



REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held May 12, 2008 .

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:05p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT were Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager; John Shay, City Solicitor and David E. Moran, Acting City Clerk.

Mayor Davis asked for a moment of silence in honor of Greenbelt residents Adele D. Lee and Hoyt P. Wright, Sr.; Former residents Tommy Hawke, Marcia Krasnik and Joanne Trumble; and Former Greenbelt Mayor and City Council Member Alan A. Kistler. 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

- Regular Meeting, April 28, 2008
- Work Session, April 30, 2008
- Work Session, May 5, 2008
- Work Session, May 7, 2008

Approved as presented .

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Report #08-2 (Contribution Groups) : Council accepted this report and agreed to discuss it in conjunction with the budget work session for Contribution Groups. (DEM)

Arts Advisory Board, Report # 08-1 (Contribution Groups): Council accepted this report and agreed to discuss it in conjunction with the budget work session for Contribution Groups. (DEM)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA : It was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Mr. Herling that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

## PRESENTATIONS:

ACE Student Awards : The Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) presented its 14 th Annual Student Awards program. Jeffrey Morisette, ACE Chair, described the ACE awards program and introduced each of the award recipients. Each recipient was presented with several certificates and several small gifts. This year also marked the 11 th year of the presentation of a scholarship to the student award winners from Eleanor Roosevelt High School . State Delegates Anne Healey and Justin Ross, County Councilmember Ingrid Turner, and Board of Education Member Rosalind Johnson also participated. The 2008 recipients were:

Greenbelt Elementary School : Daniel Viscarra and Kareemah Mustafa

Springhill Lake Elementary School : Roberto Solorzano and Angum Check

Magnolia Elementary School : Emmanuel Tejano II and Yasmin Qudah

Turning Point Academy : Isaac Adams and Logan Campbell

St. Hugh's School: Dominic Maningding and Bridget Cornett

Greenbelt Middle School : Maabo Bembuh and Chantel Jones

Eleanor Roosevelt High School : Evenson Fevry and Elise Flynn

In addition, Delegate Healey announced a Maryland State Legislative Scholarship to Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) student Aislan Sims. Ms. Sims was unable to attend and ERHS Principal Reginald McNeill accepted the award on behalf of Ms. Sims.

Legislative Wrap-Up 22 nd District Delegation : Delegates Healey and Ross provided an update on the accomplishments at the 2008 General Assembly Session. David Moran also reported on the City's Legislative priorities and its advocacy during the 2008 Session.

Presentation of School Resource Officer Grant : Prince George 's County Council Member Ingrid M. Turner presented a \$10,000 check to the City to be used to help offset the cost of the City's School Resource Officer Program. Captain Thomas Kemp and School Resource Officer John Rogers accepted the check on behalf of the City.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS : There were none.

#### MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Executive Session of April 28, 2008 : Mr. Roberts moved that the minutes of the executive session of the City Council held Monday, April 28, 2008 , be approved as presented. He further requested that the minutes of this meeting reflect that the Council met in executive session at 7:03 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building and that Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 10-508 (a)(7) & (8) of the State Government Article of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland* to consult with legal counsel to obtain legal advice and consult with staff about pending or potential litigation. Mr. Putens seconded.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Herling - yes

Ms. Mach - yes

Mr. Putens - yes

Mr. Roberts - yes

Mayor Davis - yes

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Mr. McLaughlin reported on the water level at Greenbrook Lake . He noted that the water had reached the top of the concrete outlet. Mr. McLaughlin stated that staff had worked to clear debris and was monitoring the situation.

Mr. Putens also reported that the water level at Greenbrook Lake was higher than he had ever seen it. Mr. Roberts asked if the water could reach the homes. Mr. McLaughlin responded that Greenbrook Lake is designed to overflow onto Hanover Parkway before it reaches the homes.

Mayor Davis announced a Prince George 's County hearing on community transit on May 29. Mr. McLaughlin noted that Saturday's Pet Expo had been very successful.

Ms. Mach reported on an Maryland Transit Administration informational meeting on the purple line meeting held by SHA. She also noted the Green Man festival.

Mayor Davis provided information on a recent Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) pedestrian safety conference. She noted an emergency 4-Cities meeting on fire department issues. Mayor Davis stated she had attended a MWCOG tour of Blue Plains, the K-9 graduation, the Purple Line informational meeting, the Pet Expo and the Green Man Festival. She announced Bike to Work Day on May 16 and a Route 1/MD 201 informational meeting on May 15. She also announced the grand re-opening of the Frederick DeMarr Library of County history at the Greenbelt Library on May 31. Finally, on behalf of MWCOG, Mayor Davis encouraged people to use their economic stimulus check to make a green purchase.

## LEGISLATION

A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23a of the Annotated Code of Maryland,

(1957 Edition as Amended), Title, Corporation-Municipal, Subtitle Home Rule to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Reference Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Amending Paragraph (d), Powers, of Section 12, Titled Employee Relations Board to Provide that the Employee Relations Board be Empowered to Hear Grievances Arising Out of Collective Bargaining Agreements (Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2008-1)

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Herling introduced the resolution for second reading and adoption. Mr. Putens seconded.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Herling - yes

Ms. Mach - yes

Mr. Putens - yes

Mr. Roberts - yes

Mayor Davis - yes

The Resolution was declared passed (Resolution No. 1030, Book 8)

**GREENBELT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (GVFD) REQUEST FOR AMBULANCE PAYMENT :** Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Roberts expressed concern about GVFD charging for ambulance service, even after the City purchased this ambulance. Mayor Davis noted that GVFD had agreed to charge health insurance companies, but not charge individuals if their insurance does not pay. Mr. Putens and Mr. Herling stated that GVFD had been experiencing difficulties raising funds.

Mr. Putens moved that Council authorize the release of \$14,000 from the City's Agency Fund for fire equipment purchases to be used as a deposit for an ambulance purchase. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD NUMBER OF MEMBERS: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Ms. Mach moved that there be 11 membership slots for PRAB. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

MEETINGS : Council reviewed the meeting schedule. They agreed to hold a work session with WMATA & Petrie-Ross on Greenbelt Station on June 11.

Council scheduled an Executive Session for Tuesday, May 13 at 8:00 pm. to consider a personnel matter and an Executive Session on May 21 at 7:00 pm to consult with legal counsel.

ADJOURNMENT : A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Mach and seconded by Mr. Putens. The motion carried 5-0. The Mayor adjourned the regular meeting of May 12, 2008 , at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Moran

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 May 12, 2008 .