



*WORK SESSION of the Greenbelt City Council held July 7, 2008 , for the purpose of receiving a quarterly update from the City Manager.*

*Mayor Davis started the meeting at 8:05p.m. It was held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building .*

*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 McLaughlin, City Manager and Cindy Murray , City Clerk.*

*ALSO PRESENT WAS: Bill Orleans*

*Mayor Davis suggested going through the Management Objectives and Capital Projects lists page by page.*

*Regarding the May 2008 Financial Report from the City Treasurer, Mr. McLaughlin said that revenues would be slightly lower than those anticipated and expenditures would also be lower due to position vacancies and reduced insurance costs.*

*Under Public Information, Mr. McLaughlin said the new Refuse and Recycling brochures had been printed and are being distributed to all refuse and recycling customers. Mr. McLaughlin also mentioned a new Recycling Video was produced this year.*

*Under Greenbelt Museum , Mr. McLaughlin said Ms. St. John is expecting to obtain funding, however not in the amount hoped from the Maryland Historical Trust.*

*Under Planning, Mr. McLaughlin mentioned staff from Planning and Community Development have reported they are initially impressed with the new owners of Springhill Lake Apartments. He said he is continuing to work with county school staff to set up a meeting regarding Greenbelt Middle School .*

*Under Police, Mr. McLaughlin said that a recommendation on Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) will be submitted to Council later this summer. Mr. McLaughlin also noted the Department is currently fully staffed with 54 officers, and the two additional officer positions to be funded by development of Greenbelt Station will not be filled until development is under way there.*

*Under Public Works and Street Maintenance, Mr. McLaughlin gave an update of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) multi-year construction plan. He noted the Lynbrook Court resurfacing work has been postponed until WSSC work on the street is complete.*

*Mr. McLaughlin mentioned the Council of Governments (COG) is exploring the issue of street lights. Mr. McLaughlin said he was not aware of any municipality in Maryland being successful in obtaining ownership of street lights from PEPCO.*

*There was discussion regarding lights on during daylight hours at the Aquatic and Fitness Center and idling City vehicles. Mr. McLaughlin said he would check on both these issues.*

*Under Roosevelt Center , Mr. McLaughlin mentioned the success of the Farmers' Market and how the produce section of the Co-op Supermarket has been expanded to include produce from the market vendors.*

*Under Parks, Ms. Mach asked about the Partners in Parks program. Mr. McLaughlin explained the program is similar to local Adopt-A-Road/Highway Programs.*

*Under Traffic Control, Mayor Davis mentioned the recent traffic light problems on Greenbelt Road at Greenway Center due to the State Highway Administration (SHA) construction in the area. Mr. McLaughlin reported this was a SHA and PEPCO coordination issue and the traffic lights in the intersection were currently working. He further stated he will continue to monitor the situation.*

*Under Greenbelt Connection, Mr. Orleans questioned why the Connection bus cannot accommodate a rider with a motorized scooter. Mr. McLaughlin explained only narrow wheeled units, such as wheelchairs, can be safely secured using the lift equipment on the Connection bus. Mr. Putens asked if adapters were available for the current lift equipment to handle scooters. Mr. McLaughlin will check on this request.*

*Mr. Orleans stated that he was working on creating a video which will show how difficult it is for people using scooters to maneuver on sidewalks in the city. He requested the City develop a sidewalk inventory program. Mayor Davis explained that a sidewalk inventory requires a large amount of staff time and couldn't be done without eliminating other jobs. She said that residents should call Public Works and report sidewalk problems when they develop.*

*Under Service Coordination Program, Mr. McLaughlin said that a new coordinator has been hired and will start next week.*

*Under Recreation Administration, Mr. McLaughlin said the tennis court work would be done this fall.*

*Under Aquatic & Fitness Center , Mr. McLaughlin said this has been a good summer so far for the pool with increased usage and revenues.*

*Under Special Events, Mr. McLaughlin reported on the recent Employee Be Happy, Be Healthy Day. He also commented on the success of Grad Night and thanked Ms. Karen Bowers , the sponsor of the 2008 senior class.*

*Under the Top Ten List, Mr. Putens requested Mr. Manzi contact the newspapers to determine the status of this agreement. Ms. Mach requested an update on CAR #43, list of sidewalks in Lakeside not repaired by Washington Gas Light (WGL) following their work in the area.*

***Other Matters***

*Mr. Herling stated a resident had approached him with the idea of having horseshoe pits installed outside the Community Center. Mayor Davis suggested the resident design a plan and forward it to the City Manager for referral to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.*

*Mr. McLaughlin apologized for the incorrect weekly report from the Police Department being included in their Council packet on July 5, 2008. He provided correct copies of the report to all members.*

*Mr. McLaughlin mentioned Ms. Jill St. John will be resigning her position with the City. Ms. St. John's husband has accepted a job in Brussels and the family will relocate there this summer.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 9:27pm.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Cindy Murray*

*City Clerk*