



MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION/LEGISLATIVE DINNER held Thursday, December 17, 2003, at the Greenbelt Marriott, for the purpose of discussing the City's legislative priorities for 2004.

Mayor Davis convened the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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; Robert A. Manzi, City Solicitor and David E. Moran, Assistant to the City Manager.

ALSO PRESENT WERE State Senator Paul Pinsky; State Delegates Anne Healey, Tawanna Gaines, and Justin Ross; and County Councilmembers Douglas Peters and Thomas Dernoga.

Mayor Davis welcomed the legislators and thanked them for attending. The following legislative priorities were identified and discussed:

State Issues:

- Planning and Zoning Authority for Municipalities
- Protection of Municipal Funding Sources
- Limiting Judicial Sentence Reconsideration

Joint State/County Issue:

- Renovation of Greenbelt Middle School
- Opposition to Inter-County Connector/Support for Inner-Beltway Purple Line
- Opposition to Additional Beltway Ramps at Greenbelt Metro Station

County Issues:

- Amend Woodlands Ordinance

Under "Information Items," the following were described: the status of the Greenbelt Station/Metroland development proposal; the relocation of the salt dome at Kenilworth and Cherrywood; and the Neighborhood Conservation Program.

Under "Other Issues of City Interest," the following were mentioned: full funding of the Bridge to Excellence (Thornton); Bond Bill/funding for the Greenbelt Theatre renovation; speed cameras; electric aggregation; car-sharing programs; funding for the Law Enforcement Equipment Fund; homeland security funding; upgrading police communications systems and making them operable between agencies; additional funding for noise barriers; and health care coverage for reciprocal beneficiaries. Senator Pinsky expressed interest in more information from City staff on the latter.

The legislators thanked the City for its hospitality, and Council thanked them for coming.

The meeting was adjourned at shortly after 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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