

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, January 14, 2013.

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Konrad E. Herling, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Rodney M. Roberts, and Mayor Judith F. Davis. Mayor Pro-Tem Emmett V. Jordan was unable to attend due to a work commitment and Councilmember Edward V.J. Putens was unable to attend due to illness.

ALSO PRESENT were Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; David Moran, Assistant City Manager; Robert Manzi, City Solicitor; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Mayor Davis asked for a moment of silence in memory of Greenbelt residents Gwen S. Turnbull, Elizabeth Varney, Gloria West, Robert Auerbach, Frederick Baluch, Pauline Grant, Margaret Smith, and Bertram D. Donn; former Greenbelt residents Cheryl Parkes-Ray, David Lehman, Robert Gochnour and William "Bill" Sweeney Sr.; and former Greenbelt Center School Principal John Morton Van Schoonhoven. She then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Ms. Pope moved that the consent agenda be approved. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Work Session, June 6, 2012
Notes, Four Cities Meeting, October 24, 2012
Regular Meeting, November 13, 2012
Work Session, November 14, 2012
Work Session, November 19, 2012
Interview, November 26, 2012
Regular Meeting, November 26, 2012
Work Session, December 3, 2012
Interview, December 10, 2012
Regular Meeting, December 10, 2012
Legislative Dinner, December 11, 2012
Work Session, December 12, 2012
Work Session, December 17, 2012
Work Session, December 19, 2012
Approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

75th Anniversary Report to Council: Council accepted this report and will consider it on the agenda of a future meeting.

Advisory Committee on Education, Report #2013-1 (ACE Grant Proposals): Council accepted this report and will consider it on the agenda of the next meeting.

REAPPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY GROUPS: Council approved the reappointment of Kathleen Gallagher and Pamela Gregory to the Board of Elections and Frank Pearlman to the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

RESIGNATIONS FROM ADVISORY GROUPS: Council accepted the resignations of Urja Shah from the Youth Advisory Committee and Herbert Reed from the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Pope moved that the agenda be approved. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

PRESENTATIONS: None

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Edith Beauchamp, Windsor Green Homeowner's Association (HOA), expressed concern regarding PEPCO tree removal on the south side of Greenbelt Road along the Windsor Green property line. She requested the City permit Lesley Riddle, Assistant Director of Public Works, to work with Windsor Green and PEPCO to identify alternatives for some of the tree removal and ground cover and erosion control plan, identify appropriate species for replanting the area, and determine a temporary solution for the noise abatement and unsightliness of the area.

Mr. McLaughlin said Ms. Riddle will work with Windsor Green HOA and PEPCO. At the request of Mayor Davis, Ms. Riddle will also speak with PEPCO regarding their use of herbicides. Ms. Riddle will also contact the State Highway Administration regarding the tree work on their right-of-way.

Ms. Beauchamp also spoke as an individual homeowner regarding Windsor Green HOA's responsibility for tree and landscaping maintenance on their 50 acres of property and snow removal and street maintenance work on non-City streets in their community. She requested the City begin work with the Windsor Green Board on a dialogue and memorandum of understanding to explore providing more City services to their area.

Susan Barnett, 12-H Plateau Place, advised that 2013 was the 10 year anniversary of the establishment of the forest preserve. She reported that one or two celebratory activities per month would be held beginning in the next few months with the main celebration on Sunday, October 27, 2013. Ms. Barnett said detailed plans will be provided to the City when they are finalized.

MINUTES:

Executive Session of December 12, 2012: Mr. Roberts moved that, in accordance with Section 10-509 (c) (2) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, the minutes of this meeting reflect that the Council met in executive session on Wednesday, December 12, 2012, at 8:08 p.m. in Room 201 of the Community Center. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 10-508 (a) (1) and (9) of the State Government Article of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland* to discuss a personnel matter and matters related to collective bargaining negotiations.

Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Herling				X
Mr. Jordan	X			
Ms. Mach	X			
Ms. Pope	X			
Mr. Putens	X			
Mr. Roberts	X			
Mayor Davis	X			

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; Robert Manzi, City Solicitor; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Other individuals in attendance: None

Council took no actions during this session.

Mr. Roberts further moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Ms. Pope seconded.

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

Executive Session of December 17, 2012: Mr. Roberts moved that, in accordance with Section 10-509 (c) (2) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, the minutes of this meeting reflect that the Council met in executive session on Monday, December 17, 2012, at 8:02 p.m. in the Council Room of

the Municipal Building. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 10-508 (a) (4) of the State Government Article of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland* to consider a matter concerning a proposal for a business to locate in the area.

Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Herling				X
Mr. Jordan	X			
Ms. Mach	X			
Ms. Pope	X			
Mr. Putens	X			
Mr. Roberts		X		
Mayor Davis	X			

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McLaughlin, City Manager, and David Moran, Assistant City Manager.

Other individuals in attendance: None

Council took no actions during this session.

Mr. Roberts further moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Ms. Pope seconded.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: None

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

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Annual Meeting – Mayor Davis, Mr. Jordan and Ms. Mach
75th Anniversary Celebration Closing Ceremony – All members
Anacostia Trails Heritage Association Holiday Mixer – Mr. Jordan and Ms. Mach
Greenbelt New Year's Eve Celebration – Mayor Davis, Mr. Jordan, Ms. Mach and Mr. Herling

Maryland Municipal League (MML) 2nd Annual Geocache Trail Launch – Mayor Davis and Ms. Mach

Prince George’s County Public School’s Board Meeting – Ms. Mach

Maryland Sustainable Growth Committee Meeting – Mayor Davis, Mr. Jordan and Ms. Mach

Beltway Plaza Merchant’s Association Holiday Party – Mayor Davis, Mr. Jordan and Ms. Pope

MML Montgomery County Chapter Legislative Dinner – Mayor Davis

Combined Properties Holiday Brunch – Mayor Davis, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Putens and Ms. Pope

Senator Pinsky’s Town Hall Meeting – Mayor Davis and Mr. Jordan

Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service Quarterly Meeting – Mayor Davis

City Employee Holiday Party – Mayor Davis, Mr. Jordan and Ms. Mach

Shop with a Cop – Ms. Pope

MML Cecil and Harford County Chapter Legislative Dinner – Mayor Davis

Maryland Association of Counties Winter Conference – Mayor Davis

Maryland General Assembly Opening Day – Mayor Davis

MML Leadership Committee Meeting – Mayor Davis and Ms. Mach

MML Legislative Committee Meeting - Mayor Davis and Mr. Jordan

MML Opening Day Reception for General Assembly – Mayor Davis, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Mach and Mr. Herling

The following reappointments to National League of Cities Steering Committees were noted.

Human Development - Ms. Mach

Energy, Environment & Natural Resources – Mayor Davis

Community & Economic Development – Mr. Jordan

Transportation Infrastructure & Services - Mr. Herling

Public Safety & Crime Prevention – Mr. Putens and Ms. Pope

Small Cities Council – Mr. Putens and Ms. Pope

Mayor Davis congratulated Mr. Jordan on his appointment as Vice Chair of COG’s Region Forward Coalition and Ms. Mach on her appointment as Chair of COG’s Air Quality Committee. She also noted her appointment to COG’s Pension Committee and Ms. Mach’s appointment to COG’s Budget and Finance Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of a 2007 Ford Truck with Terex Aerial Unit from Utility Equipment Leasing Corporation of Waukesha, Wisconsin at a cost of \$34,595

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments. Ms. Pope introduced the resolution for second reading and moved that it be adopted. Mr. Herling seconded.

Mr. Roberts asked several questions regarding the equipment violations on the old aerial lift truck. Ms. Riddle explained that the truck was inoperable since it did not pass the State required inspection due to hydraulics and boom violations.

Mr. Herling asked that Public Works meet with the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability to consider alternative fuel purchases in the replacement of future vehicles. Mr. McLaughlin and Ms. Riddle noted the City's goal to increase the use of alternative fuel vehicles and said alternative fuel vehicles are evaluated for all vehicle purchases.

Ms. Mach thanked the City of College Park for its contribution of 20% of the unit cost to cover the use of the unit for hanging banners in their City. She emphasized that any other city or town that uses the truck must pay for the service. Mayor Davis suggested the City thank College Park at the upcoming Four Cities meeting.

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

The resolution was declared adopted (Resolution No. 1097, Book 8).

AWARD OF PURCHASE - TREADMILLS

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Ms. Mach moved that Council approve the purchase of five (5) Cybex 770T treadmills from Gymsource of Frederick, Maryland under the terms stipulated in the University of Maryland Invitation for Bid #84327G at a total cost of \$24,975. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

CITY POSITION ON POSSIBLE RELOCATION OF FBI HEADQUARTERS

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

Kap Kapastin, General Counsel for Quantum Company, provided a letter to Council indicating the support of Quantum Companies and its affiliates owning property in Greenbelt and in Berwyn Heights, including their affiliate, GB Mall Limited Partnership that owns the Beltway Plaza Mall, for the relocation of the headquarters of the FBI to the Greenbelt Metro Station site. Mr. Kapastin commented on the positive impact the FBI will have on the entire community.

Garth Beall, Renard Development Company, LLC (former Metroland Developers), provided an update on their efforts to attract the headquarters of the FBI to the Greenbelt Metro Station site. He reported that the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) has been very involved in the process also. Mr. Beall stressed support from the City and surrounding jurisdictions was critical to moving forward with the project.

Mr. Roberts suggested the Greenbelt Metro Station South Core be considered for the FBI site. Ms. Mach said the North Core site was the only appropriate site based on its proximity to the Greenbelt Metro and MARC rail stations and Metrobus terminus. She added that the North Core site would enable employees using transit to walk to the FBI campus.

Ms. Mach moved that Council send a letter to Congressman Hoyer and County Executive Baker stating their support for the relocation of the headquarters of the FBI at the Greenbelt Metro Station. Ms. Pope seconded.

Mr. Roberts suggested the letter state the City's opposition to consideration of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center site for the relocation of the FBI. After discussion, Council indicated the wording "no other proposed location in or near Greenbelt" be included in the letter.

The motion passed 5-0.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFFING TRANSFERS

Mayor Davis read the agenda comments.

MPO Lawson explained that Branchville Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue Squad provides the first due fire apparatus to a significant portion of Berwyn Heights and College Park as well as Greenbelt West including Beltway Plaza Mall, the Greenbelt Metro and Franklin Park. She added that Berwyn Heights Fire Department provides the first due EMS apparatus to the Greenbelt West area.

Mayor Davis expressed concern regarding volunteer staffing shortages at the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. MPO Lawson explained that fire department volunteer shortages are a problem nationwide. She explained that volunteers are difficult to attract and retain due in large part to the strict procedures regarding background checks and physicals, as well as the extensive amount of training required.

Mr. Roberts moved Council send a letter to County Executive Baker strongly opposing the career staffing cutback, especially the elimination of career staffing at Branchville Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue Squad, and request funding be provided for sufficient Fire/EMS staffing County-wide. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Davis suggested that since the City provides an annual contribution to the Berwyn Heights and West Lanham Hills Volunteer Fire Departments, Council consider providing a contribution to Branchville Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue Squad in the next budget year process.

Mayor Davis also requested this item be included on the agenda of the upcoming Four Cities meeting.

OTHER REPORTS: Councilmembers presented reports on the following meetings and conferences they recently attended.

Ms. Mach – COG Air Quality Committee Meeting

Mayor Davis – Maryland Association of Counties Winter Conference

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Mach moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Davis adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, January 14, 2013, at 10:12 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 January 14, 2013."

Judith F. Davis
Mayor