



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Municipal Building

This meeting will be held in-person and virtual.

**25 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770**

OR

Virtual Participation

Zoom Webinar Attendees:

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Monday, June 2, 2025

7:30 PM

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

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Meditation and Pledge

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 respectful, welcoming community that is open accessible, safe and fair.

4. Petitions and Requests

Suggested Action:

(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

5. Consent Agenda-Approval of Staff Recommendations

Suggested Action:

(Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

6. Approval of Agenda and Additions

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

7. Presentations

7a. Pride Month Proclamation

Suggested Action:

Mayor Jordan will proclaim June 2025 as Emerald City Pride.

[Emerald City Pride25.pdf](#)

7b. Small Cities Month Proclamation

Suggested Action:

The National League of Cities (NLC) has declared June as Small Cities Month. Councilmember Silke I. Pope, member of the Small Cities Steering Committee, will accept the proclamation.

[Small Cities Month25.pdf](#)

*8. Minutes of Council Meetings

8a. Statement of Record - Closed Session, May 7, 2025

Suggested Action:

Reference: Statement of Record

Closed Session of May 7, 2025: 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, May 7, 2025, at 9:10 p.m., in the Municipal Building Library. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1), and (8) of the General Provision 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 performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or 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.

The purpose of this meeting: 1) To address personnel matters over which this public body has jurisdiction, and 2) To consult with staff, consultants, or individuals about pending or potential litigation.

Vote to close session:

Ms. Knesel - Yes

Ms. McKinney - Yes

Ms. Pompei - No

Ms. Pope - Yes

Mr. Roberts - No

Ms. Weaver - Yes

Mayor Jordan - Yes

Staff member present: Josué Salmerón, City Manager.

Other individuals were in attendance: None.

[Closed Session Form 05.07.25.pdf](#)

8b. Statement of Record - Closed Session, May 27, 2025

Suggested Action:

Reference: Statement for the Record

Closed Session of May 27, 2025: 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 Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 9:13 p.m., in the Council Chambers. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(7) of the General Provision Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland; 1) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

The purpose of this meeting: 1) To obtain legal advice on an annexation matter.

Vote to close session:

Ms. Knesel - Yes

Ms. McKinney - Yes

Ms. Pompei - Yes

Ms. Pope - Yes

Mr. Roberts - No

Ms. Weaver - Yes

Mayor Jordan - Yes

Staff member present: Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Terri Hruby, Planning Director; and Todd Pounds, City Solicitor (virtual).

Other individuals were in attendance: None.

Action taken: Gave staff direction to gather further information about annexation opportunities.

[Closed Session Form 05.27.25.pdf](#)

9. Administrative Reports

*10. Committee Reports

10a. Board of Elections Report #2025-01 (Referral on Council Elections with Ranked Choice Balloting)

Suggested Action:

It is recommended that the City Council accept this report. Work Session is scheduled for June 18, to discuss.

[BoE5125RankedChoiceReferralMemo.pdf](#)

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

11. FY 2026 Budget Adoption

Suggested Action:

The City Council has completed its budget process which began when the proposed fiscal year 2026 budget was presented to Council on March 25th. Since then, Council has held nine public work session to consider the budget. On April 22nd and May 29th, the City Council held a public hearing in accordance with the City Charter requirements. A list of changes was prepared based on Council discussion at the final budget review work session on May 15th. The budget is now ready for adoption. The City Charter requires that the budget be adopted by June 10th for the fiscal year starting July 1st.

Included in Council's packet is a memo listing the changes that have been suggested to the budget as it was proposed on March 25th, Council should vote on each of these changes and then on the new total. Once the changes have been approved, Council can proceed to the next item of business, the ordinance to appropriate the funds included in the budget.

[Changes to FY2026 Budget - for Budget Adoption June 2 2025.pdf](#)

[Copy of FY2026-Budget Changes on 5-28-2025 by Department for June 2nd](#)

[Meeting.pdf FY2026 Budget Book Proposed Lists of Edits to Council, 5-30-25.pdf](#)

[FY2026 Budget Worksession Questions, 5-30-26.pdf](#)

12. An Ordinance to Adopt the General Fund, Building Capital Reserve Fund, Cemetery Fund, Debt Service Fund, Replacement Fund, Special Project Fund, Green Ridge House Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Community Development Block Grant Fund, and Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund Budgets for the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to Appropriate Funds and Establish Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Rates for the Fiscal Year 2026 Beginning July 1, 2025, and including June 30, 2026.

- 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules

- 2nd Reading, Adoption

Suggested Action:

Reference: Ordinance

Section 51 of the City Charter states that "immediately upon adoption of the budget, the City Council shall adopt an ordinance appropriating funds for the ensuing fiscal year. Funds shall be appropriated to each of the various departments, offices, agencies or functions in accordance with the adopted budget. The appropriation ordinance shall also include a summary of estimated income for the ensuing fiscal year in accordance with the adopted budget and shall levy all property and other taxes required to realize the income estimated."

Having amended the City Manager's proposed budget, Council now must introduce an ordinance to adopt the budget, appropriate funds, and establish tax rates for real and personal property for FY 2026. All funds have been incorporated into one ordinance.

It is recommended that Council introduce the ordinance, suspend the rules, and adopt the ordinance at this meeting.

Note: Per Council's Standing Rules, six (6) votes in affirmative are needed in order to suspend the rules.

[FY2026 Budget Adoption Ordinance.pdf](#)

IV. OTHER BUSINESS - 75 minutes (8:45 - 10:00 p.m.)

13. Presentation of Fleet and Equipment Electrification Plan

Suggested Action:

Enclosed in Council's packet is the Electric Vehicle and Fleet Electrification Plan.

Staff will present the Fleet and Equipment Electrification Plan for Council's acceptance. This plan outlines a strategic, phased approach to transition the City of Greenbelt's vehicle and equipment fleet away from internal combustion engines toward electric alternatives, supporting the City's long-term commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship.

The plan aligns with the City Council's adopted focus areas of "Preserving and enhancing the legacy of Greenbelt as a planned and environmentally proactive community" and "Maintaining and investing in infrastructure."

The Fleet Plan identifies a 10-year pathway to electrify city vehicles and equipment in alignment with regular replacement schedules, budget availability, and technological advancements. Implementation will include installation of city-facing charging infrastructure, identification of funding opportunities such as grants and utility partnerships, and annual evaluations of vehicle availability and costs.

This effort complements the previously adopted Electric Vehicle Infrastructure: A Plan for Greenbelt (EVIPG) and integrates relevant recommendations for city fleet and facility needs.

Council acceptance of this plan affirms its policy direction and will guide future budget decisions and projects; it does not authorize specific purchases or infrastructure expenditures at this time.

[Electric Vehicles and Fleet Electrification Plan Final Draft revised 3.20.25 redline updated 5.5.25.pdf](#)

14. Policy Exemptions for Greenbelt Cinema Operations

Suggested Action:

Greenbelt Cinema, operating as a nonprofit in a City-owned facility, has requested modifications to several contractual and regulatory requirements in order to reduce operational costs and administrative burdens. Specifically, the Cinema has asked for the following: a reduction in the required general liability insurance coverage from \$2 million to \$1 million; the fidelity bond requirement (given existing Directors & Officers coverage); and waivers of the amusement and admissions tax.

Because these policy exemptions require Council approval, staff is presenting the Cinema's request for Council consideration and direction.

15. Contract Award RFP 2025-03-R: Community Flood Resiliency Plan

Suggested Action:

Reference:

Memorandum, K. Carpenter-Driscoll, 05/22/2025 Proposal - Proposal for Community Flood Resiliency Plan LimnoTech 5.7.2025

Enclosed in Council's packet is a memorandum outlining the Community Flood Resiliency Plan.

Staff recommends that council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with LimnoTech to complete a Community Flood Resiliency Plan for the City not to exceed a cost of \$75,000.00 as provided through grant funding.

[Memorandum, K. Carpenter-Driscoll, 05/22/2025.pdf](#)

[Proposal for Community Flood Resiliency Plan_LimnoTech_5.7.2025.pdf](#)

16. Authorize City Manager to allocate up to \$30,000 in grants in the FY 25 budget towards community organizations that provide rental assistance to Greenbelt Residents

Suggested Action:

Council Member McKinney requested this item to be added to the agenda for discussion.

Background:

The City of Greenbelt's Emergency Assistance Fund is a charitable (agency fund) initiative established to provide financial support to residents facing urgent needs. This fund assists individuals in covering rent to prevent eviction, paying overdue utility bills, and supports local food pantries to combat food insecurity.

Report of FY25 activities through May 8, 2025 is attached.

[2025.05.08_Memo Emer Assist Fund Report 2025.pdf](#)

17. Authorize City Manager to allocate up to \$6,000 in grant funds in the FY 25 budget for a workforce development program that focus on food safety training for residents

Suggested Action:

Council Member McKinney requested this item to be added to the agenda for discussion.

[Proposal for Greenbelt Food Safety Training.pdf](#)

18. Council Activities

Suggested Action:

Council will report on activities and events recently attended. (If time allows.)

19. Council Reports

Suggested Action:

Council will report on activities and events recently attended. (If time allows.)

- *20. Meetings

[Meetings.pdf](#)

- *21. Stakeholder List

[Stakeholder Schedule.pdf](#)

- *22. Departure 22-006-DPLS, Maryland Trade Center – 3

Suggested Action:

Reference:

Memorandum, R. Sigworth, 5/12/2025

Resolution

In May 2022, 6500 Greenbelt Trade Center, LLC, the owner of the property located at 7501 Greenway Center Drive, submitted an application for a Departure from Parking and Loading Standards (DPLS). Greenbelt Trade Center, LLC is requesting a reduction in the required parking by 359 parking spaces from 967 parking spaces to 608 parking spaces to accommodate 187,775 square feet of “Medical practitioners’ office/medical clinic in an office building or office building complex”; 2,757 square feet of “daycare center for children”; 574 square feet of “Eating or Drinking Establishment (including drive-through service or carryout”; and 2,438 square feet of “Bank, savings and loan association, or other savings or lending

institution - unrestricted” uses according to Section 27-568 of the Prince George’s Zoning Ordinance in effect prior to April 1, 2022.

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's intent to adopt the recommendation of the Advisory Planning Board.

[Council Cover Memo_DPLS 22-006_5.9.2025.pdf](#)

[APB_Resolution_DPLS 22-006_5.9.2025_FINAL_SIGNED.pdf](#)

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