



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA

Zoom Meeting Format

COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ONLINE ONLY

Due to the COVID-19 precautions, the Council Meeting will be held online and is planned to be cablecast on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996 and streamed to www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv.

Resident participation:

Join By phone: (301) 715-8592

Webinar ID: 872 1020 2827

Password: 539176

In advance the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

**Wednesday, October 14, 2020
8:00 PM**

Work Session

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Suggested Action:

Agenda

- Introductions
- Council Discussion - Zoom Meeting Format (Webinar vs. Meeting)
- Questions and Answers
- Other Items

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City Council Work Session Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: October 14, 2020

Submitted by: Bonita Anderson

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Work Session Item

Agenda Section: Work Session

Subject:

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Attachments:

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Bonita Anderson

Subject: Zoom Recommendation

From: Judith Davis
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 5:26 PM
To: Dale Worley
Cc: Nicole Ard; Bonita Anderson; Shaniya Lashley-Mullen; Beverly Palau; Jennifer L. Sterling; David Moran
Subject: Re: Zoom Recommendation

Thank you, Dale! Very persuasive —. J

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 22, 2020, at 11:38 AM, Dale Worley wrote:

I understand the desire of some of our citizens to participate fully in our virtual meeting process. I also understand the limitations that the Webinar format imposes.

After a Council meeting was Zoom Bombed, we implemented this format to increase the security of our meetings. We looked at implementing a registration feature but if we did that we would eliminate call-in participants. Implementing only a waiting room will add a limited amount of security in that a large number of people cannot instantly invade a meeting as happened previously. However, it does not allow us to “know” who is joining our meetings. The name that is displayed as the user, is editable so it can be changed to mask the identity of the person. In a meeting format, anyone admitted to the meeting can be disruptive if they choose to be. They can of course be removed but they have already been disruptive at that point. The Webinar format further protects the meeting from disruption.

From a technical perspective, my recommendation is to continue with the webinar format that provides additional layers of security and protection for Council’s meetings.

Thanks,
Dale Worley
Director of Information Technology
City of Greenbelt