

*WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Wednesday, July 6, 2016, on the WSSC Sewer Line Rehabilitation In-Stream Project.*

*Mayor Jordan started the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was held in Room 201 of the Greenbelt Community Center.*

*PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Konrad E. Herling, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.*

*STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; Terri Hruby, Assistant Director of Planning; Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Administrative Assistant; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.*

*ALSO PRESENT WERE: April Wilt and Matthew Campbell, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, and others.*

*Ms. Wilt explained that as part of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) Sewer Repair, Replacement and Rehabilitation (SR3) Program, sewer line rehabilitation work will be done throughout the City. She said part of the project consists of in-stream rehabilitation work on a portion of Still Creek just off of the entrance road to the Hanover Apartments.*

*Ms. Hruby said during the staff review of the project permits, staff thought the project was significant enough to bring it to Council for a briefing. She advised that staff views the project as preemptive sewer line maintenance to avoid the possibility of having an emergency situation. Ms. Hruby added representatives from Friends of Still Creek (FOSC) have also been briefed on the project.*

*Ms. Wilt reviewed the details of the stream restoration project which will help control erosion along the stream banks and regulate water flows and elevations so that they are conducive to the aquatic species. Mr. Campbell said one part of the stream will need to be realigned and the flow of the original stream will be recreated. He said many trees in this section have been undercut by the stream and the slope will be regraded.*

*Mr. Campbell said the staging area for the project will be on the east side of the stream. In response to a question from Ms. Davis, Ms. Wilt said WSSC will take efforts to minimize any impacts the construction equipment may cause to the area and if necessary, repair any areas damaged.*

*Mr. Roberts asked if WSSC could address the stream erosion problem further upstream. Mr. Campbell said no because it is not WSSC property. Ms. Hruby advised that FOSC recognizes that stream stabilization work needs to be done in that location and they have been focusing their attention to address the problem.*

*Ms. Davis asked about the guarantee of replanted trees. Mr. Campbell said contractors have a one-year maintenance responsibility. Ms. Davis expressed concern that trees will die after that one year time period and suggested WSSC look into extending the warranty period. Ms. Hruby said that a one-year maintenance term is typical.*

Ms. Davis asked about noise from the project. Ms. Wilt said there will be some noise from the delivery of rock, etc., but said work would not begin until 8:00 a.m. Ms. Hruby added that all work will be in compliance with the City's noise permit ordinance.

Mr. Roberts questioned the age of the existing pipe. Mr. Campbell estimated the pipe had been in place since the 1950's or 1960's.

Mr. Campbell reviewed the tree restoration work and said WSSC will include the city's input on tree species. Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis mentioned that the Advisory Committee on Trees may be of assistance.

Ms. Pope asked when the project will begin. Ms. Wilt said work should be able to start within the next month. Ms. Hruby said a preconstruction meeting will be scheduled and a City Inspector will be assigned to monitor the project.

Mr. Campbell said emergency contact information will be included with the permit posting for the project.

#### Informational Items

Ms. Mach said the National League of Cities Human Development Committee had discussed the idea of the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment/Freedom Day Holiday to recognize when slavery actually ended in the United States. She suggested the idea be referred to the Community Relations Advisory Board for consideration. After discussion, Council requested the referral to CRAB be included on the consent agenda of the next meeting.

Several other informational items were discussed.

#### Executive Session

Ms. Davis moved that Council conduct an Executive Session in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland to discuss a personnel matter. Mr. Herling seconded.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	-	Yes
	Mr. Herling	-	Yes
	Ms. Mach	-	Yes
	Ms. Pope	-	Yes
	Mr. Putens	-	Yes
	Mr. Roberts	-	No
	Mayor Jordan	-	Yes

Ms. Davis announced that Council would not return to open session following the executive session.

Council moved into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Cindy Murray  
City Clerk*