

WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Wednesday, April 14, 2010, for the purpose of reviewing the Overview, Revenues and General Government sections of the Proposed FY 2011 Budget.

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m. It was held in the Multi Purpose Room of the Community Center.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Konrad E. Herling, Emmett V. Jordan, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Judith F. Davis

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager; Jeff Williams, City Treasurer; Dale Worley, IT Director and David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager.

Overview

Mayor Davis asked if Council's membership & training budget had been reduced by 10%. Mr. McLaughlin responded that it had not due to the recent addition of two Council Members. There was discussion about ways to reduce travel expenditures including early registrations, utilizing lowest price hotels, reducing meal costs, etc. Council requested a report listing Membership & Training expenditures for each Council Member.

Mayor Davis requested a report on the Contract Postal Unit activity over the past year.

Mr. McLaughlin began by identifying several handouts including: budget update memo, turnover report, a report on contract service, a memo on MNCPPC grants and the line item summary.

Next, Mr. McLaughlin reviewed the General Fund Summary with certain items highlighted which he explained.

Revenues

Mr. Williams reviewed Revenues. He noted real estate assessments were .6% higher. There was discussion about real estate assessments and their accuracy. Mayor Davis asked if the City has budgeted enough for abatements.

Mr. Williams discussed the highlights for the following Revenues: personal property assessments, state shared taxes, licenses and permits, fines and forfeitures, and interest. Council reviewed each page of the Revenue section.

General Government

Mr. Jordan suggested more "Community Promotion" to areas outside of Greenbelt. There was considerable discussion about this point. Mr. Roberts stated that sometimes you need to make sure you're properly operating what you have and expressed concern about management at the Aquatic & Fitness Center. He cited a complaint he received about a lifeguard eating while on

duty. Mayor Davis suggested that Mr. Roberts forward these complaints to the City Manager as soon as he receives them.

Council reviewed the City Council, Administration, Elections, Finance & Administrative Services, Information Technology, Legal Counsel, Municipal Building, Public Information & Community Promotion and Public Officers Associations Accounts.

During these reviews, Council identified the following changes to be placed on their list for further consideration:

*Restore Contributions to Berwyn Heights & West Lanham Hills Fire Depts.
Reduce Council Membership & Training by 50%
Reduce City Council Salaries by 50%
Cancel PGCMA Membership*

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*David E. Moran
Assistant City Manager*