

WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Wednesday, December 4, 2013, for the purpose of discussing Standing Rules, Council Process for Appointments to City Advisory Groups, Council Goals for next term and Stakeholder Meeting Schedule.

Mayor Jordan started the meeting at 8:00 p.m. It was held in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Greenbelt Community Center.

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

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

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Molly Lester and Bill Orleans

Standing Rules

Mayor Jordan indicated Rules would be reviewed section by section. Council discussed not meeting on religious holidays and which holidays should be observed. Council requested that staff prepare a list of holidays for consideration by Council.

Council discussed the start time for work sessions. There was consensus to retain the current start time of 8:00pm. It was noted that work sessions can start at alternate times as necessary.

Council agreed to include the State law reference [Section 10-508(a)] authorizing Executive Sessions in Section 4 of the Rules.

Under Order of Business, there was considerable discussion about Council Reports and when these should occur. There was consensus to allow brief Council Reports under Other Business. Detailed reports/briefings would be given during the first 30 minutes of the Monday Work Session following a Regular Meeting.

There were a number of minor language changes and a few typographical errors. Staff indicated a Resolution implementing the agreed upon changes would be drafted for presentation at a Regular Meeting in January.

Appointments to City Advisory Boards & Committees

Council discussed these appointments and tentatively agreed to the following appointments to be considered at the next Regular Meeting.

<i>Advisory Committee of Education</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Ms. Mach</i>
<i>Advisory Planning Board</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Ms. Davis</i>
<i>Arts Advisory Board</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Mayor Jordan</i>
<i>Community Relations Advisory Board</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Mr. Putens</i>
<i>Forest Preserve Advisory Board</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Mr. Roberts</i>
<i>Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Mr. Herling</i>

<i>Park and Recreation Advisory Board</i>	-	<i>Ms. Mach</i>
<i>Public Safety Advisory Committee</i>	-	<i>Ms. Pope</i>
<i>Senior Citizens Advisory Committee</i>	-	<i>Ms. Pope</i>
<i>Anacostia Trails Heritage Association</i>	-	<i>Ms. Davis</i>

*Appointments to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Policy Boards
and Committees*

Council discussed these appointments and tentatively agreed to the following appointments to be considered at the next Regular Meeting:

<i>Board of Directors</i>	-	<i>Mayor Jordan</i>
<i>Alternate</i>	-	<i>Ms. Davis</i>
<i>Transportation Planning Board</i>	-	<i>Mr. Roberts</i>
<i>Alternate</i>	-	<i>Mr. Herling</i>
<i>Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Comm.</i>	-	<i>Ms. Mach</i>
<i>Alternate</i>	-	<i>Mr. Herling</i>
<i>Region Forward Coalition</i>	-	<i>Mr. Jordan</i>
<i>Alternate</i>	-	<i>Mr. Herling</i>
<i>Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee</i>	-	<i>Mr. Putens</i>
<i>Alternate</i>	-	<i>Ms. Pope</i>
<i>Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee</i>	-	<i>Ms. Davis</i>
<i>Alternate</i>	-	<i>Ms. Mach</i>
<i>Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee</i>	-	<i>Ms. Davis</i>
<i>Alternate</i>	-	<i>Mr. Putens</i>

Council Goal for Next Term

Mayor Jordan wanted to set priorities for the next term. He wanted to look beyond the MBO's and suggested a Saturday work session for Council to discuss this. There would be further discussion at the December 9 Regular Meeting.

Stakeholder Meeting Schedule

Council agreed to set another work session date to discuss this issue.

The meeting ended at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*David E. Moran
Assistant City Manager*