

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, April 11, 2011.

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Emmett V. Jordan, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Judith F. Davis. Councilmember Konrad E. Herling was unable to attend due to illness.

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 residents Merle Scheibel, Beatrice Nee, Virginia Hunt and Bill Souser. She then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

CONSENT AGENDA: Ms. Mach requested the minutes of the February 28, 2011, regular meeting and the April 4, 2011, interview be removed from the agenda. With this change, it was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Mr. Jordan that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 6-0.

Council thereby took the following action:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Interview, February 28, 2011
Interview, March 14, 2011
Regular Meeting, March 14, 2011
Work Session, March 23, 2011
Regular Meeting, March 28, 2011
Approved as presented.

REQUEST FOR USE OF FACILITIES: Council approved the waiver of facility rental fees for the use of the Youth Center and the Aquatic and Fitness Center on June 3-4, 2011, for the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Grad Night Celebration.

APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY GROUPS: Council appointed Debbie Cooley and Joan Rosado to the 75th Anniversary Committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Mr. Jordan and seconded by Ms. Mach that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 6-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

ACE Educator Awards Ceremony: Mayor Davis introduced Jon Garner, chair of the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE). Mr. Gardner explained the purpose of the ACE Outstanding Educator Awards, gave an overview of ACE's other activities, and described the gifts and certificates to be presented tonight. He said this was the 16th consecutive year that the ACE Awards had been presented, and thanked the City Council for its support over that period.

Mr. Gardner recognized Laretta Baugh, Veronica Martin-Frederick, Janet Mirsky, Donald Rich, and David Whiteman, ACE members; Councilmember Mach, ACE council liaison;

Wendy Wexler, ACE staff liaison; County Councilmember Ingrid M. Turner; Dr. Marilyn Moreno, Assistant Superintendent Area 1 representing County School Board Member Peggy Higgins; Kimberly Seidel, Principal of Greenbelt Elementary School; Natasha Jenkins, Principal of Springhill Lake Elementary School; Phyllis Gillens, Principal of Magnolia Elementary School; Kenneth Jones, Principal of Turning Point Academy; Warren Tweedy, Acting Principal of Greenbelt Middle School; and Reginald McNeill, Principal of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

The following 2011 award recipients were recognized, and gifts and citations were presented from ACE, the City Council, the County Council and the General Assembly.

Greenbelt Elementary School	Elizabeth Stewart-Hancock – 4 th Grade Teacher
Springhill Lake Elementary School	Ramon Russell – Special Educator Paraprofessional, 4 th Grade
Magnolia Elementary School	Robert Crowley – 1 st Grade Teacher
Turning Point Academy	Pamela B. Coffield – 1 st Grade Teacher
Greenbelt Middle School	Alemnesh Allen – Special Education Department Chair
Eleanor Roosevelt High School	Francine Powell, Attendance Secretary

Arbor Day – Proclamation: Mayor Davis read a proclamation to recognize Arbor Day, which was received by Charles Jackman and Ethel Dutky, members of the Advisory Committee on Trees, and Lesley Riddle, Assistant Director of Public Works. Ms. Riddle gave an overview of this year's Arbor Day plans, which will be conducted by the City in conjunction with its Earth Day event and Public Works Open House on Saturday, April 16.

Earth Day – Proclamation: Mayor Davis read a proclamation to recognize the 41st anniversary of Earth Day, which was received by Jane Young, a volunteer with the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, and Lesley Riddle.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS: None

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Minutes of February 28, 2011: Under Council Reports, Ms. Mach said she did not attend the Greenbelt Community Foundation Tea. Under Award of Purchase – Replacement Police Vehicles, Ms. Mach noted she was referring to the number of vehicles approved for purchase this fiscal year, not the type of vehicle. With these corrections, Ms. Mach moved that the minutes be accepted. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Minutes of April 4, 2011: Ms. Mach noted she was not present for this interview because she was attending the Parent Cooperative Preschool International meeting. With this correction, Ms. Mach moved that the minutes be accepted. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. McLaughlin announced a Family Fit Night event will be held on Friday evening at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center and the Celebration of Spring event will be held on Saturday, also at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Ms. Mach commented on the Prince George's Elected Municipal Women's meeting which she attended with Mayor Davis, and also on the Opening Day of Greenbelt Baseball which was attended by all of Council.

Mr. Jordan reported on the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce 2011 State of the Economy meeting and the Anacostia Watershed Cleanup event in Greenbelt West.

Ms. Pope commented on the Greenbelt Middle School ceremony for the Radical Readers Competition which was also attended by Governor O'Malley, Prince George's County School Superintendent Hite, Mayor Davis, Mr. Herling, Mr. Jordan and Mr. Putens.

Mayor Davis reported on the Franklin Park Summit which was also attended by Mr. Herling, Mr. Jordan, Ms. Pope and Mr. Putens. She also thanked all the local groups who had participated in the Anacostia Watershed cleanup events throughout the City.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

CHANGE IN AGENDA ORDER: Mr. Putens moved that Council consider Item #17, CSX Rail Intermodal Facility, as the next order of business. Mr. Jordan seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

CSX RAIL INTERMODAL FACILITY: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Council discussed the proposal by the Maryland Department of Transportation to construct a rail intermodal facility at one of four possible sites, one site being the property west of MD Route 201 between Sunnyside Avenue and Powder Mill Road. Council noted a number of concerns with this site, which is currently undeveloped wetlands and forested flood plain and part of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC).

Cary Coppick, 9-D Ridge Road, and Doug Love, 3-D Plateau Place, spoke in opposition to construction of the rail intermodal facility at the BARC location.

Mayor Davis moved that council send a letter to Beverly Swaim-Staley, Secretary of MDOT, indicating Council's opposition to further consideration of this property for the proposed rail intermodal facility and urging that it be removed from the list of possible sites. She also requested copies of the letter be sent to the federal representatives, BARC and the United States Department of Agriculture. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

LEGISLATION:

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2, "Administration," Article IV, "Ethics," of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Updating the Section on Financial Disclosure

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Putens introduced the resolution for second reading and moved that it be adopted. Ms. Pope seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Herling - absent
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. 1309, Book 12).

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Pool White Coat Services and Transition Line Installation from Wilcoxon Construction of Rockville, Maryland, at a Cost not to Exceed \$38,000

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Ms. Mach introduced the resolution for second reading and moved that it be adopted. Mr. Putens seconded the motion.

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

The resolution was declared adopted (Resolution No. 1074, Book 8).

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Annual Landscape and Mowing Services from Inside Out Services of Silver Spring, Maryland, at a Cost of \$34,260

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Jordan introduced the resolution for first reading.

A Resolution to Negotiate Purchase of Fleet Management Software from by Arsenault Associates of Burlington, New Jersey, at a Cost not to Exceed \$17,000

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Roberts questioned whether the software was critically needed at this time. Mr. McLaughlin explained that the information provided by fleet management reports on automotive parts inventories, vehicle maintenance histories and fuel consumption is very useful during budget reviews, as well as provides information to easily answer questions posed by Council on the City's automotive fleet.

Ms. Pope introduced the resolution for first reading.

A Resolution to Negotiate Purchase of Banking Services from The Columbia Bank of Columbia, Maryland

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

OTHER REPORTS: Council provided information from the following meetings they had recently attended.

Mr. Jordan, Ms. Mach and Mayor Davis reported on work sessions they had attended at the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference.

Mr. Jordan also reported on Governor O'Malley's Smart Growth Forum.

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Ms. Mach and seconded by Mr. Putens. The motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Davis adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, April 11, 2011, at 10:08 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 April 11, 2011."

Judith F. Davis
Mayor