

WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Wednesday, April 13, 2011, for the purpose of reviewing the Miscellaneous, Other and Capital Funds sections of the Proposed FY 2012 Budget.

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:00p.m. It was held in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Community Center.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Konrad E. Herling, Emmett V. Jordan, Leta M. Mach, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Judith F. Davis. Councilmember Silke I. Pope was unable to attend.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager; Jeff Williams, City Treasurer; Megan Searing Young, Museum Director; and David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Rosemary Roussil, Washington Ear; Ken Stair & Kelly Lawson, Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD); Shelia Maffay-Tuthill & Chris Starke, Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM); Tom White, News Review; Molly Lester and Bill Orleans, Greenbelt residents.

Metropolitan Washington Ear

Ms. Roussil described the services that Washington Ear provides to hearing impaired residents of Greenbelt. She noted there were 11 users in Greenbelt. Ms. Roussil requested that the City place a link to Washington Ear on the City website.

Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad (GVFD)

Ms. Lawson presented a powerpoint presentation. Mr. Stair noted that many of the volunteers have fire related careers in addition to their volunteer work. He stated that for the last three year, GVFD has spent more money than it's taken in. Mr. Stair reported that the large expense this past year had been the kitchen renovation project.

Mr. Stair noted that bingo revenues had started to improve and the annual fund drive was experiencing modest increases. He hoped hall rentals would increase now that the kitchen was renovated.

Mayor Davis asked about the ambulance billing program. Mr. Stair responded that currently these funds can only be used for ambulance replacement, but that changes are being proposed to the County that would allow the funds to be used for any equipment purchase.

Mayor Davis asked about the generator replacement. Mr. Stair responded that the current generator only powers the fire house portion of the building. He noted that the City had expressed interest in using the fire house for an emergency shelter which would require a larger generator. Mr. Stair indicated the County was pursuing bids for both replacement of the current unit as well as a larger generator.

Next, the replacement of emergency vehicles was discussed. Mr. Stair stressed the need for more funding and expressed a desire for an increase above the \$88,000 contribution made in FY 2010. Mayor Davis suggested a special fund drive just to replace the pumper. Mr. Herling asked how long the pumper would last. Mr. Stair hoped the oldest pumper would last to 2013. Mr. Putens asked

about vendors for fire engines. Mr. Stair believed there were about five companies that offered engines.

Council requested that an additional \$28,000 to GVFD's equipment fund be added to the budget update list.

Miscellaneous Section

Ms. Searing-Young made a powerpoint presentation. Council reviewed the Museum budget.

Non-Departmental

Mr. McLaughlin stated that this Account contained all the Workers Compensation insurance costs. He also noted that reserve appropriation line contained a pay increase for City employees (\$244,000) and a \$20,000 reserve for unforeseen expenses.

Mr. Putens requested the total cost of the FY 2011 performance pay increase. Mr. McLaughlin responded that staff would prepare this for Council.

Other Funds

Council reviewed the Building Capital Reserve Fund, Cemetery Fund, Debt Service Fund and Replacement Fund. Under the Replacement Fund, it was noted that College Park was willing to contribute 25% towards the cost of the Aerial Lift.

Next, Council reviewed the Special Projects Fund and Agency Funds.

Capital Projects

Mayor Davis stated that Capital Projects would be discussed at a meeting in the summer. Council reviewed the pages in this section.

Informational Items

Mayor Davis announced the partial restoration by the General Assembly of Highway User Funds to municipalities which will provide an additional \$120,000 to the City.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*David E. Moran
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