



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL** held Monday, September 22, 2008.

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** was answered by Councilmembers Konrad E. Herling, Rodney M. Roberts, Edward V. J. Putens and Mayor Judith F. Davis. Councilmember Leta M. Mach had previously advised that she could not attend.

**ALSO PRESENT** were Jeff Williams, Acting City Manager; Robert Manzi, City Solicitor, and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Mayor Davis asked for a moment of silence in memory of resident Karen Ann Wege Zoellner. 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 4-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Interview, September 8, 2008

Regular Meeting, September 8, 2008

Approved as presented.

Adoption of Board of Appeals Variance Resolution for Variance #08-001-V: No requests for oral argument having been filed, the City Council adopted this resolution by consent as required by the zoning legislation.

Contribution to the Trash Free Potomac Watershed Initiative's Potomac River Outreach and Awareness Campaign for Trash: Council approved a contribution of \$500 to the Trash Free Potomac Watershed Initiative's Potomac River Outreach and Awareness Campaign for Trash.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** It was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Mr. Herling that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

**PRESENTATIONS:** There were none.

**PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:** There were none.

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

Executive Session of September 10, 2008: Mr. Roberts moved that the minutes of the executive session of the City Council held Wednesday, September 10, 2008, be approved as presented. He further requested that the minutes of this meeting reflect that the Council met in executive session at 8:02 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building and that Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 10-508 (a)(7) of the State Government Article of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland* to consult with legal counsel. Mr. Putens seconded the motion.

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

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

Mr. Putens reported that he, along with Mr. Herling, had attended the Prince George's County Municipal Association meeting.

Mr. Herling noted his attendance at the Prince George's County Homeland Security Summit. Mr. Herling announced that he had been informed by Mr. Baker of PEPCO that residents can report street light outages and street light repair progress by going on-line to PEPCO.

Mayor Davis reported the she, along with Mr. Herling, Mr. Moran and Mr. McLaughlin, had attended Goddard's Launch Fest. Mayor Davis also reported that all members of Council had attended the public forum on Greenbelt Middle School.

Mayor Davis noted her attendance at the National League of Cities Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Fall Steering Committee Meeting, the Council of Governments Board of Directors meeting, the Senior Open Forum, the SIDS Walk and the Friends of Greenbelt Museum Lecture on the Lakeland Community in College Park.

### **LEGISLATION**

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of a Vermeer BC1000XL Drum Style Brush Chipper for the

Public Works Department with Vermeer Mid-Atlantic, Inc., of Annapolis Junction, Maryland

at a Cost of \$27,384

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Herling introduced the resolution for second reading and moved its adoption. Mr. Putens seconded.

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

The Resolution was declared passed (Resolution No. 1040, Book 8)

**An Ordinance to Amend Section 17-24, "Posting Notices Prohibited," of the Greenbelt City Code**

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mayor Davis introduced the resolution for second reading and moved its adoption. Mr. Putens seconded.

Bill Orleans, Greenbelt, questioned how the ordinance would be enforced. Mr. Manzi explained municipal infractions would be issued to the parties responsible for the signs.

Justin Okezie stated he supported the ordinance but questioned whether the ordinance would be legally challenged in the future since it only prohibits commercial signs. Mr. Manzi said there was always the possibility of a challenge with any legislation.

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

The Ordinance was declared passed (Ordinance No. 1297, Book 12)

**State Funding Cuts for Transportation Projects:** Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mayor Davis moved that the city join with state and county elected officials protesting the transportation cuts by sending a letter to the state noting how the cuts will affect the community. She also moved that the letter include transit related issues supported by the city such as METRO's Purple Line. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Roberts and Mayor Davis suggested the letter be shared with the public by publishing it in the News Review.\_

**MEETINGS:** Council reviewed the meeting schedule. At the suggestion of Mr. Roberts following the Greenbelt Middle School Public Forum, Mayor Davis requested a work session be scheduled with the Board of Education regarding the funding, usage and detailed plans for the historic portion of the current school building.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Putens and seconded by Mr. Herling. The motion carried 4-0. The Mayor adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, September 22, 2008, at 8:56 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 September 22, 2008.

Judith F. Davis  
Mayor