



***WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, October 15, 2007, for the purpose of receiving a quarterly update from the City Manager.***

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

***PRESENT WERE:*** Councilmembers 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 Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk.

***Top Ten List***

*First, the status of the “Top Ten List” was reviewed per Mr. McLaughlin’s memo of September 28. On the Greenbelt Station item, he noted that staff was also continuing to work with the developers on the issue of potential Tax Increment Financing (TIF). Mayor Davis commented that there is misinformation being circulated that it has already been absolutely decided that the City will approve a TIF. Mr. McLaughlin said the City is working with expert consultants and that, thus far, the City has not received credible data on projections regarding how many units will sell at what price. He said some of the conditions and assumptions are not convincing: for example, their price point appears to be too high to generate the revenue stream that would be needed.*

*Regarding Springhill Lake redevelopment, Mr. Roberts asked about code enforcement issues. Mr. McLaughlin said he would get a report for Council but that the City had reverted to “taking a hard line” with them.*

*Ms. Mach raised a question about a prior Top Ten item, the Skate Park, since a complaint had been received regarding behavior problems there. The Mayor said the City needs a better way of identifying repeat offenders and determining who needs to have their privileges revoked. Mr. Roberts said it was his impression during the Labor Day Festival that Recreation staff were not enforcing the regulations adequately. He said they say they do not have sufficient time, but he thinks there is a problem with expecting younger staff members to handle these situations and that more adult supervision may be needed. Mr. Putens commented that perhaps this would also be a good location for a camera.*

***Management Objectives and Capital Projects***

*Regarding the Greenbelt West Schools plan, Ms. Mach asked the status of the supposed countywide planning for the schools. Mr. McLaughlin said this issue had been placed on the City's legislative agenda.*

*Regarding the Police Department, Mayor Davis and Councilmember Mach spoke about a meeting they had attended on Homeland Security, where information was provided on the funding for the interoperable radio system. Although Prince George's County would fund the tower and infrastructure, the municipal cost-sharing would be substantial, at \$3,200-\$4,800 per radio. Mr. McLaughlin said that he and Chief Craze had discussed the possibility of a proposal to Delegate Gaines to help with this in lieu of costs for the Joint Communications Center.*

*Regarding street maintenance, the Mayor offered a reminder that the east end of the path to the Spellman Overpass needs work. Council also asked for more information regarding the suggestion that had been made to buy the lights at the Overpass from Pepco, with the idea that the City could better maintain them.*

*Regarding recycling, the Mayor stressed the need to find a way to recycle the compact fluorescent bulbs that everyone is now being encouraged to use.*

### ***September 2007 Financial Report***

*Mr. McLaughlin said that revenues were ahead of, and expenses were behind, where the City usually is at this time of the year.*

### ***Real Estate Tax Credit Program***

*The City Treasurer had provided a memo on this topic dated September 14. Mr. Roberts said he wanted to be sure that the City would be careful not to use a program of this type as a justification for raising taxes.*

### ***Other Business***

*Ms. Mach announced that the MML Communications Committee was planning a map of Maryland to highlight municipalities, which would require submission of a map data form by the City.*

*Mr. McLaughlin said the agenda for the October 22 regular meeting would include a briefing on the School Board's revised plan for the Middle School. It was agreed to notify PSTA heads at the Middle School and at Greenbelt and Springhill Lake Elementary Schools.*

*Mayor Davis announced that Montgomery County had asked COG for a total compensation study for metro area government officials.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Kathleen Gallagher  
City Clerk*