

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, January 24, 2011.

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by 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 due to illness.

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 residents Roberta Jean Smith and James R. Hudson and former residents Mary Jane Craig Cook and Margaret "Peggy" Morin. 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 6-0.

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:

75th Anniversary Committee, Report #1-11 (Report to Council): Council accepted the report and will consider it on the agenda of the next meeting.

Advisory Planning Board, Report #1-11 (Baltimore Washington Partnership for Forest Stewardship): Council accepted the report and will consider it on the agenda of a future meeting once responses are received from the Advisory Committee on Trees and the Forest Preserve Advisory Board.

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

Ruth Kastner	Forest Preserve Advisory Board
Valerie Elliott	Forest Preserve Advisory Board
Brenda Cooley	Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
Leonie Penney	Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
Etta Fitzgerald	Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
Phyllis Budin	Senior Citizens Advisory Committee

RESIGNATION FROM ADVISORY GROUP: Council accepted with regret the resignations of James Kelly and Martha Galvin from the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability and Ruth Edwards from the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Davis requested “Greenbelt Station – Maryland Department of the Environment Permit” be added to the agenda as Item #17. With that change, it was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Mr. Jordan that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 6-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Oath of Office for New Greenbelt Police Officer: Chief James Craze introduced Greenbelt’s newest police officer, Mark Holden, to the City Council. Mayor Davis administered the oath of office and welcomed Officer Holden to the Greenbelt Police Department.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS: None

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. McLaughlin announced three new police officer candidates had been hired and would be starting the Police Academy in February.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mr. Jordan noted his attendance at the Greenbriar Phase I, II and III Board meetings, the Council of Governments (COG) Region Forward Implementation Coalition meeting, the Greenbelt Homes Board meeting, the Martin Luther King Jr. events in College Park, Annapolis, and at Greenbelt Library, and the 22nd District Legislative Reception, which was also attended by Mayor Davis.

Mr. Herling commented on the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Strategic Planning Committee meeting, the Envision Prince George’s Executive Committee meeting and the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee meeting.

Ms. Mach noted her attendance at the Prince George’s Elected Municipal Women’s meeting, which she attended with Mayor Davis, and at the swearing in ceremony of State Comptroller Peter Franchot. She also reported that she, along with Mayor Davis, Mr. Jordan and Mr. Herling, had attended the Prince George’s County Municipal Association/Montgomery Chapter meeting.

Mayor Davis commented on the COG Chesapeake Bay Water Resources Policy Committee meeting, the COG Board of Directors meeting, the Maryland Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation Funding meeting, and the Maryland Municipal League reception in Annapolis, which was also attended by Mr. Jordan, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Mach, Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Moran. She also noted she, along with Mr. Roberts, had attended the Prince George’s County Planning Board hearing on the Beltway Plaza Conceptual Site Plan and rezoning application.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

LEGISLATION: None

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION (ACE) GRANT PROPOSALS 2011: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Alla Lake, ACE Vice-Chair, reported that seventeen grant proposals had been received from five of the ACE core schools. She noted that ACE had reviewed all the proposals and were recommending fourteen grant proposals be funded through the Grants to Educators program for the 2010-2011 budget year.

Ms. Mach moved that Council approve funding the fourteen proposals recommended by the ACE using \$6,614 in funds available through the Grants to Educators Program. Mr. Jordan seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

CRESCENT ROAD RIGHT OF WAY VACATION: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mr. Putens moved that Council approve the petition application to vacate/abandon a portion of Crescent Road between Gardenway and Eastway as prepared by staff. Mr. Jordan seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Mach moved that Council change the order of the agenda to address “Greenbelt Station – Maryland Department of the Environment Permit” as the next order of business. Mr. Jordan seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

GREENBELT STATION – MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT PERMIT:

Terri Hruby, Assistant Director of Planning, briefed Council on the referral received from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) for a permit application submitted by Metroland, LLC. to disturb certain environmental resources. She said staff recently learned that the permit application submitted to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) includes the relocation of Narragansett Run Stream. She said that City staff and the City’s environmental consultant, Environmental Systems Analysis, Inc (ESA) agree that the relocation of the stream as proposed is unnecessary and there are more appropriate steps that can be taken to address the future health of the stream. Ms. Hruby noted that City staff had expressed these concerns to Greenbelt Station over a year ago and had thought the plan for the stream relocation had been abandoned at that time. She advised the closing date for public comment on the application is February 1, 2011.

After discussion, Mr. Roberts moved that Council send a letter to MDE in opposition of the relocation of Narragansett Run Stream as proposed and request the permit be put on hold, send a letter to Metroland, LLC indicating they are in breach of the development agreement/approved plans, and request a meeting with MDE as well as a public hearing. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

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

Mr. Jordan – Council of Governments (COG) Region Forward Implementation Coalition meeting

Mr. Roberts – COG Transportation Planning Board meeting

Ms. Mach – COG Clean Air Partners meeting

Mayor Davis – COG Board of Directors meeting
Maryland Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation Funding meeting

MEETINGS: Council reviewed a memorandum from Cindy Murray, City Clerk, noting that several Jewish holidays as well as the Maryland Municipal League Conference will impact Council's regular meeting schedule for 2011. After discussion, Mr. Putens moved that Council approve the following changes to the 2011 meeting schedule.

- April – Change Monday, April 25th regular meeting to Tuesday, April 26th
- June – No work session on Wednesday, June 8th
Change Monday, June 13th regular meeting to Monday, June 6th
Change Monday, June 27th regular meeting to Monday, June 20th
- August – Change Monday, August 8th regular meeting to Monday, August 15th
- October – No work sessions on Wednesdays, October 12th or October 19th

Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Council then reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Ms. Mach and seconded by Mr. Jordan. The motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Davis adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, January 24, 2011, at 9:23 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 January 24, 2011."

Judith F. Davis
Mayor