

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, December 11, 2017.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Leta M. Mach, Colin A. Byrd, Silke I. Pope, Rodney M. Roberts, Edward V. J. Putens and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Jeff Williams, Acting City Manager, Karen Ruff, City Solicitor and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of Greenbelt resident Thomas Paul Moran. Mr. Roberts then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – Ms. Davis requested the minutes of the regular meeting of August 14, 2017, be removed from the consent agenda. With this change, it was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Ms. Pope that the consent agenda be approved. The motion carried 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Minutes:

Work Session, July 5, 2017
Work Session, July 24, 2017
Work Session, July 31, 2017
Work Session, August 2, 2017
Work Session, October 11, 2017
Approved as presented.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Resignation from Advisory Groups: Council accepted the resignation of Lauren Young from the Forest Preserve Advisory Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – It was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Ms. Mach that the agenda be approved. The motion carried 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Kevin Mottus, Lanham, MD, has concerns about the health effects from wireless radiation from cell towers. He requested to the Council to minimize the placement of cell towers.

Bill Orleans, Greenbelt resident, requested the citation number from the City Solicitor in reference to his previous request.

Theodora Scorata, Greenbelt resident, wanted to make the Council aware of a bill on Telecommunications Transmissions Facilities on Public School grounds which is sponsored by Del. Washington. Landlines are not being properly maintained. She asked the Council to consider writing a letter to address the need for landlines to be maintained in this State.

The Community Manager of Charlestown Village Condominiums requested speed bumps to be installed on Lakecrest Drive.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Minutes – Executive Session of November 29, 2017: Ms. Davis moved that the minutes of the executive session of the City Council held Tuesday, November 29, 2017, at 9:50 p.m. in the Room 201 of the Community Center. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(1) of the *Annotated Code of 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 it has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals. Seconded by Ms. Pope.

Vote to close session:

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

The following staff members were in attendance: Nicole Ard, City Manager; Tom Kemp, Acting Police Chief, Gordon Pracht, Lieutenant, and Mary Johnson, Human Resources Director. Council took no actions during this session.

Ms. Pope seconded.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Davis - Yes
Mr. Byrd - Yes
Ms. Mach - Abstain

Ms. Pope	-	Yes
Mr. Putens	-	Yes
Mr. Roberts	-	Yes
Mayor Jordan	-	Yes

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. Jeff Williams mentioned to the Council on behalf of Acting Chief Kemp that the Police Department had 18 participants for “No Shave November” and was able to raise \$1,692 for Cancer Awareness.

Mr. Byrd asked for an update to a petition request from Phillippe Orlando to reduce the use of fossil fuel for landscaping.

Mr. Byrd asked for a Work Session to address the cell tower issue. He also requested that Work Sessions be recorded and/or broadcasted.

Mayor Jordan requested an update on Capital Projects, gateway signage, dedication of the Stream Valley Trail, Buddy Attick Lake parking lot, Greenbelt Lake Dam, and the sidewalk at Roosevelt Center (the construction patch in front of Beijing Restaurant).

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

LEGISLATION

A Resolution of the Council of City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Title 4, Subtitle 3 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Services Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Amending Sections 12, 15, 16 and 20 to Change the Voting Age for City Elections to Those 16 Years Old and Older and to Clarify Those Who Can Serve on the Employee Relations Board, Board of Elections and City Council must be at least 18 years old. (Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2017-1); Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Davis introduced the Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2017-1 for the first reading. The second reading will be January 8, 2018.

OTHER BUSINESS

Prince George’s County Zoning and Subdivision Re-write, Comprehensive Review Draft: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. It was moved by Ms. Davis to have staff send the edited letter to Maryland National Capital Park Planning Commission and Councilman Todd Turner. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pope. Motion carried 7-0.

Website Rebuild: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. It was moved by Ms. Pope and seconded by Ms. Davis to approve the contract with Granicus for \$26,289. Motion carried 7-0.

Recreation Department Logo: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. It was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Ms. Pope to approve the logo. Motion carried 7-0.

2018 Legislative Program: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. It was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mr. Putens to approve the program. Motion carried (6-1). Mr. Roberts

Reserve Study – Long Term Infrastructure: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. It was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Ms. Mach to approve the purchase of Dude Solutions, Inc.'s Capital Forecast program per NJPA contract #110515-SDI for \$24,892.10. Motion failed (3-4) Mr. Byrd, Mr. Putens, Mr. Roberts and Mayor Jordan. It was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Ms. Pope to support the reserve study. Motion carried (4-3) Mr. Byrd, Mr. Putens and Mr. Roberts.

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

- Celebration of Hope and Community, Community Crisis Services, Newton White Mansion, (Ms. Davis and Mr. Putens)
- Pancake Breakfast, Lions Club, American Legion (Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis)
- VIP Breakfast, Mission BBQ (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis and Ms. Pope)
- 34th Cora Rice Prince George's County Police Community Christmas Party, ERHS (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis and Ms. Pope)
- GEAC Holiday Lunch, New Deal Café (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Putens, Ms. Pope and Mr. Byrd)
- Festival of Light Art and Craft Show (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Pope and Mr. Putens)
- Holiday Farmers Market (Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis)
- GEAC Tree-Lighting (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Pope, Mr. Putens and Mr. Byrd)
- Central Maryland Transportation and Mobility Commission (Ms. Davis)
- Funeral Mass, Tom Moran (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Byrd, Mr. Roberts and Ms. Pope)
- Coffee with the Chief, Beltway Plaza (Ms. Davis and Mr. Byrd)
- 50th Viet Nam and Pearl Harbor Commemoration, American Legion (Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis)
- PGCMA Legislative Dinner, Martin's Crosswinds (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Byrd, Mr. Pope, Mr. Putens and Mr. Roberts)
- Sen. Pinsky's Town Hall, Lamont Elementary (Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis)
- GIVES Quarterly Meeting (Ms. Davis, Ms. Pope, Mr. Byrd and Mr. Putens)
- Greenway Shopping Center's Brunch with Santa, Chevy's (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Putens, Ms. Pope and Ms. Mach)
- Choral Concert, Community Church (Ms. Davis)

- Greenbelt Concert Band Holiday Concert (Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis)
- EENR Conference Call (Ms. Davis)
- Windsor Green Holiday Party (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Byrd and Ms. Pope)

COUNCIL REPORTS: None.

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule

Executive Session - December 18, 2017: Ms. Davis moved that Council schedule an Executive Session on Monday, December 18, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Room of the Municipal Building. Council will hold this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(10) of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland*, to discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans.

Ms. Pope seconded.

It was moved by Mayor Jordan to close the discussion and seconded by Ms. Mach. Motion carried (5-2) Mr. Byrd and Mr. Roberts.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Davis	-	Yes
Mr. Byrd	-	Yes
Ms. Mach	-	Yes
Ms. Pope	-	Yes
Mr. Putens	-	Yes
Mr. Roberts	-	No
Mayor Jordan	-	Yes

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Mach moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Jordan adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, December 11, 2017, at 11:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonita Anderson
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 December 11, 2017.

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor