

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, January 4, 2016.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Konrad E. Herling, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan. Councilmember Leta M. Mach was out of town. Councilmember Silke I. Pope was unable to attend due to illness.

ALSO PRESENT were Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; Jessica Bellah, Community Planner; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

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

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DEIS) FOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Jessica Bellah, Community Planner, reviewed the draft letter to the General Services Administration (GSA) providing comments for the FBI Facility Consolidation and Relocation Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and indicating Council's support of the FBI relocating to the Greenbelt Metro Station. She noted that the letter pointed out the beneficial impacts in the areas of Surface Water, Land Use, Taxes, Employment and Income, and Stormwater Management among others. Ms. Bellah said the letter also indicated the City's willingness to assist, however possible, in correcting the adverse impacts in the areas of Floodplains, Traffic, and Visual Resources among others. Ms. Bellah also reviewed those comments and areas of concerns for which Council requested additional information and attention. These included alignment and impact of the perimeter fence and support of GSA pursuing a leased facility. Attachment A of the letter contains corrections to specific topics and statements within the DEIS.

Garth Beall, Renard Development Corporation, commented that the DEIS had been available for review for 60 days and the comment period ends on Wednesday, January 6, 2016.

In response to a question from Ms. Davis, Mr. Beall said Washington Gas will be sending a letter to GSA indicating that the MD 193 transmission line would better serve the site in place of connecting under the Beltway to a gas transmission line.

Mr. Putens recommended the letter, or an attachment to the letter, correct several factual inaccuracies or mistakes in the DEIS relating to the Police and Recreation Departments. Mr. Herling requested improvements the project will provide to the Anacostia Watershed be included.

Mr. Roberts expressed concern about the total environmental impacts of this project as well as the impact of the State Highway Administration (SHA) Beltway Ramp Project, relocation of sound barriers along the Beltway, etc. Ms. Bellah explained the DEIS focuses on the direct impact of the FBI project and the SHA project is considered separate. She added that the SHA project is still in a draft state and expects more details in the next few months.

Mr. Roberts also expressed concern regarding the lack of specific details regarding the environmental impacts associated with this project along Edmonston Road and Sunnyside Avenue.

Cary Coppock, 9-D Ridge Road, questioned the depth of the facility below ground surface. He noted there was very little vertical space to build beneath the ground surface and remain above the water table. Ms. Bellah said nothing in the DEIS indicates there will be an underground facility. Mr. Beall added that from his conversations with FBI representatives, the first level of the facility is expected to be at ground level.

Mr. Coppock suggested that the Maryland Department of the Environment and Prince George's County Department of the Environment establish (fund) two new web accessible flow and water quality monitoring stations, above and below the FBI site. After brief discussion, Mr. Coppock said he would forward further information on these stations to Council.

Ms. Davis moved that Council approve (as amended) the letter to the General Services Administration providing comments for the FBI Facility Consolidation and Relocation DEIS and indicating Council's support of the FBI relocating to the Greenbelt Metro Station. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the special meeting was made by Mr. Herling and seconded by Mr. Putens. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Jordan adjourned the special meeting of Monday, January 4, 2016, at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Murray
City Clerk

"I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct report of the special meeting of the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, held January 4, 2016."

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor