

WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL/LEGISLATIVE DINNER held Wednesday, February 26, 2014, at Harry Browne's Restaurant in Annapolis, for the purpose of discussing the status of the City's legislative priorities and other legislative matters.

Mayor Jordan began the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

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

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager; John Shay, City Solicitor; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: State Senator Paul Pinsky and State Delegates Anne Healey, Tawanna Gaines and Alonzo Washington. County Councilmember Ingrid Turner was unable to attend.

Mayor Jordan welcomed the legislators. He said the purpose of the gathering was for the City to receive an update on the status of pending legislation, including the priorities presented at the December legislative dinner.

The following City priority issues were reviewed.

State Issues

BOND BILL FOR GREENBELT THEATER: Provide \$200,000 of additional State funding to complete the renovation of the historic Greenbelt Movie Theater.

Mayor Jordan advised that Council had voted to withdraw HB 502/SB 516 if necessary and concentrate on HB 1152/SB 956 to extend the deadline on the existing grant funding.

Senator Pinsky and Delegate Gaines suggested Council not withdraw HB 502/SB 516. They indicated it was possible the additional funding could be approved as well as HB 1152/SB 956 to extend the existing grant funding.

REPEAL SUNSET CLAUSE FOR SHUTTLE UM PROGRAM: This program sunsets on June 30, 2014. PG 403-14 would repeal this sunset clause.

Senator Pinsky and Delegates Healey and Gaines said they expect this legislation to pass.

NOISE BARRIERS FOR GREENBELT NEIGHBORHOODS: Provide funding for installation of noise barriers along the Beltway for Greenbelt communities.

Delegate Gaines reported that Phase I of the State Highway Administration (SHA) Noise Barrier Study had been completed. She said she will be meeting with the SHA on Monday.

Joint State/County/MML Issue

FULL FUNDING OF MUNICIPAL HIGHWAY USER REVENUES: Restore Highway User Revenues to FY 2008/2009 full funding level of \$45 million.

Senator Pinsky said it was doubtful there would be any long term solution due to the current fiscal situation. However, he indicated that he was cautiously optimistic that \$16 million would remain in the proposed budget for this year.

City Supported/Opposed Legislation

Council noted their support of the following bills.

HB 729/SB 979: Municipal Street Light Investment Act

SB 394: Statewide Container Deposit Bill

HB 602: Common Ownership Communities – Foreclosure of Liens

SB 707/HB 718: Statewide Bag Bill

SB 786/HB 1192: Community Renewable Energy – Pilot Program

Council noted their opposition to the following bill.

HB 492: Municipal Property Taxes – Special Rates

Other Items

The legislators thanked the City for its hospitality. Council thanked the legislators for attending.

The meeting ended at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cindy Murray
City Clerk*