



*BUDGET WORK SESSION of the Greenbelt City Council held April 29, 2009, for the purpose of reviewing the Miscellaneous, Other and Capital Funds section of Proposed FY 2010 Budget.*

*Mayor Davis started the meeting at 8:09p.m. It was held in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Greenbelt Community Center.*

*PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Konrad E. Herling, Leta M. Mach, Edward V.J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Judith F. Davis.*

*STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager; Jeffrey Williams, City Treasurer; Megan Searing-Young; Museum Director; Sheila Maffay-Tuthill, Volunteer Coordinator and David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager.*

*ALSO PRESENT WERE: Don Byrd & Jim Hartsock, Meals on Wheels; Sylvia Lewis & David Morse, GHI Board; Patricia von Brook & Rose Remenick, Westway residents;*

#### *Miscellaneous Section*

*Mr. Byrd reported that there had been as many as 20 participants in the Meals on Wheels program in Greenbelt, but currently they were down to 10 due to some deaths and hospitalizations. He reported that last year they had delivered 55,000 meals. He stated that 2009 would be a difficult year due to increasing food prices. Mr. Byrd discussed the need for volunteers and noted they would accept high school students in need of service credits.*

*Ms. Searing-Young gave a powerpoint presentation. Council reviewed each page of the Museum budget. Mayor Davis asked about the Tugwell Room. Ms. Searing-Young reported making contact with the Library, but had not met with them yet. Mr. Roberts noted that the County was not properly maintaining the Tugwell Room.*

#### *Capital Projects*

*Ms Von Brook stated that Westway is the shabbiest looking street in GHI and is a main entrance to the City. She believed curb & gutter should be a given on any City street. She cited safety and aesthetic issues on Westway. Ms. Remenick stated she had requested curb & gutter about 43 years ago. She indicated that she had finally given up in frustration. Both residents emphatically stated that curb and gutter should be installed right away.*

*Ms. Lewis expressed the GHI Board's support for the residents. She noted some additional concerns about the lack of curb & gutter including tripping hazards and additional GHI liability. She indicated there was a financial impact for GHI due to additional maintenance expenses in the area and she also noted that "curb appeal" was lacking. She stressed the need*

*to fix both sides at the same time. As a resident who lives on Gardenway, she suggested that the Gardenway project be removed from the Budget and replaced with Westway.*

*Mayor Davis reported that the City had lost \$55,000 in State Highway User Funds and that this could impact the Budget. Mr. Putens believed that the Westway residents had waited long enough and believed other projects needed to be deferred to accommodate this one. Ms. Mach asked the City Manager to re-evaluate the roads being proposed for FY 2010.*

#### *Non-Departmental*

*Council reviewed this section of the Budget.*

#### *Other Funds*

*Council reviewed the Building Capital Reserve, Cemetery and Debt Service Funds.*

*Council reviewed the Replacement Fund. Mr. McLaughlin reported that the large item being replaced was a refuse truck and that staff would seek a CNG vehicle and look for grant funds to cover the increased cost.*

*Under Special Projects, Mr. McLaughlin stated that the large ticket item was the Police Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management system.*

#### *Capital Projects*

*Mayor Davis suggested that the Greenwood Village Playground be a community build. Mr. Roberts requested that the City provide a cost estimate for a pedestrian activated traffic signal (similar to the one at Green Ridge House) at the St. Hugh's crosswalk. He also requested the City send a letter to the State Highway Administration asking for a crosswalk at Kenilworth Avenue & Ivy Lane.*

#### *Information Items*

*Mayor Davis reported that the Greenbriar delinquency rate for condominiums had been changed and this action was creating a problem related to the use of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae loans.*

*The meeting ended at 10:40pm.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*David E. Moran  
Assistant City Manager*

