

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, January 22, 2018.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Colin A. Byrd, Judith F. Davis, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V. J. Putens and Rodney M. Roberts. Mayor Emmett V. Jordan was absent due to business travel.

ALSO PRESENT were Nicole Ard, City Manager; Todd Pounds & Jason DeLoach; City Solicitors and David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis asked for a moment of silence in honor of former resident Daniel DeHaven. She then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Pro Tem Davis removed “Reappointments to Advisory Groups” from the consent agenda. With that change, it was moved by Mr. Byrd and seconded by Ms. Mach the consent agenda be approved with that amendment. The motion passed 6-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES

- Work Session, November 29, 2017
 - Work Session #1, December 18, 2017
 - Work Session #2, December 18, 2017
- Approved as presented

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CRAB Report 2017-2 (13th Amendment Freedom Day Holiday): Council accepted this report and agreed to consider it on a future agenda.

ACE Report 2018-01 (2018 Grant Proposals): Council accepted this report and noted that the item appeared later on the agenda for Council action.

Uli-Tap Revised Project Scope/Boundaries: Council approved the revised scope/boundaries and allowed the project to proceed with an estimated Spring 2018 technical assistance panel.

Resignation From Advisory Group: Council accepted Jason Martin’s resignation from the Forest Preserve Advisory Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Pro Tem Davis added “Youth Advisory Committee Request” and “State Legislation” to the agenda. Mr. Byrd requested the addition of “Maglev letter to County Executive”. Council agreed that this could be discussed under the Maglev letter item already on the agenda. With these additions, it was moved by Ms. Pope and seconded by Mr. Putens that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

PRESENTATIONS: There were none.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

ANNEXATION PETITION: Mayor Pro Tem Davis read the agenda comments. Council accepted the Petition.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Executive Session of December 18, 2017: Mayor Pro Tem Davis moved that the minutes of the executive session of the City Council held Monday, December 18, 2017, be approved as presented. She further requested that the minutes of this meeting reflect that the Council met in executive session at 7:05p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building and that Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 3-305 of the General Provisions `Article of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland* to discuss Council Room security. Mr. Putens seconded.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Roberts	- yes
	Ms. Pope	- yes
	Mr. Byrd	- yes
	Ms. Mach	- yes
	Mr. Putens	- yes
	Mayor Pro Tem Davis	- yes

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Ms. Ard introduced the new City Solicitors Todd Pounds and Jason DeLoach. Ms. Ard encouraged residents to complete the Police Chief recruitment survey. She indicated one meet and greet was held and indicated additional meet and greets would be scheduled.

Ms. Pope referenced the dog park survey and encouraged residents to attend the upcoming work session on January 31.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis announced that there would be a small cell roundtable at the Greenbelt Marriott on January 24.

Mr. Byrd requested that the City expedite online bill payment. He also reiterated a Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance (GREAA) request for the Police to report on certain data and post it online. Mr. Byrd asked about the petition from Ms. Orlando. Ms. Mach responded that a response regarding this petition was in Council's prior packet.

LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Repeal and Reenact with Amendment Resolution Number 2045 to Adopt Standing Rules for the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland
Mayor Pro Tem Davis read the agenda comments.

Ms. Pope introduced the resolution for first reading.

A Resolution Of The City Of Greenbelt, Maryland, To Amend Section 2 Of The Charter Of The City Of Greenbelt, For The Purpose Of Enlarging The Corporate Boundaries Of The City Of Greenbelt, Maryland Under The Provisions Of Article 23a, Section 19, Of The Annotated Code Of The State Of Maryland (1957 Edition And Amendments), Replaced By The Local Government Article Of The Annotated Code Of The State Of Maryland (2013 Edition And Amendments), By Annexing Thereto Certain Lands And Property Contiguous To And Adjoining The Existing Corporate Boundary Of The City Of Greenbelt, Prince George's County, Being The Lands Of The Greenbelt Station South Core Development, Owned By The Developer NVR Ms Cavalier Greenbelt Llc, Located Within Berwyn District 21, Prince George's County, Maryland, And Being Part Of The Land Conveyed By Alfred H. Smith To Alfred H. Smith And Harry R. Smith By Deed Dated June 10, 1987 As Recorded Among The Land Records Of Prince George's County, Maryland, In Liber 6694 Folio 858 And Containing 0.131 Acres More Or Less, As More Fully Described In The Metes And Bounds Description Prepared By W. Joseph Hines Of Dewberry Consultants Llc; Establishing Certain Terms, Conditions, And Circumstances Applicable To Such Land And The Owners Thereof; And All Matters Relating To The Annexation Of Such 0.131 Acres Of Land, More Or Less, Into The City Of Greenbelt Mayor Pro Tem Davis read the agenda comments. Ms. Mach introduced the Resolution for first reading.

2018 ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION (ACE) GRANT PROPOSALS: Mayor Pro Tem Davis read the agenda comments.

Jon Gardner, ACE member, stated that ACE had received strong proposals and more than in previous years. He indicated that ACE faced difficult choices. Mr. Gardner explained that ACE chose to make a higher allocation than budgeted because the clubs were underspending.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis asked Mr. Gardner to thank and congratulate ACE for their hard work.

Ms. Mach stated that ACE spends significant time evaluating the proposals. She suggested raising the issue of providing French language textbooks with the City's school board representative.

Mr. Putens asked about Grad Night. Ms. Ard indicated that the Grad Night committee had decided to go to another facility.

Ms. Pope thanked ACE for their work. She was pleased that Springhill Lake Elementary received the grant for "Team building/problem solving at Terrapin Adventures."

Mr. Byrd also thanked ACE for their dutiful work. He noted that many of Eleanor Roosevelt High School's (ERHS) applications were not recommended for funding and asked Mr. Gardner to comment. Mr. Gardiner responded that situations vary from year to year and there had been years where ERHS received more approvals. He reiterated that ACE had received many good proposals and had to make hard choices. Mr. Gardner also noted that several of the proposals were similar, and, in this case, ACE usually recommends just one.

After review of the proposals, ACE had recommended 24 grant proposals totaling \$11,757.62 be submitted to Council for funding approval. ACE recommends allocating \$2,257.62 from the

ACE Clubs budget for the 2018 grants.

Ms. Pope moved that Council approve the 2018 ACE grants as recommended by ACE, totaling \$11,757.62 with an additional \$2,257.62 from the ACE Clubs budget. Mr. Putens seconded.

#	School:	Purpose of grant request:	Request:	Recommend:
1	DKFI	French Reading Books	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
2	DKFI	Orchestra Upright Double Bass	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
3	DKFI	Online French Software: BrainPop.fr	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
4	DKFI	Outdoor Recess Toys	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
5	DKFI	Yoga in the Classroom	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
6	DKFI	Student Literary Magazine: Les Etoiles Filantes	\$ 500.00	\$ -
7	ERHS	Shifting Toward Student-Centered Science Classroom	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
8	ERHS	African Literature Appreciation	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
9	ERHS	Classic Literature Appreciation	\$ 375.77	\$ -
10	ERHS	Literature for Female Empowerment	\$ 500.00	\$ -
11	ERHS	ERHS Cheerleading Squad	\$ 500.00	\$ -
12	ERHS	2018 Grad Night for Eleanor Roosevelt High School	\$ 500.00	\$ -
13	ERHS	Senior Class Prom Promise and SADD Shines Day	\$ 500.00	\$ -
14	ERHS	ERHS Teacher Town Hall	\$ 500.00	\$ -
15	ERHS	ERHS Teacher Awards	\$ 500.00	\$ -
16	ERHS	ERHS Parent Teacher Conference Day Dinner	\$ 500.00	\$ -
17	GES	Hands on Equations	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
18	GES	JA Biztown	\$ 500.00	\$ -
19	GES	Differentiated Math Centers	\$ 432.72	\$ 432.72
20	GES	Research Based Parenting Classes	\$ 500.00	\$ -
21	GES	Animation with 5th Grade	\$	\$ 500.00

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22	GES	5th Grade Musical Field Trip	\$ 500.00	\$ -
23	GES	Butterfly Wonder	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
24	GES	ANGST Documentary Screening and Discussion	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
25	GMS	Incentives for GMS PBIS Discipline Program	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
26	MES	Field Trip to Kennedy Center to See NSO	\$ 423.00	\$ -
27	MES	School Supplies Mobile Store	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
28	MES	Book Updates for Reading Club	\$ 469.50	\$ 469.50
29	MES	First Lego League - Hydro-Dynamics	\$ 500.00	\$ 475.00
30	SHLES	Team Building/Problem Solving at Terrapin Adventures	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
31	SHLES	Tactile Sensory Instructional Materials	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
32	SHLES	Using Theater and Music in Elementary Education	\$ 430.40	\$ 430.40
33	SHLES	Bringing Home and School Together: Family Math Night	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
34	SHLES	Flexible Seating	\$ 500.00	\$ -
35	SHLES	Activity Centers	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
36	SHLES	We Raise Diverse Readers!	\$ 500.00	\$ -
37	SHLES	Family Engagement Reading Kits	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
38	SHLES	Springhill Lake's Butterfly Garden Green Team	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
39	SHLES	Advanced Writing Academy: Writing to Share a Message	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
40	SHLES	Nutrition Assembly	\$ 500.00	\$ -
41	SHLES	Fuel Up to Play 60 Awards Field Trip	\$ 500.00	\$ -
42	SHLES	Health Week Items	\$ 500.00	\$ -
43	SHLES	Family Fit Day	\$ 500.00	\$ -
44	SHLES	Family Engagement	\$ 500.00	\$ -

\$ 21,581.39	\$ 11,757.62
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The motion passed 5 to 1 (Byrd). Mr. Byrd explained that he would like to see the success rate for Eleanor Roosevelt High School applications be higher.

ADOPTION OF ANNEXATION PLAN - .131 ACRE PARCEL: Mayor Pro Tem Davis read the agenda comments.

Ms. Bellah explained that the City was correcting a drafting error from the prior annexation and that this small 0.131 acre parcel should have been included.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis asked if there were any taxes generated from this property. Ms. Bellah indicated this property was adjacent to a stream and would eventually be dedicated to the City.

Ms. Pope moved that Council approve the annexation plan. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 6 to 0.

AWARD OF PURCHASE - AUDIO VISUAL UPGRADES FOR COUNCIL AND MULTI-PURPOSE ROOMS

Mayor Pro Tem Davis read the agenda comments.

Ms. Palau introduced Shawn Wiser with Pipino Inc. She noted that staff had been working on this project for several years and that the City's broadcast equipment needed to be upgraded.

Mr. Roberts asked about the maintenance contract. Mr. Wiser responded that the City would get unlimited phone technical support, preventive maintenance visits and manufacturer warranty support. He indicated there were six visits per year beyond the initial 90 day period.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis relayed a question from Mayor Jordan about the purchase of new cameras. Ms. Palau responded that the City had not purchased new cameras in a long time. She noted that there would be remote cameras which would be controlled from the booth in the back of the Council Room.

Ms. Mach asked how long the pricing was valid. Mr. Wiser responded pricing was typically valid for 90 days, but likely much longer unless the manufacturer changes pricing. Ms. Mach believed there had been significant discussion about the upgrades and wanted to move forward.

Ms. Pope asked if the new equipment would address the sound issues. Mr. Wiser responded that sound quality would be improved, subject to the limitations of the speaker. Ms. Palau stated that most of the sound issues were related to the conditions in the room.

It was noted Mayor Jordan wanted a work session to learn more about the camera layout. Mr. Putens and Mr. Byrd favored learning more about the camera layout.

Mr. Roberts asked about wiring. Mr. Wiser responded that the work session microphones would be wireless but all of the cameras and dais microphones would be hard wired. Mr. Roberts wanted to move forward with the contract.

Mr. Roberts moved that the City contract with Pipino, Inc., for the Council Room upgrades in the amount of \$140,365.22 and for the maintenance and support contract in the amount \$3,119.00 annually. Ms. Mach seconded.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis suggested a work session so Council would understand where everything is located.

Mr. Orleans hoped Council would decide what to do about the Wednesday night meetings and believed Council should hold all their meetings in the Council Room, especially following this upgrade.

Ms. Pope asked about the amount of funding available from the PEG fee. Ms. Palau responded that the fee and available funds supported other activities.

The motion passed 5 to 1 (Putens).

RECORDING OF THE WEDNESDAY COUNCIL MEETINGS: Mayor Pro Tem Davis indicated that Council Member Byrd had requested this item be added to the agenda.

Mr. Byrd stated that Council needed to move forward with a plan to record and broadcast all Council work sessions.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis asked Ms. Ard to describe the challenges associated with this request. Ms. Ard responded that there are staffing and technical issues. Ms. Palau elaborated that in order to broadcast work sessions, video had to be imported to a computer and processed. She indicated that a determination needed to be made about sign language interpretation, sound system at the multi-purpose room, etc. Ms. Ard added that CARES activities could be rescheduled to another evening or moved to another location.

Mr. Roberts expressed opposition to moving Greenbelt CARES and did not want to inconvenience CARES. He favored finding CARES a permanent home and suggested the old middle school.

Mr. Byrd understood there were obstacles. He noted that CARES did not need access to audio-visual equipment. Mr. Byrd reported information from his orientation with CARES indicated they had concerns about transporting case files and needing more space. He asked Ms. Palau about the sound issue. Ms. Palau responded that Pipino Inc. had made a proposal for a sound system at the multi-purpose room.

Ms. Davis suggested this would come up during budget discussions and that a report be prepared outlining the cost and staffing needs to record and broadcast Wednesday work sessions.

Mr. Byrd moved that City Council direct staff to produce an exploratory report on staffing and equipment costs to record all Wednesday work sessions. Ms. Pope seconded.

Council discussed the timeline for this report. Mayor Pro Tem Davis discussed workload and believed it should be prepared in time for budget discussions. Mr. Byrd hoped it could be sooner.

Ms. Mach believed the report needed to include other options such as moving CARES.

Ms. Pope stated that it was a good idea to get cost information, but she did not want to overburden staff.

Mr. Byrd clarified that his motion was not specific to the Community Center, and, personally, he favored holding all the meetings in the Council Room. He wanted Council to make progress and move forward.

Mr. Putens wanted the video recording to be an official record.

The motion failed 2 (Byrd & Pope) to 4.

LETTER OF OPPOSITION REGARDING MAGLEV: Mayor Pro Tem Davis read the agenda comments. She suggested the letter be a joint signature letter sent to additional State, Federal and County elected officials. Mayor Pro Tem Davis suggested several changes to the letter, including reference to a no build option.

In response to questions, Mr. Moran explained the process for addressing the letters.

Ms. Mach suggested additional language about the financial drain from other transportation needs.

Ms. Pope suggested including language about improving existing train infrastructure.

Mr. Putens moved that Council send the letters. Ms. Pope seconded.

Mr. Roberts believed this technology required a significant subsidy. He was also disappointed that there weren't more efforts to expand the Metro system.

The motion passed 6 to 0.

REAPPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY GROUPS: Mayor Pro Tem Davis noted that Bernard Robbs had indicated he did not wish to be reappointed to the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis moved that Council reappoint the following Advisory Group members to a new term and acknowledge Mr. Robbs for his service.

Don Rich	Advisory Committee on Education
Judith Ott	Board of Elections
Jean Cook	Board of Elections
Jeanette Grotke	Senior Citizens Advisory Committee

Ms. Mach seconded. The motion passed 6 to 0.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Council Members commented on their attendance at the following events:

- Senator Rosapepe's winter brunch at College Park Academy – Mr. Jordan & Ms. Davis
- Defending Utopia – Mr. Jordan, Ms. Davis & Ms. Mach
- Joint PGCMA & Montgomery County meeting – Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach & Mr. Byrd
- MWCOG Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee – Ms. Davis
- MAGLEV Train community meeting – Ms. Davis, Mr. Byrd, Ms. Mach, Ms. Pope Mr. Roberts & Mr. Putens
- Mayor Pro Tem Davis encouraged everyone to visit the Art Gallery Exhibit at Community Center
- MML Legislative Committee Meeting - Mr. Jordan
- MML Legislative Reception – Mr. Jordan, Mr. Byrd & Ms. Mach
- Kirwin Commission Briefing – Mr. Jordan
- Representative Hoyer's briefing on elimination of State and Local Income Tax Deduction – Mr. Jordan
- Prince George's County Educators Association briefing – Mr. Jordan
- Maryland Black Mayors Association briefing – Mr. Jordan
- College Park Martin Luther King Day program – Mr. Jordan
- Indivisible Greenbelt Meeting – Mr. Jordan
- District 22 MLK Program – Mr. Jordan & Mr. Byrd
- NLC Human Development Committee Conference Call – Ms. Mach
- Clean Air Partners Meeting – Ms. Mach
- The Post showing – Ms. Davis, Ms. Pope & Mr. Byrd.

COUNCIL REPORTS: Mr. Roberts reported on the MWCOG Transportation Planning Board meeting. He indicated the main item was the Region 2045 Plan. Mr. Roberts stated this included plans to widen I-495 and I-270 and widen Kenilworth Avenue. He expressed concern about plans to widen Sunnyside Avenue and believed the project should have gone through the air quality conformity process. Council asked the City Solicitor to investigate this.

Ms. Pope requested an update from the County on the Sunnyside Avenue project. Mr. Roberts indicated that the County was soliciting proposals for this project. Council requested an update from County officials.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis reported on the Joint PGCMA/Montgomery County meeting. She reported that homeowners were not reapplying for the Homestead Tax Credit. She also wanted the City to promote the Renters Tax Credit program. Ms. Davis indicated Delegate McIntosh and Senator Conway were drafting a bill that would put casino revenues in a lockbox for education. She noted that MML, MACO and Montgomery County all had the same three legislative priorities.

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE REQUEST: Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated that the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) has requested funding to allow YAC members to attend the NLC

Congressional City Conference. Ms. Davis moved that Council authorize up to \$1,125 for YAC to attend. Ms. Mach seconded. The motion passed 6 to 0.

STATE LEGISLATION – PG 513-18: Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated that this bill would mandate a public hearing be held at the actual school where the tower is proposed before the School System issues a Notice to Proceed. It would also require that hearing notifications be sent to all parents/guardians, surrounding municipalities and advertised in a newspaper.

Mr. Byrd moved that Council support PG 513-18. Ms. Mach seconded.

Mr. Roberts favored broader legislation that would prohibit all cell towers on school property.

The motion passed 5 to 1 (Roberts).

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule.

Ms. Davis moved that Council schedule a Closed Session on Monday, January 29th at 9:00 pm in accordance with the General Provisions Article 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals. Ms. Pope seconded.

Mr. Roberts	-	Yes
Ms. Pope	-	Yes
Mr. Byrd	-	Yes
Ms. Mach	-	Yes
Mr. Putens	-	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Davis	-	Yes

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Mach and seconded by Mr. Putens. The motion carried 6 to 0. The Mayor Pro Tem adjourned the regular meeting of January 22, 2018, at 10:03p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Moran
Assistant City Manager

"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 January 22, 2018.

Judith F. Davis
Mayor Pro Tem