

WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, December 7, 2009, for the purpose of an Orientation from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) and the Maryland Municipal League (MML).

Mayor Davis started the meeting at 7:37p.m. It was held in the Council Room of the Greenbelt Municipal Building.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Silke I. Pope, Konrad E. Herling, Leta M. Mach, Edward V.J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts, Emmett V. Jordan and Mayor Judith F. Davis.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager and David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Craig Moe, Mayor of Laurel & MML President; Scott Hancock & Linda Burrell, MML Staff and Dave Robertson, COG

Maryland Municipal League

Mayor Moe began by thanking Greenbelt officials for their contribution to MML. He recounted his own involvement in MML activities and the value it provided. Mr. Hancock commented on the experience of the staff at MML. Mr. Hancock presented a powerpoint summarizing MML programs and activities. Mr. Hancock described MML's legislative advocacy efforts. Ms. Burrell and Ms. Mach discussed MML's successful Geocache program. Ms. Burrell gave a presentation on handling conflict. Mr. Hancock spoke about meetings, specifically the various types of meetings and the reasons for closing a meeting. Ms. Burrell noted that individual emails did not constitute a meeting, but participating in a chat room did. Mr. Hancock spoke about media relations.

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

Mr. Robertson gave a powerpoint presentation on the activities and functions of COG. Mr. Jordan asked about COG's most significant accomplishments this past year and also what COG didn't accomplish. Mr. Robertson responded that the COG 2050 initiative, climate change steering committee and homeland security efforts were major accomplishments. Mr. Robertson responded that the inability to fund regional transportation improvements was his biggest frustration. Noting that Greenbelt officials are active in COG, he welcomed the involvement of the new Council members.

The meeting ended at 10:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*David E. Moran
Assistant City Manager*