



**CHARTER MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, November 14, 2005.**

Outgoing Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Konrad E. Herling, Leta M. Mach, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts, and Judith F. Davis, Mayor.

STAFF PRESENT were Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager; Robert A. Manzi, City Solicitor; David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager; and Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk. Mr. Manzi left at 7:40 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT was Rosalyn E. Pugh, Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Mayor Davis asked to observe a moment of silence for residents Thomas A. Triplett and Justine Shoop; former resident and Greenbelt Pioneer Alice E. Carneal; and for Victor Nicholson, husband of Greenbelt News Review News Editor Elaine Skolnik. Mayor Davis also asked to remember Rosa Parks and all the U.S. veterans who have passed away over the last year. She then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

CERTIFICATION OF FINAL COUNT: Ms. Gallagher reported that in accordance with Section 8-9 of the City Code, she had posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building the Certification of Final Count of the Regular Council Election held Tuesday, November 8, 2005 as certified to the City Clerk by the chairperson and members of the Board of Elections. She said a copy of the board=s Certification of Final Count was also provided to all the candidates in the City Council race. Designated representatives of candidates were present throughout the election procedures. Absentee ballots were accounted for and tallied by three election clerks in the Council Room of the Municipal Building in the presence of at least two members of the Board of Elections.

The results of the November 8, 2005, Regular Election for City Council in order of ballot were:

Kelly P. Ivy, Sr.	805
Judith F. Davis	1,653
Konrad E. Herling	1,402
Rodney M. Roberts	1,604
Leta M. Mach	1,380
Edward V. J. Putens	1,478

There were 2,094 ballots cast. Five of the six candidates received over 40% of the total ballots cast. Thus, in accordance with the requirements of Section 31 of the City Charter, the following five candidates were elected to serve as members of the Council for a two-year term of office:

Judith F. Davis  
Rodney M. Roberts  
Edward V. J. Putens  
Konrad E. Herling  
Leta M. Mach

The ballot also contained a referendum question, authorized by Resolution Number 988, on amending Section 3 ("General Powers") of the City Charter to permit the provision of a labor code to recognize the right of certain employees to organize and bargain collectively.

The results of the referendum question were:

For the Charter amendment	1,105
Against the Charter amendment	797

The referendum question was therefore declared approved.

**RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE MEMBERS:** Mayor Davis introduced Rosalyn E. Pugh, Clerk of the Circuit Court; State Delegate Tawanna Gaines; and Derrick Coley, Executive Assistant to the County Executive's Chief of Staff.

**OATH OF OFFICE:** Konrad E. Herling, Leta M. Mach, Edward V.J. Putens, and Rodney M. Roberts took and subscribed to the oath of office before Judith F. Davis, Outgoing Mayor, as prescribed by Section 71 of the City Charter and state law. Copies of the executed oaths of office, attested to by the City Clerk, will be filed in the City Clerk's office.

**ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON:** Ms. Mach nominated Mr. Putens to serve as temporary chairperson. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**ELECTION OF MAYOR:** In accordance with Section 6 of the City Charter, Mr. Putens called for nominations for the position of Mayor. Mr. Roberts moved that Judith F. Davis be nominated to serve as Mayor of the City of Greenbelt for the 36th term of Council. Ms. Mach seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Congratulations were extended to Ms. Davis by the rest of Council.

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO MAYOR:** Judith F. Davis recited and subscribed to the oath of office before Rosalyn E. Pugh, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, as required by Section 71 of the City Charter and state law. Mayor Davis then assumed the gavel from Mr. Putens.

**STATEMENT BY MAYOR:** Mayor Davis thanked a number of people for their help in conducting the election, including the Greenbelt Board of Elections and its chairperson, Judith Ott; City Clerk Kathleen Gallagher; the City's election judges and clerks; the Public Works Department; the staffs of the Recreation and Police Departments and of the Greenbriar Community Building for the use of their facilities; and Michael McLaughlin and David Moran. She also thanked Ms. Pugh for her presence. She described some of her findings in talking with citizens while door-knocking for the campaign and gave an overview of both the challenges and the good things that may be anticipated over the next two years. She also thanked her friends and supporters.

**ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM:** Mr. Putens moved that Rodney Roberts be named to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Congratulations were extended to Mr. Roberts by the rest of Council.

**STATEMENTS BY MAYOR PRO TEM AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:** Mayor Pro Tem Roberts and Councilmembers Mach, Herling, and Putens all made statements thanking their friends and supporters and commenting on the major issues that the newly elected City Council would be facing.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ms. Mach made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 5-0. Mayor Davis adjourned the Charter Meeting of November 14, 2005, at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Gallagher  
City Clerk

"I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct report of the Special Charter Meeting of the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, held November 14, 2005."

Judith F. Davis  
Mayor