



**CHARTER MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday,
November 12, 2007.**

Outgoing Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:30 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; David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager; and Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT was Peggy Magee, Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Mayor Davis asked to observe a moment of silence for resident James B. Howard and former residents Linda Rieg, Kenneth William Keeney, Phoebe H. Tharp, and George W. Loutsch. She also asked to remember all the veterans who have died over the last year. She then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

INTRODUCTIONS : Mayor Davis introduced Peggy Magee, Clerk of the Circuit Court, and Obie Pinckney, Municipal Liaison for Prince George's County.

CERTIFICATION OF FINAL COUNT : Ms. Gallagher 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 6, 2007 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. 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 6, 2007, Regular Election for City Council in order of ballot were:

Konrad E. Herling	1,161
Kelly P. Ivy, Sr.	702
Ruth E. Kastner	1,017
Edward V. J. Putens	1,137
Rodney M. Roberts	1,355
Leta M. Mach	1,038
Judith F. Davis	1,375

There were 1,898 ballots cast. Six of the seven candidates received a number of votes equal to more than 40% of the total ballots cast. Thus, in accordance with the requirements of Section 31 of the City Charter, the following five candidates were elected to serve as members of the Council for a two-year term of office:

Judith F. Davis
Rodney M. Roberts
Konrad E. Herling
Edward V. J. Putens
Leta M. Mach

OATH OF OFFICE : 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. Putens nominated Mr. Herling 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. Herling called for nominations for the position of Mayor. Mr. Roberts moved that Judith F. Davis be nominated to serve as Mayor of the City of Greenbelt for the 37 th term of Council. Mr. Putens 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. Herling.

STATEMENT BY MAYOR : Mayor Davis thanked Ms. Magee and Mr. Pinckney for being present. She thanked all the candidates and their committees for a good campaign and for bringing new ideas up for discussion. She thanked all the residents who came out to vote, the Greenbelt Board of Elections and its chairperson, Judith Ott; City Clerk Kathleen Gallagher, City Manager Michael McLaughlin, and Assistant City Manager David Moran; the City = s election judges and clerks; the Public Works Department; the Recreation and Police Departments and the Greenbriar Community Building for providing polling facilities; the media; and the organizations who sponsored the three candidate forums. She also thanked her own campaign workers and friends, enumerated some of her findings in talking with citizens while door-knocking for the campaign, and gave an overview of plans and challenges awaiting the new Council.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM : Mr. Putens moved that Rodney Roberts be named to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Ms. Mach seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Congratulations were extended to Mr. Roberts by the rest of Council.

STATEMENTS BY MAYOR PRO TEM AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL : Mayor Pro Tem Roberts and Councilmembers Mach, Herling, 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. Mayor Pro Tem Roberts also commented on the positive impact of the reduction in the distance from the polls where electioneering activities are permitted. He also thanked the challengers, Ruth Kastner and Kelly Ivy, saying that their participation had “made it a real election.”

OTHER BUSINESS : Mr. McLaughlin had conveyed a suggestion to Council that a work session be held on November 19 to continue planning for the visioning or goal-setting meetings Council wished to hold early in 2008. It was agreed to add this work session to the calendar.

ADJOURNMENT : Ms. Mach made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 5-0. Mayor Davis adjourned the Charter Meeting of November 12, 2007, at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Gallagher
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 12, 2007."

Judith F. Davis
Mayor