



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL held Monday, November 26, 2001.

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT were Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager; Robert Manzi, City Solicitor; and David E. Moran, Assistant to the City Manager/Acting City Clerk.

Mayor Davis observed a moment of silence for residents Carl T Bond and George Bell and for former resident Cathy Marie Ward. Then, she led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. White requested that the minutes of September 24 be removed. Mayor Davis requested that the minutes of October 22, 2001 be removed. With these changes, Mr. Putens moved approval of the consent agenda. Mr. Turnbull seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

COUNCIL THEREBY TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

MINUTES:

- Regular Meeting, October 8, 2001
- Work Session, October 15, 2001
- Notes, Meeting with County Executive, October 24, 2001
- Work Session, November 12, 2001
- Special Charter Meeting, November 12, 2001
- Work Session, November 14, 2001
- Work Session, November 19, 2001

Approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Report #01-6 Council directed staff to provide FORA with meeting space, in accord with their request and PRAB's opinion, while letting the request for

status as a recognition group remain unresolved pending a broader review of the criteria and application process for groups who wish to become City recognition or contribution groups.

Advisory Planning Board/Park & Recreation Advisory Board Report #01-05 (Greenbrook Path Extension Plan): Council accepted this joint report from the APB and PRAB, which approves the Greenbrook path extension plan.

Advisory Planning Board/Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Report #01-06 (Wetland Education Facility at Greenbelt Lake): Council received this report and agreed to consider it on the agenda of the next regular meeting.

CB-40 - APPROVAL OF LETTER OF OPPOSITION: Council approved the letter sent on November 15 opposing CB-40.

RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT: In its report of October 22, 2001, the Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee made three recommendations: to change the vendor for the City's recycling drop-off center, schedule a fall Greenbelt Lake clean-up, and establish a yard waste composting facility at Northway Fields. Council noted that the first two of these recommendations have already been acted upon. Council held the third recommendation until that presentation is ready for Council consideration.

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE SPECIAL HOLIDAY: Council declared December 24, 2001, to be the special holiday this year. (KG)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Putens added Appointment to the Youth Advisory Committee. With that change, Mr. Putens moved that the agenda be approved. Mr. Turnbull seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

"Recycle Right" Awards: The four residential winners of the "Win Your Bin" contest were presented with new, blue recycling bins identifying them as contest winners, as well as a number of prizes awarded by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. Present were: James Kirby of 14-X Laurel Hill Road; Kathy and Charles Kendall of 6-E Ridge Road and Bruce Kuhl, 21-B Ridge Road. Julia and Eugene Stratchko of 115 Greenhill Road, also received an award but were not present at the meeting,

In addition to the residential awards, a plaque was presented to Julia Eichhorst, President of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., for starting an office recycling program for mixed papers and commingled materials. Lydia Lopez, Sheri Funches, Rich Carrington and Gary King, appeared representing the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Junior Civitans Club and Ecology Club, for managing the collection of commingled materials within the school and transporting them to drop-off centers.

Ms. Murray provided a report on the "lake cleanup" at Buddy Attick Park. Mayor Davis and Council Member Roberts commented on some of the items that they picked up at the Park.

Mayor Davis presented an award from Citizens Concerned for a Cleaner County (CCCC) for the City's electronics recycling program as well as an award for the City's ongoing effort.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS: There were none presented.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting, September 24, 2001: Mr. White noted two changes. Mr. White moved approval as amended. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Regular Meeting, October 22, 2001: Mayor Davis noted a minor change, Mr. Putens moved approval as amended. Mr. Turnbull seconded. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Executive Session, October 17, 2001:

Mr. Roberts moved that the minutes of the Executive Meeting of the City Council held Wednesday, October 17, 2001 be approved as presented. He further requested that the minutes of this meeting reflect that the Council met in Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. in the Municipal Building Library, and that Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 10-508 (a)(3&7) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (1995 Replacement Volume) to acquire property and consult with legal counsel to obtain legal advice. Mr. Turnbull seconded.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Putens - yes

Mr. Roberts - yes

Mr. Turnbull - yes

Mr. White - yes

Mayor Davis - yes

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Mr. McLaughlin reported that a letter from the City of Hyattsville re: a proposal to locate a prisoner rehabilitation facility in their City that was presented at the last PGCMA meeting. He indicated that he had requested more information from Hyattsville. Mr. McLaughlin noted that he and Mayor Davis attended a training session for municipal officials on Emergency Management hosted by Prince George's County.

Mr. McLaughlin advised Council of the 4-Cities meeting on Thursday, November 29. He indicated he had added "update on Jaeger tract" and "update on Greenbelt Station/Metroland." Mayor Davis suggested sharing information about the briefing on infectious diseases. Mr. White suggested adding "purple line."

Mr. Roberts asked if the City planned to conduct a briefing on Emergency Preparedness. Mr. McLaughlin responded that this was pending a review by the Public Safety Advisory Committee

and due to scheduling conflicts, he had been unable to make a presentation to them. Mr. White reported receiving questions about use of the Fire Department siren in an emergency. Mr. McLaughlin responded that the City had raised this question with the County, as well as the question about "where to go" during an emergency situation.

Mr. White asked about Code Enforcement of school buildings in Greenbelt. Mr. McLaughlin responded that this was on the CAR list and staff was working on it.

Mayor Davis announced that Saturday, December 1 was the ACE job fair for persons interested in employment with the School system.

Mayor Davis expressed concern about the Royal Gourmet restaurant being closed. Mr. McLaughlin indicated that he would follow-up and advise Code Enforcement to investigate.

Mr. Turnbull thanked the City Manager for providing some crime statistic information. He also asked about an police event, involving officers and helicopters, earlier in the evening. Mr. McLaughlin agreed to investigate and advise Council.

Mayor Davis reported on the Mediation Board's video debut held on October 28 and thanked Ms. Harris and the Board. On November 8, Mayor Davis assisted in a award presentation to Larry Goldberg by the Red Cross. She noted the Veteran's Day ceremony on November 11. She reported on the Career Connections program at Eleanor Roosevelt and thanked Ms. Palau, Cpl. Buerger and Mr. Moran for their participation. She also thanked Brian Butler for the talent show program at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Mayor Davis noted the opening of a new exhibition at the museum exhibit room in the Community Center. She noted the celebration of the Lions Club 50th Anniversary. She also noted the Lions Club toy parade. She reported attending the County Executive's prayer breakfast and the opening ceremony of the Festival of Lights at Watkins Park..

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATION: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mayor Davis indicated some concern about revenue loss. She asked if proposed changes to the legislation would be raised at the Legislative Dinner. Mr. McLaughlin responded that staff would not be able to move that quickly, but would try to make any proposal early in the upcoming session.

Mr. Turnbull expressed appreciation that staff was carefully evaluating the program. Ms. DeWald responded that City might choose certain "pieces" of the program which fit Greenbelt.

Mr. White suggested that the last sentence in the second paragraph of the draft letter be deleted because it wasn't necessary. He also requested that the City have an "Arts Vision" regardless of the City's decision to pursue this designation.

Mr. Putens moved that Council authorize a letter to be sent that would express the City's interest in the program and its intent to file in 2002. Council further directed staff to prepare the application and determine whether acceptable modifications to the program guidelines can be

made that will make it a better match for Greenbelt. Mr. Turnbull seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

BRIEFING ON CAR-SHARING: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Ms. Hruby stated that staff was looking at two companies, Zipcar and Flexcar. Bill Edwards, with Zipcar, made a presentation to Council on his company and how they operate.

Mr. Roberts asked if this program would fit Green Ridge House. Mr. Edwards responded that he believed it could work at Green Ridge House if there was resident interest.

Mr. Putens asked if this had been done for a public agency. Mr. Edwards responded that the Company had done that. He indicated that most arrangements were with private companies.

Mr. Turnbull thanked Mr. Edwards for being there. He expressed his desire that Greenbelt would be the first municipality to have a car sharing program. He stated that Green Ridge House funds should be used to help subsidize this program since Green Ridge House funds were being used to build additional parking spaces for those residents who have cars. Mr. Turnbull asked if Zipcar had experience with senior populations. Mr. Edwards responded that all ages currently participated in the program.

Mr. Turnbull asked with enough members, would costs be covered regardless of utilization. Mr. Edwards responded that utilization fees cover the cost of the car, while membership fees cover overhead costs.

Mr. White asked if the \$300 deposit was per member. Mr. Edwards responded yes. Mr. White thanked Mr. Edwards for coming. He suggested that the City needed to determine if there was sufficient interest in Greenbelt.

Mayor Davis asked about longer term rentals. Mr. Edwards responded that they had a partnership with Enterprise Rent-a-Car for these situations. Mayor Davis asked if they had different sized cars. Mr. Edwards responded that they had not considered very large cars and cited environmental reasons. In response to several questions, Mr. Edwards responded that car maintenance checks are performed every two weeks and that the cars have credit card for fuel purchases.

Mayor Davis asked if resident approval was required to use Green Ridge House funds. Mr. McLaughlin responded that the City would need State and/or HUD approval.

Mr. Roberts asked about the ease of getting cars when they were needed. Mr. Edwards responded that cars were usually available.

PROPOSED 2002 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Council suggested adding possible amendments to the Arts and Entertainment legislation as an informational item. Mr. White suggested keeping the theater bond bill and deleting the "speed cameras" as a State priority. He further noted facility comments on Greenbelt Middle.

Mr. Putens agreed but wanted to make sure that speed cameras remained a high priority for the City.

Mr. Roberts favored leaving speed cameras in because it was a public safety issue. He stated support for the list of items as proposed by staff.

Mr. Turnbull wanted to see some data regarding the effectiveness of red light cameras as a public safety item, before proceeding to speed cameras.

Mr. Turnbull moved the following initiatives for the City's 2002 Legislative Program:

STATE ITEMS:

- Bond Bill for Construction of Springhill Lake Recreation Center Addition
- Full Planning and Zoning Authority
- Opposition to Public Funding of Beltway Ramps at Metro Station
- Theater Bond Bill

STATE/COUNTY ITEMS

- Jeager Tract Funding

COUNTY ITEMS:

- Use of Special Legislation
- Adequate Public Facilities Legislation

ALERT ITEM

- Youth Services Bureau Funding
- Renovation of Greenbelt Middle School

Additional funding for noise barriers, a ban on items used as drug paraphernalia, speed monitoring cameras, possible changes to Arts and Entertainment Districts and car sharing were added to the list of "Other Issues." The Maryland Municipal League's three legislative priorities will also be included.

Mr. Putens seconded. The motion carried 4 to 1 (Roberts).

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Council noted that their schedules prevented them from attending advisory group meetings on a regular basis.

Mr. Putens moved the following appointments to serve as liaisons to various City advisory groups and organizations:

Advisory Planning Board - Mr. White

Arts Advisory Board - Mr. Roberts

Community Relations Advisory Board - Mr. Putens

Park and Recreation Advisory Board - Mr. Turnbull

Advisory Committee on Education - Mr. Putens

Public Safety Advisory Committee - Mr. Putens

Recycling & Environment Ad. Comm. - Mr. Turnbull

Senior Citizens Advisory Committee - Mr. White

Youth Advisory Committee - Mr. Roberts

Friends of the Greenbelt Museum Board - Mayor Davis

Greenbelt Access Television Board - Mr. White

He further moved the following appointments to the various Council of Governments (COG) boards and committees:

Board of Directors - Mayor Davis Alternate - Mr. Roberts

Human Services & Public Safety - Mr. Putens

Metropolitan Development - Mr. White Alternate - Mr. Turnbull

Transportation Planning Board - Mr. Roberts

Air Quality - Mr. White

Chesapeake Bay - Mayor Davis

Environment & Public Works - Staff Representative

Mr. Turnbull seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

APPOINTMENT TO YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Mr. Putens moved that Justin Walker be appointed to the Youth Advisory Committee. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

MEETINGS: The calendar was reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Turnbull moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. White seconded. The motion carried 5 to 0. Mayor Davis adjourned the regular meeting of November 26, 2001, at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David E. Moran

Acting City Clerk

"I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct report of the regular meeting of the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, held November 26, 2001."

Judith F. Davis

Mayor