

# REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1998

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

ROLL CALL was answered by Edward V.J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Alan Turnbull and by Judith F. Davis, Mayor.

ALSO PRESENT were Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager; Robert Manzi, City Solicitor; W. Bowman Ferguson, Management Analyst and David E. Moran, City Clerk.

Mayor Davis observed a moment of silence for Anna Link. Then, she led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Putens requested that item 19 be removed and Ms. Davis requested that item 17 be removed. With these changes, Mr. Putens moved approval of the consent agenda. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Putens requested that item 19 be removed and Ms. Davis requested that item 17 be removed. With these changes, Mr. Putens moved approval of the consent agenda. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

# COUNCIL THEREBY TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Advisory Planning Board Report #98-04: Council accepted this report and placed this item on the next City Council agenda. Advisory Planning Board Report #98-04: Council accepted this report and placed this item on the next City Council agenda.

LETTER TO WMATA RE: CHERRYWOOD LANE VACATION REQUEST: Council authorized the Mayor to sign the letter. LETTER TO WMATA RE: CHERRYWOOD LANE VACATION REQUEST: Council authorized the Mayor to sign the letter.

RESIGNATION FROM ARTS ADVISORY BOARD: Council accepted Mr. Braun's decision with regret and directed that the appropriate letter of appreciation be drafted for the Mayor's signature. RESIGNATION FROM ARTS ADVISORY BOARD: Council accepted Mr. Braun's decision with regret and directed that the appropriate letter of appreciation be drafted for the Mayor's signature.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Turnbull moved that the agenda be approved. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed unanimously. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Turnbull moved that the agenda be approved. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### PRESENTATIONS:

County Council Woman Audrey Scott: Prince George's County Council Woman Audrey Scott first thanked Council for the statue presented to her on Greenbelt Day. She briefed the Council on the County's Adopted Budget and stated that Greenbelt would receive three continuing grants. She also noted other CIP projects (Greenbrook Lake, Lakewood Storm Drainage and Ridge Road, Presley Manor) that were underway. Mrs. Scott presented one-time grant awards to: Boys and Girls Club 1,000, Greenbelt Aquatic Boosters, \$1,250; Greenbelt Arts Center Youth Initiative, \$2,000; Mother/Child Statue, \$2,000; ACE Scholarship, \$3,000; and Greenbelt Youth Services Bureau, \$5,000. County Council Woman Audrey Scott: Prince George's County Council Woman Audrey Scott first thanked Council for the statue presented to her on Greenbelt Day. She briefed the Council on the County's Adopted Budget and stated that Greenbelt would receive three continuing grants. She also noted other CIP projects (Greenbrook Lake, Lakewood Storm Drainage and Ridge Road, Presley Manor) that were underway. Mrs. Scott presented onetime grant awards to: Boys and Girls Club 1,000, Greenbelt Aquatic Boosters, \$1,250; Greenbelt Arts Center Youth Initiative, \$2,000; Mother/Child Statue, \$2,000; ACE Scholarship, \$3,000; and Greenbelt Youth Services Bureau, \$5,000. Prince George's County Council Woman Audrey Scott first thanked Council for the statue presented to her on Greenbelt Day. She briefed the Council on the County's Adopted Budget and stated that Greenbelt would receive three continuing grants. She also noted other CIP projects (Greenbrook Lake, Lakewood Storm Drainage and Ridge Road, Presley Manor) that were underway. Mrs. Scott presented one-time grant awards to: Boys and Girls Club 1,000, Greenbelt Aquatic Boosters, \$1,250; Greenbelt Arts Center Youth Initiative, \$2,000; Mother/Child Statue, \$2,000; ACE Scholarship, \$3,000; and Greenbelt Youth Services Bureau, \$5,000.

# Council thanked Mrs. Scott for her support.

David Moran - Certified Municipal Clerk: Mayor Davis stated that David Moran, City Clerk, has been awarded the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). Mayor Davis read a letter from IIMC and presented a plaque to Mr. Moran. Mr. Moran thanked Council and the City Manager for their support of professional development. David Moran - Certified Municipal Clerk: Mayor Davis stated that David Moran, City Clerk, has been awarded the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). Mayor Davis read a letter from IIMC and presented a plaque to Mr. Moran. Mr. Moran thanked Council and the City Manager for their support of professional development.

Attorney General's "Spotlight on Prevention" Program: Mr. McLaughlin noted that Greenbelt CARES Youth and Family Services Bureau, CARES Teen Discussion Groups and the Greenbelt Police School Resource Officer Program had been listed in a special report, and received Certificates of Excellence, from the Maryland Attorney General J. Joseph Curran. Attorney General's "Spotlight on Prevention" Program: Mr. McLaughlin noted that Greenbelt CARES Youth and Family Services Bureau, CARES Teen Discussion Groups and the Greenbelt Police School Resource Officer Program had been listed in a special report, and received Certificates of Excellence, from the Maryland Attorney General J. Joseph Curran.

# PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Proposal from GEAC for Memorial: Charlene MacAdams, of 7532 Mandan Road presented a proposal for a memorial at Schrom Hills Park. She asked Council to move quickly on this proposal. Mr. Putens noted that the design was peaceful and simple. Council suggested that the design be referred to APB, PRAB & CRAB. Proposal from GEAC for Memorial: Charlene MacAdams, of 7532 Mandan Road presented a proposal for a memorial at Schrom Hills Park. She asked Council to move quickly on this proposal. Mr. Putens noted that the design was peaceful and simple. Council suggested that the design be referred to APB, PRAB & CRAB.

#### **MINUTES**

Executive Session, May 25, 1998: Mr. Roberts moved that the minutes of the Executive Meeting of the City Council held Monday, May 25, 1998 be approved as presented. Executive Session, May 25, 1998: Mr. Roberts moved that the minutes of the Executive Meeting of the City Council held Monday, May 25, 1998 be approved as presented.

He further requested that the minutes of this meeting reflect that the Council met in Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. in the Municipal Building Library, and that Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 10-508 (a)(1)(I) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (1995 Replacement Volume) to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Putens seconded.

# **ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Putens - yes Mr. Roberts - yes Mr. Turnbull - yes Mayor Davis - yes

Executive Session, May 26, 1998: Mr. Roberts moved that the minutes of the Executive Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, May 26, 1998 be approved as presented. Executive Session, May 26, 1998: Mr. Roberts moved that the minutes of the Executive Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, May 26, 1998 be approved as presented.

He further requested that the minutes of this meeting reflect that the Council met in Executive Session at 7:36 p.m. in the Municipal Building Library, and that Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 10-508 (a)(7) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (1995 Replacement Volume) to consult with legal counsel. Mr. Turnbull seconded.

# **ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Putens - yes Mr. Roberts - yes Mr. Turnbull - yes Mayor Davis - yes

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Mr. McLaughlin reported that the Pedestrian Safety Walk and Greenbelt Day celebrations had been very successful and well-received. He also announced that Jennifer Foley was not returning to work and that there were two new hires in Greenbelt CARES to replace Ms. Rabois, Heather Hartman and Leslie Simms.

Mayor Davis noted that a successful Grad Night ceremony had been held and thanked City staff for their help. Mayor Davis thanked the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee, Recreation Department, Police and Ms. Palau for their help with the Pedestrian Safety Walk. Mr. Roberts expressed regret that he was unable to attend the pedestrian safety walk. She thanked the Legion, Recreation Department and Public Works Department for the Family Day activity.

Mr. Putens requested that staff investigate pot holes on the B-W Parkway bridge over the Beltway. Mr. Turnbull announced that State Highway Administration was holding a briefing regarding a study of congested intersections in Montgomery and Prince George's County on June 10, 1998.

# **LEGISLATION**

A RESOLUTION TO REPEAL RESOLUTION 863 AND ESTABLISH NEW SERVICE CHARGES FOR GARBAGE, TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION IN THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Putens introduced the above titled resolution for second reading and final passage. Mr. Roberts seconded.

# **ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Putens - yes Mr. Roberts - yes Mr. Turnbull - yes Mayor Davis - yes

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 17, "SOLID WASTE", ARTICLE II, "LITTER", SECTION 17-23, "HANDBILLS" OF THE GREENBELT CITY CODE FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Putens introduced the above titled ordinance.

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE NEGOTIATED PURCHASE OF CERTAIN GOODS AND SERVICES FROM VARIOUS VENDORS AS ENUMERATED HEREIN WHEN TOTAL FISCAL YEAR PURCHASES FROM EACH VENDOR EXCEED TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000)

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# OTHER BUSINESS

AWARD OF PURCHASE - POLICE VEHICLES: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Putens asked if the cost was on budget. Mr. McLaughlin responded that Council had budgeted \$21,000 per car.

Mr. Putens moved that Council authorize the purchase of six police cars from Norris Ford in Baltimore at a cost of \$123,000 (\$20,500 each). Mr. Roberts seconded. Mr. Turnbull hoped that in the future, before the fleet was expanded, that Council could discuss utilization of cruisers. The motion passed 4 to 0.

1999 MML STATEWIDE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Turnbull suggested a "strengthening of smart growth initiatives by saying the State Highway System is finished" as a priority. Mr. Roberts supported this initiative. Mr. Putens stated that there was very little legislatively that the General Assembly could do to the State Highway Administration. Mr. Manzi noted that the General Assembly's primary control over State Highway Administration was through the budget process. 1999 MML STATEWIDE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Turnbull suggested a "strengthening of smart growth initiatives by saying the State Highway System is finished" as a priority. Mr. Roberts supported this initiative. Mr. Putens stated that there was very little legislatively that the General Assembly could do to the State Highway Administration. Mr. Manzi noted that the General Assembly's primary control over State Highway Administration was through the budget process.

Mr. McLaughlin explained the proposal to require absentee landlords to designate a local representative. He stated that the City had experienced a problem gaining access to a section 8 rental and this proposal was an attempt to require absentee owners to designate a local contact. Mr. Roberts, Mr. Turnbull and Mayor Davis believed that the proposal should apply to all absentee landlords.

Mr. Putens moved "increased funding for prevention programs which target youth" and "local representatives for absentee landlords" be submitted to MML as statewide legislative priorities. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

AGENDA FOR FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE DINNER: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. AGENDA FOR FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE DINNER: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mr. Putens requested that "Federal Bankruptcy Proceedings" be added to the list.

LETTER TO POSTAL SERVICE RE: COVENANTS ON COMMERCE CENTER LOT 2: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mayor Davis requested that the City mention that buffer land be donated to the city as open space. Mr. Turnbull believed that the letter should be stronger regarding Council's desire for green space. LETTER TO POSTAL SERVICE RE: COVENANTS ON COMMERCE CENTER LOT 2: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

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Mr. Roberts moved that Council authorized the City Manager sign and send the letter. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

APPOINTMENT TO CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Mr. Putens moved that Council appoint: Melissa Cooper to the Youth Advisory Committee; Beverly Long to the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee and Dorry Ipolito to the Public Safety Advisory Committee and that the appropriate letter of appointment be prepared. Mr. Turnbull seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0. APPOINTMENT TO CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Mr. Putens moved that Council appoint: Melissa Cooper to the Youth Advisory Committee; Beverly Long to the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee and Dorry Ipolito to the Public Safety Advisory Committee and that the appropriate letter of appointment be prepared. Mr. Turnbull seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0. Mr. Putens moved that Council appoint: Melissa Cooper to the Youth Advisory Committee; Beverly Long to the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee and Dorry Ipolito to the Public Safety Advisory Committee and that the appropriate letter of appointment be prepared. Mr. Turnbull seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

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ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Putens moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Turnbull seconded. The motion carried 5 to 0. Mayor Davis adjourned the regular meeting of June 8, 1998, at 9:59 p.m. ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Putens moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Turnbull seconded. The motion carried 5 to 0. Mayor Davis adjourned the regular meeting of June 8, 1998, at 9:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David E. Moran 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 8, 1998."

Judith F. Davis Mayor