

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, June 7, 2010.

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. (Mayor Davis allowed the Maryland Municipal League "If I Were Mayor" County Winner, Michael Bushema, to handle some of the opening responsibilities normally handled by the Mayor.)

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Konrad E. Herling, Emmett V. Jordan, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Judith F. Davis. Councilmember Edward V. J. Putens was detained at work and arrived at 9:41 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT were Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager; Amy Hofstra, Community Planner; Robert Manzi, City Solicitor; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Mayor Davis asked for a moment of silence in memory of Greenbelt resident Irene Liggett and former Greenbelt resident John Mongelli. She then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Davis requested the minutes of the August 26, 2009, and May 12, 2010, meetings be removed from the agenda. With that change, it was moved by Mr. Jordan and seconded by Ms. Pope that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 6-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Work Session, September 23, 2009
Interview, May 19, 2010
Interview, May 24, 2010
Work Session #1, May 26, 2010
Work Session #2, May 26, 2010
Approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advisory Committee on Education, Report #3-10 (Saint Hugh of Grenoble School): Council accepted this report and directed staff to prepare a letter to Father Tappe, Saint Hugh of Grenoble School, and Susan DePlatchett, President of the Archdiocese of Washington Board of Education for Prince George's County, recognizing the outstanding contributions the school has made to education in Greenbelt over the past 60 years.

Advisory Committee on Education, Report #4-10 (Recognition of National Board Certified Teachers): Council accepted this report and will consider it on the agenda of the June 21 meeting.

PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AND ARTS ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS – NEW RECOGNITION GROUPS: Council approved granting recognition group status to the following new applicant groups: Teen Education Network – Early

Twenties too!; Alight Dance Theater; Out of the Black Box Theater; and Greenbelt Marching Band.

RECOVERY ACT: EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FORMULA PROGRAM AWARD: Council approved using the grant award of \$24,269 from the JAG Program for the purchase of interoperable portable, mobile or fixed radio equipment.

REAPPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY GROUPS: Council appointed Elizabeth Hammett to a new term on the Youth Advisory Committee.

RESIGNATION FROM ADVISORY GROUPS: Council accepted with regret the resignation of Nelson Galeano from the Advisory Planning Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Mach asked to add "Appointment to Advisory Group" as Item #22 to the agenda. With that change, Mr. Jordan moved that the agenda be approved. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Maryland Municipal League (MML) "If I Were Mayor" County Winner and Finalist: Mayor Davis introduced Michael Bushema, the District 9 (Prince George's County) winner of the MML "If I Were Mayor" contest. Michael read his "If I Were Mayor" winning essay. Council presented Michael with several congratulatory gifts.

Mayor Davis also recognized Maya Haughton, who was selected as a District 9 finalist in the contest but was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS: None

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Work Session of August 26, 2009: Regarding the proposed garden type elevator apartments with a senior component, Mayor Davis requested the sentence "Mayor Davis expressed concern" be removed from the minutes and that the minutes reflect that Mr. Jordan was also in attendance at the meeting. With these changes, she moved that the minutes be approved. Ms. Mach seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Work Session of May 12, 2010: Regarding informational items, Mayor Davis requested the minutes be corrected to reflect that Windsor Green did not have the funds to cover their snow removal expenses, and that Greenbriar residents behind on their homeowner association fees would not be issued new parking permits. With these changes, she moved that the minutes be approved. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Executive Session of May 26, 2010: Mr. Jordan moved that the minutes of the executive session of the City Council held Wednesday, May 26, 2010, be approved as presented. He further requested that the minutes of this meeting reflect that the Council met in executive session at 9:25 p.m. in the MultiPurpose Room of the Community Center. 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 the performance evaluation of the City Manager. Ms. Pope seconded the motion.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. McLaughlin provided an update on street repair work in the City. He noted that Ken Hall, Director of Public Works, had met with residents regarding plans for street work on Westway which will begin within two weeks and be completed by the end of July.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mr. Jordan reported he had been a speaker at the annual meeting of the Greenspring Homeowners Association.

Mr. Herling reported on the PlanMaryland Public Forum sponsored by the Maryland Department of Planning at Bowie State University.

Ms. Mach and Mayor Davis noted their attendance at the Walgreen's Wellness Tour, the Memorial Day Ceremony, the Camp Fire USA Health and Wellness Fair, the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center's 100th anniversary celebration, and the Greenbelt Day Weekend events.

Mayor Davis also commented on the Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service meeting, the Eleanor Roosevelt High School 2010 commencement ceremony, the Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series, Cub Scout Pack 202 graduation cookout, and meeting/greeting a group of visiting Chinese Officials. She announced that Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Justin Ross, Anne Healey and Tawanna Gaines had been awarded Maryland Municipal League legislative awards.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

LEGISLATION: None

Adoption of the Budget: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mayor Davis moved the following changes to **General Fund Revenues**. Mr. Jordan seconded; the motion passed 5-1. (Roberts) Mr. Roberts commented that he did not support eliminating the Greenbelt New Year program.

General Fund Revenues

Revenue from Other Agencies				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
443127	High School Resource Officer Grant	\$60,000	\$80,000	\$20,000
	Total Revenue from Other Agencies	\$903,600	\$923,600	\$20,000

Service Charges				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
454000	Community Center: Eliminate New Year	\$189,100	\$185,700	(\$3,400)
	Total Service Charges	\$2,070,700	\$2,067,300	(\$3,400)

	Total General Fund Revenue	\$25,249,200	\$25,265,800	\$16,600
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Ms. Mach moved the following changes to City Council, Administration and Finance and Administrative Services. Ms. Pope seconded; the motion passed 5-1. (Roberts) Mr. Roberts commented that he supported a larger reduction in Council travel expenses and using the funds saved to retain the Greenbelt New Year program.

General Fund Expenditures

City Council				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
110-45	Reduce City Council training by 10%	\$28,400	\$26,700	(\$1,700)
	Total City Council	\$130,000	\$128,300	(\$1,700)

Administration				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
120-01	Allocate performance pay and increase for City Manager (\$4,100)	\$415,000	\$424,100	\$13,200
	Total Administration	\$606,300	\$615,400	\$13,200

Finance & Administrative Services				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
140-01	Allocate performance pay	\$502,500	\$519,500	\$17,000
140-30	Reduce cost of audit	61,300	55,800	(5,500)
	Total Finance & Administrative Services	\$836,900	\$848,400	\$11,500

	Total General Government	\$2,514,500	\$2,533,400	\$18,900
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Mr. Herling moved the following changes to Planning and Community Development. Ms. Mach seconded; the motion passed 6-0.

Planning				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
210-01	Allocate performance pay	\$261,000	\$267,000	\$6,000
	Total Planning	\$352,900	\$358,900	\$6,000

Community Development				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
220-01	Allocate performance pay	\$455,600	\$465,600	\$10,000
	Total Community Development	\$698,700	\$708,700	\$10,000

	Total Planning & Comm. Development	\$1,051,600	\$1,067,600	\$16,000
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Mayor Davis moved the following changes to Police and Fire and Rescue. Ms. Pope seconded; the motion passed 6-0.

Police				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
310-04	Allocate performance pay for civilian personnel	\$719,500	\$735,300	\$15,800
	Total Police	\$10,047,600	\$10,063,400	\$15,800

Fire & Rescue				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
340-68	Restore contribution to other fire departments	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
	Total Fire and Rescue	\$60,000	\$70,000	\$10,000

	Total Public Safety	\$10,383,800	\$10,409,600	\$25,800
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Mr. Jordan moved the following changes to Public Works Administration, Street Maintenance and Refuse Collection. Ms. Mach seconded; the motion passed 6-0.

Public Works Administration				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
410-01	Allocate performance pay for office staff	\$418,400	\$430,900	\$12,500
410-06	Allocate performance pay for maintenance staff	155,100	165,100	10,000
	Total Public Works Administration	\$1,108,100	\$1,130,600	\$22,500

Street Maintenance				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
440-08	Allocate performance pay	\$165,700	\$177,300	\$11,600
	Total Street Maintenance	\$729,800	\$741,400	\$11,600

Refuse Collection				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
450-16	Allocate performance pay	\$366,700	\$375,500	\$8,800
	Total Refuse Collection	\$771,300	\$780,100	\$8,800

	Total Public Works	\$3,041,800	\$3,084,700	\$42,900
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Mr. Roberts moved the following changes to Greenbelt CARES, Recreation Administration and Aquatic and Fitness Center. Ms. Mach seconded; the motion passed 4-2. (Jordan, Roberts) Mr. Roberts said he did not support reducing the operating hours at the Aquatic and Fitness Center. Mr. Jordan said he did not support the two month delay in filling the Recreation Director vacancy, adding that he recommended a six month delay in order to save additional funds.

Greenbelt CARES				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
510-01	Allocate performance pay	\$403,400	\$415,300	\$11,900
	Total Greenbelt CARES	\$571,900	\$583,800	\$11,900

	Total Social Services	\$828,300	\$840,200	\$11,900
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Recreation Administration				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
610-01	Allocate performance pay \$14,000; two month vacancy for Recreation Director (\$25,000)	\$396,700	\$385,700	(\$11,000)
	Total Recreation Administration	\$643,800	\$632,800	(\$11,000)

Aquatic & Fitness Center				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
650-01	Allocate performance pay	\$205,000	\$212,000	\$7,000
650-26	Additional savings for	178,000	176,000	(2,000)

	earlier closing			
	Total Aquatic & Fitness Center	\$1,026,800	\$1,031,800	\$5,000

Ms. Pope moved the following changes to Community Center, Special Events and Parks. Ms. Mach seconded; the motion passed 6-0.

Community Center				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
660-01	Allocate performance pay	\$253,000	\$260,600	\$7,600
	Total Community Center	\$769,000	\$776,600	\$7,600

Special Events				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
690-68	Contr. Group reductions	\$81,100	\$78,000	(\$3,100)
	Total Special Events	\$184,100	\$181,000	(\$3,100)

Parks				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
700-24	Allocate performance pay	\$539,400	\$553,100	\$13,700
	Total Parks	\$1,086,200	\$1,099,900	\$13,700

	Total Recreation & Parks	\$5,104,000	\$5,116,200	\$12,200
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Ms. Mach moved the following changes to Grants & Contributions. Mr. Jordan seconded; the motion passed 6-0.

Grants & Contributions				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
910-68	Farmers market \$1,500; Street Smart Campaign \$500	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$2,000

	Total Grants & Contributions	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$2,000
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	Total Miscellaneous	\$190,600	\$192,600	\$2,000
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Mr. Herling moved the following changes to Non-Departmental and Fund Transfers. Mr. Jordan seconded; the motion passed 6-0.

Non-Departmental				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
990-72	Health insurance rate decrease (\$20,000); Allocate performance pay (\$155,000)	\$255,000	\$80,000	(\$175,000)
	Total Non-Departmental	\$531,600	\$356,600	(\$175,000)

Fund Transfers				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
999-81	Reduce transfer to Replacement Fund	\$153,000	\$133,000	(\$20,000)
	Total Fund Transfers	\$1,288,000	\$1,268,000	(\$20,000)

Mayor Davis moved the following changes to Total General Fund Expenditures and Replacement Fund Revenues. Ms. Pope seconded; the motion passed 6-0.

Total General Fund Expenditures				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
	Total General Fund Expenditures	\$24,934,200	\$24,868,900	(\$61,200)

Replacement Fund Revenues

Interfund Transfers				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
490000	Interfund transfer from General Fund	\$153,000	\$133,000	(\$20,000)

	Total Replacement Fund Revenue	\$705,000	\$685,000	(\$20,000)
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An Ordinance to Adopt the General Fund, Building Capital Reserve Fund, Cemetery Fund, Debt Service Fund, Replacement Fund, Special Projects Fund, Green Ridge House Fund, Capital Projects Fund, 2001 Bond Fund, Community Development Block Grant Fund, and Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund Budgets for the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to Appropriate Funds and Establish Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Rates for Fiscal Year 2011 Beginning July 1, 2010 and Including June 30, 2011

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Ms. Mach 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.

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

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

Laura Moore, 5-B Gardenway, commented on the tough economic conditions and thanked Council for their efforts throughout the budget process. She said she would support a future increase in apartment licensing fees and using these funds to promote public safety. Ms. Moore also expressed concern regarding contribution group funding in future years.

Mayor Davis said her goal throughout the budget process was to work hard to find savings and reductions in order to eliminate the proposed tax rate increase. She said funds had been identified that would eliminate the need for the tax rate increase but the majority of Council supported placing these funds into reserves. Mayor Davis said she would be voting against the ordinance due to the tax rate increase but added that she supported the rest of the budget.

Mr. Herling, Ms. Mach, Mr. Jordan and Ms. Pope commented on their support of the budget and noted the uncertainty of the economic future and the need to have more funds in reserves. Mr. Herling and Mr. Jordan expressed concern regarding the vacancy levels of commercial areas and the need to attract new businesses and retain existing businesses in the City.

Mr. Roberts said he was opposed to the tax rate increase and would be voting against the ordinance. He stated the City should be more conservative and be able to provide the same level of services without the need for a tax rate increase.

Council thanked Mr. McLaughlin, City staff, advisory board members, and residents for their input into the budget process.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Herling	-	yes
	Mr. Jordan	-	yes
	Ms. Mach	-	yes
	Ms. Pope	-	yes
	Mr. Putens	-	absent
	Mr. Roberts	-	no
	Mayor Davis	-	no

The ordinance was declared adopted (Ordinance No. 1306, Book 12).

VERIZON CELL TOWER – NASA GODDARD SPACE FLIGHT CENTER: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Amy Hofstra said Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) had modified the original plans for the cell tower location to address the concerns raised by the City in May. Alan Binstock, Master Planner with GSFC, explained the new plans for the cell tower location.

Mr. Putens moved that Council send a letter of concurrence to the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) for the revised plans submitted by GSFC regarding the new Verizon cell tower to be located on NASA property and also thank the NCPC for being responsive to the City’s concerns regarding the original plans. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mayor Davis moved that Council support H.R. 4812 but request that it be amended to ensure that funds reach the local government level. Mr. Jordan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Herling moved that Council support S. 3412. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE – 2011 LEGISLATIVE ACTION REQUESTS: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

There was discussion regarding assessing fines for sign removal on State property as a revenue source as well as the need to expand the use of alternative fuel vehicles. Mr. Moran noted both suggestions had been Maryland Municipal League (MML) legislative action requests for the past few years but had not yet been successful.

Mayor Davis moved that Council submit “Fines for Sign Removal on State Property” and “Funding/Incentives for Alternative Fuel Vehicles” as MML 2011 legislative action requests. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

OTHER REPORTS: Mayor Davis reported on the Council of Government Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee meeting.

APPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY GROUP: Ms. Mach moved that Ann Lombardi be appointed to the Advisory Planning Board. Mr. Jordan seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule.

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

Mayor Davis adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, June 7, 2010, at 10:14 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 7, 2010."

Judith F. Davis
Mayor