

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, February 28, 2011.

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Konrad E. Herling, Emmett V. Jordan, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, 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; Robert Manzi, City Solicitor; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Mayor Davis asked for a moment of silence in memory of Greenbelt resident Maryam S. Firouzi and Hay Khun Lee, Sr., and former residents Ronald H. Wiseman, William J. Goodall, and Shep Odom. She then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Ms. Pope that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Work Session, December 20, 2010

Work Session, December 22, 2010

Approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board of Elections, Report #1-11 (Campaign Literature): Council accepted the report and will consider it on the agenda of the next meeting.

RESIGNATION FROM ADVISORY GROUP: Council accepted with regret the resignations of the following individuals from advisory boards or committees.

Kahli Brannigan	Park & Recreation Advisory Board
Thelma Loret De Mola	75 th Anniversary Planning Committee
Theresa Bugg	Advisory Committee on Education (and committee representative to the Greenbelt Middle School Task Force)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Mach requested "Appointments to Advisory Groups" be added to the agenda. With this addition, it was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Ms. Pope that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Prince George's County State's Attorney Office: Renee Battle-Brooks, Prince George's County Assistant State's Attorney, introduced herself to Council and the community. Ms. Battle-Brooks said she had been assigned three weeks ago to represent the Greenbelt community and discussed various ways she will be working within the community to address quality of life issues.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS: None

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. McLaughlin announced the spring Recreation brochure is available and postcards were mailed to all residences in the City last week.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mr. Jordan reported on the Greenbelt Community Foundation Tea, which was also attended by Mayor Davis, Mr. Herling, Ms. Pope and Mr. Putens.

Mr. Herling commented on the Envision Prince George's meeting he attended with Mayor Davis.

Mr. Putens reported on the Greenbelt Middle School Art Show which was also attended by Mayor Davis.

Mayor Davis commented on the 50th Anniversary celebration of the George Washington Birthday Marathon, the Maryland State Educators Association and Prince George's County Educators Association Radical Reading 2011 program event held at the Greenbelt Library, and the Cub Scout Pack 202 Blue and Gold Banquet. She also noted she had visited the fourth grade classes at Greenbelt Elementary School to discuss the Maryland Municipal League's "If I Were Mayor" contest.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

LEGISLATION:

A Resolution to Amend Resolution 1067, 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 introduced the resolution for first reading.

RECOGNITION GROUP REQUEST – GREENBELT SOCCER ALLIANCE: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

David Whiteman, 10 Olivewood Court, explained that Greenbelt Soccer Alliance (GSA) had been formed to offer a pure recreational style soccer alternative for children in place of the competitive soccer style offered by the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club.

Julie McHale, Director of Recreation, and Mr. McLaughlin said Recreation staff had met with Mr. Whiteman several times. They explained that since the plans for GSA were conceptual only at this point, staff did not recommend GSA receive Recognition Group status for FY 2012. Ms. McHale added that staff recommends the Recreation Department would work with GSA on field permits while they establish their program over the next year and then reassess their request for Recognition Group status in FY 2013 when details on GSA are available.

Mr. Roberts, Ms. Mach, Mr. Putens and Ms. Pope said they support the style of soccer being offered by GSA. Mr. Putens questioned the number of Greenbelt residents involved in the program. Mr. Whiteman said he had 15 verbal commitments from players, 13 of whom were Greenbelt residents.

Mr. Roberts moved that Council approve Recognition Group status to Greenbelt Soccer Alliance. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Davis and Mr. Jordan stressed the need for GSA to work together with the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club.

AWARD OF PURCHASE – REPLACEMENT POLICE VEHICLES: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Capt. Dan O'Neil advised the Police Department was recommending the purchase of five (5) marked police vehicles, two (2) unmarked police vehicles and one (1) 2 wheel drive Tahoe K-9 vehicle that had been authorized in the FY 2011 budget. He added these vehicles had been recommended based on cost, efficiency and the City's past experience with the vehicles.

Mr. Putens asked if any consideration had been given to purchasing sport utility vehicles in place of sedans. Capt. O'Neil said Chief Craze and the Police command staff had recently discussed this idea with the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and it would be reviewed further prior to making vehicle purchase recommendations for the FY 2012 budget.

Kelly Ivy, 43 Lakeside Drive and associate member of the FOP Lodge #32, said he had spoken with officers who expressed concern that Chevrolet Impalas were too small for holding and hauling their police equipment. Mr. Ivy said Chevrolet Tahoes should be purchased as they are better suited to meet the needs of the officers. He also mentioned the resale value of the Tahoes is better than the resale value of Impalas and the difference in fuel consumption between the two vehicles is minimal.

Ms. Mach noted the number of vehicles recommended for purchase this fiscal year had been agreed to by Council with the approval of the current budget. Mayor Davis added that vehicle purchases for the next fiscal year would be discussed in detail when Council meets with the Police regarding their proposed FY 2012 budget.

Mr. Herling moved that Council approve the purchase of five (5) marked police vehicles, two (2) unmarked police vehicles and one (1) 2 wheel drive Tahoe K-9 vehicle, from Criswell Chevrolet, through State of Maryland Bids #001B1400246 and #001B1400247. Mr. Jordan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

STATE LEGISLATION

HB 363 – Manslaughter by Vehicle or Vessel – Criminal Negligence

Ms. Mach moved that Council support HB363. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

HB 906 – Earth Friendly Roadway Act

Mr. Roberts moved that Council support HB906. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

HB 631 & HB 1246 - Condo's & HOA's - Priority of Liens

Mr. Putens moved that Council support HB631 and 1246. Mr. Jordan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

HB 664/SB 671 – Speed Monitoring Systems Enforcement

Mayor Davis reported that the Maryland Municipal League had supported this legislation with an amendment that required the authorized agent to be a representative of the municipality, not a representative of the vendor.

Mr. Putens moved that Council support HB664/SB 671 as long as it is amended to require the authorized agent to be a representative of the municipality. Ms. Mach seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

HB 987 – Electric Industry – Local Aggregation

Mr. Putens moved that Council support HB987. Ms. Mach seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

FEDERAL SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS AT RISK: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mayor Davis noted that she had distributed information to Council members from the National League of Cities (NLC) regarding possible severe cuts to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. She said the NLC was requesting the City send a letter of support to our congressional delegation in support of full funding for the CDBG Program.

Mayor Davis moved that Council send a letter to our congressional delegation in support of sustainability programs such as EECBG, EPA climate showcase, DOT TIGER Grant and DOE Clean Cities, as well as a letter of support of full funding of the CDBG Program. Mr. Jordan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Mach discussed a Climate Communities presentation that was given at the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) meeting regarding proposed federal legislation that would weaken the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Authority. She asked staff to review the legislation and requested the item be included on the agenda of the next meeting.

Mr. Roberts suggested sending a letter to our congressional delegation requesting federal funds for transportation projects be cut. After discussion, staff was asked to research federal transportation project legislation and consider the item on the agenda of a future meeting.

OTHER REPORTS: Council provided information from the following meetings they had recently attended.

Ms. Mach – Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Air Quality
Committee meeting

Mr. Roberts – COG Transportation Planning Board meeting

APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY GROUPS: Ms. Mach moved that Council appoint Sheila Maffay-Tuthill to the 75th Anniversary Planning Committee and Janet Mirsky to the Advisory Committee on Education. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Ms. Mach and seconded by Mr. Putens. The motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Davis adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, February 28, 2011, at 10:11 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 February 28, 2011."

Judith F. Davis
Mayor