



---

**REGULAR MEETING OF GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, June 11, 2001.**

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Council members Rodney M. Roberts, Thomas X. White, and Alan Turnbull, Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Davis had informed Council she would be away. Mr. Edward V.J. Putens arrived at 8:11 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT were Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager; Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk; and John Shay and Robert A. Manzi, City Solicitors, Mr. Shay attending the first part of the meeting and Mr. Manzi the latter part.

Mr. Turnbull led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND AGENDA: Mr. Turnbull asked that item #23 be removed from the consent agenda. A motion to approve both the amended consent agenda and the agenda was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Roberts. The motion passed 4-0.

In approving the consent agenda, Council took the following actions:

**MINUTES**

- Work Session, May 15, 2001
- Work Session I, May 21, 2001
- Work Session II, May 21, 2001
- Four Cities Meeting, May 24, 2001
- Regular Meeting, May 29, 2001
- Interview, May 30, 2001

Approved as presented.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Arts Advisory Board, Report #01-006 (Provision of Visual Arts Educational Programming in the Community Center): Council received this report and agreed to consider it under item #15 (Visual Arts Education Programming) on tonight's agenda.

## PRESENTATIONS

Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) - Safety Grant: Jon Burrell, Executive Director of LGIT, presented Mr. Turnbull with a check for a grant in support of the City's Safety Week activities. Mr. Turnbull, in turn, presented Mr. Burrell with a t-shirt printed with the design that won the children's competition. Mr. Burrell complimented the City on its proposal and Consuella Harris, Human Resource Officer, for her work on the proposal. He also introduced Jennifer Myers, LGIT's new Loss Control Training Coordinator.

National Small Cities "Investing in Communities Day"- Proclamation: Mr. Turnbull read a proclamation declaring the City's participation with the Small Cities Council of the National League of Cities in designating June 22 as "Investing in Communities Day." Mr. Putens accepted the proclamation and said he would take it to the upcoming Small Cities meeting.

## PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

Buddy Attick Park - Letter: Jean Newcomb, 13-U Hillside, wrote several letters to the City objecting to the increased clearing and visibility of the back yards of properties abutting Greenbelt Lake. Mr. Turnbull asked her if she would like to speak to the issue. She spoke briefly but said her letters presented the case. Marc Siegel, 16 Maplewood Court, whose yard is one cited unfavorably by Ms. Newcomb, also addressed Council with two primary points. First, he said that although the buffer issue is one that has come before the Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) before, he believes there are more significant problems regarding the park and the lake that deserve the City's attention. He brought photos to illustrate the problems he cited: trash, beavers, algae, open drinking, erosion and loss of trees along the shoreline by Lakeside, and repair of the spillway. Second, he said the proper time to have talked about a buffer zone would have been when the developer was allowed to build the houses along the lake, but that at this point the land in question is private property. He noted that the Lakeside residents pay high taxes for the privilege of being near the lake. Sylvia Lewis, 2-C Gardenway, spoke to suggest that the City should not get into the business of attempting to legislate taste. Council directed staff to refer both Ms. Newcomb's complaint and Mr. Siegel's response to the Advisory Planning Board and PRAB and then to bring it back to Council on a later agenda.

Bench at 21 & 23 Courts Ridge - Petition to Remove: Ruth Morris, 23-E Ridge Rd., spoke briefly regarding a petition from residents of Courts 21 and 23 Ridge to remove a bench at the end of the two courts that they say has become a magnet for loiterers exhibiting inappropriate behaviors. Mr. Roberts asked if the residents had requested police enforcement. Ms. Morris said the police had responded but indicated that they would have to catch the offenders in the act. Mr. Turnbull suggested that rather than removing the bench precipitately, there should first be a serious attempt to resolve the matter with increased police enforcement. Mr. Roberts made a motion, seconded by Mr. White, to add this item to the agenda as #19. The motion carried 3-1 (Turnbull).

Don Comis, 3-G Laurel Hill Rd., asked to speak about the previous item on Buddy Attick Park. Mr. Turnbull told him the matter had already been referred for board review and requested him to defer any further comment, given the length of the agenda.

Joel Rubinstein, 17-E Parkway, complained that he had been excluded from playing pool in the Senior Game Room in the Community Center. He said the admissions policy is unfair and that a person with a disability who is close to the age of being designated a "senior" should be allowed to use the room unaccompanied. Council referred the question to the City Manager and asked him to report back.

## MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Executive Session, May 23 and May 29, 2001: Mr. Roberts moved that the minutes of the executive session of the City Council held Wednesday, May 23, and continued on Tuesday, May 29, 2001, be approved as presented. He further requested that the minutes of this meeting reflect that the Council met in executive session at 7:54 p.m. on May 23 in the Library of the Municipal Building and that the meeting was recessed at 8:55 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 7:40 p.m. on May 29 in the Library. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Sections 10-508 (a) (7) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter. Mr. White seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Putens - yes

Mr. Roberts - yes

Mr. White - yes

Mr. Turnbull - yes

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Putens raised several items with the City Manager. First, he said there used to be a sign at Buddy Attick Park clearly stating the requirement for permits for use of the park and for boating at the Lake. He asked that staff look into updating or replacing the sign as need be. Second, he asked if the cameras at Roosevelt Center were eventually to be capable of rotating to pan the Center. Mr. McLaughlin said the upgraded fiber optic system will permit this if the City is willing to pay for some additional cable; he said this issue will be brought to Council later. Third, Mr. Putens asked when Greenbelt East will regain its access to channel B-10. Beverly Palau, Public Information and Communications Coordinator, replied that the City has been promised this will be fixed soon. Fourth, Mr. Putens asked about the status of revising the tax appraisal list comparing the three sectors of the City. Mr. McLaughlin said this will be in Council's packet this week. Last, he inquired about the study on the City's agreements on playgrounds, and Mr. McLaughlin said this was still in process.

## LEGISLATION

An Ordinance to Establish a Special Projects Fund: Mr. Turnbull read the agenda comments. Mr. Putens introduced the ordinance for second reading and adoption. Mr. Roberts seconded.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Putens - yes

Mr. Roberts - yes

Mr. White - yes

Mr. Turnbull - yes

The ordinance was declared adopted (Ordinance No. 1200, Book No. 11).

A Resolution to Repeal Resolution 912 and Establish Admission Fees and Pass Rates for the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, Effective September 3, 2001: Mr. Turnbull read the agenda comments. Mr. Roberts introduced the resolution for second reading and adoption. Mr. Putens seconded.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Putens - yes

Mr. Roberts - yes

Mr. White - yes

Mr. Turnbull - yes

The resolution was declared adopted (Resolution No. 930, Book No. 8).

A Resolution to Repeal Resolution Number 894 and Establish Service Charges for Garbage, Trash, and Recycling Collections in the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, Effective July 1, 2001: Mr. Turnbull read the agenda comments. Mr. Putens introduced the resolution for second reading and adoption. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Putens - yes

Mr. Roberts - yes

Mr. White - yes

Mr. Turnbull - yes

The resolution was declared adopted (Resolution No. 931, Book No. 8).

An Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Temporary Disability Reserve (Disability) Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2001, in the Amount of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) for Additional Disability Fund Expenditures over the Appropriated Amount: Mr. Turnbull read the agenda comments. Mr. Roberts introduced the ordinance for first reading and suspension of Council's standing rules. Mr. Putens seconded.

Mr. White asked if this fund was self-funded. Mr. McLaughlin said it was. In response to a further query from Mr. White, he said the increased need this year includes wrapping up two personnel actions and an unusual accident, none of which will have an ongoing impact on future budgets. Mr. White asked when staff knew this fund would require additional appropriation and, upon being told this was known in March, objected to its coming forward so late as to require suspension of the standing rules. Mr. McLaughlin said it had been practice to bring end-of-year budget matters to Council as late as possible in order that they be as accurate as possible and not require further adjustment. He said this practice could be changed if Council wished.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Putens - yes

Mr. Roberts - yes

Mr. White - yes

Mr. Turnbull - yes

Mr. Roberts introduced the ordinance for second reading and adoption. Mr. Putens seconded.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Putens - yes

Mr. Roberts - yes

Mr. White - no

Mr. Turnbull - yes

The ordinance was declared adopted (Ordinance No. 1201, Book No. 11).

An Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Unemployment Compensation Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2001, in the Amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for Additional Unemployment Compensation Payments over the Appropriated Amount: Mr. Turnbull read the agenda comments. Mr. Putens moved that the ordinance be introduced for first reading and suspension of Council's standing rules. Mr. Roberts seconded.

Mr. White asked if this amount was unusual. Mr. McLaughlin said it was not an amount the City would typically need to budget for.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Putens - yes

Mr. Roberts - yes

Mr. White - yes

Mr. Turnbull - yes

Mr. Putens moved that the ordinance be introduced for second reading and passage. Mr. Roberts seconded.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Putens - yes

Mr. Roberts - yes

Mr. White - yes

Mr. Turnbull - yes

The ordinance was declared adopted (Ordinance No. 1202, Book No. 11).

An Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation in the General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2001, in the Amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for Additional Expenditures over the Appropriated Amount: Mr. Turnbull read the agenda comments. Mr. Putens moved that the ordinance be introduced for first reading and suspension of Council's standing rules. Mr. Roberts seconded. In response to a query from Mr. White, Mr. McLaughlin explained that the total amount in the General Fund was adequate but that supplemental appropriation was being requested to be sure that each functional area was adequately funded, in accordance with the City Charter.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Putens - yes

Mr. Roberts - yes

Mr. White - yes

Mr. Turnbull - yes

Mr. Putens moved that the ordinance be introduced for seconding reading and passage. Mr. Roberts seconded.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Putens - yes

Mr. Roberts - yes

Mr. White - no

Mr. Turnbull - yes

The ordinance was declared adopted (Ordinance No. 1203, Book No. 11).

A Resolution for Re-Appropriation of Funds Within Departments in the General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2001: Mr. Turnbull read the agenda comments. Mr. Putens moved

that the resolution be introduced for first reading and suspension of Council's standing rules. Mr. Roberts seconded.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Putens - yes

Mr. Roberts - yes

Mr. White - yes

Mr. Turnbull - yes

Mr. Putens moved that the resolution introduced for seconding reading and passage. Mr. Roberts seconded.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Putens - yes

Mr. Roberts - yes

Mr. White - yes

Mr. Turnbull - yes

The resolution declared adopted (Resolution No. 932, Book No. 8).

**VISUAL ARTS EDUCATION PROGRAMMING - STAFF TRANSITION PLAN:** Mr. Turnbull read the agenda comments. Mr. White asked if Greenbelt Pottery had been authorized by the City to make contact with potential instructors. Mr. Turnbull commented that since the City would have no formal relationship with Greenbelt Pottery, no situation existed under which the City would appropriately authorize Greenbelt Pottery to do anything. Nicole DeWald, Arts Coordinator, further clarified that Greenbelt Pottery has no authority to act for the City, but it is free to communicate in its own right to with potential instructors and make recommendations to the City.

There was discussion of whether ceramics instructors would be City employees or contractors, and it was clarified that, as with other Recreation Department instructors, the City could employ individuals on either basis.

In response to questions from Mr. White, Ms. DeWald said Greenbelt Pottery is incorporated and has a board and officers, but she asked that further questions about the organizations structure and membership be referred to them. Mr. White asked if the City would be entering into a formal agreement or understanding with the entity of Greenbelt Pottery, and Ms. DeWald said there was no plan to do so.

Raising a question of the order of business, Mr. Putens objected to this line of questioning as being too far removed from the topic of the transition plan; he said this "investigation" was not

appropriate. Mr. Turnbull advised that he thought the questions to be closely enough related. Mr. Roberts indicated a wish to speak, but Mr. White declined to yield the floor.

Mr. White explained his detailed questioning by saying this would be Council's last chance to influence programming in ceramics in the Community Center, since with the hiring of a part-time employee, it would become Recreation Center programming and would come to Council only as part of the budget process. He said he had called this change "radical" at the May 29th regular meeting and still considered it be so. Again he asked again if the City intended to enter into a formal understanding with Greenbelt Pottery. Ms. DeWald reiterated that there was no such intention at this time, adding that the Pottery proposal had specifically not requested any agreement with them as an organization. Mr. White said he would like to see an explicit written understanding of what the relationship between the City and Greenbelt Pottery is vis-à-vis conducting ceramics programming in the Community Center. He said the relationship was too fuzzy and should have some defined parameters that are mutually understood.

Mr. Roberts again having requested to speak, Mr. Turnbull asked Mr. White if he would like to yield now. Mr. White declined.

Mr. White then questioned whether outside expertise should be brought in to assist Ms. DeWald, Joe McNeal (Community Center Supervisor) and Connie Harris (Human Resource Officer) to hire the coordinator for the visual arts. Ms. DeWald said staff had decided that was unnecessary. Not only is the position intended for a generalist but, in having three staff members participate in the review, the City will already be going far beyond what is normally done for the hiring of a part-time non-classified person. In response to further comments from Mr. White, Mr. McLaughlin and Ms. DeWald both stated that it was the City, not Greenbelt Pottery, who would be hiring all instructors.

Mr. Roberts said his understanding of the motion passed by Council at the last regular meeting was that Greenbelt Pottery would hire the ceramics instructors, just as the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA) would have hired the non-ceramics visual arts instructors. Ms. DeWald said that was not part of Greenbelt Pottery's proposal and that staff is doing exactly what Greenbelt Pottery requested. Mr. Turnbull said his understanding was the same as Ms. DeWald's and that this had received thorough discussion at the last meeting. Mr. Roberts said he had understood the City would hire the part-time ceramics coordinator but that there had not been any discussion of who would hire the instructors. Mr. White said everyone on Council should have understood that two of the three propositions before Council at the May 29th meeting represented radical departures from current process and would involve turning the ceramics program over to the Recreation Department. He said he had opposed scenario A for that reason. He said everyone should also have understood there was no question of GAVA's accepting either the staff recommendation or scenario A. The "default," he said, was effectively what had been proposed as the staff recommendation, and after tonight visual arts programming at the Community Center would become a new part of the Recreation Department. He added that he thought there should be more specific ceramics expertise reflected in the job description for the ceramics coordinator.



Mr. Turnbull asked the City Manager to comment. First, Mr. McLaughlin said Council would in fact have further options on the handling of visual arts programming since the arrangements resulting from the recent decision were intended to prevail for only a one-year term, at which time it would return to Council. The relationship with Greenbelt Pottery, he stated, had been described by Greenbelt Pottery at the work session as that of a "Friends" group, an interest group, a support group, a community group. Mr. Roberts responded that he had supported scenario A because both GAVA and Greenbelt Pottery had proven track records. He said he was very disappointed that GAVA had decided not to participate. He added that it was now time to move forward, however, and focus on providing quality programs for the community.

Mr. White asked why the cost of ceramics classes would be higher this summer than they had been under GAVA. He also asked about a release specification for both the City and Greenbelt Pottery on the summer ceramics brochure. He said this certainly implied a formal relationship between the City and Greenbelt Pottery, if the City was including Greenbelt Pottery under the umbrella of its liability coverage. There was considerable discussion of the fact that this is a standard "hold harmless" statement, though Mr. Turnbull clarified that the actual question was whether the City would typically include a organization with which it had no formal relationship on such a statement. This part of the discussion came to no conclusion. Mr. Manzi did say that he believed the release notices he had reviewed for the City had not in the past included other organizations. Jessica Gitlis, 19-J Ridge Rd., clarified that the price is higher this summer because the time period is longer.

Mr. White moved that council affirm that staff has direction to run both the ceramics program and the non-ceramics visual arts education program with hired staff. Mr. Turnbull asked Mr. White to clarify whether this was essentially a motion to approve the provisional plan presented by staff. Mr. White said it was and added that, even though he intended to vote against it, he thought Council needed a motion to give clear direction to staff.

Mr. Putens moved to defer the question for a full Council vote. He said he did not want to enter into a 2-2 vote. Mr. Turnbull said he did not think a motion could be deferred, only an agenda item. Mr. Putens said the agenda item did not include a motion and was informational only. He said he did not want to participate in an attempt to reverse action taken at the prior meeting. Mr. White withdrew his motion. Mr. Turnbull did not accept the withdrawal. Mr. Roberts said he would vote against the motion if a vote were taken, but he agreed the agenda item was informational. He suggested that Council should "get over it" and let staff move ahead. Mr. Putens also said he was satisfied with the transition plan. Mr. Turnbull then withdrew his motion.

Mr. White then moved that Council direct staff to provide an outline of an arrangement with Greenbelt Pottery regarding the conduct of ceramics programming in the Community Center. Mr. Turnbull seconded the motion for discussion, adding that he would vote against it. He said he thought all that was needed was a description from the City of how it relates to any group with which it has no formal relationship. He said Greenbelt Pottery had not asked for a formal relationship or a formal agreement, and it would therefore be inappropriate for Council to require one. Mr. White said his intention was to get the relationship defined. Mr. Putens said no motion was required to so direct staff. Mr. Roberts said he would vote against the motion and that he did not think Council needed to place any further "bureaucratic hurdles" in staff's way. Mr. Putens

said he agreed, as did Mr. Turnbull, who withdrew his second. Mr. White asked the City Manager to provide such a description.

Mr. White then moved that Council direct staff to issue a Request for Proposals by January 2002, with proposals to be received by March, prior to review of the FY 2003 budget. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Michael McMullin, 51-A Ridge Rd., a member of GAVA, said he had disagreed with GAVA's decision to withdraw but was nonetheless strongly opposed to the City staff's taking over control of arts programming. Jean Sickle, 133 Greenhill Rd., a member of Greenbelt Pottery, said she disagreed with the premise that the City should not take a direct role.

**JAEGER TRACT FRIENDS AGREEMENT:** Mr. Turnbull read the agenda comments. Glenn Eugster of the Partnerships Office of the National Park Service gave an update on the collaborative effort to acquire the tract. He said Community Management Company, representing the owner, indicated a willingness to cooperate but not to slow down the development efforts in the meantime. To meet that time pressure, the Park Service hopes to bring a proposal to the owner by about August 15. An amount of \$1 million from Congress is still pending but looks likely. In response to a question from Mr. White, Mr. McLaughlin said that the friends agreement includes no financial commitment from the parties, but he would anticipate that to be the next step. Mr. Putens moved that Council authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement and continue to work with the National Park Service toward the acquisition of the Jaeger tract. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

**AWARD OF BID - PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS:** Mr. Turnbull read the agenda comments and noted that a schedule of meetings for review of playground improvements has been published in the News Review. Mr. Roberts said he and other Council members had received complaints that popular items have been removed from the playgrounds without adequate replacement. Bill Phelan, Superintendent of Operations, Public Works, said one slide, in particular, at Plateau and Ridge has been the focus of many of the complaints. Mr. McLaughlin added that staff is sensitive to this issue and is looking for equipment that is both fun for children and also meets safety guidelines. Mr. Phelan said about 75-80% of what the City is spending now is on surfaces. When the initial items are completed, the City can continue to add equipment, but there is not enough money to accomplish everything at once. Mr. Putens moved approval for the City to contract with Custom Park Services for the playground work as identified in their bid proposal and to make up the \$15,000 shortfall by seeking authority to reprogram CBDG funds; if that option fails, staff will review with Council a plan to reduce costs by having City crews undertake the upgrade at the playground near the museum. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

**REQUEST TO REMOVE BENCH BETWEEN 21 AND 23 COURTS RIDGE:** At Mr. White's suggestion, Council agreed to take up this item next. Mr. Turnbull asked Chief James Craze if he could shed any light on the issue of police response to the complaints. The Chief said the complaints had not reached him personally, and he would have to look into it. Mr. White said that although Council would not usually act on a petition submitted tonight, the staff had already determined that neither Greenbelt Homes, Inc., nor Green Ridge House objects to the removal of

the bench. He thus believed there was enough information for him to support the removal of the bench. Mr. Putens agreed but said the Chief should still investigate and report back to Council about the police response to the matter thus far. Mr. Turnbull compared this request to the one to remove the telephone from Roosevelt Center because it attracted problem behavior that could not be adequately policed. In both instances, he thought removing the amenity should be the last resort rather than the first one and that every effort should first be made to fix the problem and correct the behaviors. Mr. Roberts expressed concern that the undesirable activity would merely move on to the next bench. Nevertheless, he said, it does no good to have amenities that cannot be used by the people for whom they were intended. He said the overall problem of inappropriate behavior in the area of the Center needs more attention and enforcement and that it is a problem for the merchants as well as the residents. Sylvia Lewis, 2-C Gardenway, also spoke for the need for additional efforts to solve the underlying problems. Mr. White moved Council approval of the removal of this bench. Mr. Putens seconded. Mr. Turnbull again objected that there was no contingency plan to solve the real problem. Mr. White noted that this particular bench was of greater concern than those nearer the Center because of its proximity to people's homes. The motion passed 3-1 (Turnbull).

**RED LIGHT CAMERA PROGRAM - GRACE PERIOD:** Mr. Turnbull read the agenda comments and said Council had been chagrined to hear that the plan for the grace period had not gone as expected. Mr. McLaughlin added that the staff recommendation to turn the cameras off would cost \$2,000 per camera, which could be taken out of fees. Mr. White questioned the need to stand by the grace period, given the unexpected cost of it, and suggested going forward with the implementation. Mr. Putens said he was concerned that there was a problem of good faith, since the City had said there would be a grace period. Mr. Roberts agreed Council should stick by what had been said publicly and added he would also prefer that the signs be posted. Mr. Turnbull said he did not think the City was required to assume significant extra costs for the sake of warning people not to engage in illegal behavior. Mr. White suggested reactivating the cameras June 22 instead of July 1 would fulfill the promise of a month's grace period while mitigating the costs. He moved that the cameras be turned off, additional publicity about the program be published, and the citations already issued be refunded or voided, with the cameras to be reactivated and citations issued beginning June 22. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion, which passed 3-1 (Turnbull).

**GREENBELT METRO AREA SECTOR PLAN AND SECTIONAL MAP AMENDMENT:** Mr. Turnbull read the agenda comments. In response to questions from Mr. White, Terri Hruby, Community Planner, said it was staff's intention to reiterate the City's previous points related to the overall plan. After brief discussion, Mr. White moved that Council communicate its support for District Council Amendments 4 and 5, share its concerns regarding other proposed amendments, and state the City's opposition to the Metroland request to the County Council and Planning Board in advance of the hearing. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

**SITE PLAN FOR DOCTORS HOSPITAL - SPECIAL EXCEPTION AMENDMENT:** Council agreed to change the order of business and take up this item next. Mr. Turnbull read the agenda comments. Kristen Jalo, intern with the Planning and Community Development Department, told Council the 116-space parking site had been eliminated from the plan. Daniel LaPlaca, attorney, attended to represent the owner and answered a number of questions from Council about the plan

and about the ownership of the various parts of the property. With regard to the staff suggestion that the hospital be required to submit a master plan for the property, he said the original plan of 30 years ago essentially has functioned as a master plan, since nothing has been done until now that was not part of the original plan. Regarding another staff comment, he said the hospital would prefer to have a traffic light at the Good Luck Road entrance, but the county opposes it. Mr. White asked if they had considered a roundabout, and Mr. LaPlaca said he would suggest it. Mr. Putens moved Council approve the special exception amendment with the conditions listed in the agenda comments and the request that the hospital consider proposing a roundabout at the Good Luck Road entrance. Mr. White seconded. Ms. Hrubby asked that the City be sent a copy of the original plan Mr. LaPlaca mentioned, as well some notation on the intent for items not yet constructed. The motion passed 4-0.

**PROGRAM OPEN SPACE FY 2002 PROGRAM:** Mr. Turnbull read the agenda comments. Mr. Roberts reiterated his objections to using open space money for development. He said he indicated last year that he would consider compromising on that stand if staff made progress on some of the slated acquisition projects, but he was disheartened to see little effort had been made except for the Sunrise property. Mr. McLaughlin explained staff had focused its efforts on the top two priority items but that this practice could change if it was not in line with Council's direction. Mr. Putens commented that in many of these instances the City cannot move without a willing partner. Mr. Roberts said he thought if the City put items on the list, it should, at least to some extent, attempt to keep them moving forward. Mr. Turnbull moved that Council approve the City's FY 2002 Annual Program for Program Open Space and submit it by the June 15 deadline. Mr. Putens seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

**SELECTION OF AUDITING FIRM:** Mr. Turnbull read the agenda comments. Mr. Roberts said he would prefer to see all the proposals, even if some are disqualified. After some discussion, Mr. White moved that the contract for auditing be awarded to Resnick, Fedder & Silverman. Mr. Roberts seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

**MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ACTION REQUEST FOR 2002 LEGISLATURE:** Mr. White spoke in favor of reframing the City's previous suggestion on alternatives to property taxes for revenue. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Turnbull and seconded by Mr. Putens that Council direct staff to propose three items: fiscal sustainability, red light cameras for speeding, and state matching grants for car-sharing programs. The motion passed 4-0.

**MEETINGS:** Council agreed to hold a special meeting on July 2 to review the Greenbelt station conceptual plan and plan of preliminary subdivision prior to the county planning board's rescheduled hearing on July 12. It was also agreed to host a Goddard public meeting on its facilities master plan on Tuesday, July 24. Work sessions were tentatively scheduled with the New Deal Café for July 9 and on the compensation plan for July 11. Council placed the work session with the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee on July 25 and the quarterly review of the Council Action Request report on July 30.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Turnbull. The motion carried 4-0. Mr. Turnbull adjourned the regular meeting of June 11, 2001, at 12:55 a.m. on June 12.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Gallagher

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 June 11, 2001."

Alan Turnbull

Mayor Pro Tem