



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday,
October 13, 2008.**

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:09 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT were Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; Robert Manzi, City Solicitor; David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager; Terri Hruby, Assistant Director of Planning; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Mayor Davis asked for a moment of silence in memory of residents Robert Holloway, Elihu Boldt, Dena Kohn and Thelma Sweeney and former residents Sue Sharp and Edward R. Austin. She then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Mr. Herling that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 5-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Interview, September 22, 2008

Regular Meeting, September 22, 2008

Approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Relations Advisory Board, Report #2008-1 (Swearing-In Ceremony for New United States Citizens): Council accepted this report and added it to the agenda of the next regular Council Meeting.

Community Relations Advisory Board, Report #2008-2 (Welcome Wagon): Council accepted this report and agreed to consider this item as part of the discussions related to the community visioning and future budget deliberations.

DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES for NLC CONGRESS OF CITIES: Council designated Mayor Davis as the voting delegate, Mr. Putens as the first alternate, and Mr. Herling as the second alternate for the business meeting of the National League of Cities 2008 Congress of Cities in Orlando in November.

APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES: Council appointed Marie Gueye to the Advisory Committee on Education, Tiahna Nugent and James Wilson to the Arts Advisory Board and Melissa Hines-Rodriquez and Betty Sonneveldt to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Mr. Herling that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

PRESENTATIONS

National Cooperative Month: Mayor Davis noted that there were representatives present with the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative, Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, Greenbelt Homes Inc., Greenbelt News Review, Greenbelt Nursery School and the New Deal Café. Mayor Davis then read a proclamation declaring October as National Cooperative Month and provided each cooperative with a copy of the proclamation.

Introduction of New Staff: Mr. McLaughlin introduced Sharon Vanzego, the new Green Ridge House Service Coordinator; Megan Searing Young, the new Museum Curator; Jeffrey Thames, the new Capital Projects Manager and Luisa Robles, the new Recycling Coordinator. Councilmembers welcomed the new City staff members.

End of School Year Report: Cpl. Marty Parker and MPO John Rogers presented a PowerPoint presentation of the School Resource Officers' report for the 2007-2008 school year. The officers also provided information on the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program, the Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) program, Students Against Destructive Driving (SADD) program, Grad Night and the Criminal Justice Class currently taught by Officer Rogers.

Bill Orleans, Greenbelt, asked and was provided answers on several questions related to the report.

Mayor Davis thanked the officers for their presentation.

PETITIONS AND REQUETS: Bill Orleans, Greenbelt, provided the City with a sign indicating support of the Purple Line and asked that it be placed in an appropriate location. Mr. Orleans also asked how to obtain permission for hanging an informational street banner in Greenbelt. Mayor Davis explained the procedure all Greenbelt organizations must follow regarding street banners.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Executive Session of September 9, 2008: Mr. Roberts moved that the minutes of the executive session of the City Council held Tuesday, September 9, 2008, be approved as presented. He further requested that the minutes of this meeting reflect that the Council met in executive session at 6:35 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building and that Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 10-508 (a)(1) of the State Government Article of the

Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland to discuss a personnel matter. Mr. Herling seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Herling - yes
Ms. Mach - yes
Mr. Putens - yes
Mr. Roberts - yes
Mayor Davis - yes

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. McLaughlin mentioned the upcoming Depression Screening Day, Lake Cleanup, Shred-It Day, FallFest, Electronics Recycling and the annual City Health Fair.

Mayor Davis asked if the Public Works Department could check on a pile of irrigation pipes and snipe signs that the construction contractor had placed on Hanover Parkway near Greenbelt Road. Mr. McLaughlin said he would notify the Public Works Department.

Ms. Mach noted her attendance at the GHI Picnic, the Prince George's Elected Municipal Women's meeting, the National League of Cities Steering Committee meeting and the International Walk to School Day.

Mr. Herling announced the Utopia Film Festival would be held October 24-26, 2008.

Mayor Davis reported she, along with Mr. Herling, attended Prince George County's Green Festival at Vansville Elementary school which was the first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified school in the County. She said that Mr. Tom Smith, the school principal, had indicated his willingness to lead tours of the school for both members of council and advisory groups.

Mayor Davis mentioned the Empirian Village Residents Meeting, County Councilmember Ingrid Turner's Town Hall Meeting, the GHI Picnic, the International Walk to School Day and the Council of Governments Board of Directors Meeting.

Mayor Davis commented on the Advisory Board Appreciation Dinner and congratulated all current and retired members who received service pins and awards. She also reminded residents that tomorrow is the last day to register to vote in the November 4th election.

LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Amend Resolution 1037, A Resolution to Purchase Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein When Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Herling introduced the resolution for first reading.

State of Maryland Draft Consolidated Transportation Program

FY 2009-2014: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Roberts moved that the City Council restate last year's positions on the issues in this year's letter to the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation, specifically stating the City's objection to the Intercounty Connector, the widening and extension of MD 201 and the University of Maryland Connector Road; and the City's support for the Purple Line Study, US 1 Improvement project and the dedication of funds towards improving transit in the region. Mr. Roberts further recommended that City Council state its request that the funding allocated to the Intercounty Connector, MD 201 Extended and University of Maryland Connector Road projects be redirected to more worthwhile projects, such as the US 1 Improvement Project and transit related projects; transit oriented development project especially given the economic constraints that are facing the State. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Mach questioned why some high impact transportation projects on the County's list had lost state funding. Ms. Hruby mentioned that some transportation projects were not solely state funded but relied on state and federal funding which may have been lost. Mr. Herling asked that this question be included in the City's letter.

COG CLIMATE CHANGE REPORT: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Ms. Mach moved that the City Council support the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) National Capital Region Climate Change Report and that these goals be incorporated into the city's energy conservation plan to be developed this fiscal year. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MARYLAND HUMANITIES COUNCIL PROJECT TO EXPAND MARYLAND HISTORY DAY PARTICIPATION IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SCHOOLS:

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Putens moved that the City Council approve the project and communicate that support to the Maryland Humanities Council via a Letter of Support. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION TRANSPORTATION GRANT: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Herling moved that the City Council authorize staff to submit this grant application for \$24,400 in grant funds to cover the increased costs of purchasing two hybrid vehicles (a pick-up truck for Facilities Maintenance and a sedan for Community Development) rather than similar non-hybrid vehicles. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Roberts indicated he would prefer the City purchase CNG pickup trucks instead of hybrid pickup trucks. Mr. Moran advised that this particular grant did not cover purchases of CNG vehicles.

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule. Mayor Davis noted the work sessions with the Roosevelt Center Merchants and the Beltway Plaza Merchants should be included on the "ready to be scheduled" list.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Putens and seconded by Ms. Mach. The motion carried 5-0. The Mayor adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, October 13, 2008, at 10:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Murray
City Clerk

"I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct report of the regular meeting of the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, held October 13, 2008.

Judith F. Davis
Mayor