

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, June 17, 2013.

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:05 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 Kenneth T. Daly and former resident George L. Stevens. She then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Ms. Mach requested the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 28, 2013, be removed from the consent agenda. With this change, Ms. Pope moved that the consent agenda be approved. Mr. Jordan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting, May 13, 2013
Work Session, May 15, 2013
Interview, May 28, 2013
Work Session, May 29, 2013
Regular Meeting, June 3, 2013
Work Session, June 5, 2013
Executive Session, June 5, 2013
Interview, June 10, 2013

BOARD OF APPEALS RESOLUTION ON VARIANCE APPLICATION #13-002-V:
Council approved the Board of Appeals Resolution on Variance Application #13-002-V.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Mach requested "Appointments to Advisory Groups" be added to the agenda. With this change, Mr. Putens moved that the consent agenda be approved. Mr. Jordan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation: Mayor Davis read a proclamation to recognize July as Parks and Recreation Month. Joe McNeal, Assistant Director of Recreation, received the proclamation and provided an overview of this year's summer recreation camps and programs.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Theodora Scarato, 2-J Laurel Hill Road, spoke in opposition to rubber mulch/poured in place playground surfacing materials and said that she had started a petition in support of wood chips for playground surfacing. Mayor Davis noted there had been a work session held on June 10, 2013, on

playground surfacing materials and indicated the item would be on an upcoming Council agenda for action. Ms. Scarato also reported a problem with standing water on the Hillside/Laurel Hill playground that was attracting mosquitos. Mr. McLaughlin said Public Works would address the problem with standing water.

Rosario Scarato, a resident of College Park, spoke in support of wood chips for playground surfacing material.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of May 28, 2013: Ms. Mach requested the following changes to the meeting minutes: under Council Reports – change Clean Air Partners Annual Celebration to Clean Air Partners Business Meeting; under National Fish and Wildlife Service Stormwater Grant - strike second sentence; under Participation in Maryland Smart Energy Communities Grant Program – note the location for energy efficient lighting as the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. With these changes, Ms. Mach moved that the minutes be approved. Mr. Jordan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Minutes – Executive Session of May 20, 2013: Mr. Jordan moved that the minutes of the executive session of the City Council held Monday, May 20, 2013, be approved as presented. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 10-508 (a) (1) of the State Government Article of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland* to discuss a personnel matter. Ms. Pope seconded.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Herling	X			
Mr. Jordan	X			
Ms. Mach	X			
Ms. Pope	X			
Mr. Putens	X			
Mr. Roberts	X			
Mayor Davis	X			

The minutes were approved.

Minutes – Executive Session of May 29, 2013: Mr. Jordan moved that the minutes of the executive session of the City Council held Wednesday, May 29, 2013, be approved as presented. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 10-508 (a) (1) of the State Government Article of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland* to discuss a personnel matter. Mr. Putens seconded.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Herling	X			
Mr. Jordan	X			
Ms. Mach	X			

Ms. Pope	X			
Mr. Putens	X			
Mr. Roberts	X			
Mayor Davis	X			

The minutes were approved.

Executive Session of June 5, 2013, Statement of Record: Mr. Jordan moved that in accordance with Section 10-509 (c) (2) of the State Government Article of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland*, the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that Council met in executive session on Wednesday, June 5, 2013, at 8:10 p.m. in Room #201 of the Greenbelt Community Center. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 10-508 (a) (7) of the State Government Article of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland* to consult with legal counsel.

Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Herling	X			
Mr. Jordan	X			
Ms. Mach	X			
Ms. Pope	X			
Mr. Putens	X			
Mr. Roberts	X			
Mayor Davis	X			

Staff members in attendance: Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; Robert Manzi, City Solicitor; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Other individuals in attendance: None

Council took no actions during this session.

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

Minutes – Executive Session of June 5, 2013: Mr. Jordan moved that the minutes of the executive session of the City Council held Wednesday, June 5, 2013, be approved as presented. Mr. Putens seconded.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Herling	X			
Mr. Jordan	X			
Ms. Mach	X			
Ms. Pope	X			

Mr. Putens	X			
Mr. Roberts	X			
Mayor Davis	X			

The minutes were approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Maryland Municipal League (MML) Leadership Team Meeting – Mayor Davis and Ms. Mach
 Farewell Luncheon for Chantal Cotton with the City of College Park - Ms. Mach
 Delegate Washington’s Health Care Town Hall Meeting – Mayor Davis, Mr. Jordan and Ms. Mach
 Dedication Ceremony for Tree Plaque for Dr. John Van Schoonhoven at Greenbelt Elementary School - Mayor Davis, Mr. Jordan, Ms. Mach and Mr. Herling
 Greenbelt Arts Center Retreat – Mr. Herling
 Crazy Quilt Festival – Mayor Davis, Mr. Jordan and Mr. Herling
 Green Ridge House Residents Association Annual Meeting – Mr. Jordan
 National League of Cities Small Cities Committee Meeting – Ms. Pope
 MML Executive Committee Meeting – Mayor Davis
 5th Grade Celebration Ceremony at Greenbelt Elementary School – Mayor Davis
 Prince George’s Elected Municipal Women’s Luncheon – Mayor Davis
 Beltway Plaza Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony – Mayor Davis and Mr. Jordan
 Friends of the Greenbelt Museum Walking Tour with Chinese Delegation – Mayor Davis and Ms. Mach
 Council of Governments (COG) Past Board Chairs Advisory Group – Mayor Davis
 COG Board of Directors Meeting – Mayor Davis
 Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) Annual Meeting – Mayor Davis
 Dog Days of Summer Animal Shelter Event at Schrom Hills Park – Mayor Davis and Mr. Putens

Mayor Davis thanked all the following groups for their participation in Peace Month Activities: Greenbelt Concert Band, Greenbelt Forest Preserve, Reel and Meal, Greenbelt Writers Group, Paint Branch Unitarian Church, Greenbelt Baha’i Community, Greenbriar Condominium Association, and the Prince George’s Peace and Justice Coalition.

Mayor Davis congratulated Prince George’s County Public Schools teacher Josita Allen and Prince George’s County Police Lt. John Boesman on their induction into the Beltway Plaza Wall of Fame. She also congratulated the Greenbelt Police Department for receiving a Maryland Law Enforcement Challenge Award for Excellence in Traffic Safety Enforcement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

LEGISLATION

End of the Year Budget Adjustments

An Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation in the General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013, in the amount of Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000) for Additional General Fund Expenditures Over the Appropriated Amount

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

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

Ms. Pope introduced the ordinance 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 ordinance was declared adopted (Ordinance No. 1330, Book 12).

An Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Replacement Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013, in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for Additional Replacement Fund Expenditures Over the Appropriated Amount

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Herling 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. Mach seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Herling introduced the ordinance for second reading and moved that it be adopted. Ms. Mach seconded.

Mr. Orleans 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 ordinance was declared adopted (Ordinance No. 1331, Book 12)

A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein When Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars

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

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE (POS) FY 2014 ANNUAL PROGRAM: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mr. Jordan moved that Council approve the City's FY 2014 Program Open Space Annual Program as proposed by staff. Mr. Putens seconded.

Ms. Mach asked if the FY 2014 POS Program included funding for a shelter at Buddy Attick Park if such is recommended by the Park and Recreation Advisory Board. Mr. Moran said no, but Council could reallocate POS funding if needed in the future.

Mr. Roberts said POS funds should only be used for the acquisition of property to protect open space. He noted the destruction of wetlands throughout the State and the need to protect open space for future generations. Mr. Roberts added that he was not opposed to any of the projects proposed by staff but POS funds should not be used for these or any construction projects.

Mr. Putens mentioned POS funds had been used for acquisitions in the past but there was no opportunity for acquisition at this time. Mr. McLaughlin added that the City could use POS funding if an opportunity for acquisition should become available.

Ms. Mach said that the County is willing to split POS funding between acquisition opportunities and construction since construction projects provide employment opportunities.

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The motion passed 6-1. (Roberts)

AWARD OF PURCHASE – YOUTH CENTER GYM FLOOR REPLACEMENT: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mayor Davis asked about the plans for the pieces of flooring that were being removed. Mr. McNeal said staff is considering salvaging some pieces of the flooring and offering them for sale as a commemorative item. He noted the flooring may not be recyclable due to the polyurethane and large amount of nails in the wood. Mr. Roberts suggested the old flooring be made available to Community Forklift for possible reuse. Mr. McNeal said staff would contact Community Forklift.

Mr. Herling asked the timeframe of the project. Mr. McNeal said work would begin in the fall and take about six weeks to complete.

Mr. Putens moved that Council award the purchase for the Youth Center Gym Flooring Replacement (to include replacement of gym floor with new AACER maple wood flooring, furnishing and installation of power vent airflow system, and refinishing of existing benches) to Miller Flooring of West Chester, Pa., at a cost of \$62,178 as indicated in their proposal dated June 12, 2013. He further moved that the old flooring be salvaged for sale as commemorative items and the rest be offered to Community Forklift for reuse or attempted recycling. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Maryland Municipal League 2014 Legislative Action Requests: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Ms. Mach and Mayor Davis suggested solar energy incentives and the reinstatement of the State Fund for reimbursing municipalities for electric charging stations be considered as legislative initiatives. Mr. Roberts said a range of alternative fueling options should be considered. Mayor Davis noted this initiative had been considered in the past and was not successful.

Mr. Jordan mentioned the problem with the length of time it takes to replace/relocate utility poles (double poling) due to the lack of coordination between utility companies. He suggested an initiative to speed up this process be considered. Mayor Davis commented that this concern is not necessarily a state-wide issue. Mr. McLaughlin agreed and suggested that Council communicate with MML and/or the Public Service Commission that guidelines should be established for pole replacements, such as the guidelines in place for tree trimming and tree removal.

After further discussion, Ms. Mach moved that Council submit the following initiatives to the Maryland Municipal League (MML) for consideration as 2014 Legislative Action Requests: 1) Solar Energy Incentives and 2) Funding for Electric Charging Station. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

OTHER REPORTS:

Ms. Pope – National League of Cities Small Cities Meeting

Ms. Mach, Mr. Jordan and Mr. Herling – Prince George's Plan 2035 Town Hall Meeting

Mayor Davis – Council of Governments Board of Directors Meeting

APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY GROUPS: Ms. Mach moved that Abdul Turay be appointed to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and Maria Silvia Miller to the Advisory Planning Board. Mr. Putens 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, June 17, 2013, at 10:31 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 17, 2013."

Judith F. Davis
Mayor