



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

**Municipal Building
25 Crescent Road
Monday, November 25, 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. Petitions and Requests
- * 8. *Minutes of Council Meetings
Suggested Action:

Reference:

Work Session - Wednesday, September 4, 2019
Regular Meeting - Monday, September 9, 2019
Work Session - Wednesday, September 11, 2019
Work Session - Wednesday, September 25, 2019
Work Session - Wednesday, October 2, 2019
Work Session - Wednesday, October 16, 2019
Interview - Wednesday, November 13, 2019

[WS190904.pdf](#)

[RM190909.pdf](#)
[WS190911.pdf](#)
[WS190925.pdf](#)
[WS191002.pdf](#)
[WS191016.pdf](#)
[INT191113.pdf](#)

9. Administrative Reports

* 10. *Committee Reports

III. LEGISLATION

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

11. Award of Purchase - Dump Truck

Suggested Action:

Reference:

Memorandum, Brian Townsend, 11/14/19

State of Maryland BPO 001B8400149

Price Quote

Fiscal Year 2020 Replacement Fund Budget

The FY 2020 Replacement Fund includes \$84,500 for the replacement of a Public Works Dump Truck F-550 4x4 with a snow plow and spreader.

Staff has identified a State of Maryland statewide contract for small dump trucks under the Blanket Purchase Order (BPO) # 001B8400149 at a cost of 84,133.80.

Included in Council's packet is a memorandum from Brian Townsend, Assistant Director of Public Works-Parks with additional details about the recommended purchase. Mr. Townsend will be present to answer any questions.

Staff recommends that Council approve the purchase of Public Works vehicle as follows:

A 2020 Ford F- 550 dump truck per State of Maryland Blanket Purchase Order (BPO) # 001B8400149 from Apple Ford Fleet /Government Sales, 8800 Stanford Blvd., Columbia, Md., 21045 at a cost of \$84,133.80.

[2020ReplacementMemo101719.docx](#)
[State of Maryland BPO 001B8400149](#)
[Price Quote.pdf](#)
[FY 2020 Replacement Fund.pdf](#)

12. Letter of Support - County Library System Archivist

Suggested Action:

Reference:

Email, Judith Davis, 10/9/19

Draft Letter, Mayor Byrd, 11/25/19

Included in Council's packet is email correspondence from Molly Lester regarding the County Library System's efforts to digitize their Special Collections like the Tugwell Collection. There has been County Library administration discussion about hiring an archivist. Council Member Davis requested that this matter be added to this evening's agenda.

Included in Council's packet is a draft letter. Council direction is sought.

[Email, Molly Lester - 10.08.19.pdf](#)

[PGCMLS Letter on Archivist.doc](#)

13. 2020 Legislative Program

Suggested Action:

Reference:

Proposed 2020 Legislative Program

2019 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 18, 2019 at the Greenbelt Crowne Plaza.

Included in Council's packet is a proposed Legislative Program for 2020. Staff is recommending a short list of priorities under two categories to focus the attention and efforts of our legislators.

Five "Top" priorities are proposed. These are:

- Oppose Maryland's takeover and privatization of the B/W Parkway
- Oppose Beltway Widening
- Block the Maglev Train Routes through Greenbelt and Prince George's County
- Greenbelt Road Streetscape Improvements
- Oppose Bureau of Engraving and Printing Facility

There are four "Other Priorities":

- Increase M-NCPPC Funding for City Recreation Programs
- Replace Sidewalks on State Roads
- Ban on Plastic Straws
- Greenbelt Metro Station Improvements

Staff strongly suggests that the City's 2020 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.

[Proposed Fall Program Summary.pdf](#)

[2019 Legislative Program Summary.pdf](#)

14. National League of Cities Service Line Warranty Program

Suggested Action:

Mayor Byrd requested that this item be included on the agenda this evening. Attached is a letter from the Maryland Municipal League describing the program.

[Maryland League Letter - Sept 2019.docx](#)

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 Oringher PC to represent the City of Greenbelt in opioid-related litigation. Mayor Byrd reports that nearby municipalities that are already engaged in this litigation, Laurel, Upper Marlboro, Cottage City, Forest Heights, and North Brentwood.

According to Mayor Byrd, the City's proceeds of the Greenbelt-related damages would be 80/20. The City would incur no costs at all if we lose the lawsuit. The City would only incur contingent costs if participants won. Those costs would be to cover expenses, including the cost of the expert witness that would calculate proposed damages based on the effect of the opioid crisis on Greenbelt. The costs, in total, would be less than 50% of the damages participants win.

[Retainer Agreement - Greenbelt MD.pdf](#)

16. Federal Legislation — Surprise Medical Billing

Suggested Action:

Mayor Byrd requested this item be added to this evening's agenda. The suggested motion would be to send a letter to the City's congressional delegation — Senator Cardin, Senator Van Hollen, and Representative Hoyer — requesting support for Federal legislation that would include Independent Dispute Resolution (IDR) to help address surprise medical billing.

[PFC_IDR One Pager.pdf](#)

17. Council Activities

18. Council Reports

* 19. *Employee Special Holiday

Suggested Action:

Since December 1969, the City Council has granted an extra holiday to classified employees during the holiday season. In some 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. This year, Christmas Day is Wednesday, December 25.

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 2020 Special Holiday as a floating holiday to

employees. A floating holiday allows employees with other faith traditions to use this holiday at other times of the year if desired.

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's approval to grant an extra floating holiday to City employees.

*20. *Letter of Support - Restore our Parks & Public Lands Legislation

Suggested Action:

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) Parks and Recreation Association has requested letters be sent in support of Senate Bill - 500, Restore Our Parks Act, and House Resolution - 1225, Restore Our Parks and Public Lands Act. Both of these pieces of legislation establish, fund, and provide for the use of amounts in a National Park Service Legacy Restoration Fund to address the maintenance backlog of the National Park Service.

Approval of this item on the Consent Agenda will authorize the City to send the Letter of Support to the City's Congressional Delegation.

[National Park Funding Letter.docx](#)

* 21. * Letter to State Highway Administration - Street Light at Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road

Suggested Action:

Councilmember Davis requested this item to be included on the agenda. At the Work Session on November 13, Ms. Davis suggested sending a letter to the State Highway Administration regarding the missing street light at the intersection of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway.

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

[SHA letter - overhead street light.doc](#)

*22. * Request for Qualifications for Legal Services related to Maglev and Highway Widening Projects

Suggested Action:

Council directed that staff prepare a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for legal services related to the proposed MAGLEV and Highway Widening projects. The RFQ has been reviewed by the City Solicitor and Director of Planning & Community Development.

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate approval of the RFQ and direct staff to issue it.

[Request for qualifications attorney 11132019.pdf](#)

*23. * Prince George's County Memorial Library System Memorandum of Understanding

Suggested Action:

The Greenbelt Branch of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) is undergoing renovation in some spaces at their facility. As a result, PGCMLS desire temporary space to support the "Ready 2 Read Storytime" program and the "Kids Achieve" program in December, 2019 and part of January 2020. Staff has meet with representatives from the PGCMLS to review the request and have prepared the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) allowing use of space at the Community Center and the Youth Center which accommodates the PGCMLS needs.

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicated Council approval of the MOU.
[DRAFT - MOU PGCMLS 2019 \(2\).doc](#)
[PGCMLS insurance binder.pdf](#)

* 24. *Resignations from Advisory Group

Suggested Action:

Reference: Reappointment Survey, M. Thomas, 10-22-2019

Email, R. Lonicki, 10-22-19

Email, M. Granfors-Hunt, 11-14-19

Mary Thomas has submitted her resignation from the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

Ronald Lonicki has submitted his resignation from the Arts Advisory Board.

Mark Granfors-Hunt has submitted his resignation from Arts Advisory Board.

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's intent to accept Ms. Thomas, Mr. Lonicki and Mr. Granfors-Hunt resignation with regret.

*25. * Appointments to Advisory Board

Suggested Action:

Reference: Application

Council interviewed Tom LeaMond for appointment to the Arts Advisory Board (AAB). The applicant has attended a meeting of the advisory board.

Council interviewed Jackson Tuthill for appointment to the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). The applicant has attended a meeting of the advisory board.

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's intent to appoint Mr. LeaMond to AAB and Mr. Tuthill to YAC.

V. MEETINGS

Meetings

[Motion to Schedule a Closed.pdf](#)

[meetings.pdf](#)

Stakeholders

[Stakeholder Schedule.pdf](#)