

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, September 12, 2011.

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Konrad E. Herling, Emmett V. Jordan, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Judith F. Davis.

ALSO PRESENT were Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager; John Shay, City Solicitor; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Mayor Davis asked for a moment of silence in memory of Greenbelt residents Sara Winkler, Ernestine Kaper and Ken Wright, former Greenbelt resident Marie White, and Ms. Pope's father Hans Roderich Trojahn. She then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

9/11 REMEMBRANCE: Mayor Davis asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the September 11, 2001 tragedy.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Davis asked to remove the minutes of the August 29, 2011 work session. With that change, it was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Mr. Jordan that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following action:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Work Session, August 17, 2011  
Approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety Advisory Committee, Report #2011-02 (WMATA Metrobus Safety):  
Council accepted the report.

RESIGNATIONS FROM ADVISORY GROUPS: Council accepted the following resignations from advisory boards and committees: Paul Sabol, Park and Recreation Advisory Board; Luis Vazquez, Public Safety Advisory Committee; Erica Husser, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee; and Dorothy Lauber, Board of Elections.

DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR NLC CONGRESS OF CITIES: Council designated Mayor Davis as the voting delegate, Mayor Pro Tem Jordan as the first alternate, and Mr. Putens as the second alternate, for the National League of Cities (NLC) 2011 Annual Business Meeting on November 12, 2011.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Ms. Pope that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Community Pledge Reading: Council and audience members recited the Community Pledge. Councilmembers then commented on 9-11 and thanked all those who sponsored and participated in the

Public Safety Advisory Committee and American Legion remembrance events, as well as the Trade Center Stair Climb. Mr. Herling also mentioned Greenbelt Access Television had created a program with interviews from individuals regarding their personal 9-11 memories.

National Preparedness Month Proclamation: Mayor Davis read a proclamation to recognize September as National Preparedness Month. The proclamation was presented to Ken Silberman, Coordinator of the Greenbelt Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Tonie Davis III, President of the Prince George’s County Council of CERT, along with members of both organizations and the Greenbelt Public Safety Advisory Committee.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Betty Timer, chair of Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC), provided an update from SCAC’s Not for Seniors Only “What to Do When the Power Goes Out” session in June. She also invited Council and citizens to attend SCAC’s Open Forum scheduled for later this month.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Work Session of August 29, 2011: Mayor Davis requested the minutes reflect that she had been out of town attending to the funeral of her father. With this change, it was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Mr. Herling that the minutes be approved. The motion passed 6-0. (Mayor Davis abstained due to her absence at the meeting.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session of August 29, 2011: Mayor Davis requested that, in accordance with Section 10-509 (c) (2) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, the minutes of tonight’s meeting reflect that the Council met in executive session on August 29, 2011, at 8:20 p.m., in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 10-508 (a) (3) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland to consider the acquisition of real property (Greenbelt Middle School) for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.

Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Herling	X			
Mr. Jordan	X			
Ms. Mach	X			
Ms. Pope	X			
Mr. Putens	X			
Mr. Roberts		X		
Mayor Davis				X

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; David

Moran, Assistant City Manager; Robert Manzi, City Solicitor; Joe McNeal, Assistant Director of Recreation; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Council took no actions during this session.

Mayor Davis requested the minutes of the Executive Session reflect that she had been out of town attending to the funeral of her father. Mr. Roberts also requested the minutes reflect the time of the session as well as the vote to close the meeting. The minutes of the Executive Session of August 29, 2011, will be included on the agenda of a future meeting.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. McLaughlin mentioned the upcoming Public Safety Expo, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Open Forum, National Public Lands Day, and the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the Greenbelt Aquatics and Fitness Center.

Mr. Roberts questioned whether the Public Works mechanics could be trained to repair the City's compressed natural gas fueling station equipment. Mr. McLaughlin noted the proprietary terms of the FuelMaker equipment required repairs to be performed by their authorized service personnel. He offered Mr. Roberts to meet with Public Works staff to discuss his concerns in further detail.

Ms. Mach thanked the Public Works and Recreation Departments for their efforts in having the City designated as a 2011 Playful City by KaBOOM for the fifth consecutive year.

#### COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmembers commented on the Labor Day Festival and parade. Mayor Davis thanked the Labor Day Festival Committee and all City Departments for their work on these events. Mr. Herling also thanked the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability for their recycling efforts during the festival.

Ms. Mach commented on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Youth Center, including the Wall of Fame, which was also attended by Mayor Davis. She also mentioned the Lady Angels Basketball team celebration as well as the celebration of Coach Allen's 38<sup>th</sup> year of coaching.

Mr. Putens reported on the National League of Cities (NLC) Public Safety and Crime Prevention Committee meeting.

Mr. Jordan noted his attendance at two Maryland Municipal League (MML) legislative committee meetings.

Mayor Davis reported on her attendance at the NLC Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee meeting. She also mentioned the Circus Camp Performance and thanked the Recreation Department staff for their efforts in this event. Mayor Davis congratulated Chief Craze on being selected as Vice President at Large of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

#### LEGISLATION:

An Ordinance to Repeal Article IV “Ethics” and Reenact Article IV “Public Ethics”, of  
Chapter 2 “Administration” of the Greenbelt City Code

Mr. Putens introduced the ordinance for first reading.

LOCAL AND BI-COUNTY LEGISLATION

Ms. Mach commented that Item #11 on the legislative suggestions should be changed from additional funding for noise barriers to change of criteria for noise barriers. She also questioned whether PEPCO’s increased rates during emergency situations should be included. Mr. Moran he believed this issue was covered under Public Service Commission legislation but would research the question further.

After further discussion, Council did not have any additions to the current list of Legislative Suggestions.

USE OF UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SHUTTLE BY GREENBELT RESIDENTS

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mayor Davis, Ms. Mach and Mr. Jordan suggested consideration be given to charging a nominal fee, either \$5 or \$10 to cover the cost of processing passes. Mr. Jordan noted the importance of marketing the program.

Mr. Roberts expressed concern about charging a fee to residents to use the Shuttle-UM. He mentioned the environmental benefits of using the shuttle versus using a private vehicle.

Ms. Mach moved that Council authorize staff to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding to allow City residents to use the University of Maryland Shuttle (Shuttle-UM). Mr. Jordan seconded.

Mayor Davis requested staff determine with Shuttle-UM whether charging an administrative fee was permissible. Mr. Moran said the Memorandum of Understanding with Shuttle-UM would be brought back to Council for the approval.

David Morse, 46-D Ridge Road, and Steven Holland, Boxwood Village, spoke of the advantages of having the Shuttle-UM available for use by City residents.

The motion passed 7-0.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT (EECGB):

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Moran advised that staff had proceeded with Council’s direction of the April 26, 2011, meeting to move with use of \$93,000 in Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funds to install LED lighting fixtures at the Roosevelt Center, Community Center, Youth Center and Schrom Hills parking lots and along the stream valley path. In response to a Council referral to the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) on the use of LED lighting fixtures, GreenACES submitted a report to Council on August 15, 2011, recommending that the City conduct a pilot project using both LED and Induction fixtures.

Mr. Moran said that a total LED implementation project would likely use most of the City's \$93,000 award but induction would only consume half this amount. He advised the grant agreement has a June 30, 2012 expiration date but the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) has communicated that this money should be spent as quickly as possible and ideally by December 31, 2011. Mr. Moran said staff would work with MEA staff to identify another project for use of the remaining funds but said, given the timing and workload, there does not appear to be enough time to do so.

John Lippert, Chair of GreenACES, reviewed the recommendations submitted in the GreenACES report to Council. He commented that LED is an emerging technology but induction lighting is very reliable and less costly.

Mr. Putens moved that Council direct staff to proceed with the use of LED lighting fixtures at the Roosevelt Center, Community Center (Municipal Building) and Youth Center parking lots and induction lighting at Schrom Hills Park parking lot and along Stream Valley Path. Ms. Mach seconded.

After further discussion, Mr. Jordan called the question. This motion passed 7-0

The original motion passed 7-0.

SUSTAINABLE MARYLAND CERTIFIED:

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. She then moved that Council submit a letter to Sustainable Maryland Certified indicating the City's intent to pursue Sustainable Maryland certification. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

OTHER REPORTS: None

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Ms. Mach and seconded by Mr. Jordan. The motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Davis adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, June 6, 2011, at 11:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Murray  
City Clerk

"I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct report of the regular meeting of the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, held September 12, 2011."

Judith F. Davis  
Mayor