

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Tuesday, May 28, 2013.

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:00 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 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 residents Florence Abel and Vera Barnes and former residents Muriel Patterson and Delores McCloskey. She then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Jordan requested the minutes of the work session on March 7, 2013, be removed from the consent agenda. With this change, Mr. Putens moved that the agenda be approved. Mr. Jordan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Work Session, April 17, 2013

Work Session, May 1, 2013

Work Session, May 6, 2013

Work Session, May 20, 2013

Approved as presented.

REAPPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY BOARD: Council reappointed Alice Murphy to a new term on the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Mach requested "Appointment to Advisory Group" be added to the agenda. Mayor Davis requested "Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club" and "Maryland Municipal League" be added to the agenda under Presentations. With these additions, Mr. Putens moved that the agenda be approved. Mr. Jordan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Memorial Day Poppy Presentation: Mayor Davis announced that the American Legion Post 136 held its commemoration of Memorial Day on Monday, May 27, in honor of those who had died in combat while serving in the armed forces. Rosita Dietrick and Sandy Beeg, members of the American Legion Post 136 Auxiliary, explained the history of the memorial day poppy symbol and presented poppies to Council.

Peace Month Proclamation: Mayor Davis read a proclamation to recognize June as Peace Month. Ed Fallon and Abdul Turey received the proclamation on behalf of the Prince

George's Peace and Justice Coalition.

Mr. Fallon and Mr. Turey 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: Mayor Davis read a proclamation to recognize May as Click It or Ticket Month. Captain Carl Schinner received the proclamation on behalf of the Greenbelt Police Department. Capt. Schinner provided an update on police activities related to seatbelt and child safety seat safety.

Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club: Austin Henry and Katy Pape, members of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, presented a \$500 check to Council for the City's Emergency Relief Fund.

Maryland Municipal League: Mayor Davis presented the following certificates to Councilmembers and staff members for their service on MML Committees:

Leta Mach – Chair of Communications Committee

Emmett Jordan – Member of Legislative Committee

Robert Manzi – Member of Board of Directors (Representing Municipal Attorneys Association)

Cindy Murray – Member of Convention Planning Committee (Representing Municipal Clerks Association)

Greg Varda – Member of Convention Planning Committee and Board of Directors (Representing Municipal Parks & Recreation Association)

Joe McNeal – Member of Communications Committee

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FY 2014 BUDGET: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments and then announced the meeting was recessed at 8:25 p.m. for the hearing.

Mayor Davis and Mr. McLaughlin provided an update of the budget review process.

Mike Terborg, 7722 Lakecrest Drive, asked whether Council would consider modifying the proposed tax rate increase when the State tax assessments begin to increase. Mayor Davis explained that Council had discussed a sunset clause for the proposed tax increase but, on the advice of counsel, was informed it could not be done.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Mike Terborg, 7722 Lakecrest Drive, requested Council encourage the County to increase funding for school libraries to replace their aging book collections. Mr. Terborg expressed concern that the average age of books in school libraries is 15-20 years and that only \$4 per student is budgeted for library book replacement annually. Mayor Davis suggested the request

be forwarded to the Advisory Committee on Education for review. Ms. Mach, Council Liaison for ACE, described a project ACE had undertaken many years ago to encourage donations to local school libraries.

MINUTES:

Work Session, March 7, 2013: Mr. Jordan noted that Council discussed visibility and lighting concerns along Hanover Parkway and not just at the bus stops. With this change Mr. Jordan moved that the minutes be approved. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Statement for the Record – Executive Session of May 20, 2013: 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 Monday, May 20, 2013, at 7:40 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.

Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Mr. McLaughlin mentioned the Greenbelt Day Weekend events scheduled for the upcoming weekend.

COUNCIL REPORTS: Councilmembers commented on the Memorial Day Service and Reception and thanked members of the Greenbelt American Legion for sponsoring the events. Councilmembers also noted their attendance at the following events.

Maryland Municipal League (MML) Communications Committee Meeting – Mayor Davis and Ms. Mach
MML “If I Were Mayor” Contest Presentation – Mayor Davis and Ms. Mach
Clean Air Partners Business Meeting – Ms. Mach
Greenbelt Bike to Work Day – Mayor Davis, Mr. Jordan and Ms. Mach
Prince George’s County Municipal Association Meeting – Mayor Davis, Mr. Jordan, Ms. Mach and Mr. Herling
Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Bike Ride – Mr. Jordan
Roosevelt Bike Ride – Mr. Jordan
2013 Prince George’s County Historic Preservation Reception – Mayor Davis
Doctors Hospital Grand Opening of Comprehensive Breast Cancer Center – Mayor Davis
Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee Meeting – Mayor Davis

Mayor Davis congratulated the following individuals and organizations:

75th Anniversary Committee - Received the 1st Maryland Milestones Award for Heritage Tourism
Greenbelt Middle School – Received 30 iPads from Bill Nye as part of “Flipping for Sophia” online campaign
Eleanor Roosevelt High School Junior Varsity Cheerleaders – Won 1st Place in JV Advanced at the U.S. Finals Cheerleading and Dance National Competition
Boateng Kabi and Veronica Handunge, Seniors at Eleanor Roosevelt High School – Selected for the Gates Millennium Scholars Program

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

LEGISLATION:

An Ordinance to Amend Article 3 “Public Parks, Playgrounds, Etc., Generally” of Chapter 12 “Parks and Recreation” of the Greenbelt City Code to Allow the Sale and Sampling of Wine at the Greenbelt Farmers Market between May 1st and December 24th of Each Year

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

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

Mayor Davis noted her support of the Greenbelt Farmers Market (GFM) but said she will vote against the ordinance because of principle.

Lynn Chandler, President of GFM Board of Directors, suggested “by authorized vendors” be added after “Allow the Sale and Sampling of Wine” in the ordinance. Mr. Manzi said this could be done and would not be considered a substantive change.

Sue Stern, 5-K Gardenway, asked and was provided answers to several questions regarding the wine sales.

Ms. Mach suggested that recyclable cups be used for the wine sampling.

Mr. Roberts said he would vote against the ordinance because of his opposition to any type of promotion for alcohol use. He added that he is supportive of GFM but does not believe wine sampling is necessary.

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

The ordinance was declared adopted (Ordinance No. 1328, Book 12).

FARMERS MARKET SIGNAGE: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mayor Davis commented on the sign dimensions for the farmers market signage on Greenbelt Road and suggested that a smaller sign would be more appropriate. Mr. Roberts agreed and suggested that language be included on the signage to promote Roosevelt Center merchants. Terri Hruby, Assistant Director of Planning, said she would relay Council's concerns regarding the sign dimensions to the State and added that the State's farmers market signage program is specific to that program so inclusion of other merchants would not be allowed.

Mr. Jordan moved that Council approve the proposed signage for the Greenbelt Farmers Market with the comment that the sign on Crescent be located closer to the intersection with Southway. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

PETITION FROM JOHN ABELL – POLICY OF REPORTING CRIME AND SPECIAL PROCEDURES REGARDING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Ms. Mach moved that Council refer the petition received from John Abell regarding a policy on reporting crime to the community and special procedures for child pornography along with the responses from both the City Solicitor and Chief of Police to the Community Relations Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Board, and Youth Advisory Committee. Ms. Mach further moved that once all committee responses have been received, Council hold a work session on the matter. Mr. Jordan seconded.

John Abell, 1-B Research Road, and Sue Stern, 5-K Gardenway, thanked council for its actions. Ms. Stern suggested the item also be referred to CARES. Mayor Davis said Council may request a representative from CARES to attend the work session.

The motion passed 7-0.

NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE STORMWATER GRANT: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mr. Jordan moved that Council authorize staff to submit the following proposals to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Chesapeake Bay Stewardship program: 1) Funding to reconstruct the parking lot at the Springhill Lake (SHL) recreation center; and 2) Funding to obtain technical assistance to redesign Cherrywood Lane between Kenilworth Avenue and Breezewood Drive. Mr. Putens seconded.

Mr. Roberts reported that the Town of Bladensburg and City of Mount Rainier had not had good experience with the use of pervious surface. Terri Hruby, Assistant Director of Planning, said staff will check into this concern thoroughly.

The motion passed 7 to 0.

COUNTY LEGISLATION – CB-20-2013: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Ms. Mach moved that Council support CB-20-2013 and reiterate the following comments/concerns:

1. Extend the public outreach requirements beyond registered civic associations;
2. Remove the provision that provides for blanket approval of a detailed site plan if the Planning Board fails to decide the case within 60 days;
3. Allow for municipalities to request a waiver of the 60 day review period if more time is needed for the municipality to review and comment on the plan; and
4. If the subject property is located in and/or abuts a municipality, require that a representative from the municipality be invited to the pre-view meeting as well.

Ms. Pope seconded.

Cary Coppick, 9-D Ridge Road, asked and was provided answers to several questions regarding the waiver request process.

Mr. Roberts said he did not support the legislation as he believed expediting transit oriented review was doing away with public participation in the process. He added that more concern should be placed on the quality of the process and not the speed of the process.

After further discussion, Ms. Mach amended the original motion to “support CB-20-2013 conditionally and reiterate the following comments/concerns.....” Ms. Pope seconded the amendment.

The motion passed 6-1. (Roberts)

PARTICIPATION IN MARYLAND SMART ENERGY COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mr. Putens moved that Council approve the proposed grant agreement prepared by staff with the Maryland Energy Administration's Maryland Smart Energy Communities program. Ms. Pope seconded.

Ms. Mach said that all the preliminary projects proposed by staff were very worthy and mentioned that a compressed natural gas replacement project also appears to meet the program requirements. She asked if energy efficient lighting at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center would meet the program requirements. Mr. Moran said staff would review both suggestions and report back to Council.

The motion passed 7-0.

OTHER REPORTS:

Ms. Mach – Council of Governments (COG) Air Quality Committee Meetings (Two)
Mr. Herling – COG Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee Meeting
Mayor Davis – COG Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee Report

APPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY GROUP: Ms. Mach moved that Council appoint Yoni Siegel to the Forest Preserve Advisory Board. Ms. Pope 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 Tuesday, May 28, 2013, at 10:33 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 28, 2013."

Judith F. Davis
Mayor