



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday,  
October 27, 2008.**

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

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

**ALSO PRESENT** were Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; Andrew Nussbaum, City Solicitor; David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Mayor Davis asked for a moment of silence in memory of residents Patricia Bailey Ladnier, Jack Algaze, Ronald Cooper and former Greenbelt Police Officer Tom Miskell. 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**

Work Session, October 1, 2008  
Interview, October 6, 2008  
Work Session, October 6, 2008  
Regular Meeting, October 13, 2008  
Work Session, October 15, 2008  
Work Session, October 20, 2008  
Approved as presented.

**RENEWAL OF FIRE DEPARTMENT LEASE:** Council renewed the lease with the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad and authorized the City Manager to sign the lease on the City's behalf.

**REAPPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:** Council appointed Keith Chernikoff and Sheldon A. Goldberg to new terms on the Advisory Planning Board and Bill Holland and Silke Pope to new terms on the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

**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:** There were none.

**PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:** The City received a petition for a pedestrian activated traffic signal on Crescent Road near St. Hugh's School. Ms. Mach motioned that the petition be referred to staff for evaluation and review. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

Executive Session of October 13, 2008: Mr. Roberts moved that the minutes of the executive session of the City Council held Monday, October 13, 2008, be approved as presented. He further requested that the minutes of this meeting reflect that the Council met in executive session at 7:35 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 10-508 (a)(7) of the State Government Article of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland* to consult with legal counsel. Mr. Putens seconded the motion.

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

Mr. McLaughlin announced the City's Springhill Lake Health Fair would be held tomorrow for residents of the community. He also announced that City crews would begin fall leaf collection next week.

Ms. Mach noted she had attended the University of Maryland program in honor of former State Delegate Pauline Menes. She also commented on the Community Shred Day and thanked the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union for providing this service to the community.

Mayor Davis, Mr. Putens, Ms. Mach and Mr. Herling all reported on the annual Maryland Municipal League Fall Conference.

Mayor Davis commented on the success of FallFest. Mr. Putens noted Ms. Dorothy Pyles was recognized for her many years of community service at the event.

Mr. Herling commented on the success of the Utopia Film Festival.

Mayor Davis noted her attendance at the Truancy Walk at Beltway Plaza, the Eagle Scout Ceremony for Peter Lomax, the Utopia Film Festival, the fundraiser dinner for the Farmer's Market and the Greener Greenbelt Initiative's workshop on Historic Greenbelt. She thanked Ms. Craze and Ms. Riddle for their participation in the workshop. Mayor Davis also mentioned she had greeted members of the National Recreation and Parks Association when they toured the Community Center and Greenbelt Museum.

**LEGISLATION:**

A Resolution to Amend Resolution 1037, 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. Mr. Herling introduced the resolution for second reading and moved its 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 adopted (Resolution No. 1041, Book 8).

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD REPORT #2008-1 – CEREMONY FOR NEW UNITED STATES CITIZENS:** Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mayor Davis moved that staff be directed to contact the US Citizen & Immigration Service (USCIS) and determine their interest in holding a similar event as part of Greenbelt Day or some other City event. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Mach suggested the ceremony be scheduled on the Friday before Greenbelt Day weekend which would be more convenient for both City and USCIS staff.

**STATE LEGISLATION – SITE PLAN AUTHORITY (MC/PG 108):** Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mr. Moran explained this bill would significantly change current legislation and force Prince George’s County to delegate planning and zoning authority to municipalities who have requested this authority.

Ms. Mach moved that Council support MC/PG 108. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Bill Orleans, Greenbelt, asked and was provided answers on several questions related to the legislation.

**ACCESSIBLE GREENBELT PROGRAM:** Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Putens moved that Council approve the Accessible Greenbelt Program. Ms. Mach seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MEETINGS:** Council reviewed the meeting schedule. Mayor Davis requested the work session with Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) be added to the “ready to be scheduled” list.

**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 Monday, October 27, 2008, at 9:00 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 27, 2008."

Judith F. Davis  
Mayor