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Citizens Seek Ways to Decrease Taxes, Increase Services In '81-82 City Budget

by Leta Mach

At a public hearing May 20, council heard the views of citizens on the proposed '81-82 budget. The budget will be adopted at the June 1 meeting.

City Manager James Giese had the floor first to explain the proposed budget. With the use of overhead projections, he emphasized the toll of inflation on the city budget. In one graph showing 17 items, only the cost of softballs had gone down since 1979, and that because a new supplier has been found. "Increases in the budget," explained Giese, "reflect increased costs of doing business." No additional employees or programs are proposed. Even so, an increase in the tax rate to \$1.10 per \$100 of assessed valuation is needed to fund existing programs at existing levels.

Retirement contributions, explained Giese, "is the exclusive reason the budget proposes an increase." The city has recently been required to contribute to the state retirement fund's accrued liability. This cost would amount to \$115,000 each year for 40 years. Giese explained that the first payment could be deferred one year, but the annual contributions would then be higher. In response to questions, Giese noted that even if the city converted to another retirement system, benefits would probably cost as much and city employees could choose to stay in the present system.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld led the audience through the budget page by page. Although he had to ask, "Anybody have any questions or comments?" for the first few items, citizens soon made their views known. At first the suggestion of some citizens - to increase services and cut taxes - was noticeably contradictory. However, these citizens later suggested a way to increase revenues: instituting user fees for recreational activities.

Additional Police

A request by the Fraternal Ord-

er of Police (FOP) for four additional officers starting mid-year was read into the record. The police chief had requested two officers for the entire year. The proposed hold-the-line budget provides for no additional officers.

In his budget message, the city manager made it clear that council would decide policy in passing the budget and could make such changes as increased expenditures. The public hearing is an opportunity for council to hear citizen views on services and the budget. Many citizens, in particular people from east Greenbelt, spoke in favor of increased police force. Each additional officer would cost about \$22,317 for salary, fringe benefits and some equipment (a patrol car would be extra). Donald Shell, Greenbrier, asked for a higher pay raise for police officers. Council stated that it was policy to raise salaries across-the-board. That raise is proposed at 7% or \$100,900 for all city employees.

Bob Zugby, Greenbrier, stated that he was willing to pay \$20-48 more a year for extra police protection. "People living east of the Parkway see very little of the services in the center of the city," he said. Councilman Richard Castaldi noted that the city did have recreational programs such as ballfields in that area. Police protection is the only real service needed, Zugby implied.

Another Greenbrier resident complimented the city staff on its budget presentation. However, she noted that the swimming pool deficit was the same cost as one policeman. Several people felt that residents who used facilities should pay for them. Weidenfeld noted that paradoxically raising pool fees brought in less because fewer people used the pool. Most pools in the area are subsidized, he added. Councilman Thomas White found the pool a recreational bargain because it pays 75% of its way. He questioned whether the city should support a golf course, however. Giese noted that part of the cost for the golf course

was for grass cutting, an expense whether the park was used as a golf course or not. Councilman Charles Schwan, while admitting that he had never been to the pool, felt his tax-support for the facility was worthwhile. Noting that there were services (such

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., May 28, 8 p.m. GHI Annual Meeting, Center School; (Voting following Meeting at Municipal Bldg.)

Fri., May 29 - 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. GHI Voting, Municipal Bldg.

Sat., May 30, 10 a.m. Memorial Day Services at Greenbelt American Legion Post Home 136, Greenbelt Rd.

Mon., June 1, 8 p.m. - Budget Adoption, Municipal Bldg.

as craft classes) for everyone throughout the community, he stated his objection to the view that Greenbrier only received one city service.

User Fees

Around the rallying cry "Let the people who use the facilities pay for them," Maplewood resident George Loutsch suggested user fees be imposed. He objected to spending beyond the constant tax rate of 99c per \$100 of assessed valuation. As the Recreation and Parks budget was discussed, Loutsch emphasized again that retired people deserved consideration and property taxpayers should not be burdened by providing these services. "Working people can afford to pay it," he said. Weidenfeld and Recreation Director Hank Irving pointed out that many activities are self-sustaining and fees are charged for adult teams that use the ballfields. Irving added that many of the recreational activities benefited senior citizens. Weidenfeld felt

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CITY TAKES TITLE

On Thursday, May 21, the City of Greenbelt took title to the land (.09945 acre) required for access to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway overpass through the Greenbrier condominium project. City Manager James K. Giese personally delivered a check in the amount of \$29,176.38 to Clifton L. Brown, President of Greenbrier Condominiums Phase I.

The city now has access to the overpass area on both sides of the Parkway. In a letter, Giese notified the Federal Highway Administration of the transaction and advised that FHA may proceed with final design and construction.

FHA subsequently indicated that an agreement was being drafted spelling out the responsibilities of the appropriate governmental bodies.

In the meantime 24 Greenbrier Phase I condominium owners have filed an Appeal to the Court of Special Appeals from the Judgment entered on April 14 in the Circuit Court.

GHI Board Reviews Year; Again Discusses Siding

by Sandra Surber Smith

A list of the complex issues to be decided before siding can be applied to the frame homes, a final report on the election procedures for the annual meeting, and year-end assessments by Board members were topics of the May 21 meeting of the Greenbelt Homes Inc. Board of Directors.

General Manager Tim Mitter and Staff Architect Stan Sersen presented a long list of issues which must be addressed before siding can be applied to the frame homes as part of Phase I of the Rehab Program. These issues include establishing a construction schedule and determining which buildings are ready for siding. Being ready for siding entails having proper building heavy-up, telephone rewiring, and structural damage repaired.

In addition, there was a good deal of discussion about the electric equipment on end units and how it should be treated. Sersen presented several drawings showing the current arrangement of the electric boxes, a proposed stack arrangement, and a system using a weatherproofing "shed" type enclosure. Another possibility would be to begin siding, leaving end units to be completed later as soon as the electric work was finished. Sersen stressed that this list was illustrative of the scope of the problem but did not address every point. Board member Della Donaldson raised the question of what was acceptable to Pepco.

Mitter reported that management would review these issues, discuss options, evaluate costs, develop a timetable and then report to the board at the next reg-

ular meeting. He mentioned that while it was important to begin work as soon as possible it was more important to see that proper planning was performed and the work done well.

Election Procedures

A report from the Nominations and Elections Committee on procedures for the 1981 Annual Membership Meeting at Center School was distributed and the consensus generally favorable. This year's voting procedures include holding up cards to vote one row at a time and using ballots for the N&E Committee election. As before, members can vote for the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee on the night of the annual meeting as well as the next day, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building.

Board Members Review Year

In a reflective spirit stirred by President Don Volk's farewell statement as president of the board, other board members also summed up the year. Volk described his taking on the job of board president as a "fill-in" until someone could serve permanently. He said he felt he had not received full cooperation from all board members and that the next board president should use a

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GHI ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TONIGHT

THURSDAY, MAY 28

8 p.m.

Center School Auditorium

Major Items To Be Voted On:

- Authorization to Borrow Money from the National Consumer Cooperative Bank for Financing Rehabilitation — Phase II
- Member Petition to Expedite Phase I Rehabilitation of Frame Homes
- Member Petition to Suspend Phase II Rehabilitation of Brick and Block Homes, and Seek Input from those Homeowners
- Member Petition on Purposes of Loans Granted by GHI

Voting for Candidates to the Board of Directors, Audit Committee, and Nominations and Elections Committee.

Voting for Board of Directors and Audit Committee will take place AFTER the annual meeting or from 10 to 11 p.m., whichever comes latest, in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Bldg., Thursday, May 28, and ALL Day 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., May 29.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

FISCAL YEAR 1981/82 BUDGETS



THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL HAS SCHEDULED A Special Meeting - Monday, June 1, 1981 - 8 p.m. FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 1981-82 BUDGETS FOR THE GENERAL FUND, REVENUE SHARING FUND, REPLACEMENT FUND, AND MOTOR EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE FUND; FOR THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS IN EACH OF THESE FUNDS; AND FOR THE LEVYING OF TAXES AGAINST REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1981-82.

COPIES OF THE BUDGET DOCUMENT ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CITY OFFICES AND WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SPECIAL MEETING, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 25 CRESCENT ROAD, GREENBELT, MARYLAND.

Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk

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Sunstates Property Rezoning Hearing

The Zoning Hearing Examiner will hold a hearing on Coakley & Williams rezoning petition on Wednesday, June 3, at 9 a.m. in the County Administration Building (Room 1040) in Upper Marlboro.

Coakley-Williams, contract purchaser of the Sunstate property, is requesting a change from the existing R-10 high-rise apartment zoning for essentially the entire 33.7 acre to a combination of Commercial-Office (C-O) and Commercial-Miscellaneous (C-M). The rezoning application received a recommendation for approval, with conditions, by the Technical Staff of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

The city's Advisory Planning Board, on the other hand, advised council to recommend denial of the requested rezoning to C-M for 13.55 acres of the Coakley-Williams property. APB recommended approval of the requested C-O for the remaining 22.2 acres.

The Zoning Hearing Examiner will hold the record open to receive ceive the Planning Board recommendations. City council at its May 18 meeting voted to ask the Zoning Examiner to keep the record open also for a recommendation by the city.

Coakley-Williams is proposing that Greenbelt annex its properties (including the Maryland Trade Center building) into the city in exchange for city support of the rezoning requests. Williams would also seek the city's nod on various licenses and permits and on the phase-in of taxes.

THANKS

To the Editor:

On behalf of Congressman Steny Hamilton Hoyer, a warm thank you to all who worked in the Greenbelt Hoyer for Congress campaign and to those who came out on a cold, wet May 20 to exercise their democratic right to vote.

Muriel "Micki" Weidenfeld
 District Coordinator,
 Hoyer for Congress Committee

Police Blotter

A young lady reported that, as she was waiting for a bus, two suspects forced her into their car then drove to the Lake Park, where she was raped. They left her there and while driving away, were stopped by Cpl. Craddock for a traffic violation. When the young lady reported the rape, Cpl. Craddock was then able to identify the suspects.

A home on Lakeside Drive was entered by forcing a front door during the day. Jewelry was reported stolen.

A 1974 Ford Mustang was stolen from Beltway Plaza on May 25. The license plate number is ERP 716.

CLARIFICATION

Last week's editorial stated that: "... a scaled down rehab program will actually cost more than the full package. In addition members would forfeit the opportunity for low-cost financing; the masonry homes would no longer be able to share in the 3% HUD loan; financing would have to be sought from other sources such as banks, and at interest rates that are prohibitively exorbitant."

This statement referred to commercial banks and not the National Consumer Cooperative Bank whose interest rate would be close to that of revenue bonds.

St. Hugh's Track Team To Compete on Saturday

Fifteen members of St. Hugh's CYO track team advanced to the CYO championships to be held at Eleanor Roosevelt High School at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 3. The qualifying meet was held at Sherwood High School, Sandy Springs, on May 23 with St. Hugh's qualifying in 27 events, including five first places. Peter Ricciuti in the 15-16 age group was the leading scorer with firsts in the 1/2 mile and long jump and 2nd in shot put. Next in scoring was Frank Cook, in 11-12, first in shot put, 3rd in the long jump and relay. The girls high scorer was Malia Murray, 15-16, 1st in shot put, 2nd in 220, 3rd in mile and 4th in long jump.

Other qualifiers were: 9-10 Richard Cantwell in 100, Noel Vacin in mile, 11-12 J. F. Parsons 5th in 1/2 mile and on relay, Brian Riva 3rd in mile, Andy Cooley, 6th in 1/2 mile and on relay, Danny Morris 6th in mile and on relay, Johnathan Baxter-Collins 6th in 100 and 8th in 200, Glenn Peterson 8th in 100. 13-14 Andy Greig 1st in 2 mile and 4th in mile, Vince Morris 4th in shot put, 4th in 2 mile and 8th in 1/2 mile. Girls 11-12, Ann Cantwell 3rd in high jump and 4th in long jump, Kathy Eley 4th in high jump and 4th in shot put.

At the Library

Tuesday, June 2. Comedy Film. 7:30 p.m. Duck Soup—a political satire featuring the Marx Brothers.

Wednesday, June 3. Drop-in Stories. Ages 3-5, 10:30 a.m. Activities, flannel boards, stories and more. Wednesdays through June 24.

Wednesday, June 3. Investor's Workshop. 7:30-9 p.m. Learn how to set the stage for financial security with a specialist in money management from Ferris & Company. Continues on June 10 and 17.

Letter to the Editor:

Rehabilitation and conversion to electric heat are the most pressing matters facing GHI. A decision to delay or stop the rehab program is the most expensive course GHI could follow. Delays to date will cause us to rely on oil heat for at least most of 1982. This oil will cost members about \$2,000,000 (1,600,000 gals. at \$1.25 per gallon).

The rehabilitation plans and financial arrangements including the \$6,400,000 3% loan from HUD were completed during my tenure on the board. The project contracts were executed and work was initiated after my term ended last May. In the course of completing the financial arrangements, there have been a number of delays in approvals and increases in the requirements for GHI's participation in programs which materialized after members opposed to rehab contacted officials or took action designed to block the member approved rehab program.

The second petition on the annual meeting agenda is an example of the activities designed to block the rehab program. The appeal to leave rehabilitation to individual members is another delaying tactic. Many members will be unable to finance conversion to electric heat, thus the opportunity for brick and block rows to convert will be limited. Individual conversion for frame homes on the larger plants is an impossible dream.

All of the planning data, including recent estimates, clearly show the most cost effective course to be the completion of the entire program using either the bond issue or the NCCB loan. Both of these must be carefully examined before making the final choice.

The important issue today is the need for continued forceful member support for rehab including the conversion of all Brick, Block and Frame homes to electric heat.

James W. Smith

Allen Guy Clute

Allen Guy Clute, 21, of 114 Lynbrook Court, died unexpectedly on May 25. A lifelong resident of Greenbelt, he was graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School in 1978. He received many science fair projects awards and was on the honor roll during his high school years. Upon graduation, he was offered a scholarship to the University of Maryland to study industrial arts. He was known for his unusual mechanical ability.

He is survived by his parents, Marvin G. and Shirley L. Clute, of the home address; his sisters, Patricia L. King, Shirley L. Price, and Karen J. Clute; his brother James G. Clute, and his grandmothers, Mrs. Allen D. Morrison and Mrs. Andrew Fry.

Friends may call at Gasch's Funeral Homes, Hyattsville, Thursday, May 28, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Services will be held at the Fort Lincoln Mausoleum Church on Friday, May 29 at 10 a.m.

The family requests that expressions of sympathy be made to Greenbelt CARES, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770.

Our Neighbors

It's a boy for Perry and Robin Harrison. Robert Perry arrived May 12 weighing 8 lb. 10 oz. Proud grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. William Webster.

Congratulations to C. E. and Pene Miller of Lakeside Drive on the birth of their son, Barry Matthew on May 12. Barry weighed 8 lb. 5 oz. Robin Harrison and Pene Miller are sisters.

It's a girl for Judy and Billy Bailey, 9 Southway. Amy Renee made her debut on May 18, weighing 6 lbs. 3 oz. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bailey of Southway.

Susan Lynn Slyter of Periwinkle Ct., was awarded a Bachelor's degree from Colorado State University on May 16. Congratulations!

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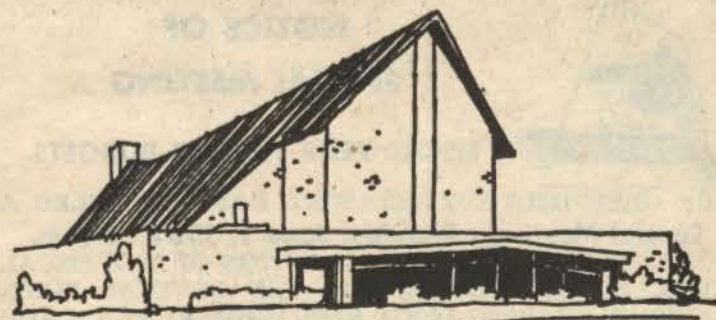


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Amberg Directs Show

Greenbelter Alan Amberg is the producer and director of a show, "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown." The show, which is free of charge, will be given Friday, June 5 and Saturday, June 6 at Ardmore elementary school, 9301 Ardmore Rd., Lanham.

The Prince Georges County Central Area Players will perform under the auspices of the Maryland National Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation. Book, music and lyrics by Clark Gesner.

Amberg, the son of Rose and Mat Amberg, Hillside Rd., will enter the sophomore class at the University of Maryland in August, majoring in drama.

For more information about the show, call Miriam Ross at 249-9220.

Greenbelt Day - 1981 To Be Held June 7

The first Sunday in June is officially recognized as Greenbelt Day, a day to commemorate Greenbelt's past, celebrate Greenbelt's present and look towards Greenbelt's future. It is a time for citizens to give thought to their community and how they can make it a better place in which to live.

Sunday, June 7 marks the 44th anniversary of Greenbelt's founding. Traditionally, the entire weekend is celebrated with a schedule of special observances, recreation activities and community events.

Highlighting this year's program, will be the Greenbelt Concert Band's performance on Sunday, June 7. Anniversary Day remarks will be presented by Mayor Gild Weidenfeld and members of City Council immediately preceding the concert. The performance will be held in the Greenbelt Center Mall adjacent to the Mother and Child Statue at 2 p.m.

Other activities scheduled for the weekend will be Little League Baseball games, a co-ed softball tournament, table game tournaments at both the Youth Center and Springhill Lake Center, Disc Golf, Green Ridge House Dance

Arts Center Sponsors Dance

The Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center is sponsoring "Staying Alive," a fund-raising dance, at Grenoble Hall Saturday, May 30, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. It will feature music from the '50s and '60s as well as a local disc jockey "Ace," who has been the main "dj" of the Cuckoo's Nest in Waldorf. This dance will be a sock-hop for adults. Drinks will be available; the first one will be on the house. At midnight there will be a buffet provided by the members of the Board of Directors of the Arts Center. Proceeds for the event will be used for future programming. For further information or reservations, call John Ward or Trix Whitehall at 345-4487. Tickets are also available at the Utopia Theatre.

GHI MEMBERS REMEMBER ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION TONIGHT

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GHI Board of Directors

Independent Candidate

Frank brings 11 years carpentry/construction expertise to GHI at a time when professional guidance is sorely needed by our rehabilitation program. Married, with three children, he knows the financial pressures faced by GHI homeowners. He's determined to fight for a more cost-effective rehabilitation.

As This Year's Audit Committee Chairman, Frank Made a Difference:

- Noticed faulty frame home wall insulation and demanded a better job.
- Proposed pest-extermination program while walls of homes are open from plumbing work.
- Opened rehab files to the rehab complaints committee.
- Pushed for lowering of overall rehab costs, cutting excessive spending, timely completion of the project, especially frame home siding.
- Argued against installing expensive windows in boiler rooms slated for extinction.
- Fought for members' rights to do their own rehab work.
- Consistently fought for sensible board policies, especially regarding labor practices, GHI salaries, inspection procedures, and the hiring of overpaid consultants.
- Supported all members' rights to be treated with dignity by subcontractors and management.

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Public Works Budget Shows No Change In Services Though Costs Increasing

by Bill Rowland

City Manager James Giese, in opening the city council's May 10 work session on the proposed public works budget, repeated a by-now familiar theme: Costs up, but no significant changes in services. And council, as it considered the details, again encountered a familiar dilemma: no obvious cuts to be made, but no real increases in services possible unless taxes are to be boosted.

The work session was attended by all five members of council, by Giese and members of his immediate staff, and by Public Works Director George Smith and Assistant Director J. Paul Williams. In notable contrast with previous budget sessions in the last several weeks, there were no members of the public present to put in a word for their favorite projects or to demand an increase in personnel.

Giese, in his written and oral public works presentations to council, gave a picture of a department, the largest in the city, which has grown more slowly than other departments; and yet which has been doing an excellent job of holding its own in the face of steadily increased workload and the prolonged disability absence of good employees. But Giese emphasized, "During the past ten years, the city has increased its street mileage and park acreage significantly. The city has been able to moderate the impact . . . because the new streets . . . initially require little maintenance, and because much of the park land acquired has not been developed."

Giese went on, "While our streets are in reasonably good condition, inadequate major maintenance is being done. Eventually this will result in heavier expenditures for temporary maintenance and major repairs." As to parks, Giese pointed out that the availability of more money would allow better maintenance of existing parks and development of new parks. But, he said, "Park

improvements tend to encourage park use and require increased maintenance."

Staffing

Both Giese and Smith early focused council's attention on the department's one significant staffing problem, which has been caused by the prolonged absence of two skilled employees on "leave of absence" for disability reasons. Because the two jobs are still technically "filled," the city officials have not been permitted to hire replacements even though the city has not been paying out the budgeted salaries. Now the absent employees are not expected to be able to return to work, and council is being asked to let the department bring its actual workforce up to full strength. At least two council members expressed their acceptance of the request.

The employees of the Public Works Department received praise from Giese, from Smith, and from the members of council for their levels of skill, their continued hard work in the face of increased workloads, and the extent to which many of them have taken advantage of available training.

Roads

Giese presented a list of proposed street resurfacing projects to be done through use of Reserves for Capital Improvements Funds. In his written message he said, "The projects proposed were relisted from a much larger list of work needed to be done and the selections were made somewhat arbitrarily. . . . It is proposed to resurface with smooth seal (a thin layer of asphalt) as much street mileage as possible. For this reason, other work such as shoulder improvements and curbs and gutters, which are needed throughout the GHI area, are not proposed in this budget." Giese noted that the city now has over 19 miles of streets.

The streets proposed for resurfacing are Breezewood Drive from Cherrywood Lane to Springhill Lane, Cherrywood Lane from Breezewood Drive to Springhill Drive, Springhill Drive from Day Care Center to Springhill Lane, Northway from Crescent Rd. to Ridge Rd., Woodland Way from Northway to GHI houses and

Ridge Rd. from Laurel Hill to Research Rd. Two other resurfacing projects are proposed as exceptions from the no-curb-and-gutter-work criterion: Pinecrest Court (to include some curb and gutter replacement for drainage at cul-de-sac); and Lakeside Drive from Westway to between Pinecrest and Olivewood (to include curb and gutter replacement for drainage at Westway and a small portion of Westway).

Several road and sidewalk projects are proposed for accomplishment with Community Development Block Grant Funds allocated to the city by Prince Georges County in its annual Neighborhood Improvement Plan Program. These are to reconstruct Research Rd., to reconstruct Hillside Rd. from Research to Laurel Hill, and construct a pedestrian underpass under Hillside, to reconstruct Ridge Rd. from Southway to Gardenway, and to construct improved pedestrian access to Green Ridge House from the Greenbelt Commercial Center.

Other special objectives proposed for the Public Works Department include continuing the installation of new drain pipe and repairing and cleaning existing storm drains in order to reduce the number of spring water flows onto streets and sidewalks in Lakeside, Boxwood, and Lake-wood; and reconstructing sidewalks at the approaches to underpasses.

Giese brought up two projects not in the budget lists in which council has shown particular interest. One of these is the improvement of Legion Drive, as requested by the American Legion. Giese said the city has upgraded the shoulder with gravel, but he estimates it would cost \$5400 to resurface and to add paved shoulders. He repeated his earlier view that this project does not rank as high in need as do other street projects in the city.

The other project is the firehouse parking lot, where Giese reported that some unbudgeted expansion of the lot using gravel has been done by the city. Giese estimates \$1600 cost to pave the gravelled area, which he expects will probably be done as an unbudgeted part of some other city project.

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that some fees would be too difficult or expensive to collect. Councilman Richard Castaldi felt user fees were a good idea, but wondered whether they would be cost-effective. Councilman Richard Pilski said he had supported tennis court fees for years.

Schwan spoke for another viewpoint. "My view is that one of the reasons we have less crime, less juvenile delinquency is that we have the police force, (a good one), we have Greenbelt CARES (and it does help with those who might get into trouble) . . . and we have the Recreation Department and the programs it sponsors." He felt supporting recreation programs is money well spent, and added that he could not support the suggested recreation fees because they would exclude those who would most benefit from the programs. Such programs, he felt, provide a sense of community identification, a factor in decreasing juvenile delinquency. Weidenfeld, who also seldom makes use of these facilities, felt his tax money was well spent because "that is what makes Greenbelt something special."

For another budget item, Greenbelt CARES, Loutsch asked about charging fees for the service.

CARES Director Carol Leventhal noted that Juvenile Services guidelines stipulated that no fees will be charged. Resident Joe Hanyok asked "has council come to its senses yet?" about dropping the program he felt was a waste of money. Council expressed firm opposition to this view.

Other items touched upon during the long evening included requests for additional funds: Loutsch suggested more money be spent on growing flowers. "Staying Alive," a drug abuse program at Eleanor Roosevelt High School asked for \$1,000. Feeling the Public Works Department contained the "unsung people of town who do so much with so little," Pilski asked for \$6,000 to replace a wall so big equipment could be moved inside for repairs. \$3,000 was slated for a crime prevention program, and \$500 for an overdue council salary increase.

Council expressed its appreciation for the citizen attention given to the budget. "It's good to have you watchdogs back," said Weidenfeld. The evening would be especially worthwhile, felt White, if something developed from an idea to pay refuse fees through taxes. Giese is exploring the idea of a special taxing district for trash services.

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1972-73	1,220,500	52,667,300	.92
1973-74	1,363,500	54,452,640	.97
1974-75	1,438,100	55,502,500	1.03
1975-76	1,699,875	67,592,220	1.00
1976-77	1,900,200	71,970,310	1.05
1977-78	1,977,740	83,573,140	.99
1978-79	2,299,072	87,891,790	.97
1979-80	2,469,071	99,712,800	.97
1980-81*	2,675,675	102,193,000	1.04

* estimated figures

Refuse Collection

Refuse collection is funded by user fees. Because of rising costs of wages, fuel, equipment, and landfill dumping fees, city staff has proposed a refuse collection fee increase of 70 cents per month. This would increase the monthly residential bill from \$6.30 to \$7.00. There would be a comparable increase for commercial customers who use the service.

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Council Reviews Budget for CARES and Administration at Work Session

by Mary Lou Williamson

Faced with a likely tax increase in an election year and an already lean budget, the city council found little it could do with this year's budget for Greenbelt CARES or general government (the administrative staff) at its May 11 work session.

CARES

With no additions to the program in the budget, City Manager James Giese told council, the big question is will we achieve the revenue from the State that we had estimated. Of special concern, he said, are funds that come from the federal government and are passed through the State to the city's Youth Service Bureau and are expected to be cut. Also, proposals made earlier this spring but rejected would have drastically cut State funding. CARES director Carole Leventhal believes the extensive lobbying by Youth Services Bureau personnel and their affected public was probably responsible for killing the threatening legislation. Total expenditures for the coming year are estimated at \$91,200, the state funds 75% (\$52,300) of the basic program with the city paying the remaining amount plus some additional costs.

Leventhal had asked for one full time juvenile counselor (\$14,000) to be added to the staff; her request was not included in the budget.

Council, not able to do anything with the budget aspects of CARES, asked other questions.

For example, what changes has Leventhal seen in the program over the past year? "We are seeing people for longer periods of time," she replied, indicating that the trend now is toward more severe problems; also there is an increase in single-parent-headed families that are coming to CARES.

Leventhal agreed with Councilman Charles Schwan's speculation that the change she is seeing is the result of awareness and acknowledgment of the more serious kinds of problems—particularly child abuse in a variety of forms. "We are also seeing more people who are self-referred," said Leventhal. People are coming to us based on the recommendation of friends who have seen the results (of CARES counseling).

She is pleased that the "Washington V.A. Hospital is continuing to send graduate psychology interns to work with us as volunteers."

Administration

No significant changes are proposed for administration. Staff reminded council that, if interested, now would be the time to raise council's pay. Any increase would take effect when a new council is elected in September. No one could recall the last time the amount was raised. (A later check of the records shows an increase of \$500 per person was made 4 years ago. The mayor currently receives \$2,900 per year; council members, \$2,500. At a time when municipalities are pressed for funds, there was little enthu-

siasm on the part of council for raising its own salary. On the other hand, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld expressed concern about the 40% loss in value of that salary over the past several years because of inflation. He proposed a \$500 increase. No decision was made.

The biggest hike is the cost of operating and maintaining the municipal building to reflect last year's expenses which were 25% greater than the amount budgeted. Dues for participation in the Maryland Municipal League are expected to go up by 18.5%.

The Special Objectives list identifies a broad range of goals for the coming year including (1) participation, as needed, in revenue bond financing of the rehabilitation of Greenbelt Homes row

houses; (2) possible uses for North End School; (3) franchising Cable TV; (4) revision of the Greenbelt Master Plan; (4) completion of street and other public improvements under the Community Development Block Grants; re-evaluation of personnel regulations and development of employees handbook; computerization of programs or data where useful, starting with the finance department; development of improved accessibility for handicapped to city facilities and programs; assist in effort to revitalize the Center.

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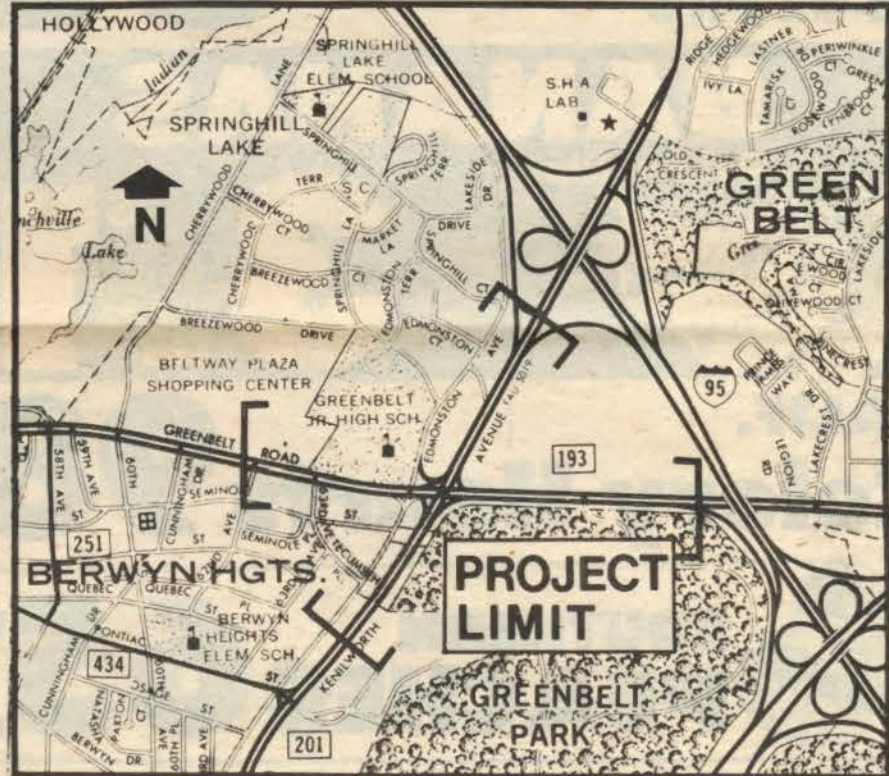


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The design for which approval is being considered is as presented at Location/Design Public Hearing held March 22, 1979.

The proposed action is the improvement of the at-grade intersection of Maryland Route 193 (Greenbelt Road) and Maryland Route 201 (Kenilworth Avenue) in the City of Greenbelt in Prince Georges County. The improvements to Maryland Route 193 would extend from the intersection of 62nd Avenue to the Capital Beltway, a distance of approximately one mile. The improvements to Maryland Route 201 would extend from approximately 2000 feet south of Maryland Route 193 to the Capital Beltway, a distance of approximately 0.9 mile.

The selected alternate proposes that Maryland Route 201 be depressed below Maryland Route 193. The configuration is a diamond type interchange with the ramps running along Maryland Route 201 at approximately the existing roadway grade.

This alternate would provide Level of Service D at the intersection of Maryland Route 193 with the ramps serving Maryland Route 201 in the design year 2005. All traffic entering Maryland Route 201 from the Springhill Lake connection would remain in the far right lane to exit to Maryland Route 193, eliminating the weaving movement now existing in this section of Maryland Route 201. Traffic from Springhill Lake desiring to go south on Maryland Route 201 would continue across Maryland Route 193 onto the on-ramp to southbound Maryland Route 201.

Maryland Route 193 and Maryland Route 201 roadways would consist of three through lanes in each direction, acceleration and deceleration lanes and double left turning lanes where needed. There would be raised medians of varying width separating the roadways on both Maryland Route 193 and Maryland Route 201. Curb and gutter would be provided along both sides of Maryland Route 193. Maryland Route 201 would provide full ten (10) foot paved shoulders on the outside of both roadways. The centerline of the selected alignment of both Maryland Route 201 and Maryland Route 193 would coincide closely with the existing centerlines.

Traffic signals would be provided at the intersections of all ramps with Maryland Route 193 and at both entrances to Golden Triangle. The existing one-way operation of the connection for Springhill Lake would be maintained.

Beginning on May 13, 1981 the Design Study Report for which approval is being considered and the transcript of the Public Hearing held on March 22, 1979, will be available for public inspection during normal working hours at the following locations:

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 firmer hand to conduct the meeting and should not tolerate rude or improper remarks. Volk thought the board's efforts on rehab to be a success and that, in spite of all the difficulties, they had moved ahead. At one point he was interrupted by board member Ed James who disputed a point. Board member Steve Curtis requested that James not turn Volk's "farewell address into a farewell debate." Volk said that he had tried to be fair and open during his tenure as president. He also had this advice for the next board—work for the overall welfare, disregarding petty or individual concerns; revitalize the committee system by fostering input and referrals to committees; and continue the progress toward rehabilitation for the entire community. He thanked fellow officers, other board members, management and staff.

Donaldson asked Comptroller Don McGinn if letters had gone out to members who are not on central heating systems to indicate what their new charges would be. Curtis, in a lengthy statement, rebutted the points raised in the News Review editorial which he deemed a "paid ad." The editorial, he said, supports the "stability slate" and charged the "new directions" team with forcing the ouster of key staff, lack of leadership, and inability to handle the responsibilities of the corporation. In response, Curtis stated that this year's board, with a majority of "new directions" members, had led the progress on rehab; directed significant committee work, including the ad hoc electric conversion committee; and had merely been part of the majority acting on personnel matters. James cited member approval of the "new directions" team, pointing to several ads in the News Review. Board member John Lewis' year-end remarks urged members to attend meetings, participate and study

the issues. Board member Margaret Hogenson thanked Volk for running an open operation. Board member Joe Jenkins felt that it had been a "fast-paced, action-packed, exciting year." Board member Carl Conrad felt he had devoted the past year to seeing that rehab work was done properly and recalled discovering a "lake" under some GHI homes. Board member Wayne Williams expressed again his support of GHI committees and said that GHI functions better with a

strong committee system. The board needs a group with authority to disagree with it, he said.

Miscellaneous

In other matters the board refused to discuss the Ginsberg law suit against board members but did approve a motion by James to bring it up in executive session. Corporation attorneys had advised against discussing this matter; James sought to discover who among board, staff or Audit Committee, had provided information to Ginsberg and his

attorneys. In handling one member's request for trim paint, the board tried to recall the steps surrounding what appeared to be a decision to eliminate this program and the provision of trim paint to members. Several members supported the view that it was easier and cheaper for members to buy the paint themselves.

Member Jim Smith felt that the board should research this issue and come up with a reasonable policy, since it is a continuing necessity to maintain trim areas. Management agreed to followup on one member's complaint of leaking ceiling and determine the cause and cure. The board adjourned to executive session.

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