



CHARTER MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday,
November 9, 2009.

Outgoing Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Konrad E. Herling, Leta M. Mach, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts, and Judith F. Davis, Mayor.

STAFF PRESENT were Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager; Robert A. Manzi, City Solicitor; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Mayor Davis asked to observe a moment of silence for residents Jon Peckenpaugh and Catherine Sillers. She also asked to remember all the veterans in honor of Veterans Day and the victims of the Fort Hood tragedy that occurred last week. She then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

CERTIFICATION OF FINAL COUNT: Ms. Murray reported that in accordance with Section 8-9 of the City Code, she had posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building the Certification of Final Count of the Regular Council Election held Tuesday, November 3, 2009 as certified to the City Clerk by the chair and members of the Board of Elections. She said a copy of the board's Certification of Final Count was also provided to all the candidates in the City Council race. Designated representatives of candidates were present throughout the election procedures. Early voting and absentee ballots were accounted for and tallied by four election clerks in the Council Room of the Municipal Building in the presence of at least two members of the Board of Elections.

The results of the November 3, 2009, Regular Election for City Council in order of ballot were:

Che Sayles	618
Judith F. Davis	1,857
Edward V. J. Putens	1,678
Leta M. Mach	1,640
Silke I. Pope	1,389
Rodney M. Roberts	1,709
Kelly P. Ivy, Sr.	1,192
Emmett V. Jordan	1,808
Konrad E. Herling	1,647

There were 2,400 ballots cast. Eight of the nine candidates received a number of votes greater than 40% of the total ballots cast. Thus, in accordance with the requirements of Section 31 of the City Charter, the following seven candidates were elected to serve as members of the Council for a two-year term of office:

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OATH OF OFFICE: Silke I. Pope, Emmett V. Jordan, Konrad E. Herling, Leta M. Mach, Edward V. J. Putens, and Rodney M. Roberts took and subscribed to the oath of office before Judith F. Davis, Outgoing Mayor, as prescribed by Section 71 of the City Charter and state law. Copies of the executed oaths of office, attested to by the City Clerk, will be filed in the City Clerk's office.

ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Mr. Herling nominated Mr. Putens to serve as temporary chairperson. Ms. Mach seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF MAYOR: In accordance with Section 6 of the City Charter, Mr. Putens called for nominations for the position of Mayor. Mr. Jordan moved that Judith F. Davis be nominated to serve as Mayor of the City of Greenbelt for the 38th term of Council. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Congratulations were extended to Ms. Davis by the rest of Council.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO MAYOR: Judith F. Davis recited and subscribed to the oath of office before Peggy Magee, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, as required by Section 71 of the City Charter and state law. Mayor Davis then assumed the gavel from Mr. Putens. Congratulations were extended to Mayor Davis by the rest of Council.

STATEMENT BY MAYOR: Mayor Davis thanked Ingrid M. Turner, Prince George's County Councilmember; June White Dilliard, President, NAACP Prince George's County Chapter; Carol and Murray Malveaux, members of the Executive Committee, NAACP Prince George's County Chapter; Mayor Diana Fennell, Town of Colmar Manor; Mayor Xzavier Montgomery-Wright, Town of Brentwood; and Ms. McGree for their presence. She said this had been a historic election, with the implementation of early voting and the expansion in the size of Council, which resulted in a more diverse Council. Mayor Davis thanked all the candidates and their committees; all the residents who came out to vote; the Greenbelt Board of Elections; the City's election judges and clerks; the Recreation and Police Departments; the Greenbriar Community Building and Trinity Assembly of God for the use of their facilities; the Public Works Department for placing election banners and signs and for the remodeling work of the Council Room; local media and neighborhood organizations; the organizations who sponsored the four candidate forums; and City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Assistant City Manager David Moran, City Clerk Cindy Murray and Public Information and Communications Coordinator Beverly Palau. Mayor Davis also thanked her own campaign workers and friends, enumerated some of her findings in talking with citizens while door-knocking for the campaign,

and mentioned the City's economy will be the biggest challenge facing the new Council over the next few years.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM: Mayor Davis called for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Ms. Pope moved that Emmett V. Jordan be named to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Congratulations were extended to Mr. Jordan by the rest of Council.

STATEMENTS BY MAYOR PRO TEM AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL: Mayor Pro Tem Jordan and Councilmembers Pope, Mach, Herling, Roberts and Putens all made statements thanking their friends and supporters and commenting on the major issues that the newly elected City Council would be facing. Mr. Jordan and Ms. Mach also commented on the public outreach campaign for the election which resulted in increased voter turnout for the election, but noted the efforts need to continue so that residents in all areas of the city become involved in the election process.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Putens presented an agenda book signed by all seven councilmembers to Mr. McLaughlin to preserve for the historical record of the city.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Mach made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0. Mayor Davis adjourned the Charter Meeting of November 9, 2009, at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Murray
City Clerk

"I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct report of the Special Charter Meeting of the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, held November 9, 2009."

Judith F. Davis
Mayor