



**WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, October 10, 2005, for the purpose of discussing annexation.**

Mayor Davis started the meeting at 7:07p.m. It was held in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Konrad E. Herling, Leta M. Mach, Edward V.J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Judith F. Davis.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager, Celia Craze, Director of Planning & Community Development, Ethan Bindernagel, Community Planner, Fred Sussman, Legal Counsel and David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Courtney Burns, The Gazette.

Mr. McLaughlin introduced Mr. Sussman as special legal counsel since a conflict existed between the City and Berwyn Heights, and Mr. Manzi's firm represents both communities. Mr. McLaughlin stated that Council could meet in Executive Session if it wished to consult with Mr. Sussman on legal matters. Council decided to receive a briefing from Mr. McLaughlin and then enter into Executive Session if necessary.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that on Thursday, October 6, Berwyn Heights held a special meeting and introduced resolutions to annex four properties on the North side of Branchville Road, based upon the receipt of petitions from three of the property owners. Mr. McLaughlin stated that Berwyn Heights and Greenbelt had been in discussions regarding these annexations in an attempt to reach a compromise. He indicated that Berwyn Heights had an advantage under State law, because the properties in Berwyn Heights were less than 25 acres and as a result they could complete the annexation in less time.

Council the voted to enter into Executive Session because they wished to obtain legal advice from Mr. Sussman on the annexation issue.

The meeting ended at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Moran  
Assistant City Manager