



REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held September 10, 2007.

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:00 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 P. McLaughlin, City Manager; John F. Shay, Jr., City Solicitor; David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager; and Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk.

Mayor Davis asked for a moment of silence in memory of residents Thomas Brown Hieber, Marsha A. Bray, Clarissa Minthorne Beall, Patrick L. Pritchard, and Lawrence A. Weisel (father of Public Works staff member Susan Ollinger); former residents James Patrick Kane and Nancy Levesque; and Nancy Polen, mother of CARES staff member Wendy Wexler. Mayor Davis also asked to remember all those affected by the attacks of September 11, 2001.

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

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Interview, August 13, 2007
- Regular Meeting, August 13, 2007
- Interviews, August 20, 2007
- Work Session, August 20, 2007
- Work Session, August 22, 2007
- Interview, August 27, 2007
- Work Session, August 27, 2007

- Approved as presented.

ADVISORY GROUP RESIGNATIONS: Council accepted with regret the resignation of David Haberman from the Employee Relations Board and of Mark Walters from the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

ADVISORY GROUP APPOINTMENT : Council appointed Laura Kressler to 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

Maryland Municipal League (MML) Presentation – Banner City Award : MML President Stewart Cumbo and Executive Director Scott Hancock attended the meeting to present the Banner City flag and plaque to the City Council. This is a new award initiated to recognize exceptional commitment to MML programs and activities through the involvement of a municipality's elected and appointed officials during the prior year.

GHI Companion Animal Committee – Presentation of Oxygen Masks for Police Canines : The Greenbelt Homes' Companion Animal Committee has previously provided local fire departments with oxygen masks to aid in animal rescues. Committee Chair Kris White was present with members Cam MacQueen, Amethyst Dwyer, and Debbie Cooley to present oxygen masks for use by the City's police canines. Ms. MacQueen said they were presenting four sets of masks, each containing three sizes. Capt. Thomas Kemp was present with Cpt. Robert Musterman and his canine partner, Cigo, to receive the gift.

Oath of Office – New Greenbelt Police Officers : Captain Thomas Kemp introduced Greenbelt's newest police officers, Carl Liu and Timothy White. Mayor Davis administered the oath of office. Council welcomed the new officers.

End-of-School-Year Report – School Resource Officers : Cpl. Marty Parker and MPO John Rogers made a presentation on the 2006-2007 school year report, discussing statistics, the various programs presented in the schools by the SROs, and traffic control issues at the schools.

Greenbelt Play Day – Proclamation : Mayor Davis read a proclamation declaring October 8 to be Play Day in Greenbelt. On that day, a Community Build is expected to be held to undertake work on a playground in Windsor Green. Ms. Mach received the proclamation as part of the application to be sent to KaBOOM! for Greenbelt to be designated a Playful City. Mr. Herling commented that he hoped the organization's mission of having a playground within walking distance for every child would be extended to the new development in Greenbelt West.

PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2008 CAPITAL PROJECTS ORDINANCE : Mayor Davis read the agenda comments and said that the public hearing on the budget for Capital Projects was open. Since no one was present to comment, the Mayor declared the public hearing to be concluded.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS : None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. McLaughlin thanked the staff of Planning and Community Development and of Recreation for another successful Pooch Plunge. The Mayor added that she understood there had been more than 80 participating pooches. Mr. McLaughlin reported that, through a recent \$5 million

appropriation by Congress for law enforcement and first responders, Congressman Steny Hoyer was making funding available to the joint law enforcement communications center in which Greenbelt participates. He announced that the second forum on public safety in the area of the Spellman Overpass would be held this Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Council Room. He said copies of the amicus brief filing on the ICC had been distributed. He also announced that the county had approved the City's request to reprogram CDBG funds and would receive \$106,000 in restored funding for this year. He gave credit to County Councilmember Ingrid Turner for her assistance with the CDBG funding.

Mr. Putens commented on the first Spellman Overpass public hearing, which was also attended by Mayor Davis, Ms. Mach, and Mr. Herling, the Senior Citizens Open Forum, and the Greenbelt Little League Banquet. He also asked Mr. McLaughlin to look into a trash situation at the 7-11 at Hanover Parkway and Good Luck Road.

Ms. Mach commented on the Labor Day Festival and the SIDS walk at Greenbelt Lake. She had also welcomed a group of visiting Pioneer Children led by former New Carrollton Councilmember John Schaffer.

Mr. Herling commented on the recycling containers that had been made available at the Labor Day Festival by the Public Works Department this year.

Mayor Davis commented on a Greenbelt Climate Action Network meeting, the public forum at Greenbriar on the Spellman Overpass, the Labor Day Festival, a visit from six mayors from Luxembourg, the MML Board Retreat, and the Little League Banquet. She said she and Ms. Mach went to the Board of Education CIP hearing for the Greenbelt Middle School item and found themselves to be two of only three people in attendance.

LEGISLATION

An Ordinance to Amend the Capital Projects Budget for Fiscal Year 2008

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Putens introduced the ordinance for second reading and moved its adoption. Mr. Herling seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Herling - yes
Ms. Mach - yes
Mr. Putens - yes
Mr. Roberts - yes
Mayor Davis - yes

The ordinance was declared adopted (Ordinance No. 1290, Book 12).

A Resolution to Establish a Living Wage Policy for the City of Greenbelt

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Ms. Mach introduced the resolution for second reading and moved its adoption. 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. 1022, Book 8).

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 4, “Buildings and Building Regulations,” of the Greenbelt City Code in Order to Update Language to Be Consistent with Amendments to the International Code Council International Building Code, to Establish Requirements for the Use of Dumpsters and of Portable On-Demand Storage (PODS) Units, and to Reinstate the Requirement to Issue A Paper Inspection License

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Herling introduced the ordinance for first reading. Mr. McLaughlin thanked Jim Sterling and Terri Hruby, Assistant Directors, Planning and Community Development, for their further work on this ordinance following the City Council work session on the topic.

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 11, “Motor Vehicles and Traffic,” Article III, “Stopping, Standing, and Parking,” of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purposes of Increasing Enforcement Regarding Out-of-State Registration; Clarifying Improper Storage of Vehicles that Are Inoperative, Unlicensed, Delinquent, or Not Displaying Proper Registration; and Establishing Additional Requirements for Vehicle Immobilization

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

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 Section 4, Titled “Creation; Qualifications; Compensation” to Provide That the Mayor Shall Receive a Salary of \$12,000 Per Annum and That the Other Members of the City Council Shall Each Receive a Salary of \$10,000 Per Annum (Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2007-3)

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Ms. Mach introduced the resolution for first reading.

MEETINGS : Council reviewed the schedule of upcoming meetings. The Mayor asked to put the stakeholder meeting with the County Board of Education back on the list of meetings to be sc

heduled. It was agreed to add a briefing on the Public Works facility to the stakeholder meeting scheduled with BARC. It was agreed not to meet on September 26 because it is the date of the county's event for the presentation of beautification awards.

ADJOURNMENT : A motion to adjourn the meeting was then made by Ms. Mach and seconded by Mr. Putens. The motion carried 5-0. The Mayor adjourned the regular meeting of September 10, 2007, at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Gallagher
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 10, 2007."

Judith F. Davis
Mayor