



**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION/LEGISLATIVE DINNER**  
**Held Tuesday, November 28, 2000, at the Greenbelt Marriott**  
**For the purpose of discussing the City's legislative priorities for 2001**

Mayor Davis convened the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

PRESENT WERE Council members Edward V.J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts, Alan Turnbull and Thomas X. White, and Mayor Judith F. Davis.

STAFF PRESENT WERE Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager; Robert A. Manzi, City Solicitor; David E. Moran, Assistant to the City Manager; and Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT WERE State Senator Leo Green; State Delegates Mary Conroy, James Hubbard, and Joan Pitkin; and County Councilmember Audrey Scott.

Mayor Davis welcomed the legislators and thanked them for attending. The following legislative priorities were identified and discussed:

State Issues:

- Bond Bill for Addition to Springhill Lake Recreation Center
- Bond Bill for Renovation of Historic Greenbelt Theatre
- Opposition to Funding of Beltway Ramps at Metro Station
- Full Planning and Zoning Authority for Municipalities

County Issues:

- Restoration of Payment of COG Membership Dues
- Increase in M-NCPPC Funding in Greenbelt

Funding for Youth Service Bureaus discussed as an "Item for Alert." Other items of City interest were also mentioned: the Change in Measure of DWI Blood Alcohol Concentration to .08; State Highway Administration Funding of Pedestrian Overpasses; and Municipal Fiscal Sustainability. The Maryland Municipal League's legislative priorities were also mentioned, among which the Urban Legacy Grant Program was noted as being of most interest to Greenbelt. The legislators were also informed that Council intends to pursue with PEPCO and the Public Service Commission complaints about electrical outages.

During the meeting, the following points were raised: the bond bill for the Springhill Lake Recreation Center should be raised to \$750,000; planning funding should be sought for the theater; there may be an announcement on Metroland in the next month; a bill will be prepared to permit municipal site plan review; the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission has prepared a response on funding for Greenbelt.

Mayor Davis asked the legislators if they had anything they wished to make the City aware of. Ms. Scott mentioned the County Council's recent action on a cable franchise for Starpower, and Mr. Hubbard reminded everyone that December 11 is the date of the last public hearing on local bills in the House.

The legislators thanked the City for its hospitality, and Council thanked them for coming.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Gallagher

City Clerk