

WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Wednesday, April 2, 2014, to discuss the Miscellaneous, Other Funds and Capital Projects sections of the FY 2015 Budget.

Mayor Jordan started the meeting at 8:08 p.m. The meeting was held in Room 201 of the Greenbelt Community Center.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V.J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan. Konrad Herling was absent due to illness.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael McLaughlin, City Manager, Jeffrey Williams, City Treasurer; Megan Searing Young, Museum Director; Joe McNeal, Assistant Director of Recreation and David Moran, Assistant City Manager.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Lisa Ealley, College Park Meals on Wheels; Steve Gilbert, Allison Titman, Anna Socrates and Lauren Silberman, Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM); Amanda Brozana, Molly Lester and Bill Orleans, residents and Kathleen Gallagher, News Review.

Ms. Ealley discussed the Meals on Wheels program. She reported they were still dealing with reduced County funding. Ms. Ealley noted the passing of Don Byrd who had appeared before Council in prior years. She stated Greenbelt was the largest served area. Ms. Ealley indicated that Council Member Turner had not provided discretionary grant funding to Meals on Wheels. Council expressed a desire to send a letter to Council Member Turner regarding this grant funding.

Ms. Young gave a presentation highlighting Museum accomplishments over the past year and the objectives for the coming year. There was discussion of FOGM's role and the successful partnership with the City. Ms. Silberman discussed the funding provided by FOGM and their endowment funds.

Under Non-Departmental, there was discussion of pay for Recreation instructors. Several Council members reported hearing that instructors were underpaid and had not received a raise in several years. Ms. Davis asked about sick leave for temporary employees and cited proposed State legislation requiring this. Mr. Roberts favored paying instructors more and then raising the fees for the classes.

Council reviewed the Fund Transfers section. Mr. McLaughlin stated that transfers to the Replacement, Building Capital Reserve and Capital Projects Funds were on the low side and this needed to be addressed in future years.

Mr. McNeal provided an update on the renovations being made at the old Greenbelt Middle School and reviewed a school system document on the renovations with Council. Council expressed concern about the lack of renovation to the rooms being offered for City use. Mr. Putens believed a commitment was made for basic renovations. Ms. Mach wanted an assurance that asbestos had been addressed.

Council reviewed the Other Funds section. Under Special Projects, there was discussion of the Finance computer system. Mr. Williams noted it was an MBO for FY 2015 to evaluate a new system with a possible acquisition in FY 2016.

Council reviewed Capital Projects. Mr. McLaughlin noted \$3.8 million in projects. Council agreed to hold a more detailed work session on Capital Projects over the summer.

The meeting ended at 10:41p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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