



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

**Municipal Building
25 Crescent Road
Monday, December 09, 2019
8:00 PM**

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Consent Agenda
5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentations
7. Public Hearing - Ordinance to Revise Forest Preserve Article

Suggested Action:

On September 25, the City Council held a Work Session with the Forest Preserve Advisory Board regarding proposed changes to the Forest Preserve Article of the Greenbelt City Code and the Forest Preserve Stewardship Guidelines (formerly the Management and Maintenance Guidelines). An Ordinance has been drafted based the recommendations of FPAB. Section 13-163 of the City Code requires that Council hold a public hearing prior to consideration of this Ordinance.

Also included in Council's packet are the Forest Stewardship Guidelines and an additional Ordinance which makes changes to the Forest Preserve Advisory Board Article in the City Code.

[Forest Preserve Ordinance.doc](#)

8. Petitions and Requests

*9. *Minutes of Council Meetings

Suggested Action:

Reference:

Regular Meeting - January 28, 2019
Work Session - September 25, 2019
Interview - November 18, 2019
Interview - December 2, 2019
[RM190128.pdf](#)
[WS190925.pdf](#)
[INT191118.pdf](#)
[INT191202.pdf](#)

*9a. Statement for the Record

Suggested Action:

Statement of Record, 10/30/2019

Statement for the Record - Closed Session, October 30, 2019: The following motion is needed: In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) and (7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, I move that the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that Council met in closed session on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 9:53 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building. Council held this closed meeting: 1) 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; 2) to consult with legal counsel regarding pending legal matters.

Vote to close session:

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

The following staff members were in attendance: Nicole Ard, City Manager; Bonita Anderson, City Clerk; Todd Pounds, City Solicitor via conference call.

Other individuals in attendance: None

Council took no actions during this session.

[Statement of Record 10.30.19.pdf](#)

10. Administrative Reports

*11. *Committee Reports

*11a. * Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Report (Open Forum of September 21, 2019)

Suggested Action:

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's acceptance of this report.

[Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Open Forum Report.pdf](#)

*11b. *Advisory Planning Board Report #2019-11 (Detailed Site Plan – NRP Multi-family Development Proposal)

Suggested Action:

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's acceptance of this report.

This item appear later on this evening's agenda.

[Advisory Planning Board Report #2019-11.pdf](#)

*11c. * Forest Preserve Advisory Board Report # 2019-07 (Updates to the Forest Preserve Stewardship Guidelines)

Suggested Action:

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's acceptance of this report.

[FPAB Report to Council 2019-7_AdvBrdGuidelineEdits.pdf](#)

*11d. Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability - (Detailed Site Plan - NRP Multifamily Development Proposal)

Suggested Action: Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's acceptance of this report.

This item appear later on this evenings agenda.

[Green ACES Recommendation for NRP Multifamily Project.pdf](#)

III. OTHER BUSINESS

12. NRP Multifamily Development Proposal- Capital Office Park (Detailed Site Plan)

Suggested Action:

NRP Greenbelt Metro Detailed Site Plan Staff Report – 11/19/2019

Detailed Site Plans

Architectural Drawings (Building Elevations)

PRAB Report – 11/20/2019

Green ACES Recommendations for NRP Multifamily Project

APB Report - 12/4/2019

NRP Greenbelt Metro Station (Capital Office Park) DSP Conditions

The NRP Group LLC (NRP) is a developer, builder, and property management company headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio. The applicant filed a Preliminary Plan of Subdivision (PPS)

application in July 2019 with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). The PPS was referred to the City for review and comment, upon which it went through the city's hearing process including three (3) advisory board meetings (APB, Green ACES, and PRAB), a City Council work session, and finally a City Council hearing on September 23, 2019 where it received support with conditions. The conditions are laid out in a letter from the City Council to the County Planning Board. The PPS was heard by the Prince George's County Planning Board on October 10, 2019 and has been approved with conditions.

Immediately following approval of the PPS, NRP filed a Detailed Site Plan (DSP). The DSP has followed the same process for review and comment as the PPS, meeting with three advisory boards (APB, PRAB, and Green ACES) and the City Council for a work session and now at a regular meeting.

The three boards have generally liked the project, however, they have made particular recommendations on how they would like NRP to move forward. Some of these have been incorporated into the conditions that will be forwarded to the County Planning Board.

Staff recommends Council support with conditions listed on attached document titled 'NRP Greenbelt Metro Station (Capital Office Park) DSP Conditions' and further recommends that the City Council transmit a letter to the planning Board stating their support along with the conditions.

[NRP-Greenbelt-Metro-DSP-Staff-Report.pdf](#)

[CIVP-DSP-19014.pdf](#)

[ARCP-DSP-19014.pdf](#)

[PRAB Report 19-10 NRP Capital Office Park Detailed Site Plan.pdf](#)

[APB Report_2019_11.pdf](#)

[NRP-GreenbeltMetro-DSP-Conditions.pdf](#)

[Green ACES Recommendation for NRP Multifamily Project.pdf](#)

13. Axon Contract Renewal - Police Body Cameras, Tasers & Related Training

Suggested Action:

The Police Department is recommending the extension of our existing contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. of Scottsdale, AZ (formerly Taser International). The recommended extension is for a five year term. Axon has proven to be a reliable solution for our body-worn camera program, digital evidence management, and less-than lethal weapons.

Through this contract extension, the Department will be able to increase the number of body-worn cameras, licensing, and storage to prepare for full personnel staffing. In addition to this increase, all of the body camera hardware will be upgraded to the newest technology, allowing for increased reliability, officer safety, and transparency. The contract also provides complete hardware upgrades at the 2.5 and 5 year marks.

Under this contract, the Department's current less-than lethal Taser weapons will be upgraded to the newest version available, the Taser 7. This new technology is proven much more effective in bringing combative subjects under control and preventing the need for

force-escalation. All of the less-than lethal training and duty cartridges, which previously had to be purchased separately, is now combined and provided under the contract. A state of the art virtual reality training system is also included with the contract, which provides officers advanced mental health and de-escalation training programs and scenarios. The combination of the latest technology weapons and training will best prepare our officers to resolve difficult and high-stress situations in the safest manner possible.

Staff recommends the City Council approve the contract.

[Greenbelt PD - MD - OSP 7 + Auto-tagging AB3 unlimited \(35 18\) final.._.pdf](#)

14. Memorandum of Understanding - Ring Doorbell

Suggested Action:

The Greenbelt Police Department proposes that Council approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Ring, Inc. to allow the Department to access to Ring videos. Neighbors by Ring is an App that lets people share, view and comment on crime and security information in their communities. The app can be used in Greenbelt to help more people work together to reduce crime. The app, which launched in the US in May, has over a million active users. Law enforcement agencies can use a tool called the Neighbors Portal to post important information about crime and safety alerts in their community and view and comment on public posts as an identified law enforcement officer. This could help to reduce crime in Greenbelt by giving residents the ability to share information in a timely fashion. The tool can also be used by law enforcement to request video footage from device owners who are in the area of an active investigation. This could greatly assist our detectives in solving open cases.

Staff recommends the City Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding.

[Neighbors is an app launched by Ring.pdf](#)
[Ring Access Agreement.pdf](#)

15. City Participation in an Opioid Lawsuit

Suggested Action:

Mayor Byrd requested that this item be included on the agenda this evening. The motion would be to engage Jeffrey Reeves and the law firm of Theodora Oringer PC to represent the City of Greenbelt in opioid-related litigation. Mayor Byrd reported that nearby municipalities that are already engaged in this litigation include, Laurel, Upper Marlboro, Cottage City, Forest Heights, and North Brentwood.

The City Solicitor's letter outlines the terms of the agreement and possible financial consequences.

Council discussed this item on November 25 and the City Solicitor was directed to review the Retainer Agreement and provide feedback. Included in Council's background materials is a letter from Todd Pounds, City Solicitor.

[Retainer Agreement - Greenbelt MD.pdf](#)
[Letter, City Solicitor, 11.26.19.pdf](#)

16. Support for EPA Grant Related to Pollution Prevention Outreach and Projects

Suggested Action:

Mayor Byrd requested this item to be added to this evening's agenda. The suggested motion would be to send a letter in support of the Environmental Finance Center's application for a grant that would fund the Environmental Finance Center's work with several municipalities in MD to help them do pollution prevention outreach to residents.

17. Submission of Comments on Proposed Bureau of Engraving and Printing Facility at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center

Suggested Action:

As required by the National Environmental Policy Act (CEPA), The Bureau of Engraving and Printing held agency and public scoping meetings on December 3, 2019 as one of the first steps in the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The purpose of the scoping meetings were to solicit comments on the proposed project to help determine the range of issues and alternatives to be considered in the in the EIS. Included in the Council packet are meeting materials. The deadline to submit comments is December 15, 2019. The agency indicates environmental, cultural, and transportation impacts are being investigated during the Environmental Impact Study. Given that, Director Terri Hruby has suggested inquiring why only two options are being considered (build and no build) in the EIS, and why are earlier sites that were under consideration are being omitted. A draft EIS is expected to be published in fall of 2020, at which time there will be a 45-day public comment period and public hearing.

[BEP_scoping_fact_sheets_Dec19.pdf](#)

[BEP_scoping_presentation_Dec19.pdf](#)

[BEP_scoping_posters_Dec19.pdf](#)

18. Appointment of Council Members to Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Board and Policy Committees

Suggested Action:

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is soliciting appointments to COG's policy boards and committees for 2020. Attached is a list of the current appointments, COG has requested the appointments by December 20.

[Greenbelt Appointments.doc](#)

[COG Appointments Email Request, 12.5.19.pdf](#)

19. Council Activities

20. Council Reports

- *21. *Resignation from Advisory Group

Suggested Action:

Reference: Email, H. Hammett, 11-25-19

Honora Hammett has submitted her resignation from the Youth Advisory Committee.

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's intent to accept Ms. Hammett's resignation with regret.

- *22. * Letter - Thank You to the Prince George's County School Board of Education

Suggested Action:

Councilmember Davis requested this item to be included on the agenda. At the Regular Meeting on November 25, Ms. Davis suggested sending a letter to the Prince George's County Board of Education.

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council approval of the letter.

[Draft Letter School Board.pdf](#)

- *23. * Letter - Maryland - National Capital Park and Planning Commission

Suggested Action:

Councilmember Roberts requested this item to be included on the agenda. At the Regular Meeting on November 25, Mr. Roberts suggested sending a letter to the Maryland - National Capital Park and Planning

[Draft Letter Maryland National Capital Park and Planning.pdf](#)

- *24. * Letter - Surprise Medical Billing

Suggested Action: At the Regular Meeting on November 25, Council approved sending a letter to the City's Congressional Delegation regarding surprise Medical Billing. Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council approval of the letter.

[Surprise Medical Billing.docx](#)

IV. MEETINGS

Meetings

[meetings.pdf](#)

Stakeholders

[Stakeholder Schedule.pdf](#)