



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA
State Highway Administration (stakeholder)

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Wednesday, November 4, 2020

8:00 PM

Work Session Agenda Packet

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Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Work Session Item

Agenda Section: Work Session Agenda Packet

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Attachments:

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WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, October 16, 2017, on State Highway Administration.

Mayor Jordan started the meeting at 8:02 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Konrad E. Herling, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Jordan Emmett V. Jordan.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Nicole Ard, City Manager; David Moran, Assistant City Manager, and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Peter Cantonize, Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (SHA) Acting Assistant Engineer for Traffic for Prince George's County; State Highway Administration Officials Sabrina Mason, Christopher Bishop and Brian Young, District Engineer; Residents Aaron Marcavitch, Bill Orleans and Bob Snyder.

Mayor Jordan inquired about the changes within the State Highway Administration. Mr. Young gave the Council an overview of the various transitions within the District office. He also stated that the district office handles a large number of major projects in the County.

Mayor Jordan expressed that the Council was shocked when they learned about the Governor's proposed widening of MD-295, I-270 and I-495. Ms. Mach asked the SHA representative if he was aware of the Baltimore Washington Parkway 2002 Study. She mentioned that the study indicated that it would be expensive to widen the Parkway and that it would not improve the traffic. Mr. Young stated that the Parkway is handled by the Department of Interior. Ms. Davis inquired about the status of public hearings for the proposed project, so that residents can express their opposition to the proposal. Mr. Young stated that he believes that there will be public hearings.

Mr. Putens mentioned to the SHA representatives that the Four Cities Coalition, which consist of the surrounding cities of Berwyn Heights, College Park, New Carrollton and Greenbelt, will provide opposition to the Governor's proposed widening project.

Mr. Robert stated that the widening of I-270 is a poster child for why widening doesn't work. After it was previously widened, the current traffic is just as bad as it was 30 years ago.

Ms. Pope asked when there will be more information available on the proposed project. Mr. Young stated that he doesn't have any information on the proposed project.

Mayor Jordan inquired about the funding from GSA to relocate the FBI building. Mr. Young replied that he did not know what the funding amount was. There was additional discussion about how Prince George's County prioritizes transportation projects. The County distributes a top priorities transportation list annually, stated Mr. Young.

Mayor Jordan mentioned that the timing of the signal at Southway & Baltimore-Washington Parkway is too long during the off-peak hours. Mr. Cantonize will forward that information on to the signal shop to have adjustments made to the timing of the light at that location. Mayor

Jordan inquired about how the City should report these types of issues. Mr. Cantonize stated that requests can be submitted to the Customer Care Management System online.

Ms. Davis asked about the Mandan Road and MD-193 that light has not been activated. SHA will look into that issue. Ms. Davis asked about a study for the timing on these lights. Mr. Young will have the signaling department look into it.

Mayor Jordan expressed his concern about the timing of the Hanover Parkway/Greenbelt Road pedestrian crosswalk walk light. He stated that there is not enough time to cross the roadway. Mr. Cantonize gave an overview of the timing for crossing the street. Mr. Putens stated that there are a lot of people who walk, and some have slow mobility. The City encourages the citizens to walk.

Mayor Jordan suggested that the City and SHA implement a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to address snow removal from the roads and sidewalks, particularly near the schools and for additional mowing during grass cutting season. SHA representative replied that SHA only provides funding for grass cutting four times a year. SHA representatives stated that they will review the numbers and work with Ms. Ard on the MOU.

Ms. Davis inquired about the SHA clearing snow from the sidewalks. It was stated that SHA only removed snow when there is a large amount of snowfall by schools and if people are standing in the street. SHA doesn't maintain the sidewalks. Ms. Davis asked what is considered maintenance. Mr. Young stated that cracking of the sidewalk or if there is a project that will impact the sidewalk would fall under maintenance.

Mayor Jordan inquired about the infrastructure of several areas, including the I-495 underpass and the Powdermill Road Bridge, that are in poor condition. The ramp north of Edmonston, which takes you onto Kenilworth Road, is in poor condition. The City needs to know who owns the roadway to contact the proper agency to fix or repair it. He also inquired about the policy of placement and consolidation of signs on Greenbelt Road and on Southway and also the process of implementing a gateway sign for the new Greenbelt Station and other areas in the City. Mr. Cantonize stated that he will work with Ms. Ard to find out what signs need to be implemented, removed or consolidated.

Mr. Young addressed Ms. Pope's question about removal of deer from the roadway, which is done by the State Highway Administration.

Ms. Ard stated that in the spring of 2018, the Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Panel will be working with the Four Cities on the scope of study of Rhode Island to Kenilworth Ave. bike lane, Lakecrest to the Beltway overpass and Westbound from Southway and Kenilworth. Ms. Davis inquired about the traffic issues at Lakecrest Drive by the American Legion. Mayor Jordan asked about the egress by Belle Point Drive. Mr. Putens spoke about Belle Point Drive. Mr. Herling recalled that when he came on the Council the light at Lakecrest took about 30 years to implement.

Ms. Davis asked if the SHA has considered instituting continuous lighting on the roadway, since the City's location is more urbanized. Mr. Cantonize gave an overview of the various improvements within the County. Mayor Jordan inquired about the congestion at Cherrywood Lane and Kenilworth Avenue and MD-212 up to Sunnyside Road. Right now, there is no project

for relieving the congestion stated Mr. Cantonize. Mayor Jordan suggested a dedicated bike pathway down the median of Kenilworth to Piney Branch Road.

Mr. Herling asked if the I-270 and the MD-295 Baltimore-Washington Parkway projects included a separate lane for the buses in the proposal and if SHA has funding for circulator buses. That question can be answered by the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), replied the SHA representative.

Informational items were discussed

The meeting ended at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Bonita Anderson
City Clerk*