

WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held December 15, 2010, with TGI Friday's.

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. It was held in the MultiPurpose 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 McLaughlin, City Manager; Carl Schinner, Police Lieutenant; Marie Triesky, Police Sergeant; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: TGI Friday's Representatives: Brenda Branch, Chief Operating Officer; Robert Safford, Regional Manager; John Faison, General Manager; and Douglas Meister, Attorney.

Lt. Schinner reported that TGI Friday's management team has been meeting monthly with the Police Department to address security issues in and around the restaurant that were brought to the attention of Council in March. He advised that an action plan was developed to address the security concerns and the following actions have been taken by TGI Friday's:

- The lighting was enhanced in the parking lot.*
- No soliciting/loitering signs were posted in the parking lot.*
- A tow company was contracted to routinely patrol the parking lot for vehicles with expired registration plates.*
- Training sessions are held semi-annually to educate TGI Friday's hourly employees on the Maryland Liquor Laws. The Prince George's County Liquor Control Board conducts this training.*
- Additional officers have been hired to assist with crowd control on theme nights.*
- To-Go cups have been placed in a secure location so patrons cannot pour alcoholic beverages in them when they leave the restaurant.*
- The restaurant continues to utilize a mystery shopper program. The program employs individuals between the ages of 27-32 to frequent the restaurant and ensure the employees are requiring identification prior to serving alcoholic beverages.*

Lt. Schinner complimented the TGI Friday's representatives who responded promptly to addressing all the concerns identified in the action plan. He commented on the strong partnership formed between the Department and TGI Friday's representatives. He reviewed the number of calls for service over the past seven months, and noted the number of calls had been greatly reduced.

Mr. Safford, TGI Friday's Regional Manager, said he is not confident there will continue to be a reduction in the calls for police service especially during the summer months, but noted the steps they have taken to be proactive to avoid potential issues and their ability to respond to new concerns very quickly. He commented on the spirit of cooperation they have established with the Police Department and thanked the Department for their efforts.

After discussion, Council requested the Police Department continue with the monthly reporting but suggested the frequency of meetings between TGI Friday's and the Police Department be reduced to a bi-monthly or quarterly basis until the summer months, and then for both parties to determine whether there was a need to continue after that time. Council indicated they would not request a

future meeting with TGI Friday's unless there was a need to do so. They thanked TGI Friday's representatives for their responsiveness to the concerns identified by the Police Department.

Mr. Putens complimented Lt. Schinner, Sgt. Triesky and the entire Department for their success in resolving this issue and suggested the same initiative be used when similar problems are identified in other establishments.

Informational Items

Several informational items were discussed.

The meeting ended at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Cindy Murray
City Clerk*