



**CHARTER MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, November 10, 2003.**

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

ROLL CALL was answered by Council members Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts, Alan Turnbull, Thomas X. White, and Judith F. Davis, Mayor.

STAFF PRESENT were Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager; Robert A. Manzi, City Solicitor; David E. Moran, Assistant to the City Manager; and Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk.

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

Mayor Davis observed a moment of silence for residents Ethel Gerring and David Anthony (Boz) Boswell; and for former residents Mabel O. Croyle, Allen Foxwell, Jack Sanders, and Arthur Horsman. She then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Davis asked outgoing Council members White and Turnbull if they would like to say a few words. She noted that Mr. White had served on Council for 30 years, and Mr. Turnbull had served for three terms. Both thanked their families and supporters for the opportunity to serve and complimented the citizens, City staff, and past Councils on their work. Mr. White also described a number of Council projects and achievements over the years that he was pleased to have been involved with. The Mayor announced that a reception in their honor would follow the meeting.

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 4, 2003, 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 the Council Members-Elect and to the candidates not elected. Designated representatives of candidates were present throughout the election procedures. Absentee ballots were accounted for and tallied by two election clerks in the first floor conference room of the Municipal Building in the presence of at least two members of the Board of Elections.

The results of the November 4, 2003, Regular Election for City Council were:

Leta M. Mach 1171 James H. Inzeo, Sr. 694 Edward V.J. Putens 1444 Konrad E. Herling 1290 Richard J. Santos 1011 Rodney M. Roberts 1469 Judith F. Davis 1677

There were 2,073 ballots cast. Six of the seven candidates received more than 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

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: Mr. Herling nominated Mr. Putens to serve as temporary chairperson. Ms. Mach seconded the motion, and Mr. Putens was unanimously elected to serve as temporary chairperson.

ELECTION OF MAYOR: In accordance with Section 6 of the City Charter, Mr. Roberts moved that Judith F. Davis be nominated to serve as Mayor of the City of Greenbelt for the 35th 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. Ms. Pugh said she had also brought certificates for all Council members from the Clerk of Court. Mayor Davis then assumed the gavel from Temporary Chairperson Putens.

STATEMENT BY MAYOR: Mayor Davis thanked a number of people for their help in conducting the election, including the Prince George=s County Board of Elections; the Greenbelt Board of Elections, including Judith Ott, chairperson; the City=s election judges and clerks; the Public Works, Recreation, and Police Departments; the Greenbriar Community Center staff; and City staff Michael McLaughlin, David Moran, and Kathleen Gallagher. She also thanked Ms. Pugh for her presence. She described the challenges and opportunities facing Greenbelt over the next Council term, thanked her friends and supporters, and introduced State Delegate Tawanna Gaines and former Council members Robert Zugby and Elizabeth Maffay from the audience.

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. He made a brief statement thanking his family and friends, as well as thanking Mr. White and Mr. Turnbull and welcoming Mr. Herling and Ms. Mach to Council.

STATEMENTS BY MAYOR PRO TEM AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL: Council members Putens, Herling, and Mach then made brief statements.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Putens moved to adjourn and Mr. Herling seconded. The motion unanimously carried. Mayor Davis adjourned the Charter Meeting of November 10, 2003, at 8:17 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 10, 2003."

Judith F. Davis  
Mayor