

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

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.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 Moran, Assistant City Manager; Robert Manzi, City Solicitor; Joe McNeal, Co-Acting Director of Recreation; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Mayor Davis asked for a moment of silence in memory of Greenbelt residents Dorothy Wilhelm, Larry Lates, and Donald Graff, and former residents Joseph Cawley and James Kendall Magrum. 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:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Report #2010-3 (Recycling at City Events): Council accepted this report and forwarded to the City Manager to be implemented.

APPOINTMENT TO 75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE: Council appointed Isabelle Gournay to the 75th Anniversary Committee.

REAPPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY GROUP: Council appointed Lola Skolnik to a new term on the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

RESIGNATION FROM ADVISORY GROUP: Council accepted with regret the resignation of Angella Foster from the Arts Advisory Board.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

ACE Educator Awards Ceremony: Mayor Davis introduced Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) members Alla Lake and Dave Whiteman, who discussed the purpose of the ACE Outstanding Educator Awards, gave an overview of ACE's other activities, and described the gifts and certificates to be presented tonight. They said this was the 15th consecutive year that the ACE Awards had been presented, and thanked the City Council for its support over that period.

Mr. Whiteman recognized Theresa Bugg, Veronica Martin-Frederick, Donald Rich, and Sudhanshu Sinha, ACE members; Councilmember Mach, ACE council liaison; Wendy Wexler, ACE staff liaison; County Councilmember Ingrid M. Turner; County School Board Member Rosalind Johnson; and Carol Martin, representing the state delegation.

The following 2010 award recipients were recognized, and gifts and citations were presented from ACE, the City Council, the County Council and the General Assembly.

Greenbelt Elementary School	Vanessa Zanin – 6 th Grade Teacher/School Wide Science Coordinator
Springhill Lake Elementary School	Morris Powell – Building Supervisor
Magnolia Elementary School	Joan Nachman – Guidance Counselor
Turning Point Academy	Jonathan Triggs – Computer and Technology Teacher
St. Hugh’s School	Deidre LeGrand - 1 st Grade Teacher
Greenbelt Middle School	Alicia James – 6 th Grade Teacher/Team Leader and Department Chair
Eleanor Roosevelt High School	Anne Koroknay – 10-12 th Grade English Teacher

Census 2010 Briefing: Celia Craze, Director of Planning and Community Development, briefed Council on Census 2010. She encouraged all residents to complete their census forms which they will receive by mail within the next few weeks. Ms. Craze noted the importance of obtaining an accurate census count, not only for legislative districting purposes, but for the distribution of resources to each community.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS: None

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Davis commented on the Girl Scouts International Thinking Day and the “If I Were Mayor” presentations she had given at St. Hugh’s School and Greenbelt Elementary School. She congratulated Magnolia Elementary School for being chosen to compete in the County Science Bowl finals.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

LEGISLATION:

A Resolution to Repeal and Reenact with Amendment Resolution Number 969 to Adopt Revised Standing Rules for the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Ms. Pope introduced the resolution for second reading and moved its adoption. Mr. Putens seconded the motion.

Mr. Orleans, Greenbelt, asked and was provided answers to several questions regarding public debate not being permitted at the first reading of an ordinance or resolution.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Herling - yes

Mr. Jordan	-	yes
Ms. Mach	-	yes
Ms. Pope	-	yes
Mr. Putens	-	yes
Mr. Roberts	-	yes
Mayor Davis	-	yes

The resolution was declared adopted (Resolution No. 1059, Book 8).

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Design and Installation of Major Mechanical Equipment for the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center from Shapiro and Duncan, Incorporated, of Rockville, Maryland, at a cost not to exceed \$550,000

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Ms. Mach introduced the resolution for second reading and moved its adoption. Mr. Herling seconded the motion.

Mr. McNeal introduced Jorge Ribas, a principal of Mendoza, Ribas and Farinas & Associates (MRFA), who assisted staff in reviewing proposals submitted for this purchase. MRFA is the engineering firm who did the original engineering work when the GAFC was constructed in 1991 and is very familiar with all aspects of the existing conditions.

Ms. Mach questioned the need for year round environmental control. Mr. McLaughlin said the indoor pool is well ventilated in the summer months by opening the roof and doors, but the PoolPak units were needed the other months to remove humidity.

Mr. Ribas said the PoolPak units are top of the line and the City could expect a 15 year life on the equipment. He mentioned that PoolPak offers service training classes and encouraged the City to send appropriate personnel. Mr. Ribas commented on the efficiency of the compressors and fan motors of the new equipment, along with environmentally friendly “green” refrigerant.

Mr. Roberts said he was not opposed to the purchase of the mechanical equipment but would vote against the resolution because of the use of Program Open Space (POS) funds for the purchase. He commented that POS funds should be used for the purchase of open space. Mayor Davis and Mr. Putens said there was no opportunity to purchase land with the POS funds this year and noted the need for the funds to be expended before they were lost.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Herling	-	yes
Mr. Jordan	-	yes
Ms. Mach	-	yes
Ms. Pope	-	yes
Mr. Putens	-	yes
Mr. Roberts	-	no
Mayor Davis	-	yes

The resolution was declared adopted (Resolution No. 1060, Book 8).

A Resolution to Amend Resolution 1050, a Resolution to Purchase Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein When Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Ms. Pope introduced the resolution for first reading.

GREATER WASHINGTON 2050 COMPACT: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mayor Davis moved that Council authorize her to agree to and sign the Compact on behalf of the City of Greenbelt.

Mayor Davis reviewed the goals of the compact regarding land use, transportation, environment, climate and energy, economic, housing, health and human services, education and public safety. She noted that the compact is strictly voluntary but many of the goals reflect the visions or positions that the City has supported.

Mr. Jordan commented that he would like to see stronger health care goals included in the compact, specifically regarding affordable health care. Council agreed and Ms. Pope and Mr. Putens will address this point at the next Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee meeting. Mayor Davis noted the compact goals can be amended as needed in the future.

Mr. Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

STATE LEGISLATION: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mr. Putens moved that Council oppose Senate Bill 212. Ms. Mach noted this bill would repeal the provisions in the Maryland Homeowners Association Act that allow homeowners associations to restrict or prohibit the display of a sign relating to a candidate or ballot question. Mr. Roberts said the bill should be supported by Council since it is protecting free speech. After discussion, Ms. Mach, Mr. Herling and Mr. Putens emphasized the need for homeowner associations to retain the right to restrict these signs. Mayor Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed. The motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Mach moved that Council support House Bill 537 and Senate Bill 598. The motion passed 7-0. Mr. Moran reported that Delegate Gaines will add another amendment to this bill which will allow any community where University of Maryland Shuttle Bus service is offered to students to be included. Mr. Jordan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Putens moved that Council support House Bill 1120 and Senate Bill 788. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Mach moved that Council support Senate Bill 835. Mr. Jordan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Putens moved that Council support House Bill 1062. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Roberts moved that Council oppose House Bill 558. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Davis asked Mr. Moran to review House Bill 169 and Senate Bill 464 regarding installation and replacement of street lighting fixtures.

COUNCIL REPORTS: Ms. Mach reported on the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Meeting and Maryland Municipal League Communications Committee meeting she recently attended.

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule.

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, March 8, 2010, at 10:41p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Murray
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 March 8, 2010."

Judith F. Davis
Mayor