

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, March 14, 2011.

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:08 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; John Shay, City Solicitor; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Mayor Davis asked for a moment of silence in memory of Greenbelt residents Colin Stuart, Darlene J. O'Reilly, and Robert Lauber, former residents William J. Kellaher Jr., James Williams, and Francis Holcombe, and for the victims of the tsunami in Japan. She then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

Council thereby took the following actions:

AWARD OF PURCHASE – POLICE MOBILE RADIOS: Council approved the purchase of one-hundred-forty-five (145) Motorola APX 7500 mobile radios at a total cost of \$499,235 from Motorola, utilizing Prince George's County bid #C-0891-06.

REAPPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY GROUPS: Council appointed the following individuals to new terms on their respective advisory groups:

Lauretta Baugh	Advisory Committee on Education
John Drago	Arts Advisory Board
Mark Gransfors-Hunt	Arts Advisory Board
Daniel Hamlin	Community Relations Advisory Board
Jamie Krauk	Community Relations Advisory Board
Dea Zugby	Community Relations Advisory Board

RESIGNATION FROM ADVISORY GROUP: Council accepted with regret the resignation of Sandra Lange from the Advisory Planning Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Davis requested "Metro Funding" be included under Item #18, Federal Legislation. Ms. Mach requested "Appointments to Advisory Boards" be added as Item #23. With these changes, it was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Mr. Jordan that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Dennis Brady, Councilmember of the City of Bowie and President of the Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA), presented Mayor Davis with a PGCMA longevity award. President Brady thanked Mayor Davis for her service to the PGCMA, as well as the citizens of Greenbelt and the Maryland Municipal League.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS: Sue Krofchik, 6 Fayette, advised Council that residents of Fayette Place had been experiencing phone outage problems since Sunday, possibly due to a fallen tree limb. She said that although the Police Department advised her Sunday afternoon that Verizon was aware of the problem and Verizon crews had been seen several times working on the problem, the Verizon service center advised her earlier today they were not aware of the problem. Ms. Krofchik stated that she wanted to make Council aware of this communications issue.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Ms. Pope, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Putens, Mr. Herling, Ms. Mach and Mayor Davis commented on the National League of Cities Conference. Ms. Mach also noted her attendance at the Greenbelt Climate Action Network meeting.

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 read the agenda comments. Mayor Davis introduced the resolution for second reading and moved that it be adopted. Mr. Putens seconded.

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

The resolution was declared adopted (Resolution No. 1073, Book 8).

BOARD OF ELECTIONS REPORT 1-11 (CAMPAIGN LITERATURE):

Ms. Gregory, Chair of the Board of Elections, said members of the Board had discussed the idea of whether the City should implement legislation prohibiting the wording "Official Ballot" on campaign literature and had expressed concern regarding First Amendment principles that protect political speech. Therefore, she said the Board recommends the 2011 Candidate's packet contain wording requesting "Official Ballot" not be used on campaign literature, but did not recommend legislation be enacted at the time.

Mayor Davis thanked Ms. Gregory and the Board for their work on this issue. She noted that it had been referred to the board because some voters had indicated campaign literature in the 2009 campaign was misleading.

Ms. Mach moved that Council accept the Board of Elections Report #1-11. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION – GREENBELT WEST SECTOR PLAN UPDATE: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Chad Williams, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) Project Manager, presented a summary on plans to update the Greenbelt West Sector Plan. He explained the boundaries of the existing sector plan will be expanded to include commercial centers in Greenbelt (Capitol Office Park, Golden Triangle, Maryland Trade Center, and Hanover Parkway corridor) as well as the commercial corridor of Greenbelt Road in Berwyn Heights.

Mr. Williams said M-NCPPC has held and will continue to hold workshops to solicit comments from local residents about the plan boundaries. He also noted comments can be made on line or by email directly to him through the M-NCPPC website.

Mayor Davis thanked Mr. Williams for the presentation and encouraged residents to participate in community workshops.

BERWYN HEIGHTS LETTER ON GREENBELT WEST SECTOR PLAN: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mr. Herling moved that Council send a letter to the Prince George's County Planning Board in support of the Town of Berwyn Heights request that the boundary of the Greenbelt Metro Area Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment include the area along Ballew and 55th Avenues currently zoned Light Industry. The letter should note that a more flexible zoning for this area may result in development more complementary to the Greenbelt Station South Core development and to Berwyn Heights in general. Ms. Pope seconded.

Mr. Putens said he would hope the Town of Berwyn Heights would support possible rezoning in the area where Prince George's Scrap is currently located to an open space recreation area.

The motion passed 6-1. (Putens)

AWARD OF BID – SPRINGHILL LAKE RECREATION CENTER HVAC UNITS: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mr. Herling moved to approve the purchase of two 15-ton rooftop HVAC units at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center from Fresh Air Concepts of Jessup, Maryland in the amount of \$73,234. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

STATE LEGISLATION: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

HB 1179/SB 862 – Bond Bill – Greenbelt Arts Center

Mr. Herling moved that Council support HB 1179/SB 862. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

SB 602/HB 1034 – Statewide Plastic Bag Fee

Mr. Jordan moved that Council support SB 602/HB 1034. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

HB 831 – Invasive Plants – Prevention & Control

Mayor Davis moved that Council support HB 831. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

HB 905 – Street Lighting – Purchase by Local Government

Mr. Putens moved that Council support HB 905. Mr. Jordan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION:

Proposed Legislation to Weaken Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Ms. Mach moved that Council send a letter to the City's congressional delegation thanking them for their vote on H.R. 1 and encouraging their continued support for Federal clean air efforts and appropriate EPA oversight and regulation. Mr. Jordan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Metro Funding: Mayor Davis reported the federal contribution of \$150 million to fund Metro, which was agreed to in the Passenger Rail and Investment and Improvement Act of 2008, was eliminated in H.R. 1, the federal appropriation resolution that would provide funding for the remainder of the Federal fiscal year. She said this matter was discussed at the Council of Governments Board of Directors meeting that she had recently attended and COG had requested member jurisdictions send a letter to their congressional delegations urging support of this funding. Mayor Davis also noted there were concerns raised regarding whether Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia would maintain their commitment of their annual \$150 million contribution to Metro if the federal contribution was eliminated.

Mayor Davis moved that Council send a letter to the City's congressional delegation urging support of \$150 million a year in federal funding for Metro to address its vital capital and preventive maintenance needs, as agreed to in the Passenger Rail Investment and

Improvement Act of 2008. She also moved that Council send a letter to Governor O'Malley and the state delegation opposing any cuts to the State \$150 million a year contribution to Metro funding, as agreed to in the same Act. Mr. Jordan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

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

Mayor Davis – COG Board of Directors meeting

APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY GROUPS: Ms. Mach moved that Council appoint Charlene MacAdams to the 75th Anniversary Planning Committee and Roody Rosales to the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability. Mr. Putens 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, March 14, 2011, at 9:57 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 March 14, 2011."

Judith F. Davis
Mayor