



REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, October 12, 2009

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Konrad E. Herling, Leta M. Mach, 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 Jane Estabrook and Dorothy Galvin and former resident Doris Lockett. 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 5-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Special Meeting, September 8, 2009

Work Session, September 21, 2009

Interview, October 5, 2009

Approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability Report #2009-04 (Sustainability Master Plan): Council accepted this report.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Davis asked to add Median Signs and Litter as Item #14. Ms. Mach asked to add Appointments to Boards and Committees as Item #15. It was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Mr. Herling that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion passed 5-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Stephen Brayman, City of College Park: Mayor Brayman announced that he had decided not to seek another term on the College Park City Council. He thanked Greenbelt council members for their support and cooperation in working with him and the City of College

Park. Mayor Brayman especially thanked Mayor Davis for her friendship, her tireless work with the Council of Governments, the Maryland Municipal League and the Prince George's County Municipal Association. He noted the respect she holds statewide and regionally as a municipal mayor. Mayor Davis and Council thanked Mayor Brayman for his service and presented him with several gifts, including a Greenbelt shirt and a pass card to the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center.

Prince George's County Beautification Awards: This year, at the County Beautification Awards Ceremony on September 23, a number of awards were made for Greenbelt sites. Mayor Davis and Council presented Brian Townsend, Greenbelt Public Works Department, with the awards presented for the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, Greenbelt Youth Center, Roosevelt Center Walkway and Underpass, Greenbelt Municipal Building and Buddy Attick Park Bus Stop. They also presented community awards to representatives of the Greenbelt Nursery School, Greenbelt Barber and Stylist, Greenbelt Step Club, Greenbelt Service Center/Sunoco and Old Greenbelt Citgo, and one residential award to Joyce Gladstone.

Oath of Office for New Greenbelt Police Officer: Chief James Craze introduced Greenbelt's newest police officers, Gerald Potts III and Justin Walker, to the City Council. Mayor Davis administered the oath of office and welcomed Officers Potts and Walker to the Greenbelt Police Department.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Susan Akula, Advocacy Coordinator of the National Capital Area Affiliate of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, advised Council that November was Pancreatic Cancer Awareness month. She advised that pancreatic cancer is one of the most underreported, underfunded and under researched cancers. Ms. Akula provided information on pancreatic cancer statistics and invited residents to visit the website www.pancan.org for further information.

Mayor Davis thanked Ms. Akula for providing the information and suggested she participate in the next Community Health and Wellness Fair.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. McLaughlin announced that early voting would be held this Saturday and Sunday at Schrom Hills Park, next Saturday and Sunday at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, and Monday through Friday at the Municipal Building through October 30th. He also announced the Community Health and Wellness Fairs would be held tomorrow at the Community Center and on Thursday at Springhill Lake Elementary School.

Mr. Moran provided an update on the Accessible Greenbelt Program. He said the program is well underway, with approximately 75% of the accessibility improvements in homes complete. Mr. Moran noted the success of the program and said he hoped additional Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds would be received to offer the program again.

Mayor Davis and Ms. Mach reported on the success of the Walk to School Day and thanked the Police Department for their efforts. Mayor Davis thanked the Recreation Department and all the sponsoring organizations that helped make the second Community Play Day successful. She also commented on the recent Green Spring neighborhood picnic and the GHI community picnic, and the Awareness 350 events that will be held on October 24th.

legislation:

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of a Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System from New World Systems Corporation of Troy, Michigan at an Approximate Cost of \$603,820, But Not to Exceed \$625,000

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

Mr. Orleans asked and was provided answers on several questions regarding this purchase.

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

Mr. McLaughlin thanked Chief Craze, Officer Dewey and Mr. Worley for their efforts towards this purchase.

The resolution was declared adopted (Resolution No. 1055, Book 8).

A Resolution to Amend Resolution 1050, A Resolution to Purchase Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein When Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)

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

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

The resolution was declared adopted (Resolution No. 1056, Book 8).

2009 COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. She noted that Turning Point Academy should be included under education and code enforcement should be included in questions under Community Development/Code Enforcement.

Ms. Mach asked why a question relating to use of recreation services on the 2007 questionnaire was not included on the 2009 questionnaire. Mr. Moran explained that the questionnaire is sent to all departments for their input and that Recreation staff had preferred to add a new question in place of the one mentioned by Ms. Mach. Mr. Moran said that if more questions were added to the questionnaire, it would need to increase to two pages. He noted that many residents already comment that the questionnaire is too long.

Mr. Roberts suggested that questions on the election process be included on the questionnaire. Ms. Mach said she didn't feel this was necessary, noting residents voiced their opinions on the election process at the nine public hearings. Mayor Davis also commented that residents provide this information to councilmembers when door knocking during election campaigns.

Ms. Mach moved that the questionnaire be approved with the suggested changes by Mayor Davis. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 4-1. (Roberts) Mr. Roberts said questions on the election process should have been included in the questionnaire.

MEDIAN SIGNS AND LITTER: Mayor Davis reported a dinner theater from Camp Springs had placed over 40 advertising signs on public property along Greenbelt Road last Friday and had also placed door hanger advertisements throughout Greenbriar. She said that she had removed 30 of the signs over the weekend. Mr. Putens and Ms. Mach commented that the same signs were placed in other areas of the city also.

Mayor Davis noted this was a violation of the City Code and asked that Planning and Community Development staff take appropriate action against the offending business.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES: Ms. Mach moved to appoint Sherry Burks to the Community Relations Advisory Board, Erica Husser to the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Allen Lo to the Public Safety Advisory Committee. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule. Ms. Mach requested that an orientation session with the Council of Governments and Maryland Municipal League be scheduled after the election. Mayor Davis suggested a City orientation be scheduled for new council members to visit the various city offices and be introduced to staff members.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Mr. Putens and seconded by Ms. Mach. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Davis adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, October 12, 2009, at 9:31 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 October 12, 2009."

Judith F. Davis
Mayor