



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1997**

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:02p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT were Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager; Robert Manzi, City Solicitor; and David E. Moran, City Clerk.

Mayor Davis observed a moment of silence for Ed Burgoon and Carl Bartholow. Then, she led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. White moved approval of the consent agenda with a change to the minutes of November 24, 1997. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

COUNCIL THEREBY TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Regular Meeting, October 27, 1997

Work Session, November 13, 1997

Regular Meeting, November 24, 1997

Council approved these minutes with one minor change to the November 24 minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advisory Planning Board Report #97-14

Council accepted this report agreed to consider it at a future meeting.

SERVICE RECOGNITION FOR VOLUNTEERS: Council agreed to schedule a work session to discuss this topic.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Presentations to Al Markell: Mayor Davis noted that Al Markell had been with the city for 33 years and had recently been listed in the MML Magazine as one of the ten longest serving municipal employees in the State. Mayor Davis presented a sweatshirt and the city=s thanks to Mr. Markell.: Mayor Davis noted that Al Markell had been with the city for 33 years and had recently been listed in the MML Magazine as one of the ten longest serving municipal employees in the State. Mayor Davis presented a sweatshirt and the city=s thanks to Mr. Markell.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS: Larry Hilliard appeared representing the Greenbelt New Year (GNY) planning committee. He introduced members of his committee Carolyn, Elizabeth and Jeremiah Hanna, Bill Souser, Marion Holland, Barbara Simon, Marilyn Lowe and Pat Brent. They presented GNY posters and t-shirts to Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Mr. Turnbull reported that Mrs. Glendening=s visit to the Library and the Community Center had been very successful. He thought that she was very impressed with the facility. Mr. Turnbull noted that Barbara Simon and Joe McNeal and other city staff had done a great job of planning the visit. Mr. Roberts stated that the tree lighting had gone well. Mr. White gave a report on the NLC Conference. Ms. Davis and Mr. Putens also remarked that the conference was worthwhile. Mr. McLaughlin note that the city's recycling truck had been badly damaged in an accident.

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND, TO CONTRACT WITH NATIONSBANK, N.A. TO BORROW NOT MORE THAN FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$400,000) FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PURPOSES DESCRIBED HEREIN PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 59, CONTRACTS OVER ONE YEAR, OF THE CITY CHARTER

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 11," MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", ARTICLE III "STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING", SECTION 11-39 TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMIT PARKING AT GREEN RIDGE HOUSE

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. White asked about the suspension and stated he preferred for the ordinance to follow the normal process. Mr. Putens asked if the ordinance was necessary. Mr. McLaughlin responded yes. Mr. Roberts introduced the above titled ordinance for first reading and suspension of the rules. Mr. Putens seconded.

ROLL CALL:

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

Mr. Roberts introduced the above titled ordinance for second reading and final passage. Mr. Putens seconded. Mr. White asked if every resident of Green Ridge would be issued a permit. Mr. Ferguson responded that only the residents with vehicles would be issued one permit per unit. Mr. White expressed support for a short-term parking space for visitors.

ROLL CALL:

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

The ordinance was declared passed. (Ordinance Number 1163, Book Number 11)

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE NEGOTIATED PURCHASE OF A VOICE LOGGING RECORDER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

AWARD OF CONTRACT - POLICE COMPUTER SYSTEM: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Putens moved that Council authorize the City Manager to sign the contract on behalf of the city. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

ANACOSTIA TRAILWAYS HERITAGE AREA APPLICATION: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Turnbull stated that he planned to recuse himself from voting on this item because he serves on the Maryland Heritage Area Authority. Mr. Putens and Mr. White raised questions about City Charter provisions which require members to vote. Mr. Manzi indicated that in his opinion the State ethics ordinance would require Mr. Turnbull to abstain from voting. Mr. Manzi indicated he would provide Council with copies of the ethics law and cover letter.

Mr. Roberts moved that Council support the revised application and that a letter of support be drafted for the Mayor's signature. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Mr. McLaughlin noted that Jenna Williams, a city camera operator, performed a leading role in a play at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

MEETINGS: Council discussed the list of large entities to meet with. Council added M-NCPPC, the County Executive, Roosevelt Center merchants, METRO, Civic Associations and the Eleanor Roosevelt Cluster to the list. Council agreed to reserve the second and fourth Wednesday of each month for these meetings. Council changed the start time of the work session on December 15 to 7:30 and agreed to also consider post office issues on that evening. Council scheduled a retreat on Saturday, January 31. Council directed staff to pursue a tour of the proposed ICC alignment East of I-95.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. White seconded. The motion carried 5 to 0. Mayor Davis adjourned the regular meeting of November 24, 1997, at 9:15 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 December 8, 1997."

Judith F. Davis