

WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Wednesday, February 20, 2013, for the purpose of holding a stakeholder meeting with Maryland National Guard at Greenbelt Armory.

Mayor Davis started the meeting at 8:00p.m. The meeting was held in the Multipurpose Room of the Greenbelt Community Center.

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

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael McLaughlin, City Manager, and David Moran, Assistant City Manager.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Captain Sam Waltzer, Greenbelt Armory; Bill Orleans and two students from University of Maryland.

Mayor Davis welcomed everyone and there were introductions.

Captain Waltzer thanked the Council for hosting the meeting. He explained that the 231st Chemical Company [assigned to the Armory] was a highly specialized unit whose mission was to detect, protect and defend against chemical warfare. Capt. Waltzer indicated the unit both supported Military and civilian operations.

Capt. Waltzer stated the Guard was made up of people in the community. He described some of the roles of the Guard, especially in severe weather emergencies. Mayor Davis asked about the size of the unit. Capt. Waltzer responded that over 100 soldiers were assigned to the Armory and about 40% are women.

There was discussion of the future of the Armory. Capt. Waltzer noted that the Armory had received some upgrades and there were additional improvements planned.

Capt. Waltzer noted that the Armory owned the building, the garages and the outbuilding where the Honor Guard had previously been housed. The trucks located in the fenced parking lot are owned by the Guard and used by the unit. He noted the trailers in the parking lot were there temporarily and they belonged to the Civil Air Patrol. He understood that the community was concerned about these trailers and reported that the trailers will be moved soon. It was suggested that the fenced parking area be screened to make it more attractive.

Mr. Jordan asked about accessing the Armory and its resources in an emergency. Capt. Waltzer responded that requests are made through County Emergency Operations Centers. Mr. Putens asked about utilizing the facility as a warming or cooling center. Capt. Waltzer responded this would have to be coordinated through the State. He also noted the Armory did not have air conditioning. Mayor Davis suggested that Capt. Waltzer meet with the Public Safety Advisory Committee, Police and Public Works representatives to learn about the resources available there.

Mayor Davis asked if the commuter lot was still being used. Capt. Waltzer was aware it was used but wasn't sure who was in charge of it. Mr. Herling asked about other uses for the Armory. Capt. Waltzer responded that the facility is leased for community activities. It was

recommended that the Armory utilize the News Review to promote its activities. Mayor Davis suggested that the Armory hold an open house for the public. Capt. Waltzer liked the idea and agreed to work toward hosting that event. There was also a suggestion that the unit participate in the Greenbelt Labor Day parade. Mr. Herling proposed a Greenbelt Access Television public service announcement about the Armory/Unit.

Ms. Mach asked about recruitment activities at the Armory. Capt. Waltzer responded there was a National Guard recruiter on site and they try to plug recruits into an appropriate Guard unit in the State that fits the recruit's interests.

Capt. Waltzer thanked the Council for the meeting.

Informational Items

Ms. Pope referenced a flyer distributed at the school for a soccer program in Laurel. Mayor Davis referenced an email that the City received related to insurance on the Greenbelt Connection van. She also referenced a memo on the McKinney & Anderson houses.

Executive Session

Mr. Jordan moved that council move into Executive Session in accordance with Section 10-508 (a)(9) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland to discuss matters relating to Collective Bargaining Negotiations.

Mr. Putens seconded.

<i>ROLL CALL:</i>	<i>Mr. Herling</i>	<i>- Yes</i>
	<i>Mr. Jordan</i>	<i>- Yes</i>
	<i>Ms. Mach</i>	<i>- Yes</i>
	<i>Ms. Pope</i>	<i>- Yes</i>
	<i>Mr. Putens</i>	<i>- Yes</i>
	<i>Mr. Roberts</i>	<i>- Yes</i>
	<i>Mayor Davis</i>	<i>- Yes</i>

Mr. Jordan stated that Council would not return to open session following the conclusion of the Executive Session.

Council moved into Executive Session at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*David E. Moran
Assistant City Manager*