



REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday,
December 14, 2009.

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:10 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; and John Shay, City Solicitor.

Mayor Davis asked for a moment of silence in memory of Greenbelt residents Emory A. Harman, Sr., Wallace R. Tayman, Elinor Rimar and Charles Kendall, and former residents Ann Walker Bittenbender and Revere Nielsen. She then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Work Session, December 2, 2009

Work Session, December 7, 2009

Approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Report #09-1 (Annual Open Forum Report): Council accepted this report.

Advisory Committee on Education Report #2-09 (ACE Grants to Educators Program): Council accepted this report and agreed to consider it later on the agenda.

REAPPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY GROUPS: Council appointed Robert Rudd to a new term on the Employee Relations Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Mach requested "Appointment to Committees" be added to the agenda as Item #19. Mayor Davis requested "Extended Reports" be added as Item #20. It was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Mr. Jordan that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Recycle Right Awards: November 15 was America Recycles Day. Among other activities recognizing the event, the Public Works Department conducted the annual “Recycle Right” contest. Luisa Robles, Recycling Coordinator, presented special recycling bins to the contest winners, as well as a number of prizes awarded by Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, Mom’s Organic Market, and College Park REI. The winners of the awards are as follows:

Paul Rall	104 Greenhill Road	Monday City Route
Dina Sykes	57-D Ridge Road	Tuesday City Route
Elaine Hendricks	9 Pinecrest Court	Wednesday City Route
Julie Faulkner	2-J Eastway	Thursday City Route

Not present at the meeting

Larry Brown	7827 Jacobs Drive	Contractual Route
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Mayor Davis congratulated Ms. Robles on being chosen to Chair the Council of Governments (COG) Recycling Committee and presented her with a recycling pin. Ms. Robles spoke about recycling events and activities that had occurred over the past month.

Annual Report – School Resource Officers: Cpl. Marty Parker presented a ___PowerPoint presentation of the School Resource Officers’ report for the 2008-2009 school year. Mr. Herling asked if texting while driving was a problem. Cpl. Parker responded this was a huge problem. Mr. Jordan asked about the decrease in off-campus complaints. Cpl. Parker encouraged people to call if they see students during the school day. Ms. Mach noted that 3rd graders begin to think about gangs. Cpl. Parker stated that the problem with gangs was stressed through the DARE program.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS: None

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Executive Session of November 16, 2009: Mr. Roberts moved that the minutes of the executive session of the City Council held Monday, November 16, 2009, be approved as presented. He further requested that the minutes of this meeting reflect that the Council met in executive session at 8:05 p.m. in the Council Room. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 10-508 (a)(7) and (9) of the State Government Article of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland* to consider matters that relate to the collective bargaining negotiations and consult with legal counsel. Mr. Putens seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Pope	-	yes
	Mr. Jordan	-	yes
	Mr. Herling	-	yes
	Ms. Mach	-	yes
	Mr. Putens	-	yes

Mr. Roberts - yes
Mayor Davis - yes

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Mr. McLaughlin referenced a State grant for police radios. He reported that Congressman Hoyer had intervened and the chances had improved that the City would be eligible for this funding.

Ms. Mach appreciated the Festival of Lights craft fair. She also reported on Senator Pinsky's town hall meeting. She noted the animal control volunteer reception and thanked all the volunteers who help take care of the animals.

Mayor Davis reported that she administered the oath of office to the new student government officers at Magnolia Elementary. She commented on Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown's meeting at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Mayor Davis also mentioned the COG Annual Meeting, the Festival of Lights, the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) tree lighting. She thanked the City departments and community groups that were involved in conducting holiday activities.

legislation:

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase and Installation of a Security Gate, Access Control System, and Fencing at the Greenbelt Police Station by Long Fence of Capitol Heights, Maryland, at a Cost of \$23,058

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Putens introduced the resolution for first reading.

Mayor Davis asked how the remaining funds budgeted for the project would be used and about a carport to cover some of the specialty vehicles. Mr. McLaughlin agreed to get this information by the next meeting.

NUMBERED TRAIL MARKERS AT BUDDY ATTICK PARK: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Putens provided some background on the project noted that several sources had brought this to the Public Safety Advisory Committee's (PSAC) attention in the past. Mr. Putens moved approval of the markers as outlined in the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) report. Ms. Pope seconded.

Ms. Mach referenced the Attick Park Master Plan and indicated she did not believe the plan prohibited these markers.

Laura Kressler, PSAC Member, described the proposed markers. She noted they were 8 inches by 8 inches in size, and 12 inches tall with a unique number and similar in design to the adopt-a-tree markers. There would also be signage at park entrances describing the markers.

Mr. Roberts asked if the 911 system had the ability to locate someone who called. Ms. Kressler responded that it did, but might result in a delay. She noted that the Greenbelt Police Department did not currently have this capability.

Mr. Herling asked if ten markers were sufficient. Ms. Kressler responded that PSAC had considered this carefully and believes this was a sufficient number.

Mr. Jordan asked about entrance signage. Ms. Kressler responded that these details were still being worked out, but there were at least 3 locations where this was needed.

Ms. Pope thanked PSAC for their efforts and the report.

Mr. Roberts asked if the price estimate included labor. Mr. McLaughlin responded that the \$45 only covered materials for each marker.

Mr. Putens called the question. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 5-2 (Jordan & Roberts).

The original motion passed 7-0

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, REPORT #2-09 (GRANTS TO EDUCATORS PROGRAM): Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Jon Gardner, ACE Chair, described the proposals and stated that ACE was supporting all four. Mr. Gardner expressed disappointment that more schools did not submit a proposal and agreed to work harder on this during the next funding round in the spring.

Ms. Mach moved that Council approve funding for the four programs recommended by ACE through the Grants to Educators Program. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

AWARD OF PURCHASE – REPLACEMENT POLICE VEHICLES: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mr. Herling moved that Council approve the purchase of eight (8) replacement police vehicles from Criswell Chevrolet under State of Maryland Bid #001T817881 as outlined in the agenda comments. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILMEMBERS TO THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG) POLICY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Ms. Putens moved to approve the following assignments to the COG Policy Boards and Committees.

Board of Directors	- Mayor Davis
Alternate	- Mr. Jordan

Transportation Planning Board	- Mr. Roberts
Alternate	- Mr. Jordan
Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Comm. -	Ms. Mach
Alternate	- Mr. Herling
Metropolitan Development Policy Committee	- Mr. Herling
Alternate	- Ms. Mach
Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee	- Mr. Putens
Alternate	- Ms. Pope
Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee	- Mayor Davis
Alternate	- Ms. Mach
Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee	Mayor Davis
Alternate	- Mr. Putens

Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

ELIMINATION OF MITIGATION PROPOSALS FROM THE INTERCOUNTY CONNECTOR PROJECT: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mayor Davis moved that Council send a letter opposing this elimination. Mr. Jordan seconded.

Mr. Roberts stated that the matter was a lot more serious than people realize. He suggested stronger action than a letter was needed.

The motion passed 7 to 0.

HIGH WATER AT GREENBROOK LAKE: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mr. Putens stated that the pond was designed by the County and that a maintenance agreement had been transmitted right after the pond's construction which the County had never executed. Mr. Putens moved that the City hold a work session with County Department of Public Works officials and County Council representatives to get this resolved. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion carried 7 to 0.

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES: Ms. Mach moved to appoint the following individuals to City advisory groups.

Ken Blue	Park and Recreation Advisory Board
Joseph Murray	Forest Preserve Advisory Board
Herbert Wyche	Public Safety Advisory Committee

Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

EXTENDED ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Ms. Mach reported on the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) meeting. She indicated that the 2009 MWAQC Annual Report noted less pollution than any time in the last 10 years. The region also achieved attainment for fine particles in 2009. Ms. Mach discussed the Hydrogen 101 seminar conducted

by COG and how this could be used as a fuel. She indicated that hydrogen had the potential to reduce greenhouse gases, but is very experimental.

Mr. Putens requested copies of State and County towing reports that had been referenced at the Legislative Dinner

Mayor Davis spoke about the Board of Trade Annual Meeting which she attended. She reported that the speaker, Mark Zandi, stated that the recession was over, but jobs were not recovering. It was also stated that the Maryland housing market will continue to decline, but rebound in 2012. She also reported on the Council of Governments Annual Meeting and remarks by Ron Simms, Deputy Secretary of the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule. Mayor Davis wished everyone happy holidays. She suggested that folks reach out to any neighbors that might be alone during the holidays.

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, December 14, 2009, at 10:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Moran
Assistant City Manager/Acting 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 December 14, 2009."

Judith F. Davis
Mayor