



BUDGET WORK SESSION of the Greenbelt City Council held April 2, 2008, for the purpose of reviewing the Overview, Revenues and General Government sections of the Proposed FY 2009 Budget.

Mayor Davis started the meeting at 8:03 p.m. It was held in the Multipurpose Room of the Greenbelt Community Center .

PRESENT WERE: Council members 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; Jeff Williams , City Treasurer; Dale Worley , Information Technology Manager and David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: William Orleans; and Jim Giese, News Review

Mr. McLaughlin explained several handouts that were presented to Council. Next, he reviewed the Budget-at-a-Glance page and highlighted several items. Mr. McLaughlin reviewed the General Fund Summary with Council. He also presented information on the impact of FY 2009 assessment increases on homeowner tax bills.

Mr. Williams presented a summary of proposed FY 09 revenues. Mayor Davis asked if GHI residents were eligible for the Homestead Tax Credit. Mr. McLaughlin responded that any credit would go back to GHI. Mayor Davis asked if GHI residents were eligible for the State property tax credit and recently created City piggyback program. Mr. McLaughlin said yes.

Mr. Williams noted that personal property tax was down due to the departure of Northrop Grumman. He noted that the City had only limited data on hotel/motel tax since the City had received only one payment from the county.

It was noted that the City had received some one-time fees related to Greenbelt West development. Mr. Williams noted a slight decrease in state police aid, due to the addition of police departments in Bowie and New Carrollton .

Next, Mr. Williams pointed out key expenditure changes by line item. He noted there would be \$150,000 in insurance savings. Mayor Davis wanted this savings noted on a list of potential budget changes.

Mayor Davis asked why false alarm fees had gone down so far. Mr. Williams responded that staff was still investigating this decrease.

Council reviewed each page of the General Fund Summary and General Government sections of the budget. Mr. Worley reviewed the newly established Information Technology budget. Mayor Davis wanted the cost of 10 additional Toughbook laptops for police cruisers added to the budget change list for possible funding.

Under Public Information & Communications, Mr. Putens suggested a periodic City newsletter and asked that this be added to the change list.

The meeting ended at 10:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Moran

Assistant City Manager