



***BUDGET WORK SESSION of the Greenbelt City Council held May 13, 2009, for the purpose of reviewing the Green Ridge House section of the Proposed FY 2010 Budget.***

*Mayor Davis started the meeting at 7:40 p.m. It was held in the Dining Room at Green Ridge House.*

*PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Leta M. Mach, Edward V.J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Judith F. Davis. Councilmember Konrad Herling arrived at 7:51 p.m.*

*ALSO PRESENT WERE: Lynnette McGrath and Kim Potts of Community Realty; Christal Batey, Community Resource Advocate; Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.*

*Mr. McLaughlin highlighted the accomplishments for FY 2009. Mr. McLaughlin reported that capital improvements to Green Ridge House were continuing and this was to be expected given the age of the facility. Mr. McLaughlin listed the capital improvements proposed for FY 2010.*

*Ms. Mach asked if the replacement windows, ranges and refrigerators would be energy star rated. Ms. McGrath said yes, the windows would be double paned and the new appliances would be energy efficient. Mayor Davis asked if any new residents had signed up for Zipcar this year. Ms. Potts said no.*

*Ms. Mach mentioned the champion oak tree located in front of the building that was recently featured on the City's annual Tree Tour. Ms. McGrath said the tree is cared for by their landscape company. Mayor Davis suggested Lesley Riddle talk to the landscapers regarding care of the tree.*

*Mayor Davis asked about the smoking policy for the building. Ms. McGrath said smoking is currently allowed in individual units or outside the building, but noted they are working toward making the building entirely smoke free.*

*Several residents commented on the lack of air conditioning for several days in April when temperatures reached 90 degrees. Ms. McGrath explained that once the air conditioning is turned on for the building, it cannot immediately be switched back to heat. She further explained staff was constantly monitoring the weather forecast and knew that temperatures were predicted to drop to 50 degrees within a few days and heat would be needed at this time. Ms. McGrath said fans were provided to all residents who requested them during this time.*

*Mr. Putens commented that Council had discussed a change over to individual units several years ago but found this would deplete the reserve. He asked if it was possible to put different floors on different heat/air conditioning systems. He also suggested that residents could purchase portable air conditioning units that can be used without installation into a window. Ms.*

*McGrath commented she would look into purchasing several portable air conditioning units that could be loaned to residents during emergency situations. Mayor Davis suggested Ms. Potts and Ms. McGrath hold a meeting in the summer with all residents to review the heat and air conditioning policy and make changes to the policy as needed.*

*Ms. Batey encouraged residents to attend the City senior programs. Ms. Mach mentioned the "Not For Seniors Only" programs and the pedestrian safety workshop being held the first weekend in June. Mr. Putens suggested that City senior programs be offered in various areas of the City, including Green Ridge House.*

*Mayor Davis concluded by stating that all the items raised by residents would be considered and she thanked everyone for participating. She invited the residents to hold a candidates forum at Green Ridge House for the upcoming election this fall. The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Cindy Murray  
City Clerk*