



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA
Work Session - State Highway Administration (stakeholder)

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**Monday, November 7, 2022
7:30 PM**

Work Session Packet

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City Council Work Session Agenda Item Report

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Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

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Attachments:

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WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Wednesday, November 4, 2020, to meet with the State Highway Administration.

Mayor Byrd started the meeting at 8:04 p.m. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

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

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Nicole Ard, City Manager; Chief Rick Bowers, Greenbelt Police Department; Terri Hruby, Director of Planning and Community Development; Nicole DeWald, Arts Supervisor; and Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Assistant to the City Clerk.

Also present were: Shannon Coyne, Erica Rigby, David Rodgers, Peter Campanides, State Highway Administration; Mayor Pro Tem Jodie Kupla-Eddy, Councilmember Ethan Sweep, Town of Berwyn Heights; Kap Kapastin, Quantum; Susan Walker; Konrad Herling; Renaud Brown; and others.

Ms. Coyne explained Royal Farms would not need an access permit from the State Highway Administration (SHA) Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) because the access will be via Capitol Drive. She provided the contact information for the Royal Farms developer, Mr. Edward Scott. Ms. Davis inquired about the SHA Stormwater Plan next to the Royal Farms development. She indicated that the SHA Stormwater Plan was to remove a batch of trees along and around Greenbelt Road. Ms. Coyne stated she will follow-up with the Council regarding the current environmental plans and the removal of trees. Ms. Davis noted that the National Park would like the trees to remain.

Based on a question asked by Mr. Campanides, Ms. Hruby explained during the Royal Farms Development review with the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC), it was indicated that Royal Farms would apply for a separate permit for permission to clear trees from SHA right-of-way to accommodate stormwater management. The City isn't a part of the permitting process and has concerns regarding the need to clear the trees and what would be the magnitude of the clearing. Mr. Campanides advised the City's concerns will be conveyed to the District Area Management Supervisor. Mr. Roberts stated that the Royal Farms developers had an alternative regarding the gas station. They could use the adjacent property for stormwater management instead of cutting down the trees.

Ms. Hruby advised there was discussion regarding trip access from the Capital Drive and Greenbelt Road intersection when Royal Farms Developers received their approval from the Prince George's County Planning Board. She wanted to reiterate why Royal Farms doesn't need access. The police department indicated that the intersection had been problematic and in the past five years there had been 12 vehicular accidents.

Mr. Campanides noted that SHA received a request from a resident to evaluate the intersection of Lakecrest Drive and Greenbelt Road regarding safety concerns. He explained the review was performed and it was found vehicles were compliant with pedestrians. Mr. Campanides

recommended any additional attention would be addressed by the police department. He advised that SHA isn't pursuing any additional enhancements.

There was discussion regarding the Lakecrest Drive and Greenbelt Road intersection. Ms. Davis explained at a previous Work Session with SHA, Council suggested that the intersection be redesigned due to the traffic pattern from the Belle Pointe Business Office and the American Legion. SHA would research and redesign the intersection. Ms. Pope explained that intersection is a nightmare and needs to be reevaluated. Mayor Byrd agreed with Ms. Pope that the intersection is a nightmare. Mr. Putens requested that the intersection be reevaluated for safety for the drivers. Mr. Campanides advised SHA would reevaluate the intersection, but do not think the intersection could be redesigned geometrically. Mr. Putens requested that SHA reevaluate the half-mile stretch of Greenbelt Road starting at Southway heading west to the proposed Royal Farms development.

Michael Hartman, a Greenbelt resident, inquired if the off-ramp from Southbound Baltimore Washington Parkway onto Southway might be widened for a dedicated right turn lane. Mr. Campanides explained the ramps are maintained by the National Park Service (NPS).

Mr. Campanides advised that SHA is waiting on Pepco to provide power to the pedestrian walk signal at the Southway/Baltimore Washington Parkway Ramp. Based on the current schedule with the contractors, the signal would be turned on in January.

In response to Mr. Hartman's question, Ms. Davis advised the City made the same request to NSP to widen the ramp three or four times. She explained that NPS noted the agency doesn't have adequate right-away to widen the ramp.

Ms. Davis thanked SHA for installing the crosswalks and pedestrian signals.

Based on a question asked by Ms. Davis, Mr. Campanides inquired could the City install a "Do Not Block the Intersection" sign and pavement markings at Lakecrest Drive and Greenbelt Road. Ms. Davis noted that the sign and marking are at that intersection. Mr. Jordan stated additional lines might be helpful.

There was a discussion regarding the Greenbelt Road Improvement Corridor. Mr. Rodgers noted that SHA currently doesn't have any project programs that would contribute towards the Greenbelt Road Improvement Corridor. Mr. Jordan noted there is tremendous development planned on RT 193 between RT 1 and Kenilworth Avenue. He explained it's a pressing need to plan to accommodate all the future car trips, to include pedestrian and cycle safety. Mr. Jordan stated that the City of College Park, the Town of Berwyn Heights, and the City of Greenbelt have been working together to develop concepts that could be implemented. He advised all three municipalities would like to work with SHA to develop a plan to connect all three communities. Mr. Campanides advised coordinating more meetings to have more in-depth discussion.

Mr. Roberts explained he wasn't in favor of 2,500 apartments at Beltway Plaza and 1,000 more vehicles on Greenbelt Road.

Mr. Sweep requested that an SHA representative attend the next Greenbelt Road Task Force Work Session. Mr. Rodgers advised a representative will be at the next work session. He noted that SHA has limited funds.

Ms. Coyne explained that the refreshing of the pavement markings on Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road Bridge would be complete in three weeks.

There was discussion regarding the Southway and Greenbelt Road intersection. Ms. Davis explained the City has requested crosswalks and pedestrian walkway at that intersection. She noted the sidewalk at that particular intersection is narrow and the crosswalks would make it safer for the pedestrians to cross. Ms. Davis advised the need for the City to have signage on Greenbelt Road to direct drivers into Historic Greenbelt. Ms. Coyne explained there are specific rules about signage on roadways and the signs would need to be approved. She advised that SHA would review and reevaluate the crosswalk/pedestrian walkway. Mr. Campanides reiterated what Ms. Coyne stated that there are specific criteria regarding signage on roadways. He noted that a white on brown sign with Historic Greenbelt, with nothing specific, could be considered.

Based on a question asked by Mr. Jordan, Mr. Campanides stated SHA is committed to Zero Vision. He explained that SHA just completed a Context-Driven Guideline Manual on what type of treatments that could be used on Greenbelt Road, which would be classified as a Suburban Town Center. Mr. Campanides noted that SHA is slowly trying to implement crosswalk markings and evaluating posted speed limits. He stated that bicycle usage is more challenging to address and it would determine traffic volumes to address adding more or reducing travel lanes. Mr. Jordan stated the most dangerous part of Greenbelt Road is the north entrance ramp of the Baltimore Washington Parkway up to Edmonston Road.

Mr. Roberts explained there is already a Historic Greenbelt sign on Greenbelt Road at Southway. He suggested adding a Historic Roosevelt Center Shops/Stores sign on the existing sign.

Ms. Davis thanked SHA for repairing the Edmonston Road ramp and repainting the lane markings on Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue intersection.

Based on a question asked by Ms. Davis, Mr. Campanides stated that the signals at the interchange have been reconstructed within the last 6-8 months. He said there was a “No Turn on Red” sign on Southbound Kenilworth Avenue to make a right on Westbound Greenbelt Road, and the configuration of the double left signal at the on-ramp Eastbound Greenbelt Road to Northbound Kenilworth Avenue.

There was a discussion regarding the red-light cameras. Chief Bowers explained that the red-light cameras were removed two years ago due to construction on Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt, and SHA denied the City’s request to reinstall the cameras. Mr. Campanides noted that SHA would need a couple of years of traffic data to determine if the reengineering of the traffic signal at that intersection was effective before the red-light camera could be reinstalled.

Ms. Kupla-Eddy thanked SHA on behalf of the Town of Berwyn Heights for being so responsive to the request that the Town of Berwyn Heights made this fall, regarding the repair of a sign on Kenilworth Avenue and fence repairs across from Greenbelt Metro Station.

Mr. Jordan inquired were there any plans for Kenilworth Avenue. He noted that the road was terrible on Kenilworth Avenue near the light an East/West Highway. Mr. Campanides stated that there weren't any plans for Kenilworth Avenue in the Greenbelt area at this time. He advised that Kenilworth Avenue at East/West Highway was under construction due to the Purple Line.

Informational Items:

Ms. Davis provided a report on the SCMaglev Strategy Group conference call she attended.

There was a discussion regarding the Royal Farms Appeal Process. Mayor Byrd requested that if the City needs to act on the appeal process that the City proceed promptly. Mr. Putens suggested that this item be added to the next Council Regular Meeting agenda. Ms. Hruby stated Mr. Pounds advised waiting on the Prince George's County Planning Board's final resolution. She suggested that this item be added to the following agenda.

The meeting ended at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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