



CITY OF GREENBELT
25 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 14, 2026
7:30 PM

[Zoom Link](#)

Dial-in: 301-715-8592

Webinar ID: 878 8867 2429

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I. ORGANIZATION - 15 minutes (7:30 - 7:45 p.m.)

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Suggested Action: **Reading of the Greenbelt Community Pledge: The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together, all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe, and fair.**

4. Petitions and Requests

Suggested Action:

5. Consent Agenda

Suggested Action: Approval of Staff Recommendations (items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by Council and staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

- a. * Minutes of Council Meetings

Suggested Action:

- * Work Session, August 3, 2026
- * Regular Meeting, August 10, 2026
- * Work Session, August 12, 2026

- b. * Meetings

Suggested Action: Included in Council packet are the meeting and stakeholders lists for approval.

- c. * Committee Reports

Suggested Action:

- * Board of Elections, Report #2026-06 (Ranked Choice Voting and other matters related to the November 2027 municipal elections)

Suggested Action: It is recommended that Council accept this report. The Board of Elections will discuss this report at the September 23 worksession.

* Advisory Planning Board Report #2026-04: Indian Creek Park Master Plan Review

Suggested Action: It is recommended that the Council accepts this report. City staff will present a memo to Council on the subject later in this evening's agenda.

d. * Reappointment to Advisory Board/Committee

Suggested Action: The following individuals have expressed their willingness to continue serving on their respective Boards and Committees:

- Kathryn Reynolds, Advisory Committee Advancing Public Safety (ACAPS)
- Laura Kressler, Advisory Committee Advancing Public Safety (ACAPS)

e. * Disclosure of Contract for Gas Supply for 24 months from January 2027 through January 2029 with WGL Energy Services

Suggested Action: This item provides Council with information on the City's new 24-month natural gas supply contract with WGL Energy Services. The contract covers nine municipal accounts from January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2028, at a fixed rate of \$0.549 per therm.

This rate is approximately 5.3 percent lower than the City's current rate. The council packet includes a memo from the City Manager and the agreement.

f. * Authorization for the City Manager to Approve Annual Body Armor Replacement

Suggested Action: Staff have identified Angel Armor as the supplier for replacement body armor that has reached the end of its five-year service life. The total cost of the replacement vests is \$15,000.55 and is included in the FY27 Police Department operating budget.

Approval of this consent agenda item will authorize the City Manager to purchase replacement body armor from Angel Armor in the amount of \$15,000.55 using FY27 budgeted funds.

g. * Greenbelt Strategic Wayfinding Plan for Council Acceptance

Suggested Action: Staff recommends that Council accept the final Greenbelt Strategic Wayfinding Plan for phased implementation.

h. * Donation of Artwork

Suggested Action: Kathy Karlson — painter, poet, and author — has been an Artist in Residence at the Greenbelt Community Center for twenty years. Ms. Karlson has recently offered to donate seven (7) smaller works to the City. Photos of the artwork and staff memo are included in the Council packet.

i. * Letter of Support — DHCD Financing Application

Suggested Action: Included in the Council packet is a letter of support for Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) for the DHCD Financing Application.

j. * Letter to County Executive Braveboy Regarding Objections to Permit for ICE Facility at 6505 Belcrest

Suggested Action: Attached is a draft letter regarding concerns with the county permit application for the proposed ICE facility at 6505 Belcrest Road. Due to the time-sensitive nature of the permit review process, Council is requested to authorize the transmittal of the letter. Approval under the consent agenda will authorize staff to send the letter on behalf of the City Council.

6. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS - 30 minutes (7:45 - 8:15 p.m.)

7. Public Hearing

Suggested Action: A Charter Amendment Resolution of the City Council of Greenbelt Enlarging the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Greenbelt by Annexing Into the Corporate Limits of the City of Greenbelt Lands Contiguous and Adjoining to the City's Existing Corporate Boundaries Property Commonly Known As Lanham Boys Club, Consisting of Approximately 10 +/- Acres of Land in Total Located Generally at the Lanham Boys Club.

It is recommended that the Regular Meeting be recessed for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing on the annexing into the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt lands contiguous and adjoining to the City's existing corporate boundaries. The meeting should be reconvened following the hearing. No motion is required to begin or end the Public Hearing.

8. Presentations

a. Suicide Prevention Awareness Month Proclamation

Suggested Action: Mayor Jordan will present a proclamation declaring September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

b. National Peace Month

Suggested Action: Mayor Jordan will present a proclamation declaring September as Peace Month.

9. Minutes

a. Statement of Record — Closed Session, August 10, 2026

Suggested Action: Closed Session of August 10, 2026: The following motion is needed: In accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-06(C)(2) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland. I moved that the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that the Council met in closed session on Monday, August 10, 2026, at 9:41 pm, in the Council Chambers. The Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Sections 3-305(b)(1) and (7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, 1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performances evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; and 2) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

The purpose of this meeting is 1) to discuss personnel matters; and 2) to obtain legal advice from legal counsel.

Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilmember Fritz	X			
Councilmember Knesel	X			
Councilmember McKinney	X			

Councilmember Pompei	X			
Councilmember Pope	X			
Mayor Pro Tem Weaver	X			
Mayor Jordan	X			

Staff members present: Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Jason DeLoach, City Solicitor; Rick Bowers, Chief of Police.

Other individuals in attendance: None

Action Taken: None

b. Statement of Records — Closed Session, August 12, 2026

Suggested Action: Closed Session of August 12, 2026: The following motion is needed: In accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-06(C)(2) of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland. I move that the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that the Council met in closed session on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 10:06 pm, in Council Chambers. The Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the notated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland to discuss the anointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilmember Fritz	X			
Councilmember Knesel	X			
Councilmember McKinney	X			
Councilmember Pompei	X			
Councilmember Pope	X			
Mayor Pro Tem Weaver	X			
Mayor Jordan	X			

Staff members present: None

Other individuals in attendance: None

Action taken: None

c. Statement of Records — Closed Session, August 26, 2026

Suggested Action: Closed Session of August 26, 2026: The following motion is needed: In accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-06(C)(2) of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland. I moved that the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that the Council met in closed session on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 7:34 pm, in the Council Chambers. The Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 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, demption, 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.

Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilmember Fritz	X			
Councilmember Knesel				X
Councilmember McKinney	X			
Councilmember Pompi	X			
Councilmember Pope	X			
Mayor Pro Tem Weaver	X			
Mayor Jordan	X			

Staff members present: Dr. Dawane Martinez, Director of Human Resources

Other individuals in attendance: None

Action Taken: set tentative date for follow-up conversation on September 2nd, 2026.

d. Statement of Record — Closed Session, September 2, 2026

Suggested Action: Closed Session of September 2, 2026: The following motion is needed: In accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-306(C)(2) of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland. I move that the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that the Council met in closed session on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 7:36 pm, in the Council Chambers. The Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) and (8) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, 1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demption, 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; and 2) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilmember Fritz	X			
Councilmember Knesel	X			
Councilmember McKinney	X			
Councilmember Pompei	X			
Councilmember Pope	X			
Mayor Pro Tem Weaver	X			
Mayor Jordan	X			

Staff member present: Josué Salmerón, City Manager (8:35 pm to 10:05 pm)

Other individuals present: None

Action taken: instructed the City Manager to draft a letter from Council expressing concerns about the latest fire department staffing changes.

e. Statement of Record — Closed Session, September 9, 2026

Suggested Action: Closed Session of September 9, 2026: The following motion is needed: In accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-06(C)(2) of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland. I move that the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that the Council met in closed session on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 9:12 pm, in the Council Chambers. The Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 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.

Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilmember Fritz	X			
Councilmember Knesel	X			
Councilmember McKinney	X			
Councilmember Pompei	X			
Councilmember Pope	X			
Mayor Pro Tem Weaver	X			
Mayor Jordan	X			

Staff members present: Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Dr. Dawane Martinez, Director of Human Resources; and Brian Kim, Director of Public Works

Other individuals in attendance: None

Action taken: None

10. Administrative Reports

Suggested Action: The link will display the weekly report for the City Manager and City Departments. [Weekly Reports Greenbelt. MD](#)

III. LEGISLATION - 30 minutes (8:15 - 8:45 p.m.)

11. A Charter Amendment Resolution of the City Council of Greenbelt Enlarging the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Greenbelt by Annexing Into the Corporate Limits of the City of Greenbelt Lands Contiguous and Adjoining to the City's Existing Corporate Boundaries Property Commonly Known As Lanham Boys Club, Consisting of Approximately 10 +/- Acres of Land in Total Located Generally at the Lanham Boys Club.
- 2nd Reading, Adoption

Suggested Action: Included in the Council packet is a resolution proposing the annexation of the lands contiguous and adjoining to the City's existing corporate boundaries' property commonly known as the Lanham Boys Club, consisting of approximately 10 +/- acres of land in total, located generally at the Lanham Boys Club. It was introduced by Mayor Jordan at the July 13th Regular Meeting for first reading, and it is recommended that this resolution is introduced for second reading and adoption.

12. An Ordinance Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation to the General Fund for Public Works Expenditures (FY 2026)
- 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules
- 2nd Reading, Adoption

Suggested Action: An Ordinance to Make Supplemental Appropriations to the revenue and expenditure in the General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026. After the 2026 budget was approved, adjustments were made to revenue and expenditures throughout the fiscal year. This ordinance is to revise the FY2026 budget recognizing the timing and reasons for such adjustments. In summary revenue is requested to be appropriated from \$40,171,600 to \$38,375,396 and expenditures from \$40,149,100 to \$38,372,066. This ordinance is presented to acknowledge these adjustments and to close-out the 2026 fiscal year.

13. A Resolution Creating a Tenant Advisory Board to Provide Advice, Recommendations, and Other Needed Advisory Services to the City Council on Matters Affecting Tenants and Rental Housing within The City of Greenbelt
- 1st Reading

Suggested Action: The attached resolution and supporting documents outline the establishment of the Tenant Advisory Board to provide advice, recommendations, and advisory services to the City Council on matters affecting tenants and rental housing within the City of Greenbelt.

14. A Resolution Requesting Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPW&T) Expansion of Capital Bikeshare Service Area in Greenbelt
- 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules
- 2nd Reading, Adoption

Suggested Action: Council will consider a legislative resolution requesting that Prince George's County expand the Capital Bikeshare service area citywide, including Greenbelt East, to improve transportation options, connectivity, and access for residents.
- 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules
- 2nd Reading, Adoption

IV. OTHER BUSINESS - 60 minutes (8:45 - 9:45 p.m.)

15. Discussion: Recognition Group Policy Draft

Suggested Action: The City of Greenbelt provides in-kind and financial support to a broad array of Greenbelt-based, not-for-profit community organizations through its Recognition Group Program. Over the past five years, the total amount of funding requested by Recognition Group applicants has increased by 212%. In the FY27 application cycle, requests exceeded the program budget by over \$77,000.

Recognition Group policies and procedures are evaluated regularly and updated as needed. Attached here is a draft update to the program's Policy and Information Guide for FY2028. These updates are intended to reflect the priorities expressed by City Council in their FY27 Recognition Group funding decisions, as well as discussion topics from a Council worksession held on 8/3/26. Staff will be present to answer questions.

16. Indian Creek Park Master Plan for Council Acceptance

Suggested Action: Staff recommends that City Council accept the Indian Creek Park Conceptual Master Plan as presented.

17. Policy Discussion: Landscaping and Playground Maintenance Agreements with HOAs and Private Property Owners

Suggested Action: Council will discuss the City's policy for entering into, renewing, and administering agreements with homeowners associations, condominium associations, and private property owners for the maintenance of City-owned landscaping, traffic circles, private playgrounds, and other public improvements.

18. Discussion: City Council Sub-committee Working Group(s)

Suggested Action: Enclosed in the Council packet are proposals submitted by several members of Council regarding the establishment of City Council Working Groups. This item is presented for Council review, discussion, and consideration of the proposed working groups and their intended roles.

19. Council Reports

20. Council Activities