

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, September 9, 2013.

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Konrad E. Herling, Emmett V. Jordan, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V.J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Judith F. Davis.

ALSO PRESENT were Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager; John Shay, City Solicitor; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Mayor Davis asked for a moment of silence in memory of Greenbelt resident Paul Geiger and Charles Tompkins and former residents Patricia Richardson, Miles Doan and Raymond J. Hibbs. She then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Davis asked to remove the minutes from the August 21, 2013, work session. Mr. Herling asked to remove the minutes from the July 29, 2013, work session. With these two changes, it was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Mr. Jordan that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting, August 12, 2013

Work Session #1, August 28, 2013

Approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advisory Planning Board, Report #2013-4 (Police Station Signage): Council accepted this report and will consider it on the agenda of a future meeting.

Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Report #2013-2 (Daily Use Fee at Buddy Attick Park): Council approved the recommendation of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board regarding the daily use fee and will consider the suggestion for a shade structure over the group picnic area when the Attick Park Master Plan is revised.

Resignations from Advisory Group: Council removed Jacob Fletcher, Jason Flanagan, Elizabeth Hammett, Jeremiah Hammett and Jose Riggins as members of the Youth Advisory Committee. (CM)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Mach requested "Appointment to Advisory Group" be added to the agenda. With this addition, Ms. Pope moved that the agenda be approved. Mr. Jordan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

National Preparedness Month Proclamation: Mayor Davis read a proclamation declaring September as National Preparedness Month. The proclamation was presented to Ken Silberman, Coordinator of the Greenbelt Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Laura Kressler, Chair of the Public Safety Advisory Committee, and Kris White, Greenbelt Homes Inc. Companion Animal Committee, along with other members of CERT and the committees.

Kris White spoke about the Greenbelt Homes Inc. Companion Animal Committee's "Are You Ready" education event being held in Roosevelt Center on Sunday, September 29th, featuring various public safety agencies and disaster response groups.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS: None

MINUTES:

Work Session, July 29, 2013: Mr. Herling requested the minutes reflect his safety concerns for bicyclists and pedestrians at Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue, Greenbelt Road and Southway, and the northbound Baltimore Washington Parkway exit ramp onto westbound Greenbelt Road. Ms. Mach noted that Mayor Davis had suggested the report note that some ideas received from citizens..... are not feasible so that action is not expected on the ideas. With these changes, it was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Mr. Jordan that the minutes be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

Work Session, August 21, 2013: Mayor Davis noted that she had commented on the Pepco tree removal along Greenbelt Road. With this change, it was moved by Mayor Davis and seconded by Mr. Putens that the minutes be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. McLaughlin reported on the successful "Pooch Plunge" held last weekend, provided an update on the Youth Center gym floor project, and mentioned the Active Aging Week 2013.

COUNCIL REPORTS: Councilmembers commented on the Labor Day events. Mayor Davis thanked the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, the Friends of Greenbelt Museum, the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability and the volunteers that worked the recycling stations, and the Police, Public Works, and Recreation Departments for their work. She also reported that Congressman Hoyer had been presented with a plaque at the Labor Day Parade thanking him for his assistance in securing federal grants for the Police Department's Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System.

Councilmembers also noted the attendance at the following events.

Meet and Greet with the new Chief Executive Officer of Prince George's County Public Schools, Dr. Kevin Maxwell – Mayor Davis, Mr. Jordan and Ms. Mach
Greenbriar Volunteer Appreciation Night – Mayor Davis, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Putens, Mr. Herling, Ms. Mach and Ms. Pope
Greenbelt Forest Preserve Nature Sketching Event – Mr. Herling

Maryland Municipal League (MML) Legislative Committee Meeting – Mayor Davis and Mr. Jordan
Senator Cardin tour of the Vision Van in Greenbelt – Mayor Davis
Memorial Service for Former Mayor Antoinette Bram – Mayor Davis, Mr. Putens, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Herling and Ms. Mach
Circus Camp Final Performance – Mayor Davis
Mowatt Methodist Church “Cookies at the Bridge” Picnic – Mayor Davis and Mr. Jordan
First Day of School “Cookies at the Bridge” Event – Mayor Davis and Mr. Jordan
MML Leadership and Executive Committee Meetings – Mayor Davis
Congressman Hoyer’s 11th Annual Women’s Equality Day Luncheon – Mayor Davis
State Highway Administration District 3 Open House – Mayor Davis and Mr. Jordan
MML Board of Directors Annual Retreat – Mayor Davis

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

LEGISLATION

A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition as Amended), Titled “Corporation-Municipal,” Subtitle, “Home Rule,” to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or In Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Services Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Adding Section 58B Titled “Financing of City Retirement and Pension Plans” (Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2013-1)

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mr. Jordan introduced the resolution for second reading and moved that it be adopted. Mr. Herling seconded.

Mr. Orleans, Greenbelt, asked and was provided answers to several questions.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Herling	-	yes
	Mr. Jordan	-	yes
	Ms. Mach	-	yes
	Ms. Pope	-	yes
	Mr. Putens	-	yes
	Mr. Roberts	-	yes
	Mayor Davis	-	yes

The resolution was declared adopted (Resolution No. 2003, Book 8).

BOARD OF ELECTIONS, REPORT #2013-1 (COMPENSATION FOR ELECTION JUDGES AND CLERKS): Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Ms. Mach suggested that the compensation for members of the Board of Elections (BoE) should be at least equivalent to that paid to election judges.

Mr. Putens moved that Council approve the following increases in compensation for election works and members of the BoE: Election judges from \$175 to \$225; election clerks from \$135 to \$175; absentee/early voting ballot counters from \$35 to \$50; and members of the BoE from \$175 to \$225. Ms. Mach seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

WINDSOR GREEN REQUEST FOR A CURFEW LAW (YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT #2012-2, COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD REPORT #2013-1, PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT #2013-1): Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mr. Roberts suggested that Council send a letter to Prince George's County requesting they invest resources to increase recreational opportunities for residents in Chelsea Woods and Brittany Place. Mayor Davis noted the County is improving recreational opportunities as part of the Master Plan and mentioned the improvements proposed to the Good Luck Community Center.

Mr. Putens and Ms. Pope suggested Council send letters to the homeowners associations for Chelsea Woods and Brittany Place asking them to work together with the City to promote recreational opportunities currently available for teens and young adults and perhaps identify ways for improvement of the opportunities. Mr. Jordan noted the homeowner associations have facilities on their premises and stressed the need to work together to find solutions.

Mr. Herling suggested a referral to the Arts Advisory Board be included to identify recreational arts opportunities.

Mr. Putens moved that Council 1) respond to the Windsor Green request that a curfew law is not being pursued at this time and 2) refer the following actions to the appropriate advisory groups and staff.

- Publicize notice that residents are encouraged to contact the Police Department to report criminal activity and assure residents they can remain anonymous.
- Greenbelt Police, Prince George's County Police, and Windsor Green Security will continue to work together on crime prevention in the Windsor Green area as well as the borders with Chelsea Woods.
- Refer to Arts Advisory Board, Community Relations Advisory Board, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee, and Youth Advisory Committee a request asking for recommendations on improving recreational opportunities and sports programs for both teens and young adults in the Windsor Green area and determine if there is a need for a recreational facility.

- Send a letter to Prince George's County and the Chelsea Woods and Brittany Place homeowners associations requesting a dialogue to work together to find solutions to engage youth and young teens in the area.

Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

GREENBELT DAM – REVISED CONSENT AGREEMENT: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mr. Roberts asked whether there had been any conversations with the State regarding their possible contributions to and responsibility for some of the dam problems. Mr. McLaughlin will check with staff.

Mr. Roberts moved that Council approve the revised Maryland Department of the Environment Consent Order for Greenbelt Dam repairs, authorize its execution, and initiate the actions set forth herein. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

AWARD OF PURCHASE – ASPHALT RESURFACING AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

In response to a question from Mayor Davis, Mr. McLaughlin said three or four street resurfacing projects would occur along with miscellaneous concrete work. Mayor Davis then suggested that any needs determined by the Bus Accessibility Study be incorporated into these street resurfacing projects, if possible.

Ms. Pope moved that Council authorize the City Manager to contract with both NZI Construction Corporation and VMP Construction Company Inc. for street resurfacing, base repair, and concrete work based on Prince George's County Contract No. 870-H. Mr. Jordan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Jordan asked if street projects would include recommendations proposed in the Advisory Planning Board's draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Mr. McLaughlin said these recommendations would be considered with the project.

The motion passed 7-0.

AWARD OF PURCHASE – POLICE VEHICLES: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mayor Davis indicated that the Police Department was still seeking hybrid vehicles. It was noted that the civilian Public Information position may be able to utilize a hybrid vehicle.

Ms. Pope moved that Council authorize the purchase of five (5) Ford Police Utility vehicles from Hertrich Fleet Services of Milford, Delaware, in accord with State of Maryland Bid #001B400263, at a total cost of \$130,365. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

OTHER REPORTS:

Mayor Davis and Mr. Jordan – Maryland Municipal League (MML) Legislative Committee meeting

Mayor Davis – MML Board of Directors Retreat

APPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY GROUP: Ms. Mach moved that Council appoint Nicole Williams to the Advisory Planning Board. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Mach moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Davis adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, September 9, 2013, at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Murray
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 September 9, 2013."

Judith F. Davis
Mayor