

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, June 21, 2010.

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:06 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; Robert Manzi, City Solicitor; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Mayor Davis asked for a moment of silence in memory of former Greenbelt resident Joseph Hromulak and former resident Sylvia Reisher. She then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

CONSENT AGENDA: 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

Work Session, April 19, 2010

Work Session, May 17, 2010

Approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advisory Committee on Trees, Report #2010-2 (Policy for Trees and Vegetation): Council accepted this report and will consider it on the agenda of the July 12 meeting.

MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (MML) BYLAWS AMENDMENTS: Council approved support of the bylaws changes as proposed by the MML Bylaws Review Committee and authorized Mayor Davis to vote for the amendment at the upcoming Business Meeting during the MML Convention.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION (ACE) REPORT – RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS: Council accepted the recommendation of ACE to only recognize those teachers in Greenbelt schools who receive their National Board Certification in the 2009-2010 school year and in future years.

REAPPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY GROUP: Council appointed Henry Haslinger to a new term on the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Roberts requested “No Drive Day” and “TIGER II Grant Applications” be added to the agenda as Items #24 and #25. With these additions, Mr. Putens moved that the agenda be approved. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Xfinity Briefing: Karmen Bailey Walker, Comcast Director of Government Affairs, provided a briefing on Xfinity. She explained that Comcast was still the name of the company and

Xfinity is the new branding for the services provided. Ms. Walker said there would not be any rate increases for existing services due to the new branding.

Mr. Jordan questioned why municipal cable channels 71 and 77 did not have local labeling. Ms. Bailey said Comcast's engineering staff is working on having this problem corrected. Mr. Jordan also mentioned many residents would like to have access to Baltimore area programming channels. Ms. Bailey said Baltimore channels could not be carried over Comcast's Washington area system.

Mr. Herling said Greenbelt Access TV has a problem with pixilation on their channel. Ms. Pope mentioned a problem with Comcast service personnel leaving open cable boxes in the Belle Point neighborhood. Ms. Walker said she would check on both these issues.

#### PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Betty Sonneveldt, 126 Lakeside Drive, presented a letter to Council regarding problems with the noise level, as well as the use of vulgar language, coming from individuals and groups using the University Square basketball court, tennis court, swimming pool and Community Center. She said the noise prevents her from using the outside areas of her home, and often causes her to leave her residence completely. Ms. Sonneveldt requested the City enforce the noise ordinances currently in place.

Mr. McLaughlin explained that since the City became aware the noise was again a problem two weeks ago, the Police Department has been closely monitoring the area and Captain Kemp has been working with University Square Management about resolving the problem. Ms. Sonneveldt commented that she had not had any problems with noise levels for the past two weeks.

Mr. Putens noted there were similar problems with late night noise from basketball court usage in other areas of the city.

Kelly Ivy, Vice President of the Lakeside Citizens Association, reported that street basketball teams play for large sums of money, up to \$3,000 to \$5,000 a night, on the basketball courts at University Square. He noted the need to stop these games before any violence occurs.

Mayor Davis referred the petition to staff to determine what actions were needed to resolve the problems. Mr. Putens also requested a work session with University Square be scheduled as soon as possible.

#### MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS: None

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. McLaughlin provided a report of the summer camp registrations as of past Friday and commented there had been a large number of recent registrations for Camp Pine Tree I.

#### COUNCIL REPORTS:

Ms. Pope reported she had participated on a panel conducting interviews for the new principal of Greenbelt Middle School last week.

Mr. Jordan reported he had attended the Charlestown Village and Greenbriar Phase I and II

homeowners association meetings, the Council of Governments Board of Directors meeting, the groundbreaking ceremony for the Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center in North Brentwood, and the Prince George's County Juneteenth Celebration

Mr. Putens reported on his attendance at the Cookie Social for students and parents at Greenbelt Middle School.

Ms. Mach commented on the annual luncheon of National Active and Retired Federal Employees where she had sworn in the new officers of the organization.

Mayor Davis commented on the sixth grade class celebration ceremony at Greenbelt Elementary School and the thank you luncheon given by Prince George's County School Board Member Rosalind Johnson. She also thanked the Prince George's Peace and Justice Coalition and community groups for their participation in Peace Month activities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

LEGISLATION:

An Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010, in the Amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) for Additional Debt Service Fund Expenditures over the Appropriated Amount

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Putens introduced the ordinance for first reading and moved suspension of the rules in order to allow second reading and passage of the ordinance tonight. Ms. Pope seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Putens introduced the ordinance for second reading and moved that it be adopted. Ms. Pope seconded the motion.

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

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

The ordinance was declared adopted (Ordinance No. 1307, Book 12).

A Resolution for Re-Appropriation of Funds with Departments in the General Fund for the Fiscal Year  
Ending June 30, 2010

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Ms. Mach introduced the resolution for first reading and moved suspension of the rules in order to allow second reading and passage of the resolution tonight. Mr. Putens seconded the motion.

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

Ms. Mach introduced the resolution for second reading and moved that it be adopted. Mr. Putens seconded the motion.

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| 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. 1064, Book 8).

An Ordinance to Authorize and Empower the City of Greenbelt to Issue One or More Tax Anticipation Notes in Amounts Not to Exceed \$3.5 Million Dollars in the Aggregate in Anticipation of the Receipt of Current Taxes and Other Revenues, Directing that the Proceeds of Said Notes Shall be Used for General Fund Operating Expenses Heretofore Authorized; and Providing for the Sale of Said Notes by Private Negotiation to Old Line Bank

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Jordan introduced the ordinance for first reading.

A Resolution to Repeal Resolution Number 1047 and Establish Service Charges for Garbage, Trash, and Recycling Collections in the City of Greenbelt, Maryland Effective July 1, 2010

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Putens introduced the resolution for first reading.

A Resolution to Repeal Resolution 1049 and to Establish Admission Fees and Pass Rates for the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, effective September 7, 2010

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Ms. Mach introduced the resolution for first reading.

Mr. Putens moved to special order Item #24 "No Drive Day" to the next item on the agenda. Mr.

Herling seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

NO DRIVE DAY: Eldridge Brown, 11-H Hillside, and MaryAnn Cantor, 13 Greenway Place, asked Council to support two community voluntary No Drive Days each month. Mr. Brown explained No Drive Days would provide an opportunity for residents to reduce their fuel consumption and participate in a national effort to reduce the nation's dependency on fuel.

Mr. Roberts moved to refer the No Drive Day suggestion to the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

SMOKING POLICY AT GREEN RIDGE HOUSE: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Ms. Mach moved that Council implement a policy to make Green Ridge House a smoke-free building. Mr. Putens seconded.

Mr. Roberts said he supported a smoke-free building but did not support the Addendum to the Lease section that allowed management to conduct random monthly unit inspections of those units occupied by smokers. He said he believed this action to be discriminatory against smokers. After discussion, Council recommended that units only be inspected if a complaint is received or there was an indication a resident was smoking in the unit.

Mr. McLaughlin said the Addendum to the Lease addressing the inspection policy would be reviewed and brought back to Council in July for approval.

The motion passed 7-0.

LETTER OF SUPPORT – RESEARCH TO AID IN PRESERVATION OF STEIN GARDEN COMMUNITIES: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mr. Putens moved that Council send a letter of support to Cornell University indicating Greenbelt's support for, and desire to participate in, Dorothy Wong's Clarence Stein Fellowship proposal regarding disaster recovery and special funding of the Stein Communities as National Historic Landmarks. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Jordan requested a copy of the letter be sent to Greenbelt Homes, Inc. to advise them of the Ms. Wong's research.

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE (POS) FY 2011 ANNUAL PROGRAM: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mr. Putens moved that Council approve the allocation of \$50,836.80 in FY 2011 POS funds to the Buddy Attick Park Master Plan Improvements project to cover a portion of the funds that were recently transferred from this project to the Braden Tennis Courts Lights and Resurfacing project. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

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OTHER REPORTS:

Ms. Mach – Envision Prince George's Outlook Forum

Mayor Davis – Dedication Ceremony for Solar Energy System at Church of the Brethren in University Park  
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee Meeting

Mr. Roberts - COG Transportation Planning Board Meeting

TIGER II GRANT APPLICATIONS: Mr. Roberts reported that TIGER II grant funding for a region wide bike sharing program had been discussed at the COG Transportation Planning Board meeting. He explained the TIGER II grant allows for funding of bike lane construction also.

After discussion, Mr. Roberts moved that Council send a letter to the State Highway Administration strongly encouraging them to file a TIGER II grant application to have bike lanes installed on Greenbelt Road between Mandan Road and Branchville Road. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Jordan moved that Council direct staff to research and determine the feasibility of the City filing a TIGER II Grant application for bike projects within the City. Council expressed concern regarding the staff resources that would be required to submit the application by the filing deadline of July 16. The motion failed.

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Ms. Mach and seconded by Mr. Putens. The motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Davis adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, June 21, 2010, at 11:50 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 June 21, 2010."

Judith F. Davis  
Mayor