Introduced: Ms. Mach

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## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 981**

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE ELECTRICITY THROUGH THE BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ELECTRICITY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, since the price caps on electricity supply rates were lifted in July 2004, the City's costs for electricity have risen dramatically; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore/Washington Corridor Chamber of Commerce (BWCC) has created an electricity aggregation program to obtain competitive prices for its members; and

WHEREAS, the City of Laurel and many businesses who are members of BWCC have obtained reduced electricity rates by participating in BWCC's electricity cooperative purchasing program; and

WHEREAS, at the regular meeting of March 14, 2005, the City Council authorized participation by the City in the BWCC electricity cooperative purchasing program; and

WHEREAS, when BWCC conducts its competitive bidding process with electricity suppliers and a viable quote for electricity has been received, the City must make a decision and execute contract documents within four-to-eight hours; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, that the City Manager be authorized to execute all necessary documents to purchase electricity under the Baltimore/Washington Corridor Chamber of Commerce electricity cooperative purchasing program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, at its regular meeting of March 28, 2005.

	Judith F. Davis, Mayor
ATTEST:	
Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk	