



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1998**

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:07 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; W. Bowman Ferguson, Management Analyst and David E. Moran, City Clerk.

Then, she led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Turnbull requested that the minutes of the regular meeting on 8/17 and the work session of 8/26 be removed. Ms. Davis removed "Duties of the Senior Administrative Assistant." With these changes, Mr. Putens moved approval of the consent agenda. Mr. White seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0. CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Turnbull requested that the minutes of the regular meeting on 8/17 and the work session of 8/26 be removed. Ms. Davis removed "Duties of the Senior Administrative Assistant." With these changes, Mr. Putens moved approval of the consent agenda. Mr. White seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

COUNCIL THEREBY TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

MINUTES: :

Work Session, August 12, 1998
Work Session, August 20, 1998
Work Session, August 24, 1998
Special Meeting, August 24, 1998

Approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION - ELECTRICIAN: Council approved the revision to the electrician job description. APPROVAL OF REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION - ELECTRICIAN: Council approved the revision to the electrician job description.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT - WASHINGTON GAS: Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a one year contract with Washington Gas to provide natural gas at a fixed price per therm. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT - WASHINGTON GAS: Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a one year contract with Washington Gas to provide natural gas at a fixed price per therm.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Turnbull added ' Referral of Parkside to APB" and Ms. Davis added "Beaver Control Gates." Mr. Roberts moved that item 12 should be taken before item 11. Mr. Turnbull seconded. The motion passed 4 to 1 (White) Mr. Putens moved that the agenda be approved as modified. Mr. Turnbull seconded. The motion passed unanimously. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Turnbull added ' Referral of Parkside to APB" and Ms. Davis added "Beaver Control Gates." Mr. Roberts moved that item 12 should be taken before item 11. Mr. Turnbull seconded. The motion passed 4 to 1 (White) Mr. Putens moved that the agenda be approved as modified. Mr. Turnbull seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

Sandy Lange introduced members of the FOGM Board and read a statement announcing that FOGM had met the city's challenge and raised over \$2,500. She thanked Council and summarized activities which the Museum was undertaking.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

MINUTES: :

Regular Meeting of August 17, 1998: Mr. Turnbull requested that on page 8, "paths were safe" be changed to "lanes are generally much safer than trails." With these changes, Mr. Turnbull moved approval. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Regular Meeting of August 17, 1998: Mr. Turnbull requested that on page 8, "paths were safe" be changed to "lanes are generally much safer than trails." With these changes, Mr. Turnbull moved approval. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Work Session of August 26, 1998: Mr. Putens moved approval of these minutes. Mr. Turnbull seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Work Session of August 26, 1998: Mr. Putens moved approval of these minutes. Mr. Turnbull seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session, July 15, 1998: Mr. Roberts moved that the minutes of the Executive Meeting of the City Council held Wednesday, July 15, 1998 be approved as presented. He further requested that the minutes of this meeting reflect that the Council met in Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. in the Community Center Multi-Purpose Room, and that Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 10-508 (a)(7) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (1995 Replacement Volume) to consult with legal counsel to obtain legal advice. Mr. Turnbull seconded. Executive Session, July 15, 1998: Mr. Roberts moved that the minutes of the Executive Meeting of the City Council held Wednesday, July 15, 1998 be approved as presented. He further requested that the minutes of this meeting reflect that the Council met in Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. in the Community

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ROLL CALL:

Mr. Putens - yes
Mr. Roberts - yes
Mr. Turnbull - yes
Mr. White - yes
Mayor Davis - yes

Executive Session, August 20, 1998: Mr. Roberts moved that the minutes of the Executive Meeting of the City Council held Thursday, August 20, 1998 be approved as presented. He further requested that the minutes of this meeting reflect that the Council met in Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. in the Municipal Building Library, and that Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 10-508 (a)(4) & (7) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (1995 Replacement Volume) to consider a preliminary matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand or remain in the State and to consult with legal counsel to obtain legal advice. Mr. Turnbull seconded. Executive Session, August 20, 1998: Mr. Roberts moved that the minutes of the Executive Meeting of the City Council held Thursday, August 20, 1998 be approved as presented. He further requested that the minutes of this meeting reflect that the Council met in Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. in the Municipal Building Library, and that Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 10-508 (a)(4) & (7) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (1995 Replacement Volume) to consider a preliminary matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand or remain in the State and to 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 welcomed Nina Desmond Harris from the Public Affairs Office at the Goddard Space Flight Center and noted that she was in attendance and was also a resident of Windsor Green. Ms. Harris introduced herself and stated that Goddard Community Day was being held on September 22 and invited everyone to attend. Mr. McLaughlin also noted that the Prince George's County Board of Education was hosting a reception on September 17 to mark the agreement on the desegregation issue. Finally he noted that Peter Benjamin of Metro had notified the City that Metro would consider a proposal to negotiate a sales contract on 9/24 and he expected this process to take six months. Mr. Putens asked if the contract for sale was the right option. Mr. Roberts asked if this was going to be a

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Mr. Putens expressed concern about the process or lack thereof. Mr. Roberts asked if Council could arrange a meeting with the Metro Board. Mr. White stated that WMATA has broad authority and they may be following their existing process.

Mr. Putens relayed thanks from several residents about the cutback of brush along Hanover Parkway.

Mayor Davis noted that at the ERHS football game there were problems with attendees parking in Greenbriar lots and sitting on cars, and double parking behind residents cars. She asked that the Police department investigate the options for dealing with this. She thanked Public Works for removing graffiti on Spellman Overpass. She also noted the opening of the College Park Aviation Museum.

Mayor Davis thanked the Police, Public Works and Recreation employees for their help with the Labor Day Festival. She also thanked the Labor Day Festival Committee. Mayor Davis also encouraged everyone to vote at the Primary Election on Tuesday.

BATTING CAGES AND BALLFIELD LIGHTS: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Putens reported that he added the item to the agenda to clarify Council's position. Mr. White stated that Council did not include batting cages at the meeting on July 29 and he wasn't sure what Mr. Putens was clarifying. BATTING CAGES AND BALLFIELD LIGHTS: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Putens reported that he added the item to the agenda to clarify Council's position. Mr. White stated that Council did not include batting cages at the meeting on July 29 and he wasn't sure what Mr. Putens was clarifying.

Mr. Roberts thought that Council had supported the extra batting cage and that it was done deal. He asked Mr. McLaughlin if the money could come out of Recreation budget. Mr. McLaughlin believed the item could not be funded out the Recreation budget and believed Council should take it out of the Capital Projects Fund.

Kelly Ivy of 43 Lakeside Drive, stated that the new cage only needed 3 sides and he believed the cost would be between \$2,500 and \$3,000. He stated that the cage was needed by early March. Mr. White asked about the feasibility issue. Mr. McLaughlin believed the cages were feasible.

Mr. White suggested that the Parks-Ballfield Lights line be reduced by \$3,000. Mr. Putens and Mayor Davis agreed and Council decided they would take this action when the Ordinance was considered.

Mr. Putens raised the issue of ballfield lights. He suggested that this issue should be postponed until a public hearing could be held. Mr. White referred to the minutes and indicated that the record was clear and that Council discussed various projects and had added specific projects and amounts.

Mr. Roberts stated that there was a "vote" on the lights and that after discussion Council came to a consensus about lights for the Middle School field. He stressed that he still supported lights at the Middle School and supported lighting the 90 foot diamond at Braden Field as well.

Mr. Ivy stated that he loved Braden Field and that his petition was for lights on a Greenbelt field. He didn't believe that the city should spend money on lights on County property. Mr. Ivy wanted to do additional research and contact the neighbors surrounding Braden Field and pledged to bring this issue back to Council.

Mr. Roberts hoped that Mr. Ivy would keep an open mind about Greenbelt Middle School because the youth in Greenbelt West needed fields too. Mr. Ivy reiterated his concern that County use of the field would take priority over city use. Mr. Putens thanked Mr. Ivy for his efforts.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. White moved that Parks - Middle School Ballfield Lights be reduced to \$77,000 and that a new item be created for Batting cages \$3,000. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Turnbull and Mr. Roberts favored a more generic description of the ballfield lights item. Mr. White believed that the ordinance should reflect the decisions made at the work session and that this item represented a commitment by the Council and direction to staff to pursue serious discussions with the County.

Mr. Roberts introduced the above titled ordinance as amended.

BRIEFING ON PROPOSED FINANCE COMPUTER SYSTEM: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Bob Brown of Pentamation provided a briefing on the new finance system the city was planning to purchase. Mr. Turnbull asked if a Unix based system was a system of the future. Mr. Brown responded that the system was capable of growing. **BRIEFING ON PROPOSED FINANCE COMPUTER SYSTEM:** Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Bob Brown of Pentamation provided a briefing on the new finance system the city was planning to purchase.

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Mr. Roberts asked about security and the possibility that hackers could dial in and gain access to the information. Mr. Brown responded that there was no opportunity for someone to dial in from the outside.

Mr. White asked about internal security. Mr. Brown described the internal controls that would be in place.

REQUEST FOR NEW LIQUOR LICENSE - RUBY TUESDAY RESTAURANT: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Bridget Smith appeared representing the applicant. REQUEST FOR NEW LIQUOR LICENSE - RUBY TUESDAY RESTAURANT: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Bridget Smith appeared representing the applicant.

Mr. Roberts moved that Council take no position. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BALLOT FOR MML 1999 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. BALLOT FOR MML 1999 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Council reviewed the initiatives and advised Mr. White to support the following initiatives with the following weights: Youth Services Bureaus Funding at 4, Charging for and Regulating Use of Municipal Rights-of-Way by Telecommunications Providers at 3; State Aid for Police Protection at 2 and Storage of Property in Cases of Eviction at 1.

DEADLINE FOR FILING OF LOCAL AND BICOUNTY BILLS: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. DEADLINE FOR FILING OF LOCAL AND BICOUNTY BILLS: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mr. Putens moved that Council pursue the following issues

- Increasing the investment requirement for the BLX liquor license to \$1,000,000
- Preventing the proposed Inter-County Connector
- Prohibit zoning by text amendment (CB-35 and Cooke Stadium)

Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0

COG PROJECT NOTIFICATION - GREENBELT POST OFFICE: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. COG PROJECT NOTIFICATION - GREENBELT POST OFFICE: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mr. Roberts moved that Council return to COG a favorable response on the Post Office referral with the following comments:

1. Preserve natural vegetation on the site to the maximum extent possible.,
2. Continue the ornamental wall along the full frontage of Ora Glen Drive adjacent to the service parking area.,
3. Preserve trees behind the Banc One building.,
4. Add a crosswalk across the snorkel lanes. Construct the crosswalk of a textured material and/or create a paved crosswalk.,
5. Implement parking restrictions within the customer lot to avoid use of the lot by non customers.,
6. Designate a postal service route to eliminate heavy truck traffic in residential areas.,
7. Add landscape islands in the customer parking lot.,
8. Relocate the sidewalk from Ora Glen Drive to the east side of the driveway to eliminate the need for pedestrian customers to cross the parking lot and driveway., and
9. Return to the city for review and approval of the final site, landscape and signage plans.
10. Use of inverted U bike racks.

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

FEDERAL FACILITIES RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION PLEDGE: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Turnbull moved that Council sign/become a party to the pledge. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion passed unanimously. **FEDERAL FACILITIES RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION PLEDGE:** Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Turnbull moved that Council sign/become a party to the pledge. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ALLOCATION OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT (LLEBG) FUNDS: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. **ALLOCATION OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT (LLEBG) FUNDS:** Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mr. White moved that the LLEBG funds for 1996, 1997 and 1998 be allocated for the purchase of laptops and associated communications equipment for use in Police cruisers and directed staff to prepare a resolution for negotiated purchase and place it on a future Council agenda. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

DUTIES OF SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IN PUBLIC WORKS: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mayor Davis expressed concern that the recycling emphasis would be diluted. Mr. Roberts believed that if there was a need for more administrative support at Public Works than we should send this to the Recycling Advisory Committee. **DUTIES OF SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IN PUBLIC WORKS:** Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mayor Davis expressed concern that the recycling emphasis would be diluted. Mr. Roberts believed that if there was a need for more administrative support at Public Works than we should send this to the Recycling Advisory Committee.

Mr. McLaughlin agreed to monitor the duties and would be happy to consult with the Recycling Committee if they had concerns about the duties. Council accepted the explanation as outlined in the agenda comments, and asked for a six month status report.

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Mr. Putens moved that 10/12 & 10/26 be cancelled and rescheduled for 10/19. Mr. White seconded. The motion failed 2 to 3 (Turnbull, Davis, Roberts)

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Turnbull moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. White seconded. The motion carried 5 to 0. Mayor Davis adjourned the regular meeting of September 14, 1998, at 11:59 p.m ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Turnbull moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. White seconded. The motion carried 5 to 0. Mayor Davis adjourned the regular meeting of September 14, 1998, at 11:59 p.m

Respectfully Submitted,
David E. Moran, CMC
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 September 14, 1998."

Judith F. Davis
Mayor