

WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Wednesday, May 30, 2012, for the purpose of meeting with the State Highway Administration.

Mayor Davis started the meeting at 8:00 p.m. It was held in the MultiPurpose Room of the Community Center.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Konrad E. Herling, Emmett V. Jordan, Silke I. Pope, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Judith F. Davis. Councilmember Leta M. Mach was unable to attend. Councilmember Edward V.J. Putens arrived at 8:55 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Felicia Murphy, Assistant Director Engineer for Traffic, and Kate Mazzara, Assistant District Engineer for Program Development, State Highway Administration; and Bill Orleans.

Informational Items

Mayor Davis said Lois Rosado had submitted a request to Council that she be allowed to continue as a member of the 75th Anniversary Committee even though she had recently become employed part time at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center. After discussion, Council indicated their support of a waiver for Ms. Rosado and requested this item be placed on the agenda of the June 4th meeting for action.

State Highway Administration

Kenilworth Avenue Bridge: Ms. Murphy reported the bridge project is on schedule and will be complete by the fall.

Bicyclist/Pedestrian Lanes: Ms. Mazzara reported that Kenilworth Avenue is scheduled to be resurfaced in 2014 and bicyclist lanes will be included with that project. In response to questions from Mr. Jordan, she will check on why bicyclist lanes were not included with the Kenilworth Avenue bridge project and the resurfacing project just completed on Greenbelt Road near Cipriano Road.

Ms. Pope mentioned in Europe there are entirely separate bike lanes, with a median separating the roadways and the bike lanes and pedestrian walkways, and suggested SHA consider this concept in the future.

Update on other projects: Ms. Mazzara reported on the status of the following projects.

Kenilworth Avenue, from Good Luck Road to Rt. 95: Roadway upgrades including guardrail upgrades and ADA accessibility in Fiscal Year 2014
Greenbelt Road, Rhode Island Avenue to Southway: Roadway upgrades to begin in Summer 2012
Kenilworth Avenue, Good Luck Road to Sarvis Avenue (northbound lanes): Sidewalk installation completed
Kenilworth Avenue near Pontiac Street: Pedestrian improvements completed

Pedestrian Improvements on Greenbelt Road near Cipriano Road: Mayor Davis questioned why pedestrian improvements had not been made during the recent resurfacing project. She mentioned the lack of safe pedestrian walkways in this location had been discussed at the work session in 2011. Ms. Murphy explained that roadway resurfacing projects and sidewalks projects are entirely different programs, receiving different funding. Ms. Mazzara said she would check on the status of the sidewalk project at this location.

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Sector Plan: Mayor Davis mentioned several ideas had been discussed at the Sector Plan meetings regarding the intersections and interchanges of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt Road and Lakeside Drive and Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue, including synchronized traffic signals. Mr. Herling added that separate bus lanes had also been discussed during these meetings.

Miscellaneous Items: Mayor Davis mentioned the historical Greenbelt sign on southbound Kenilworth Avenue was obstructed and there was tree and bush overgrowth on Greenbelt Road near Capitol Cadillac. Ms. Mazzara and Ms. Murphy said they will notify SHA crews.

Mr. Jordan commented on the poor condition of the Powder Mill Road Bridge over the railroad tracks between Edmonston Road and Rt. 1. Ms. Murphy said she believed the bridge repair was included on SHA's five year plan.

In response to a question from Mayor Davis, Ms. Mazzara reported SHA crews are back to a 4-6 week mowing schedule.

Mayor Davis and Council thanked them for attending.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Jordan moved that Council move into Executive Session in accordance with Section 10-508 (a) (1) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland to discuss a personnel matter. Ms. Putens seconded.

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

Mr. Jordan announced that Council would not return to open session.

Council moved into Executive Session at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Murray
City Clerk