committee Fall meeting

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule. Mr. Roberts requested “Greenbelt Library” be included as an agenda item for the September 27 meeting. Mayor Davis requested Clergy, TGI Friday’s and Storm Report be moved to the “Ready to Be Scheduled” work session list.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Ms. Mach and seconded by Mr. Putens. The motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Davis adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, September 13, 2010, at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Murray  
City Clerk

"I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct report of the regular meeting of the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, held September 13, 2010."

Judith F. Davis  
Mayor