

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL
Municipal Building
Regular Meeting
November 27, 2017 - 08:00 p.m.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. [Roll Call](#)
3. [Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag](#)
4. [Consent Agenda ??? Approval of Staff Recommendations \(Items on the Consent Agenda \[marked by *\] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.\)](#)
5. [Approval of Agenda and Additions](#)

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentations

Recycling Month Proclamation

America Recycles Day will be celebrated on November 15. This is the 20th year that a day has been set aside nationally to build consumer demand for recycled products and to educate all Americans about the environmental and economic benefits of reusing and recycling. Jim Sterling, Director of Public Works, will be present to accept the proclamation on behalf of the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability. Jim will also give an overview of this

year's America Recycles Month events. (BA)

America Recycles Month Proclamation

November Municipal Government Works Month Proclamation

November is Municipal Government month. In recognition of the event, the City sponsors many activities that display government in action, including the Community Health and Wellness Fair, Walk to School Day, "If I Were Mayor" contest for fourth grade students, Welcome Packet program, Fall Fest, Costume Parade, Shredding Event and Electronics Recycling event, and has featured various pictures and videos throughout the month showing Greenbelt's Municipal Government in action on the City's social media sites. Additionally, the City has been flying the Municipal Government Works flag outside the Municipal Building during the month. Beverly Palau, the City's Public Information and Communications Coordinator, will receive the proclamation on behalf of the City. (BA).

Municipal Government Month Proclamation

Democratic Club presentation of Check to CARES

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

8. Minutes of Council Meetings

9. Administrative Reports

* 10. Committee Reports

III. LEGISLATION

Community Pledge

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

12. Affirmation of the Community Pledge

Reference: Community Pledge

The Community Pledge is a statement of Greenbelt's values as a community and organization. It was originally adopted in 1997 and updated and readopted in 2001. Council has expressed a desire to reaffirm this Pledge. (DEM).

Community Pledge

13. 103 Centerway Façade Change Proposal

Reference: Memo, J Bellah November 17, 2017

Request for Alteration and Floor Plan Proposal

Cedars of Lebanon Restaurant has requested approval from the City to undertake renovations on Roosevelt Center's southern façade to install a new egress door in place of an existing window. The City holds a façade easement on these buildings to ensure the historic character of this historic resource is maintained.

In consultation with the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Section, staff reviewed the proposed renovation and found it to be minor in nature. A detailed analysis and recommendation is provided in the referenced memo regarding this proposal's impact to historic resources. Staff has requested the applicant submit more information prior to submitting for a permit regarding details of the proposed demolition and reconstruction process.

This issue was discussed by the Advisory Planning Board at their October 25, 2017 meeting. The Board concurred with Staff's assessment and supported the recommended approval with conditions. Staff recommends approval of the proposed alteration subject to five conditions.

Jessica Bellah, Community Planner, will be present to answer questions. (JB)

Memo, J Bellah November 17, 2017

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14. 2018 Legislative Program

Reference: Proposed 2018 Legislative Program

Legislative Suggestions List

2017 Legislative Program

Each year in December, the Council holds a Legislative Dinner with the City's State and County representatives to present and outline the City's top legislative priorities. This dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at the Greenbelt Marriott.

Included in Council's packet is a proposed Legislative Program for 2018. Staff is recommending a short list of priorities under two categories to focus the attention and efforts of our legislators.

Seven "Top" priorities are proposed. These are:

- Restore Funding for the I-495 Interchange at Greenbelt Station
- Oppose Maryland's takeover and privatization of the B/W Parkway
- Block the Maglev Train Routes through Greenbelt and Prince George's County
- Greenbelt Road Streetscape Improvements
- Greenbelt Innovation Zone for Economic Development
- Funds for City Bus Replacement
- Update on Greenbelt Lake Dam Project

There are five "Other" priorities as follows:

- Children living in Greenbelt Station should attend Greenbelt schools
- Provide M-NCPPC Funding for NCO Zone and Small Area Plan
- Increase Funding for the Mosquito Control Program
- Replace Sidewalks on State Roads
- Increase Funding and Communication of Performance Expectations for Youth Service Bureaus

Staff strongly suggests that the City's 2018 priorities be limited to a small number because it is better to present a concise, manageable package of initiatives to our State and County representatives. Based on Council's action on this item, staff will develop a booklet describing each item in detail and providing appropriate background materials. Staff will also email the summary to State and County.

[legislators in advance of the dinner.](#)
[Council direction is sought. \(DEM\).](#)

[Proposed 2018 Legislative Program](#)

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15. Recreation Department Logo

16. Charter Amendment for Voting at 16

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) recommended lowering the voting age for City Elections to 16 in July 2015 and conducted a survey of youth where 87% of respondents favored lowering the age. A question was included on the 2015 Community Questionnaire where 77% of respondents did not favor lowering the age. Council held a Work Session with YAC on November 2, 2016. Council also received reports from the Advisory Committee on Education and the Community Relations Advisory Board. A Public Hearing on this issue was held on May 22, 2017.

On September 11, 2017, the Council adopted Resolution 2054 which placed the advisory question of amending the City Charter to lower the Voting Age to 16 on the ballot of the Regular Municipal Election held on November 7, 2017. The total number of votes for the Charter Amendment was 1,215 and the total number of votes against the Charter Amendment was 1,070.

Council direction is sought. (BA)

* 17. Reappointment to Advisory Groups

Reference: Reappointment Applications

Mr. Keith Chernikoff has indicated his willingness to continue to serve on the Advisory Planning Board (APB).

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's intent to appoint Mr. Chernikoff to a new term on APB.

Ms. Tatiana Ausema, has indicated her willingness to continue to serve on

the Arts Advisory Board (AAB).

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's intent to appoint Ms. Ausema to a new term on AAB. (BA)

* 18. Employee Special Holiday

Since December 1969, the City Council has granted an extra holiday to classified employees during the holiday season. In recent years, when Christmas has fallen on a Tuesday or Thursday, Council has assigned the holiday to create a four-day weekend. However, it should be noted that fixing the Special Holiday increases overtime expenditures by approximately \$25,000 that were not approved in the adopted budget.

Otherwise, the holiday has been granted as a "floating day" that employees may use whenever they wish during the remainder of the fiscal year. Approving the Special Holiday as a floating day does not increase overtime costs. It is recommended that Council grant the FY 2018 Special Holiday as a floating holiday to employees. Consideration of whether to fix the Special Holiday in years where a four-day holiday can be created, i.e. Christmas falling on a Tuesday or Thursday, can be discussed when this next occurs in December 2018.

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's. (SLM/JW)

19. Council Activities

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

20. Council Reports

Council will report on meetings and conferences recently attended. (If time allows)

V. MEETINGS

The Prince George's Municipal Association Dinner is Thursday, December 7 at 6:00pm at Martins Crosswinds. Council, the City Manager and Assistant City Manager normally attend. Please confirm attendance and staff will purchase tickets accordingly.

Regular Meeting

Mon.

11/27

8:00 pm

<u>Work Session – Franklin Park (CC)</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>11/29</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>
<u>Work Session – Zoning Rewrite/NCO Zone (tentative)</u>	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>
<u>Work Session – 7010 Greenbelt Road - Greenbelt Crossing</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>
<u>Development Proposal (Old Nursing Home Site) (CC)</u>			
<u>PGCMA Legislative Dinner</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>12/07</u>	<u>6:00 pm</u>
<u>Regular Meeting</u>	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>12/11</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>
<u>Legislative Dinner</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>12/13</u>	<u>6:00 pm</u>
<u>Work Session – Council Goals & Standing Rules (tentative)</u>	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>12/18</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>
<u>Work Session – TBD (CC)</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>12/20</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>
<u>No Meeting</u>	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>12/25</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>No Meeting</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>12/27</u>	