

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, April 8, 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, Silke I. Pope, Edward V.J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts, and Mayor Judith F. Davis. Councilmember Leta M. Mach was out of town attending a family wedding.

ALSO PRESENT were Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; David 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 Jennifer Barbara White, Barbara Jane Byrd and Catherine O'Brien, and former residents Carl Gussio, Benjamin P. Goldfaden, Leonard Eli Mikesell and William Owen Ransom. She then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Jordan requested the minutes of the February 25, 2013, agenda be removed from the agenda. With this change, Mr. Putens moved that the agenda be approved. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Regular Meeting, March 11, 2013

Approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advisory Planning Board, Report #2013-2 (Detailed Site Plan for Magnolia Gardens Nursing Home): Council accepted this report and will consider it on the agenda later this evening.

REAPPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY BOARDS: Council appointed John Lippert to a new term on the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability.

RESIGNATION FROM ADVISORY BOARD: Council accepted the resignation of George Branyan from the Advisory Planning Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. McLaughlin requested "Briefing on Revised County Legislation" be added to the agenda after Agenda Item #17. With this addition, Mr. Putens moved that the agenda be approved. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

ACE Educator Awards Ceremony: Mayor Davis introduced Janet Mirsky, member of the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE). Ms. Mirsky 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. She said this was the 18th consecutive year that the ACE Awards had been presented, and thanked the City Council for its support over that period.

Ms. Mirsky recognized Jon Gardner, Donald Rich and Elsie Waynes, ACE members; Councilmember Mach, ACE council liaison; Rosalind Ceasar, ACE staff liaison; County Councilmember Ingrid M. Turner; County School Board Member Peggy Higgins; Sarah Verbofsky, Community Liaison for Delegate Alonzo Washington - representing the State Delegation; Monica Gaines, Principal of Greenbelt Elementary School; Michael Kenny, Resident Principal of Springhill Lake Elementary School; Phyllis Gillens, Principal of Magnolia Elementary School; Rhonda Clomax, Principal of Turning Point Academy; Warren Tweedy, Principal of Greenbelt Middle School; and Reginald McNeill, Principal of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

The following 2013 award recipients were recognized, and gifts and citations were presented from ACE, the City Council, the County Council and the General Assembly.

Sally Wagner	Eleanor Roosevelt High School
Robert Stradford	Greenbelt Middle School
Shana Sterkin	Springhill Lake Elementary School
Leonor Fernandez	Magnolia Elementary School
Brenda Mayo	Turning Point Academy
Andrew Karnes	Greenbelt Elementary School

Arbor Day Proclamation: In keeping with its designation as a "Tree City USA," Mayor Davis issued a proclamation in recognition of Arbor Day. Charles Jackman, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Trees, received the proclamation and provided an overview of this year's Arbor Day plans.

Earth Day Proclamation: Mayor Davis issued a proclamation marking the 43rd Anniversary of Earth Day. Kim Walsh, representing the Chesapeake Education Arts Research Society (CHEARS), and Luisa Robles, the City's Recycling Coordinator, received the proclamation and gave an overview of this year's Earth Day plans and activities.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS: None

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting, February 25, 2013: Under Council Reports, Mr. Jordan said he had not attended the Angarai II Open House. With this change, he moved that the minutes be approved. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: None

COUNCIL REPORTS: Councilmembers commented on their attendance at the following events.

Greenbelt Little League Opening Day – Mayor Davis, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Herling,
Mr. Putens and Ms. Pope
Friends of New Deal Café Arts Reception/Poetry Box Dedication – Mayor Davis,
Mr. Jordan and Mr. Herling
Dr. Ida Jones Lecture at the Greenbelt Library in Recognition of Women’s History
Month – Mr. Jordan
Alice Ferguson Foundation Cleanup – Mr. Jordan
Easter Egg Hunt – Mayor Davis, Mr. Jordan, Ms. Mach, Mr. Putens and Ms. Pope
Underwater Easter Egg Hunt – Mayor Davis and Ms. Mach
Prince George’s County NAACP Women’s History Month Presentation/Greetings –
Mayor Davis
University of Maryland STEM Expo/Greetings – Mayor Davis

Mayor Davis reported that she and Mr. McLaughlin had met with seven parliamentarians from Iraq’s Council of Representatives to discuss the mission of municipal government. This meeting had been arranged by the Department of State.

Mayor Davis congratulated Robotics Team Illusion 4464 from Lanham who received the Rookie of the Year Award at the DC Regional Championship. The team consists of several students from Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

LEGISLATION:

An Ordinance to Amend Article 1 “In General” of Chapter 2 “Administration” of the Greenbelt City Code to Add a New Section 2-4 Entitled “Confidential Information”

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Putens introduced the ordinance for first reading.

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 “Administration” Article IV “Ethics” of the Greenbelt City Code

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

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Consulting Services for the City’s Organizational Assessment from The Matrix Consulting Group at a Cost of \$49,900

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Mr. Herling introduced this resolution for first reading and moved suspension of the rules in order to allow second reading and passage of the ordinance tonight. Mr. Putens seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Herling introduced the resolution for second reading and moved that it be adopted.
Mr. Putens seconded.

Bill Orleans asked and was provided answers to several questions.

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

Mr. Roberts said he did not feel this expense was necessary.

The resolution was declared adopted (Resolution No. 1098, Book 8).

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of an Emergency Back-Up Generator for the Greenbelt
Municipal Building from Cummins Power Systems

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

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, REPORT #2013-1 – POLICE
DEPARTMENT DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Ginny Jones, Chair of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC), reported an elderly driver had stopped her one evening when walking and asked for directions to the Police Department. She said she then noticed there was no directional signage in the City for the Police Department.

Ms. Jones explained she took the concern to SCAC for their consideration. Ms. Jones, along with Betty Timer and Henry Haslinger, members of SCAC, said the committee recommends that since the current Police Department signage is not immediately obvious from Crescent Road, a larger, more visible sign would be more appropriate. They also recommend that directional

signage to the Police Department at Roosevelt Center and/or on Greenbelt Road would be useful and appropriate.

Mr. Putens moved that Council refer the SCAC Report #2013-1 to the Advisory Planning Board, Public Safety Advisory Board, and Planning staff for their review. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD, REPORT #2013-2 – DETAILED SITE PLAN FOR MAGNOLIA GARDENS NURSING HOME: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Terri Hruby, Assistant Director of Planning, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the detailed site plan for the Magnolia Gardens Nursing Home. She reported that the Advisory Planning Board provided constructive criticism of the proposed pedestrian circulation system and has requested that the applicant further address the feasibility of providing a more direct pedestrian connection from Mallery Drive to the front entrance of the facility, as well as a pedestrian connection from the neighboring residential development. Ms. Hruby advised that Planning staff concurs with the need for a more direct pedestrian route to the facility's main entrance off Mallery Drive, but feels the City should defer to the neighboring residential community and Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) regarding a connection from their neighborhood to the sidewalk along the eastern access drive.

Mr. Ramon Benitez and Mr. Phil Down, representing the applicant, said they held numerous discussions with the neighboring residential community. Mr. Benitez indicated that if the residential community recommends the pedestrian connection, they will work to make it occur. Mr. Down advised that County Code would not allow them to include a sidewalk from Mallery Drive to the front entrance of the facility because of grade issues.

Mr. Jordan moved Council support the recommendation of the Advisory Planning Board and ask that the pedestrian access to the facility be reevaluated. There was no second. Motion failed.

After further discussion, Ms. Pope moved that Council take no position on the detailed site plan for the Magnolia Gardens Nursing Home but request that the following concerns be reviewed: a more direct pedestrian connection from Mallery Drive to the main building entrance be provided with a sidewalk along the western access drive; the entire layout of the building with relation to the main entrance be reevaluated; and if desirable by the neighboring residential community and/or M-NCPPC, a pedestrian connection be provided from Nightingale Drive to the proposed sidewalk along the eastern access drive. Mr. Jordan seconded.

Mr. Roberts suggested that the existing facility be torn down completely and an entirely new facility constructed.

The motion passed 6-0.

BRIEFING ON REVISED COUNTY LEGISLATION: Terri Hruby, Assistant Director of Planning, provided an update on CB 6 – Transit Oriented Priority Development and CB 12 – Transit Oriented Jobs Act which Council had discussed at its March 11, 2013, meeting. She

advised that these two bills had been blended into a new proposed bill that addresses several of the City's concerns: transit oriented projects are limited to detailed site plan approval; projects must be within a one-half mile radius of a Metro site (only the North Core in Greenbelt would qualify); at time of application, applicant must submit in writing the methods of public outreach to municipalities and homeowner associations; best urban design methods must be utilized; local governments can ask for extension for due cause; and a 60 day review with the clock beginning when the application is formally accepted by the County. Ms. Hruby said it appears the bill is generally going in a positive direction. However, she added that the bill does include a provision that if there is no decision by the Planning Board within 60 days the project is deemed approved which should be opposed.

Ms. Hruby said it was not necessary for Council to take a position on the proposed bill at this time. She said it would return to Council for formal position if and when it is scheduled to be presented to the County Council.

FY 2014 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (CR-22-2013): Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Ms. Pope moved that Council send a letter supporting CR-22-2013, the County's FY 2014 Annual Action Plan which allocates Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and other Federal funding for Program Year (PY) 39 (7/1/13-6/30/14), but requesting funding for the Springhill Lake Parking Lot project if additional monies become available. Mr. Jordan seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS RESOLUTION ON GUN CONTROL: Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Mayor Davis explained that the Council of Governments Board would be discussing the reconsideration of Resolution #13-2013 (Adoption of the Position of the International Association of Chiefs of Police Regarding the Prevention of Gun Violence) at its meeting on April 10. She said if reconsideration passes, then the substitute draft resolution provided in Council's packet would be introduced in its place.

After discussion, Council directed that the Mayor vote against reconsideration of Resolution #13-2013 but if it should pass, then to vote for the substitution Resolution.

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

Mr. Putens moved that Council approve the firm of McGladrey, LLC to perform audit services for fiscal year 2013 and a bid solicitation be issued for audit services for fiscal year 2014. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

OTHER REPORTS: None

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

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

Mayor Davis adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, April 8, 2013, at 11:30 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 April 8, 2013."

Judith F. Davis
Mayor