



**SPECIAL CHARTER MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2001.**

Outgoing Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:32 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.

ALSO 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.

Mayor Davis observed a moment of silence for Pioneers Adele E. Trumbule and Frank A. Loftus. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Davis introduced a number of guests in attendance, including State Delegate Joan Pitkin; District Heights Mayor Jack Sims and his son, Justin, and District Heights Council members Cheyenne Watson, Arnold Appleby, and Willie Calhoun; Berwyn Heights Mayor Tawana Gaines; Bowie Councilmember Doug Peters; and Rosalyn E. Pugh, the new Clerk of the Circuit Court.

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 6, 2001, 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 second floor conference room of the Municipal Building in the presence of a member of the Board of Elections.

The results of the November 6, 2001, Regular Election for City Council were:

Judith F. Davis 1726

Thomas X. White 1327

Alan Turnbull 1361

Edward V. J. Putens 1400

Rodney M. Roberts 1455

Sylvia J. Lewis 1198

Kelby Brick 1093

There were 2,345 ballots cast. All seven 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 1726

Rodney M. Roberts 1455

Edward V. J. Putens 1400

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The ballot also contained the following referendum question, as authorized by Resolution Number 935:

"Shall general obligation bonds in amount not exceeding Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000) be issued by the City of Greenbelt for the purpose of financing the expansion and renovation of the Public Works facility; an expansion and renovation of the Springhill Lake Recreation Center; renovation of the Greenbelt Theatre, in the event it becomes owned by the City; and improvements and enhancements to playgrounds, public streets, and roads in Greenbelt East as described in Ordinance No. 1205 of the City?"

The results of the referendum on the bond issue were:

For the bond issue 1,878

Against the bond issue 375

The bond issue was therefore declared approved.

OATH OF OFFICE: Edward V.J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts, Alan J. Turnbull and Thomas X. White 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. Roberts nominated Mr. Putens to serve as temporary chairperson. Mr. White 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 2001-2003 term of Council. Mr. White 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 also presented certificates to 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, 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 thanked the voters for their strong support of the bond referendum. She also described the challenges and opportunities facing Greenbelt over the next Council term .

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM: Mr. Turnbull moved that Rodney Roberts be named to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Mr. Putens 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 Council members Turnbull and White made brief statements.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mayor Davis announced the following seating arrangement: Mayor Pro Tem Roberts to her immediate left; Mr. Putens to her immediate right; Mr. Turnbull to the left of Mr. Roberts; and Mr. White to the right of Mr. Putens. She invited everyone to attend a reception at Greenbriar following the meeting. She also reviewed the list of activities and meeting for the upcoming week.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Putens moved to adjourn and Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion unanimously carried. Mayor Davis adjourned the Special Charter Meeting of November 12, 2001, at 8:15 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 12, 2001."

Judith F. Davis

Mayor