

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, November 8, 2010.

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:00p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by 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.

ALSO PRESENT were Michael McLaughlin, City Manager, David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager and John Shay, City Solicitor.

Mayor Davis asked for a moment of silence in memory of Greenbelt residents Charles Hatcher, William F. Harrison and Margaret Zupancic, and former resident Carol Patterson. She also noted the passing Vicky Martinez and Celeste MacMillan. She then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Mr. Jordan that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

AWARD OF CONTRACT – STREET & CONCRETE WORK: Council awarded the contract for PY 36 CDBG street and concrete work to NZI Construction Corporation at a cost not to exceed \$70,000.

REAPPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY GROUP: Council re-appointed Cynthia Comproni to serve on the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Putens added “Foreclosure Ordinance” to the agenda. With this addition, it was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Mr. Jordan that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT MONTH – PROCLAMATION: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments and issued a proclamation indicating that November is Municipal Government Month. Beverly Palau, Public Information and Communications Coordinator, accepted the Proclamation. Ms. Palau discussed the “Greenbelt Works” online quiz program.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS: There were none.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Mr. McLaughlin reported that the Fall copy of the City newsletter should arrive in the mail next week.

COUNCIL REPORTS: Ms. Mach reported on the CB-80 hearing. She also attended the Utopia Film Festival and the Public Safety Awards Dinner. She commented on the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative celebration of their store remodeling. Mr. Herling reported on the Utopia Film Festival and the Public Safety Awards dinner. Mr. Putens discussed the 4-Cities meeting, the

Halloween Parade and the MML Convention Planning Committee meeting. Mr. Jordan reported on the Circuit Court judicial ride along program. He also mentioned the Utopia Film Festival, Public Safety Awards, an Envision Prince George's steering committee meeting. Ms. Pope had attended the Public Safety Awards and the MML Convention Planning Committee. Mayor Davis read the names of the awardees from the Public Safety awards. She had also attended the ribbon cutting at the remodeled Co-Op grocery store. Mayor Davis reported that the Greenbelt Lady Angels basketball team had won an international championship. She also encouraged residents to sign up for the "We Can" energy challenge program

PROPOSED PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY TRANSIT RESTRUCTURING PLAN: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mayor Davis had attended Tru-G's recent meeting and relayed their request that the 15-X enter Roosevelt Center. Mayor Davis also indicated that TRU-G wanted to know what steps the City was taking to promote these route changes. She had responded to Tru-G that the City would be placing information on the City website and in the City newsletter. Tru-G suggested placing information in City bus shelters. Mr. McLaughlin read an email from Ms. Hruba that listed some of the steps the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and the County were taking to promote the route changes.

Mr. Putens moved that the City send the revised letter. Ms. Pope seconded.

Mr. Orleans asked if there had been any further response from WMATA on the City's conditions. Mr. McLaughlin responded that there had not.

The motion passed 6 to 1 (Roberts).

RESULTS OF 2009 ELECTION QUESTIONNAIRE: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Moran gave a powerpoint presentation and responded to questions from the Council.

Mayor Davis noted that some respondents commented on matters that are not City related.

Ms. Mach suggested that the City place information in a future newsletter about those services/issues identified in the survey that are not City related.

Mr. Herling asked why the questionnaire response rate was decreasing. Mr. Moran responded that it was impossible to know for sure, but that the number of questions on the questionnaire had increased over the years. Mr. Herling expressed the desire to ask for additional explanations on certain questions but acknowledged this would lengthen the survey.

Mr. Putens stressed the need to keep the survey as short as possible.

OTHER REPORTS: There were none.

FORECLOSURE ORDINANCE: Mr. Putens understood that California had passed legislation requiring banks (mortgage holders) and owners of foreclosed homes to register with the local government. He requested that staff look into this idea.

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule. Mayor Davis asked that the City hold a work session on 11/10 to discuss: Council appointments to boards and committees, a review of the past year, tax differential and Council reports.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Ms. Mach and seconded by Mr. Putens. The motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Davis adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, November 8, 2010, at 9:29p.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 8, 2010."

Judith F. Davis
Mayor