

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, November 27, 2017.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Colin A. Byrd, Silke I. Pope, Rodney M. Roberts, Edward V. J. Putens and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan. Ms. Leta M. Mach was absent because she was out of town.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Nicole Ard, City Manager, Karen Ruff, City Solicitor and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of Greenbelt residents Paul Rall, Maxine V. Smith, Daniel “Dan” Dudley Danaher, Jr., Thelma Louise Kennedy, Colleen Courtney and former resident Patricia (Pat) Barrett Brown. Mr. Byrd then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – It was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Mr. Byrd that the consent agenda be approved. The motion carried 6-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Reappointment to Advisory Groups: Council appointed Keith Chernikoff to a new term on the Advisory Planning Board and Tatiana Ausema on the Arts Advisory Board.

Employee Special Holiday: Council approved an employee special holiday for employees to use whenever they wish during the remainder of the fiscal year.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – It was moved by Ms. Davis to add Mr. Herling’s presentation of a check to CARES from the Democratic Club under Item #6 and seconded by Mr. Putens that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion carried 6-0.

PRESENTATIONS

America Recycles Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan read a proclamation declaring that America Recycles Day will be celebrated on November 15. Jim Sterling, Director of Public Works, was present to accept the proclamation on behalf of the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability. Mr. Sterling provided an overview of this year’s America Recycles Month events.

Municipal Government Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan read a proclamation declaring November as Municipal Government month. Beverly Palau, the City’s Public Information and

Communications Coordinator, accepted the proclamation. Ms. Palau provided an overview of the many activities sponsored by the City as part of Municipal Government Month.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Molly Lester, Greenbelt resident, suggested that the RFP process be thoroughly evaluated for the Springhill Lake Solar Panel Project.

Keith Chernikoff, Greenbelt resident, status of his request on 9/11/17 in reference to the Recreation Department to restore the wooden tennis court backstop.

Bill Orleans, Greenbelt resident, same request from 10/9/2017. He is seeking information on the Executive Session of Council regarding annexation, acquisition of property and potential litigation.

Theodora Scorata, Greenbelt resident, concerns regarding the County Zoning Ordinance Re-write consideration of wireless transmissions infrastructure in front yards.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Ms. Davis mentioned the parking issue by the Post Office at Ora Glen. She suggested to staff to have the curbs painted and install parking end caps.

Ms. Pope requested the calculation of the cost for the charging station at the Municipal Building. Ms. Ard stated that there were an estimated 87 sessions at the charging station, totaling \$109 for the month of October. Mr. Sterling contacted the monitoring firm regarding creating a rate to charge a vehicle.

Mr. Roberts had a concern regarding the uneven sidewalk at Megan Lane and Craddock Road. He would like to know why Greenbelt was not informed about the development project proposed for BARC. Ms. Ard commented that there was a open meeting and the Friends of BARC is in support of the project. He would like the city to take a position on the project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

LEGISLATION

OTHER BUSINESS

Affirmation of the Community Pledge: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. It was moved by Ms. Pope to suspend the rules for first reading and Mr. Byrd seconded. There was discussion to amend Resolution 2056 to Reaffirm the Greenbelt Community Pledge. It was moved by Ms. Davis to adopt Resolution 2056 and seconded by Mr. Putens. There was further discussion

amongst the Council and the Public on the wording of the resolution. It was moved by Ms. Pope and seconded by Ms. Davis to adopt Resolution 2056 as amended. Motion carried 6-0. It was moved Ms. Davis and seconded by Ms. Pope to refer the Community Pledge to CRAB. Motion carried 6-0.

Hate Crime Investigation Update: Sgt. Seung Lee, Acting SOD Commander, provided the City Council with an update to the investigation regarding elevator graffiti found in the Golden Triangle Office Park.

SPECIAL ORDER: It was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mr. Putens to special order “Charter Amendment for Voting at 16” to be next on the agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Charter Amendment for Voting at 16: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. It was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mr. Putens to add the Charter Amendment for Voting at 16 on the agenda of the next regular meeting December 11th, 2017, for a vote. Motion carried 6-0.

103 Centerway Façade Change Proposal: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. It was moved by Ms. Pope to accept the proposal and seconded by Mr. Roberts. Motion carried 6-0. It was moved by Ms. Davis to amend the proposal and seconded by Mr. Putens. Motion carried (5-1) Mr. Byrd. It was moved by Mr. Byrd to further amend the proposal and seconded by Mr. Roberts. Motion failed (1-5).

2018 Legislative Program: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mr. Moran reviewed the draft Legislative Program for 2018. He advised that staff is recommending that the City’s 2018 priorities be limited to a small number in order to present a concise, manageable package of initiatives to our state and county representatives. The Council discussed additions and removal of certain items.

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

- Central Maryland Transportation and Mobility Commission/RTA (Ms. Davis)
- Zoning Rewrite Focus Group, County Administration Building (Ms. Davis)
- Retirement Celebration, Capt. Tom Moreland (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis and Ms. Pope)
- Oktoberfest, Senior Event (Ms. Davis)
- Pumpkin Carving, Roosevelt Center (Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach and Mr. Putens)
- 30th Annual Public Safety Awards Program, American Legion (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Pope, Ms. Mach, Mr. Herling and Mr. Putens)
- Shredding and Electronic Recycling (Ms. Davis)
- Breast Cancer Walk, Springhill Lake ES (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis and Ms. Pope)
- Greenbelt Community Development Corporation Annual Meeting (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach and Mr. Pope)
- Costume Contest and Parade, Roosevelt Center (Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach, Ms. Pope and Mr. Putens)

- District 4 Veterans Appreciation Breakfast and Listening Session, County Council Member Todd Turner, American Legion (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Putens, Ms. Mach and Mr. Herling)
- Coop Annual Membership Meeting (Ms. Davis and Ms. Mach)
- Greenbelt Community Church Dinner (Ms. Davis and Mr. Putens)
- St. Hugh's Bazaar (Ms. Davis, Mr. Putens and Ms. Pope)
- Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot visit to the Coop (Ms. Davis)
- Model Reveal, NVHomes at Greenbelt Station (Phase III) (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis and Ms. Pope)
- Veterans Day Commemoration (City Council)
- Greenbelt Community Foundation Annual Meeting (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Pope, Mr. Byrd and Mr. Putens)
- GHI Membership Informational Meeting, VFD (Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis)
- National League of Cities Annual Summit, Charlotte NC (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Pope, Ms. Mach and Mr. Putens)
- The Wizard of Oz, Greenbelt Arts Center (Ms. Davis)
- Annual Craft Bazaar, American Legion Auxiliary (Ms. Davis and Ms. Pope)
- Maglev Informational Meeting, Eleanor Roosevelt High School (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis and Mr. Byrd)

COUNCIL REPORTS: None.

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule

Executive Session - November 29, 2017: Ms. Davis moved that Council schedule an Executive Session on Wednesday, November 29, 2017, immediately following the Franklin Park Work Session in Room 201 of the Community Center. Council will hold this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article 3-305(b)(1) of the *Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland* to discuss a personnel matter.

Ms. Pope seconded.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Davis	-	Yes
Mr. Byrd	-	Yes
Ms. Mach	-	Absent
Ms. Pope	-	Yes
Mr. Putens	-	Absent (left before vote)
Mr. Roberts	-	Yes
Mayor Jordan	-	Yes

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Pope moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Byrd seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Jordan adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, November 27, 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 November 27, 2017.

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor