

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Tuesday, May 29, 2012.

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

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Konrad E. Herling, Emmett V. Jordan, Silke I. Pope, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Judith F. Davis. Councilmember Edward V.J. Putens was delayed at work and arrived at 9:18 p.m. Councilmember Leta M. Mach was out of state attending a National Cooperative Conference.

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 Greenbelt resident Richard Eddie Craig and former Greenbelt residents Rose Unruh, Jerry Shafer and Helen Aulisio. She then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Ms. Pope and seconded by Mr. Jordan that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 5-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Work Session, May 9, 2012
 - Work Session, May 16, 2012
- Approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advisory Committee on Education, Report #2012-1 (Putting a different school in the Old Middle School building): Council accepted this report and will consider it further pending the discussions between the City and school system staff.

Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Report #2012-2 (Recognition Group Applications): Council accepted this report and granted Recognition Group status to the Greenbelt Soccer Alliance, Greenbelt Volksmarchers and Greenbelt Dog Park Association.

REAPPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY GROUP: Council appointed Kelly Ivy to a new term on the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Roberts requested "Proposal to Relocate the Federal Bureau of Investigation to Beltsville Agricultural Research Center Property" be added to the agenda. With this addition, it was moved by Mr. Herling and seconded by Ms. Pope that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 5-0.

PRESENTATIONS

Older Americans Month Proclamation: Mayor Davis read a proclamation to recognize May as Older Americans Month. Courtney Swanson, Interim Service Coordinator for Green

Ridge House, received the proclamation on behalf of the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program and the residents of Green Ridge House. Ms. Swanson provided an update on the events for Older Americans Month.

Peace Month Proclamation: Mayor Davis read a proclamation to recognize June as Peace Month. Alexander Barnes Sr., Doug Love and Ed Fallon received the proclamation on behalf of the Prince George's Peace and Justice Coalition.

Mr. Barnes, Mr. Love and Mr. Fallon thanked Council for their support of Peace Month. Mayor Davis mentioned several of the scheduled Peace Month activities scheduled for the month.

Click It or Ticket Month – Proclamation: Click It or Ticket Month, recognized in the month of May, is part of the year-long Maryland Law Enforcement Challenge. Mayor Davis presented a proclamation to MPO Scott Yankowy. MPO Yankowy provided an update on police activities related to seatbelt and child safety seat safety.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED FY 2013 BUDGET: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. She then announced the meeting was recessed at 8:26 p.m. for the public hearing.

Anna Socrates, 14-J Ridge Road, thanked Council for the grant to alight dance theater to fund the purchase of new dance flooring. She spoke of the success of alight dance theater and asked Council to consider alight's request for contribution group status.

Molly Lester, 6 Hillside, spoke in support of alight dance theater and mentioned their success in connecting all areas of the community. She thanked Council and staff for including funding in the FY 2013 budget for the continuation of GED and ESOL classes at Springhill Lake Elementary School. Ms. Lester expressed her support of the community visioning exercise with the use of outside facilitators to determine what the community sees as their goals and vision of the City and support for an overall evaluation of support of arts organizations and roles these organizations have in community economic development and revitalization. She requested Council consider its ability to pay back any additional debt incurred as a result of funding upcoming capital projects.

Chris Shuman, 1-E Gardenway, suggested Council consider arts issues when planning for the future use of the Greenbelt Theater. He also requested Council and staff develop a prioritized list of capital projects and equipment expenditures including the estimated costs.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Mr. Whiteman, Greenbelt Soccer Alliance (GSA), thanked Council for approving recognition group status for GSA. He requested a work session with Council regarding the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between GSA, the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club and the Recreation Department. Mr. Whiteman stated that GSA had not been consulted regarding the formation of the MOU. Council referred the matter to staff to review.

Bill Orleans, Greenbelt, questioned property tax abatement to the Maryland Trade Center buildings. He requested a listing of all the commercial properties in the City and a report on how many requests had been filed this year for abatements.

Mr. Shuman and Ms. Lester asked and were provided answers to questions regarding the June 4, 2012, meeting scheduled between City staff and the Prince George's County School Board.

MINUTES:

Executive Session of May 16, 2012, Statement of Record: Mr. Jordan stated 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, May 16, 2012, at 9:03 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building. 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.

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			

The following staff members were in attendance: None

Other individuals in attendance: None

Council took no actions during this session.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. McLaughlin reported on the upcoming Greenbelt Day weekend events.

COUNCIL REPORTS: Councilmembers noted their attendance at the following meetings and events:

Sunnyside Avenue Bridge Replacement Project Information Meeting – Mr. Roberts
Anacostia Trails Bike Ride Event – Mr. Jordan
Greenbelt Nursery School 5k Race – Mr. Jordan
Greenbelt Tennis Association Social – Mr. Jordan
Greenbelt Bike to Work Day – Mr. Jordan, Ms. Mach and Mr. Putens
Prince George's County Municipal Association meeting – Mr. Herling

Maryland Municipal League's "If I Were Mayor" Awards Ceremony – Mayor Davis and Ms. Mach
College Park Bike and Ride Ceremony – Mayor Davis and Mr. Jordan
Golden Age Club 75th Birthday Party – Mayor Davis and Ms. Mach
Annual Seniors Wii Bowling Tournament – Mayor Davis
Memorial Day Events – Mayor Davis, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Putens, Mr. Herling and Ms. Pope
Eleanor Roosevelt High School Graduation Ceremony – Mayor Davis, Mr. Jordan and Mr. Putens

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

LEGISLATION:

A Resolution to Adopt the Maryland Municipal Public Works Officials' Association
Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement

Mr. Putens moved that the resolution for second reading and adoption. Mr. Herling seconded.

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

The resolution was declared adopted (Resolution No. 1091, Book 8).

SELECTION OF AUDIT SERVICES FOR FY 2012: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mr. Putens moved that Council approve the firm of McGladdry & Pullen to perform audit services for fiscal year 2012. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

OTHER REPORTS: Councilmembers presented reports on the following meetings and conferences they recently attended.

Prince George's County Municipal Association - Mr. Herling
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Transportation Planning Board
Meeting – Mr. Roberts

PROPOSAL TO RELOCATE THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION TO BELTSVILLE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER PROPERTY: Mr. Roberts moved that Council send a letter to the County, State and Federal delegation expressing their opposition to the possible relocation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to Beltsville Agricultural

Research Center (BARC) property. He expressed concern that progress on the Sunnyside Avenue Bridge Replacement Project was an attempt to attract the FBI to select the BARC site. After brief discussion, Mr. McLaughlin stressed the confidentiality of the issue. There was no further discussion.

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

Mr. Putens requested that Mr. Manzi prepare a report for Council on the issues of confidential information, including the state and federal penalties for disclosure of confidential information, and internet security.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Putens moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jordan seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Davis adjourned the regular meeting of Tuesday, May 29, 2012, at 10:30 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 May 29, 2012."

Judith F. Davis
Mayor