



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
Regular Meeting

This meeting will be held in-person and virtual.

**25 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770**

OR

**Virtual Participation
Zoom Webinar Attendees:**

**During "Petitions and Requests," please submit your request in writing via email to
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**Tuesday, October 11, 2022
7:30 PM**

I. ORGANIZATION (15 mins - 7:30 - 7:45 pm)

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

4. Petitions and Requests
5. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by Council and staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
6. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS (60 mins - 7:45 - 8:45 pm)

7. Presentations

7a. National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Suggested Action:

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[National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.pdf](#)

7b. Indigenous People Day Proclamation

Suggested Action:

Mayor Jordan will present a proclamation declaring October 10th Indigenous People Day.

[Indigenous People Day.pdf](#)

7c. Italian-American Heritage Month Proclamation

Suggested Action:

Mayor Jordan will present a proclamation declaring October Italian-American Heritage Month.

[National Italian American heritage Month 22.pdf](#)

7d. Plastic Bag Ban Presentation

Suggested Action:

Martha Ainsworth, with the Prince George's County Sierra Club, will be present to give a presentation on the Plastic Bag Ban.

[Presentation to Greenbelt City Council 10-11-22.pdf](#)

***8. * Minutes of Council Meetings**

Suggested Action:

- * Regular Meeting - April 11, 2022
- * Regular Meeting - May 09, 2022
- * Regular Meeting - June 06, 2022
- * Regular Meeting - June 27, 2022
- * Regular Meeting - July 11, 2022

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8a. Statement of Record - Closed Session, September 21, 2022

Suggested Action:

Reference: Statement for the Record, September 21, 2022

Closed Session of September 21, 2022: The following motion is needed: In accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-06(C)(2) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland. i move that the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that Council met in closed on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 7:30 pm, in Council Chambers, 25 Crescent Road. Council held this closed meeting accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland: to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The purpose of this meeting the Interim City Manager evaluation and discuss personnel matter including Council decorum and meeting attendance.

Vote to close session:

Mr. Byrd - Yes

Ms. Davis - Yes

Mr. Gordon - Yes

Ms. Pope - Yes

Mr. Roberts - No

Ms. Weaver - Yes

Mayor Jordan - Yes

Staff member were in attendance: Tim George, Interim City Manager (8:00 pm)

Other individuals were in attendance: none

Council took no action during this session.

[Closed Session Forms.pdf](#)

9. Administrative Reports

Suggested Action:

Reference: This link will display the weekly report for the City Manager and City Departments

https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/government/city-administration/city-manager-s-office/weekly-reports/-folder-1453#docan2352_4054_3510

*10. * Committee Reports

*10a. Advisory Committee on Trees Report# 2022-1: Recommended Tree Species appropriate to Plant near Streets

Suggested Action:

It is recommended that City Council accept this report

[ACT_Report_2022_1.pdf](#)

III. LEGISLATION (10 mins - 8:45 - 8:55 pm)

11. City of Greenbelt Ordinance Amending Section 11-52 of the Code of the City of Greenbelt to Reduce the Amount of Time Certain Vehicles May be Legally Parked

Suggested Action:

- 1st Reading

Reference: Parking Ordinance

Council requested staff review the parking regulation related to the long-term parking of vehicles on city streets. The current Parking Code 11-52 allows vehicles to remain in one location for up to 30 days. Staff reviewed other municipal codes and found that the range is 36 hours to 10 days. Therefore, the staff recommends that the council adopt a 14-day time allowance. The attached resolution, drafted by the City's legal counsel, modifies City Code 11-52 to limit parking length to 14 days.

It is recommended this ordinance be introduced for first reading.

[Parking Ordinance.pdf](#)

IV. OTHER BUSINESS (30 mins - 8:55 - 9:25 pm)

12. Council Activities

13. Council Reports

*14. * Meetings

[meetings.pdf](#)

*15. * Stakeholders

[Stakeholder Schedule.pdf](#)

*16. * Resignation from Advisory Group

Suggested Action:

Reference: Email: J. Drake - 09/29/22

James Drake submitted his resignation from the Advisory Planning Board (APB).

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate the Council's intent to remove Mr. Drake resignation with regret.

*17. * Council Work Plan

Suggested Action:

On February 5th, 2022, Council held a Council Retreat to review the City's strategic outcome area and use those outcome areas to establish priorities and activities for the next 1-2 years in Greenbelt. At the August 10th Work Session, Council discussed and reviewed the City Council Strategic Plan.

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate the Council's approval of the City Council Strategic Plan.

[Greenbelt_Council_Governance_Retreat_Report_Final.pdf](#)

18. Council discussion regarding the police hiring bonus

[Recruitment bonus.pdf](#)

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: October 11, 2022

Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Presentations

Agenda Section: COMMUNICATIONS (60 mins - 7:45 - 8:45 pm)

Subject:

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Suggested Action:

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Attachments:

[National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.pdf](#)

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *National Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the “Day of Unity” held in October 1981 and conceived by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The “Day of Unity” soon became a week; and*

WHEREAS, *each year, advocates, survivors, and supporters recognize October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month the first was held in October 1987; and*

WHEREAS, *National Domestic Violence Awareness Month is designed to unify women and men all across the world who have been victims of domestic violence; and*

WHEREAS, *the Shine the Light on domestic violence by displaying purple lights the entire month to remember the victims and honor the survivors of domestic violence; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Emmett V. Jordan, by the authority vested in me by the residents and City Council of Greenbelt, do hereby proclaim October as:

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

and I call on all residents and communities to join the movement to end domestic violence. Domestic violence is never the fault of victims and survivors, so we must do our part as leaders and as a community to support them. Let us help survivors truly heal forward and come together as a community to end this abusive behavior.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to be affixed this 11th day of October 2022.

*Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor*

ATTEST: *Shaniya Lashley-Mullen
Assistant to the City Clerk*

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Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Proclamation

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Subject:

Indigenous People Day Proclamation

Suggested Action:

Mayor Jordan will present a proclamation declaring October 10th Indigenous People Day.

Attachments:

[Indigenous People Day.pdf](#)

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *Indigenous Peoples' Day is celebrated on the second Monday of October each year, honors the traditions and accomplishments of the various Native American tribes; and*

WHEREAS, *Indigenous People have deep cultural and historical roots that have been cultivated for thousands of years and were the first Americans to settle well in America; and*

WHEREAS, *Indigenous People occupied the Patuxent and Potomac Rivers in Prince George's County and from Inuit tribes of Alaska to the Seneca Nations of the Northeast, the Cherokees of the South, and the Navajo of the Southwest; and*

WHEREAS, *the first seed of Indigenous Peoples' Day was planted at a U.N. international conference on discrimination in 1977. The first state to recognize the day was South Dakota in 1989. Berkeley, California, and Santa Cruz followed suit; and*

WHEREAS, *the observance focuses on celebrating the culture, heritage, and history of tribes across the nation, and each diverse country carries its traditions, rituals, and beliefs; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Emmett V. Jordan, by the authority vested in me by the residents and City Council of Greenbelt, do hereby proclaim October as:

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

in the City of Greenbelt and urge all residents to explore the diverse history of the Indigenous peoples who helped to shape this Nation and the City of Greenbelt.

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Attachments:

[National Italian American heritage Month 22.pdf](#)

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Italian – American Heritage Month was first celebrated in 1989 by a special proclamation by both Congress and President George H. W. Bush; and

WHEREAS, Italian immigrants began migrating to the United States in 1880 to escape the rural poverty and violence in Southern Italy and Sicily Islands; and

WHEREAS, during the month of October, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by Italian – Americans in politics, art, architecture, agriculture, cuisine, fashion, film, government, industry, literature, music, religion, science, and sports; and

WHEREAS, **Italian** – Americans throughout the nation celebrate their heritage who have richly contributed to America and the world; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Emmett V. Jordan, by the authority vested in me by the residents and City Council of Greenbelt, do hereby proclaim October as:

ITALIAN – AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

I call upon all Greenbelt residents to learn more about the history of Italian Americans and to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to be affixed this 11th day of October 2022.

*Emmett V. Jordan
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*ATTEST: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen
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Ban plastic bags, incentivize reuse!

Greenbelt City Council
October 11, 2022



Photo: Rich Carey/Shutterstock

The Problem

- **The world is facing a plastic pollution crisis:** *Oceans take in 5-13 million tons of plastic from land-based sources annually. By 2050, there will be more plastic than fish by weight in the ocean.*
- **Plastic carryout bags are a major contributor:** *Worldwide, an estimated 1 trillion plastic shopping bags are used annually. They're among the top 5 plastic products collected in beach cleanups in the U.S.*
 - *Greenbelt residents use an estimated 9 million plastic bags/year; County residents 290 million/year, Maryland 2.2 billion/year*
 - *At grocery stores in Greenbelt, 74% of shoppers take single-use plastic bags; at the Greenbelt Target, 84% take them*
- **They pollute our waterways, threaten wildlife and human health:**
 - *Littered bags end up in waterways, break into microplastics, absorb toxins*
 - *Ingested by marine life, injuring & killing fish, seabirds, marine mammals*
 - *Potential health effects on humans*



The Problem (continued)

- **Plastic carryout bags are manufactured from fracked gas, contributing to climate impacts.** *Greenhouse gases are emitted at every stage of the plastic lifecycle, from production to disposal.*
- **Few plastic carryout bags are recycled.** *According to the EPA, fewer than 5% of plastic bags are recycled. They are not accepted in curbside recycling programs because they foul the machinery and are too contaminated to be marketed.*
- **They are preventable single-use waste.** *One of the goals of Greenbelt's 2013 Sustainability Plan Framework and the County's Climate Action Plan is to reduce waste to the landfill.*



PGC recycling facility fouled with plastic film



Greenbelt litter clean-up volunteers

What can be done to reduce plastic bag use?

(1) Disposable bag charges/taxes

Require that stores charge for carryout bags OR tax carryout bags (revenue shared between stores and county) -- **Howard County, Montgomery County**

(2) Plastic bag bans

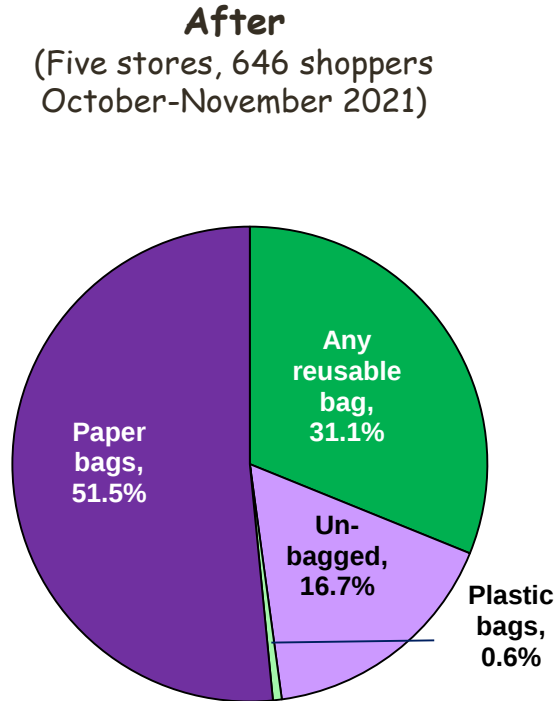
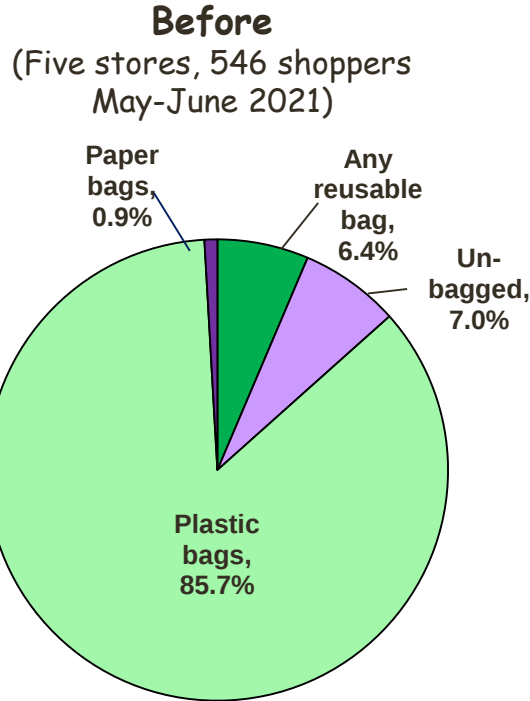
Ban single-use plastic carryout bags -- **Chestertown, Laurel, Takoma Park, Westminster**

(3) “Hybrid” plastic bag ban with a charge or tax on other bags

Ban single-use plastic carryout bags, require that stores charge a minimum amount (e.g., 10 cents) for other carryout bags. (or tax other carryout bags) -- **Baltimore, Easton**

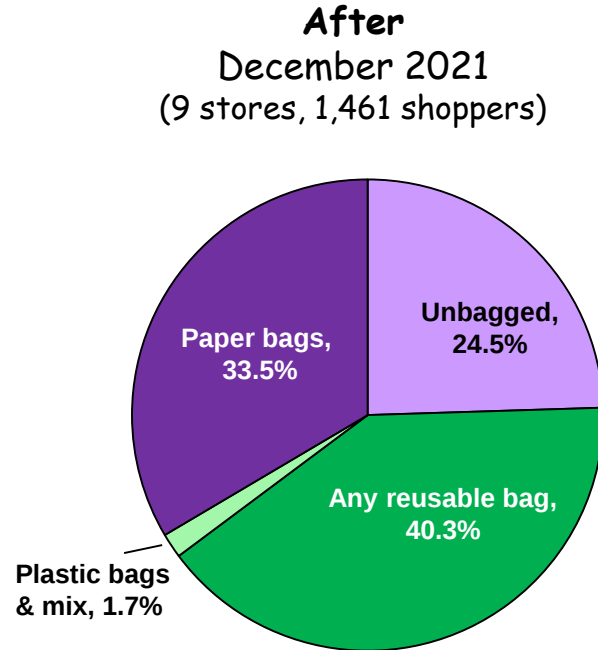
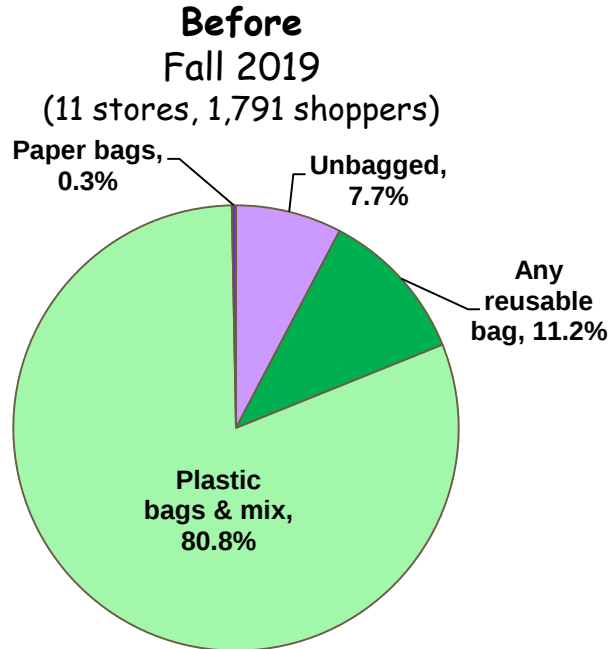
The impact of a ban on plastic carryout bags

Westminster, MD



The impact of a “hybrid” ordinance:

Three chains* in Baltimore - plastic bag ban and 5¢ surcharge on other bags



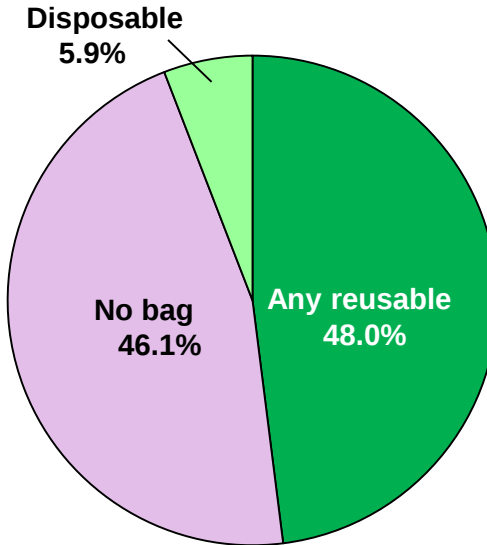
* Giant, Harris Teeter, Shoppers

No plastic carryout bags, 8-10¢ charge on paper, more for other bags

Aldi and Lidl

Prince George's County, 2019

(13 stores, 1,550 shoppers)



Lessons learned from bans elsewhere

- Successful plastic bag ordinances are passed from the bottom up.
- A charge for other bags is an incentive to reuse. Without a fee on other bags, stores will provide single-use paper bags, which cost more and have a big upstream environmental impact.
- Don't use a thickness standard for banning plastic bags. It's an invitation to stores to provide thicker film plastic bags.
- Don't exempt "compostable" or "biodegradable" carryout bags. They are single-use and many don't break down in the environment.
- Apply the bill to all retailers and restaurants and to all shoppers

Model “Bring your own bag” ordinance

Definitions

“**Plastic carryout bag**” means a plastic bag that is provided by a retail establishment to a customer at the point of sale *and is not a reusable carryout bag*.

“**Reusable carryout bag**” means a bag with stitched handles that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse and is made of: (1) cloth or other washable fabric; or (2) a durable material suitable for multiple re-use *that is not made of plastic film*.

“**Plastic carryout bag**” includes a compostable plastic bag that meets the specifications of the American Society of Testing and Material International Standard Specification for Compostable Plastics D6400.

“**Retail establishment**” means a store, a food service facility, or any other establishment that provides bags to its customers as a result of the sale of a product.

Operative language

On or after [date], a retail establishment may not provide a plastic carryout bag to a customer

On or after [same date], a retail establishment shall charge, collect, and retain at least 10 cents for each paper carryout bag and reusable carryout bag that it provides to a customer.

WHICH BAGS WOULD BE ALLOWED?

Stitched handles



WHICH BAGS WOULD BE BANNED?

Film plastic bags (all)

Cut-out handles



Fused or glued handles

WHICH BAGS WOULD BE BANNED ? (cont.)



↑
Fused, not stitched handles

“Compostable” plastic



Does Greenbelt have the power to adopt a “hybrid” bill?

Yes!

- “The legislative body of a municipality may adopt ordinances to: protect the health, comfort, and convenience of the residents of the municipality.”¹
- “...a municipality may: ... establish and regulate markets in the municipality”²
- “A municipality may: ...prevent and remove nuisances; ... and regulate any place where noxious things are manufactured, offensive trades are conducted, or that may cause unsanitary conditions or conditions detrimental to health.”³

Advisory dated 8/11/2022 from the Attorney General’s Office:⁴

“...it is my view that ...municipalities have the authority to enact an ordinance that prohibits the distribution of single-use plastic carryout bags by retailers and further requires that retailers charge a fee for the use of paper carryout bags.”

1. MD Code, Local Government Article, Division II, Title 5, §5-202.

2. *Ibid.*, §5-204(f).

3. *Ibid.*, §5-209(c).

4. Shaunee L. Harrison, Assistant Attorney General.

Extra slides

Bag policy changes behavior! Evidence from Maryland shoppers



Maryland Sierra Club's Shopper Surveys



Methodology

One hour's observation of each store exit on a weekend, daylight hours.

Information collected:

Identifying information*

- Store ID number, exit #, total # of exits
- Store name, address, enumerator name

Date, start time, and finish time

Availability of paper and reusable bags

Six categories of bag use (adult shopper)

- Only reusable
- Mix of reusable and paper/plastic
- Only plastic bags
- Only paper bags
- Mix of plastic and paper only
- Unbagged merchandise (no bags at all)

2021 Survey of Shoppers' Bag Choices at

Grocery Stores in Baltimore County

STORE NO. 35 EXIT #: 1 OF 2

Store: Food Lion

Address: 123 Main Street, Anytown MD

Date: 7/4/2021 START TIME: 2:30 AM END TIME: 3:10 PM

Enumerator: Jane Doe

(1) Are paper bags available at checkout? Yes

(2) Are reusable bags for sale at checkout? Yes

Number of shoppers with...

Only reusable bags: 4+11 7

Mix of reusable and paper or plastic: 4+1 6

Only plastic bags: |||| |||| |||| |||| |||| |||| |||| |||| |||| ||| 123

Only paper bags: |||| 4

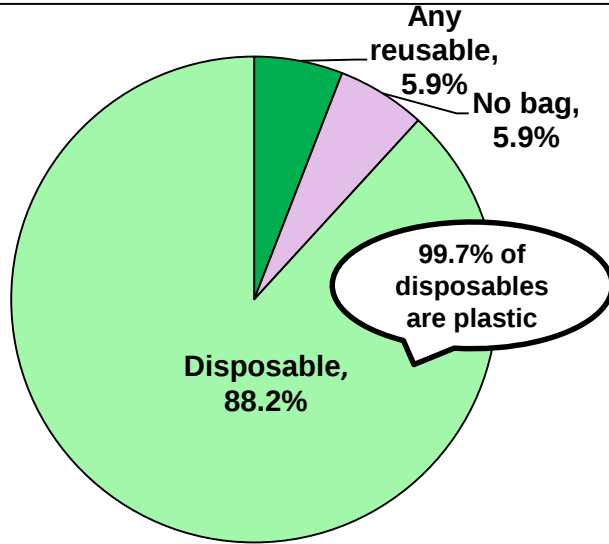
Mix of paper and plastic bags: | 1

Merchandise w/no bag: |||| |||| |||| 13

Note: Do not attempt to count the number of bags! Do not approach the shoppers or attempt to engage them.

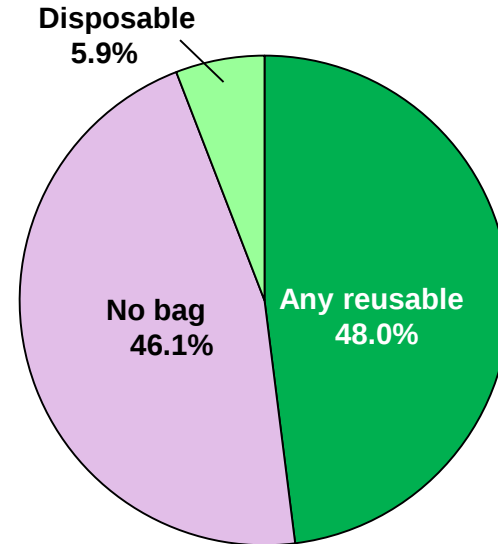
Prince George's County, 2019

Stores that offer "free" carryout bags



Food Lion, Giant, Harris Teeter, Safeway,
Shoppers, Wegmans, Weis Market
(48 stores, 7,694 shoppers)

Stores that charge for carryout bags, thin plastic bags not offered

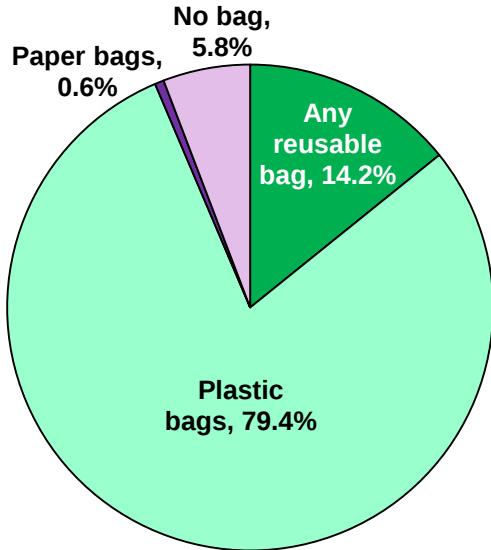


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Greenbelt grocery stores

Giant & Safeway, 2019

(Two stores, 354 shoppers)



Greenbelt Co-op, 2022

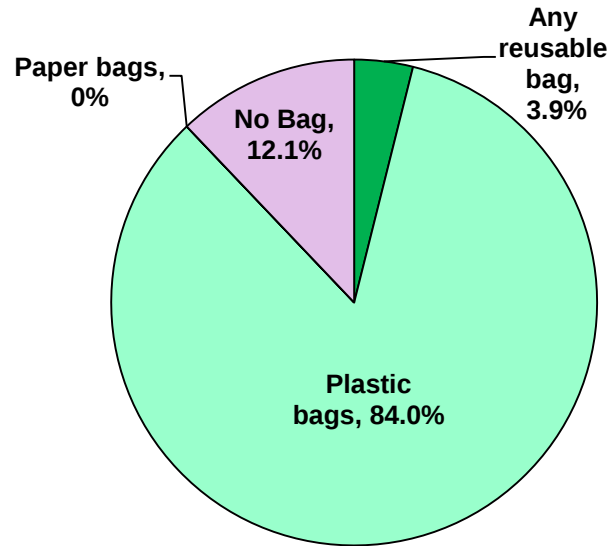
(One store, 151 shoppers)



Greenbelt department store

Target, 2022

(One store, 206 shoppers)



Plastic bag laws in Maryland

Policy	Jurisdiction (year of effectiveness)	Amt of charge/tax *	Which plastic carryout bags are banned/taxed?
Tax on single-use carryout bags	Montgomery County (2012)	5-cent tax	Plastic & paper carryout bags
	Howard County (2020)	5-cent tax	<2.25 mils thick
Ban on plastic carryout bags	Chestertown (2012) Takoma Park (2016) Westminster (July 2021) Laurel (January 2022)	N/A	<2.4 mils thick** “disposable” <3 mils thick <4 mils thick
“Hybrid” - Ban on plastic carryout bags, tax or charge on other bags	City of Baltimore (October 2021)	5-cent tax	<4 mils thick
	Maryland Plastic Bag Reduction Act (2020), as introduced (before amendments)	10-cent charge	<4 mils thick

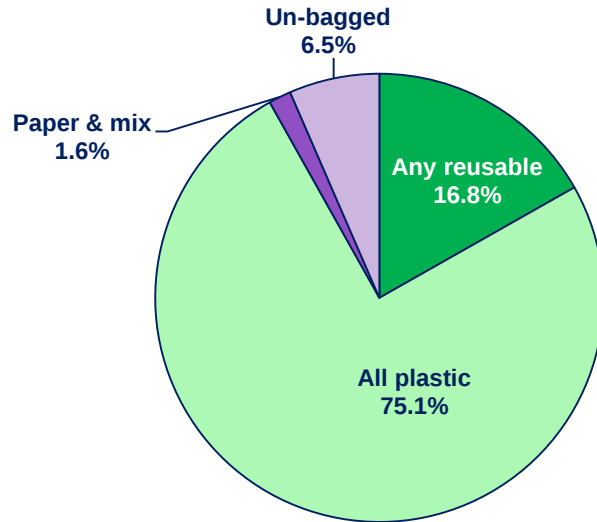
*Tax in this table is a fee that is collected in part or total by the government

**Exempted bags measuring $\geq 28" \times 36"$

The impact of a tax on plastic carryout bags

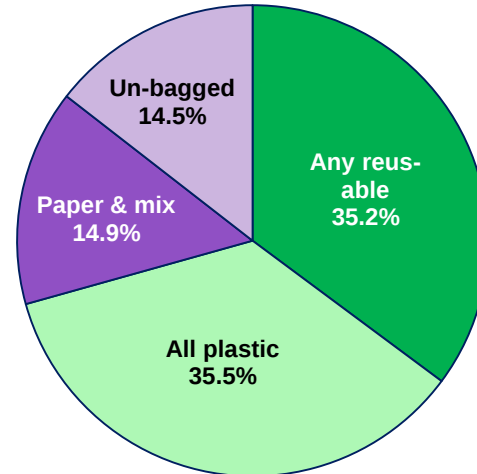
Howard County – 5¢ plastic bag tax

Before



Four Chains, Fall 2019
(14 stores, 2,238 shoppers)

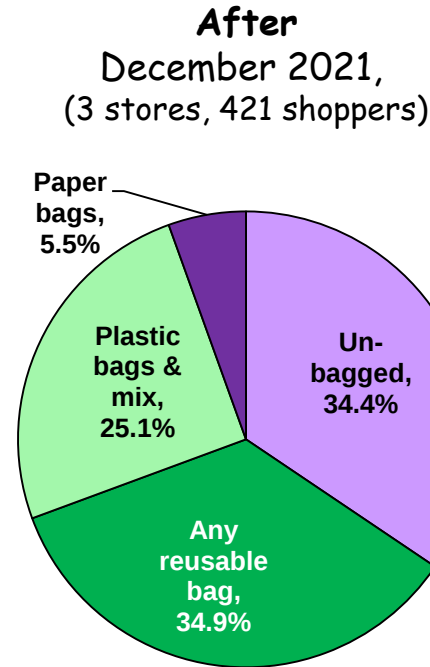
After



Four Chains, Dec 2020
(14 stores, 1,905 shoppers)

Unintended consequences of using a thickness standard: Thicker plastic carryout bags replace thin ones

Baltimore*



* Safeway. Replaced thin plastic carryout bags with thicker (4 mil) plastic bags (not banned) for 5¢

Express Powers of Municipalities – Maryland Code*

Section 5-202 – General authority of municipalities: “The legislative body of a municipality may adopt ordinances to: ...**(5)** protect the health, comfort, and convenience of the residents of the municipality.”

Section 5-203 – Grant of express powers: “**(a)** In addition to, but not in substitution of, the powers that have been or may be granted to it, the legislative body of a municipality may exercise the express powers provided in this subtitle by adopting ordinances. **(b)** Except as provided in Article XI-E of the Maryland Constitution, an ordinance adopted by the legislative body of a municipality may not conflict with State law.”

Section 5-204 – Legislative authority – General powers of municipalities: “...**(f)** a municipality may: **(1)** establish and regulate markets in the municipality; and **(2)** license the sale of merchandise in the markets.

Section 5-205 – Legislative authority – Health and welfare: “... **(c)** A municipality may: ...**(3)** prevent and remove nuisances; ... and **(5)** regulate any place where noxious things are manufactured, offensive trades are conducted, or that may cause unsanitary conditions or conditions detrimental to health.

* Local Government Article – Division II – Municipalities; Title 5 – Powers; Subtitle 2 – Enumeration of Express Law Making Powers.

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Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Meeting Minutes

Agenda Section: COMMUNICATIONS (60 mins - 7:45 - 8:45 pm)

Subject:

* Minutes of Council Meetings

Suggested Action:

* Regular Meeting - April 11, 2022

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held April 11, 2022.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Colin A. Byrd, Judith F. Davis, Brandon R. Gordon, Silke I. Pope, Rodney M. Roberts, Kristen L.K. Weaver, and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

ALSO PRESENT were Tim George, Acting City Manager; Todd Pounds, City Solicitor (via Zoom); Chondria Andrews, Public Information and Communications Coordinator; Lela Brown, Public Information Producer; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of resident Ursula Dobson, Karianne Zevallos, and victims of war and aggression worldwide. Mayor Pro Tem Weaver then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Jeremy Lawson, a CASA representative, requested that the City use ARPA funds to provide parks and recreation space in Greenbelt West, including purchasing Prince George's Scrapyard.

Ana Rodriguez, a resident, requested that the City use ARPA funds to provide additional rental assistance and funds to support needy residents.

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Ms. Pope that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Regular Meeting - March 22, 2021

Regular Meeting - April 26, 2021

Work Session - December 01, 2021

Work Session - December 15, 2021

Work Session - February 16, 2022

Interview - March 02, 2022

Interview - March 21, 2022

Approved as presented.

APPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY BOARD: Council appointed Amanda Spaid to the Arts Advisory Board.

REAPPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY BOARDS: Council approved the reappointments

of the following:

Lisa Behuncik	Employee Relations Board
Owen Kelley	Forest Preserve Advisory Board
Mary Sciannella	Employee Relations Board
Patrick Carroll	Youth Advisory Committee
Xochitl Zamora-Thompson	Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability

RESIGNATION FROM ADVISORY GROUP: Council approved the resignation of Melinda Brady from the Advisory Committee on Education and Joseph Hamlin from the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Ms. Pope and seconded by Mr. Gordon that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Earth Day Proclamation: Mayor Jordan declared Saturday, April 23, Earth Day. Brian Townsend accepted the proclamation and gave an overview of this year's Earth Day events.

Telecommunication Week Proclamation: Mayor Jordan designated the week of April 10 through the 16th, 2022, as Telecommunication Week. Chief Bowers accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Communication Unit.

City Council Support of Ukraine Proclamation: Mayor Jordan declared the Council's Support of Ukraine.

ARPA Engagement Update: Mr. George provided Council with an overview of the memorandum outlining the current allocation and expenditures.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Mr. George stated that the senior staff met to review the brainstorm list for ARPA. He also noted that the Compensation Study would be presented to Council for first reading at the April 25 Regular Meeting. Mr. George stated the usage of CDBG funds to construct a raised crosswalk in front of Springhill Lake Elementary School.

LEGISLATION:

A Resolution To Authorize The Negotiated Purchase Of Professional Consulting Services For Configuring And Deploying Data Dashboards For Crime And Traffic Stops: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Pope introduced the resolution for second reading and adoption. Chief Bowers presented a PowerPoint presentation to Council on the data system. Ms. Davis seconded.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Weaver	- yes
	Mr. Byrd	- yes
	Ms. Davis	- yes
	Mr. Gordon	- yes
	Ms. Pope	- yes
	Mr. Roberts	- yes
	Mayor Jordan	- no

The resolution was declared passed (Resolution No. 2103, Book 8)

A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of a New Financial Management System from Edmunds GovTech at a Cost Not to Exceed \$100,000: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Pope introduced the resolution for first reading.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ARPA Lost Revenue Designation: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mr. George provided Council with an overview of the memorandum outlining the lost revenue allocation recommendation. Ms. Davis moved that the City designate the \$10M standard allocation as lost revenue recommended by The Hagerty Group. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Maryland Mayors Association Winter Conference – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis
MML Legislative Committee conference call – Ms. Davis
GHI Board meeting – Ms. Davis
Arbor Day Celebration – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Weaver, Ms. Davis, Ms. Pope, and Mr. Gordon

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule.

Closed Session: Mayor Pro Tem Weaver moved that Council go into a Closed Session in accordance with the General Provisions Article 3-305(b)(3) of the *Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland* to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.

Ms. Davis seconded.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Weaver	-	yes
	Mr. Byrd	-	yes
	Ms. Davis	-	yes
	Mr. Gordon	-	yes
	Ms. Pope	-	yes
	Mr. Roberts	-	yes
	Mayor Jordan	-	yes

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mr. Gordon. The motion carried 7-0. The Mayor adjourned the regular meeting of April 11, 2022, at 10:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonita Anderson
City Clerk

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Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held May 9, 2022.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Colin A. Byrd (virtual), Judith F. Davis, Brandon R. Gordon, Silke I. Pope, Rodney M. Roberts, Kristen L.K. Weaver, and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

ALSO PRESENT were Tim George, Acting City Manager; Todd Pounds, City Solicitor (via Zoom); Chondria Andrews, Public Information and Communications Coordinator; James Wisniewski, Public Information Producer; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of former resident Audrey Boushell, Peter Rocco Renzi, and New Carrollton Mayor Pro Tem Sarah Potter Robbins.

Ms. Weaver then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Bob Rand, a resident, asked that the Greenbelt Police Department's response to the Plateau Place incident should be reviewed and referred to PSAC.

Bill Orleans, a resident, requested that the Ethics Commission review all candidate financial disclosure forms.

Johnny Smith, a CASA representative, requested that the City Council provide financial assistance for those facing eviction.

CONSENT AGENDA: Ms. Davis requested that the Work Session, March 24, 2021, meeting minutes and Reappointment to Advisory Boards be removed. It was moved by Davis and seconded by Ms. Pope that the consent agenda be approved with that amendment. The motion passed 5-2. (Mr. Byrd and Mr. Roberts)

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Regular Meeting - January 24, 2022

Work Session - March 7, 2022

Administrative Session - April 6, 2022

Interview - April 13, 2022

Work Session - April 13, 2022

Approved as presented.

APPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY BOARDS: Council approved the appointment of Stephenie Arcido to the Advisory Committee on Education.

REAPPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY BOARDS: Council approved the reappointment of Shaymar Higgs to the Arts Advisory Board.

RESIGNATION FROM ADVISORY GROUP: Council accepted the resignation of Veronica Martin-Alston from the Advisory Committee on Education, Michael Hartman from the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability and the removal of Lisa Lake from the Community Relations Advisory Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Ms. Pope that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Police Week Proclamation: Mayor Jordan proclaimed the week of May 15 through the 21st, 2022, as Police Week. Chief Bowers accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Greenbelt Police Department.

Public Works Week Proclamation: Mayor Jordan proclaimed the week of May 15 through the 21st, 2022, as Public Works Week. Brian Townsend, Acting Director of Public Works, accepted the proclamation on behalf of the department.

Older Americans Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan declared the month of May as Older Americans Month. Christal Batey, Community Resource Advocate, Marti Galvin, and Betty Timer were present to accept the proclamation. Ms. Batey provided Council with an update on upcoming events.

Public Hearing:

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. He then announced the meeting was recessed at 8:22 pm for the hearing.

Ms. Davis read into the record an email regarding public hearing comments from Molly Lester.

Joyce Campbell provided public comment requesting that the real property tax be lowered and offset by the cost of not hiring a full-time Inclusivity Diversity person.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:35 pm.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. George indicated that the staff is preparing for tomorrow night's first ARPA session with the residents. He noted the success of the job fair put on by CARES and Economic Development, with assistance from the Public Works Department.

LEGISLATION: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Four Cities Meeting – Ms. Weaver, Ms. Davis, Ms. Pope, and Mr. Gordon

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, Meals on Wheels – Ms. Davis

Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Yard Sale – Ms. Davis

Community Center Open House and Gallery Reception – Ms. Weaver, Ms. Davis, and Mr. Gordon

Bridget McDermott Sunday Afternoon Tea, St. Hugh's Sodality – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, and Ms. Pope

MCRT Strategic Committee meeting – Ms. Davis

18th Annual Arthritis Walk, ERHS – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Weaver, and Ms. Davis

Beltsville Garden Club Plant Sale, Roosevelt Center – Ms. Davis

Berwyn Heights Pancake Breakfast – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Weaver, and Ms. Davis

Mowatt Church Yard and Bake Sale – Ms. Davis

Greenbelt Job Fair, Beltway Plaza – Ms. Davis

Beltway Plaza Family Fun Day – Ms. Davis

Greenbelt Farmers Market Opening – Ms. Weaver and Ms. Davis

Green Man Festival – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Weaver and Ms. Davis

PGCMA Legislative Committee meeting – Ms. Davis

Beltway Plaza Pinata Swing Event – Mr. Gordon

Documentary Filming at OGB Theater about Shaymar & The Space – Ms. Weaver and Mr. Gordon

Completion of the ten-week Greenbelt Citizen's Police Academy - Ms. Weaver

National League of Cities Transportation and Infrastructure Services – Intergovernmental Coordination Sub-Committee– Ms. Weaver

Free Comic Book Day at Beltway Plaza and The SPACE: Free Art for All – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Weaver

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Davis and seconded by Ms. Pope. The motion carried 7-0. The Mayor adjourned the regular meeting on May 9, 2022, at 9:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonita Anderson
City Clerk

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Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held June 6, 2022.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Colin A. Byrd, Judith F. Davis, Brandon R. Gordon, Silke I. Pope, Rodney M. Roberts, Kristen L.K. Weaver, and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

ALSO PRESENT were Tim George, Interim City Manager; Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, Environmental Coordinator; Bertha Gaymon, City Treasurer; Dawane Martinez, Human Resources Director; Greg Varda, Recreation Director; Andrew Phelan, Assistant Recreation Director; Chondria Andrews, Public Information and Communications Coordinator; James Wisniewski, Public Information Producer; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of residents Irene Hensel and Betty Jo Smith.

Ms. Davis then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mr. Gordon that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

RESIGNATION FROM ADVISORY GROUP: Council accepted the resignation of Warren Wilcox from the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Jordan requested rearranging the proclamations as follows: Gun Violence Prevention Week as 7a, Pollinator Week 7c, and Small Cities Month 7d. It was moved by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Gordon that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Gun Violence Prevention Week Proclamation: Mayor Jordan declared the week of June 3 through the 9th, 2022, as Gun Violence Prevention Week. Members of Mom's Demand Action and Konrad Herling accepted the proclamation.

Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan declared the month of June 2022 as Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month. Michael Hartman and Hillary Helms accepted the proclamation.

Pollinator Week Proclamation: Mayor Jordan declared the week of June 20th-26th, 2022, as Pollinator Week. Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll provided an update on the events.

Small Cities Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan declared the month of June as Small Cities Month. Councilmember Pope accepted the proclamation.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Statement for the Record – Closed Session, May 11, 2022

Closed Session of May 11, 2022: The following motion is needed: In accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-05(1)(7) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, I move that the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that Council met in closed session on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 8:30 pm, in Council Chambers. Council held this closed meeting 1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction and 2) to consult with Counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

The purpose of this meeting was a briefing by the Acting City Manager and City Solicitor on personnel matters and legal issues.

Vote to close the session:

Mr. Byrd - Absent
Ms. Davis - Yes
Mr. Gordon - Yes
Ms. Pope - Yes
Mr. Roberts - Yes
Ms. Weaver Yes
Mayor Jordan - Yes

The following staff members were in attendance: Dawane Martinez (until 9:33 pm); Tim George, Acting City Manager (8:29 pm - 9:04 pm) & (9:33 pm - 9:43 pm); and Jason DeLoach, City Solicitor (8:50 pm- 9:03 pm).

Council took no action during this session.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. George provided an overview of the Memorial Day and Greenbelt Day Weekend events. He noted that MML Legislative Action Requests would be on the next Council agenda to include Tax Notification/Abatements.

Ms. Pope announced the dates and times for the four citywide Public Safety Advisory Committee Public Forums that will be held in June. In addition, she requested that the survey related to this forum be posted on the City's website.

Ms. Davis requested copies of College Park and other cities' American Rescue Plan Act plans.

Mr. Gordon inquired about the status of a petition regarding refugee housing. Mr. George noted that he was in contact with Greenbelt Homes Inc. and Dr. Liz Park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

LEGISLATION:

ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Davis moved the following changes to General Fund Revenues. Ms. Weaver seconded. The motion passed 6-1. (Mr. Roberts)

Planning & Community Development				
	Description	From	To	Change
220 - 01	Add (1) Inspector Position - Salary	\$421,300	\$474,300	\$53,000
220 - 28	Add (1) Inspector Position - Benefits	181,200	\$208,200	\$27,000
220 - 34	Create Abatement Fund	\$4,000	\$24,000	\$20,000
Total Planning & Community Development		\$1,160,800	\$1,260,800	\$100,000

Ms. Pope moved the following changes to General Fund Revenues. Ms. Weaver seconded. The motion passed 4-3. (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Weaver, and Ms. Davis)

Public Safety				
	Description	From	To	Change
	Explorer Program	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000
310 - 91	Add two (2) E-bikes	\$725,900	\$735,900	\$10,000
Total Public Safety		\$12,491,300	\$12,501,300	\$50,000

Ms. Davis moved the following changes to General Fund Revenues. Mr. Gordon seconded. The motion passed 6-1. (Mr. Roberts)

Recreation and Parks	\$6,529,100	\$6,531,800	\$2,700
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Ms. Davis moved the following changes to General Fund Revenues. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Museum & Miscellaneous				
	Description	From	To	Change
910 - 68	Reduce Contribution to Boys & Girls Club	\$15,000	\$12,000	(\$3,000)
910 - 68	Increase Contributions to Youth Baseball	\$10,000	\$10,300	\$300
910 - 68	Remove Contribution to Senior Softball	\$900	\$0	(\$900)
910 - 68	Remove Contribution to GEMZ	\$2,700	\$0	(\$2,700)
910 - 68	Remove Contribution to Dynamic Governance	\$5,000	\$0	(\$5,000)
910 - 69	Increase Contribution to Meals on Wheels	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$2,000
910 - 70	Increase Contribution to PSAC	\$900	\$1,900	\$1,000
910 - 70	Add Funding for Green ACES	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Total Museum & Contributions		\$447,700	\$440,400	(\$7,300)

Ms. Davis moved the following changes to General Fund Revenues. Mr. Gordon seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Non-Departmental				
	Description	From	To	Change
990 - 73	Increase the Retiree Prescription Subsidy amount	\$20,000	\$50,000	\$30,000
	Increase the amount for Homeowner Grant Program by \$3,000 per participant for 3 participants	\$0	\$9,000	\$9,000
Total Non-Departmental		\$1,363,600	\$1,402,600	\$39,000

Fund Transfers	\$1,070,000	\$1,070,000	0
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Ms. Davis moved the following changes to General Fund Revenues. Mr. Gordon seconded. The motion passed 6-1. (Mr. Roberts)

Total General Fund	\$33,188,200	\$33,372,600	\$184,400
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An Ordinance to Adopt the General Fund, Building Capital Reserve Fund, Cemetery Fund, Debt Service Fund, Replacement Fund, Special Projects Fund, Green Ridge House Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Community Development Block Grant Fund, and Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund Budgets for the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to Appropriate Funds and Establish Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Rates for the Fiscal Year 2023 Beginning July 1, 2022, and including June 30, 2023.

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Pope introduced the ordinance for first reading and moved suspension of the rules in order to allow second reading and passage of the ordinance tonight. Mr. Gordon seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Byrd	-	yes
	Ms. Davis	-	yes
	Mr. Gordon	-	yes
	Ms. Pope	-	yes
	Mr. Roberts	-	no
	Ms. Weaver	-	yes
	Mayor Jordan	-	yes

Ms. Pope introduced the ordinance for the second reading and moved it to be adopted. Mr. Gordon seconded.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Byrd	-	yes
	Ms. Davis	-	yes
	Mr. Gordon	-	yes
	Ms. Pope	-	yes
	Mr. Roberts	-	no
	Ms. Weaver	-	yes
	Mayor Jordan	-	yes

The ordinance was declared adopted (Ordinance No. 1385, Book 12).

OTHER BUSINESS:

Award of Bid – Court Repair and Resurfacing: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Davis moved to award the Court Repair and Resurfacing to ATC Corp (formerly American Tennis Courts), not to exceed \$90,000. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 6-1. (Mr. Jordan)

Award of Bid - Job Classification and Compensation Study: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Pope moved to award the Job Classification and Compensation Study to BakerTilly US, LLP, located at 2500 Dallas Parkway, Suite 300 Plano, TX 75093, not to exceed \$100,000. Ms. Davis seconded. There was a discussion about awarding the bid to BakerTilly.

Mr. Byrd moved to amend the motion with the approval of this contract as a condition upon a subcontractor with a minority-owned firm. Mr. Robert seconded. The motion failed 3-4. (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Weaver, Ms. Davis, and Ms. Pope)

The motion passed 7-0.

Pursuing Composting Projects with the Four Cities Coalition: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Weaver moved that the City Council authorize the City of Greenbelt staff to undertake formal discussion with the Four Cities Coalition to explore possibilities for establishing a collaborative composting facility serving and in close proximity to member jurisdictions of the Four Cities Coalition and possibly other nearby municipalities in the northern section of Prince George's County. In addition, the City Council authorizes staff to explore options for expanding composting options in the City, including the possibility of curbside pick-up of food scraps and specifically considering the feasibility of coordination with the Four Cities Coalition.

Mr. Gordon seconded.

The motion passed 7-0.

Start the Process for Selecting a Firm for a City Manager: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Weaver moved that the City Council request the Interim City Manager to work with the Director of Human Resources to initiate the selection of a firm for a City Manager search, to begin as soon as possible and with a budget to hire a firm not to exceed \$35,000.

Mr. Jordan seconded.

The motion passed 7-0.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

4th Annual One Voice Voter Rally, Beltway Plaza – Ms. Weaver, Ms. Davis, and Mr. Gordon

Memorial Day Celebration, Roosevelt Center – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Weaver, Ms. Davis, Ms. Pope, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Byrd, and Mr. Roberts

EENR NLC, conference call – Ms. Davis

Not for Seniors Only: Creative Connections during the Time of Covid – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis

Pet Expo Block Party 2022, Greenbelt Dog Park – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Pope, and Mr. Gordon

1st Annual Greenbelt Pride Festival, Roosevelt Center – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Weaver, Ms. Davis, and Mr. Gordon

Artful Afternoon Activities and Reception – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Weaver, Ms. Davis, and Mr. Gordon

Greenbelt Concert Band performance, Community Center – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Weaver, Ms. Davis, and Mr. Gordon

Arts Advisory Board Arts Happy Hour, New Deal Café – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Weaver, Ms. Davis, and Mr. Gordon

Plaque Installation for Corporal Christine Peters, Greenbelt Police Department – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Weaver, Ms. Davis, and Mr. Gordon

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Pope and seconded by Mr. Gordon. The motion carried 7-0. The Mayor adjourned the regular meeting on June 6, 2022, at 10:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonita Anderson
City Clerk

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Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held June 27, 2022.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Colin A. Byrd, Judith F. Davis, Brandon R. Gordon, Silke I. Pope, Rodney M. Roberts, Kristen L.K. Weaver, and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

ALSO PRESENT were Tim George, Interim City Manager; Terri Hruby, Planning Director; Greg Varda, Recreation Director; Chondria Andrews, Public Information and Communications Coordinator; James Wisniewski, Communications Specialist; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Others: Damien Ossi, Forest Preserve Advisory Board member.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of residents Patricia (Pat) Holly Kurburski Routt and Murray Zitver; former residents Thomas Van Valkenburgh and Rhonda Jeanette Kaltsukis. Ms. Pope then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Bill Orleans, a resident, requested that the Ethics Commission review all candidate financial disclosure forms. He also requested that the \$10.88 million in ARPA funds be used towards the residents, not projects.

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Ms. Pope and seconded by Ms. Davis that the consent agenda be approved with an amendment. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Special Meeting/Closed Session - September 8, 2020

Special Meeting - September 23, 2020

Work Session - May 18, 2022

Approved as presented.

REAPPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY BOARDS/COMMITTEE: Council reappointed John Lippert to the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability and Ethel Dutky to the Advisory Committee on Trees.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Jordan requested that "Code of Conduct" be added as item #17 to the agenda. With this change, Ms. Pope moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Davis seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Recognition of Reginald McNeill: Mayor Jordan presented Mr. McNeill with a congratulatory letter on behalf of the City Council along with an award for his 29 years of service with the Prince George's County Public School System and 25 Years at Eleanor Roosevelt High School as an Assistant Principal and Principal.

Introduction of Public Works Director: Interim City Manager George introduced Mr. Willis Shafer to the City Council. Mr. Shafer provided remarks regarding background experience in the Public Works field.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Mr. George noted the execution of the compensation study contract. He also noted that the Economic Development Coordinator position was advertised. Mr. George stated that the financial system upgrade had begun. He provided a brief update regarding the ARPA spending plan.

LEGISLATION: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

Maryland Municipal League (MML) Legislative Action Requests (LARs): Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. The Council voted to submit three legislative action requests to MML.

The motion to submit tax abatements passed 6-1. (Mr. Roberts)

The motion to submit constant yield tax rate description revision passed 5-2. (Mr. Byrd and Mr. Roberts)

The motion to submit equity transportation goals/analysis passed 6-1. (Ms. Pope)

4th of July Update: Council discussed the upcoming City 4th of July Celebration.

FY 2023 Open Space Annual Program: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Pope moved that the City Council approve the City's FY 2023 Program Open Space as proposed. Mr. Gordon seconded. The motion passed 6-1. (Mr. Roberts)

Closure of the West Entrance of the Community Center: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Staff members DiQuynn Reno, Captain Tim White, and Greg Varda presented the reasons for the closure of the Community Center's West Entrance and other security actions that have been taken. They also described how the mobility needs of our seniors and those with disabilities are being addressed, meeting ADA regulations for accessibility. It was noted that Council should have the opportunity to weigh in on this decision. Staff agreed to install a camera and buzz-in system at the West Entrance.

Reparations Commission: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Council discussed the

Reparations Commission application process. Mr. Byrd moved to approve the application as amended. Mr. Gordon seconded. The motion passed 6-1. (Mayor Jordan)

Pilot Projects for Invasive Plant Management in the Greenbelt Forest Preserve - Forest Preserve Advisory Board Report #2022-02: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mayor Pro Tem Weaver moved that the Council vote on the recommendations about removing invasive plants that were presented in the Forest Preserve Advisory Board report accepted at the March 28, 2022, Regular Meeting. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 6-1. (Mr. Roberts)

Code of Conduct: Mayor Jordan moved the code of conduct for the Reparations Commission be reviewed and modified to fit the commission. Mr. Gordon seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

MML Transportation Alternative Funding Subcommittee – Ms. Davis

APB Tour of Motiva Apartments – Ms. Davis

PSAC Forum, Greenbriar – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Weaver, and Ms. Davis

County Councilman Todd Turner Meet and Greet Senior Luncheon – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, and Mr. Gordon

GIVES Quarterly Meeting – Ms. Davis

MML Summer Conference, Ocean City – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Weaver, Ms. Davis, Ms. Pope, Mr. Gordon, and Mr. Byrd

City of Greenbelt Employee Picnic – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, and Mr. Gordon

Beltway Plaza Local Heroes Wall of Fame Induction Reception for County Councilman Todd Turner – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, and Mr. Gordon

St. Hugh's 75th Anniversary Mass and International Luncheon – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis

Retirement Celebration for Principal Reginald McNeill, ERHS – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis

NLC State of Cities webinar – Ms. Davis

Retirement Celebration for City Employee Rose Maynard – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis

District 22 Town Hall Meeting, Riverdale – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis

Jazz Festival, Roosevelt Center – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, and Mr. Gordon

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mr. Gordon. The motion carried 7-0. The Mayor adjourned the regular meeting on June 27, 2022, at 10:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonita Anderson
City Clerk

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Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held July 11, 2022.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Colin A. Byrd, Judith F. Davis, Brandon R. Gordon, Rodney M. Roberts, Kristen L.K. Weaver, and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan. Councilmember Silke I. Pope was absent.

ALSO PRESENT were Tim George, Interim City Manager; Richard Bowers, Police Chief; LaToya Fisher, Recreation Program Supervisor; Frank Jones, Recreation Coordinator; Chondria Andrews, Public Information and Communications Coordinator; James Wisniewski, Communications Specialist; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of residents Eveline Ursula Martha Jawer Smith Soenmez, Michael Joseph Rousseau, Mona (Eichelbaum) Schlossberg, Burton "Burt" Dodge Kerr and former resident Albina Elizabeth Hanyok.

Mr. Gordon then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Bill Orleans, a resident, requested the same from the previous Council meeting. In addition, he inquired about a memorandum of understanding with the Library System regarding the Tugwell room.

Kevin Fomengia, a resident, presented to Council the HBCU Smart Cities Challenge.

CONSENT AGENDA: Ms. Davis moved to remove item 10a, "Forest Preserve Advisory Board Report #2022-04: Request to Public Works for Removal of Pavilion and Grill in the Greenbriar Tract of the Forest Preserve," from the consent agenda and add it to the August 8th agenda for Council approval. Mr. Gordon seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Regular Meeting - February 28, 2022

Regular Meeting - March 28, 2022

Work Session - April 20, 2022

Work Session - April 27, 2022

Work Session - May 4, 2022

Work Session - May 11, 2022

Approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advisory Committee on Education - Report # 22-02 - Advisory Committee on Education Grants Final Report and Current Program Status: Council accepted this report.

REAPPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY BOARDS/COMMITTEE: Council reappointed Tatiana Ausema to a new term on the Arts Advisory Board.

Recognition Group - Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club: Council approved the \$12,000 requested by the Boys and Girls Club to be accounted for in the FY23 Budget.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mr. Gordon that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 6-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Park and Recreation Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan proclaimed July as Parks and Recreation Month. LaToya Fisher, Recreation Program Supervisor, and Frank Jones, Recreation Coordinator, accepted the proclamation and provided Council with an update on the current activities for July and other summer events.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Interim City Manager Tim George noted that the compensation study is underway. He also stated that the staff is reviewing the second batch of economic development candidates and will schedule interviews this week and next week. Mr. George indicated that the request for proposals and advertisement for the City Manager position is ready to be published. The reparations application is available online.

Chief Bowers provided Council with an update on the number of carjackings within the City. He also noted safety tips when out at night, securing vehicles, and removing items from visible sight.

Mr. Byrd left the meeting at 8:20 pm.

LEGISLATION:

A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Construction Service to Build a Gateway Signage Wall and Install Signage from Jopal Construction Inc. at a Lump Sum Cost of \$39,000.00, with an Agreement that if a Change in Material Price Increases More than 10% between the time of Estimate (July 2022) and Completion of Project an Extra Charge will Apply for this Increase. Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Davis introduced the resolution for the first reading.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Greenbelt Sity Stars: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mr. Gordon moved that the Council officially recognize Greenbelt as the home of the, Greenbelt Sity Stars, the only International Championship Team in Greenbelt. A commentative banner would be hung in the Springhill Lake Recreation Center Gym. Ms. Davis seconded.

It was recommended that the team leader purchase the banner. The City would reimburse the cost and install the banner.

No action was taken.

Letter – Ms. Chris Wichtendahl: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Davis moved that the Council send a letter to Chief Executive Officer Dr. Monica Goldson to keep Ms. Wichtendahl at Springhill Lake Elementary. Mayor Jordan seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Naming the Stream that Parallels Northway - Forest Preserve Advisory Board Report: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Davis moved that the Council accept the recommendation regarding naming the stream that parallels Northway from the Forest Preserve Advisory Board report that was presented and accepted at the March 28, 2022, Regular Meeting. Ms. Weaver seconded. It was recommended that staff research the process of naming the stream. The motion passed 5-0.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Central Maryland Transportation and Mobility Commission – Ms. Davis

NLC EENR Committee virtual meeting – Ms. Davis

Greenbelt Concert Band and Fireworks, Buddy Attick Park – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, and Mr. Gordon

Grand Opening Charley's restaurant – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, and Mr. Gordon

Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad and Ladies Auxiliary 66th Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Weaver, Ms. Davis, and Ms. Pope

News Review Open House, Community Center – Ms. Weaver and Ms. Davis

Police Officer Swearing In Ceremony, Police Station – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Weaver and Ms. Davis

Rotary Club Luncheon – Mayor Jordan

Prince George's County Chambers of Commerce – Mayor Jordan

NLC First Tier Suburbs Group Presentation – Mayor Jordan

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mr. Gordon. The motion carried 5-0. The Mayor adjourned the regular meeting on July 11, 2022, at 9:01 pm.

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 July 11, 2022.

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: October 11, 2022

Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Meeting Minutes

Agenda Section: COMMUNICATIONS (60 mins - 7:45 - 8:45 pm)

Subject:

Statement of Record - Closed Session, September 21, 2022

Suggested Action:

Reference: Statement for the Record, September 21, 2022

Closed Session of September 21, 2022: The following motion is needed: In accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-06(C)(2) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland. i move that the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that Council met in closed on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 7:30 pm, in Council Chambers, 25 Crescent Road. Council held this closed meeting accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland: to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The purpose of this meeting the Interim City Manager evaluation and discuss personnel matter including Council decorum and meeting attendance.

Vote to close session:

Mr. Byrd - Yes

Ms. Davis - Yes

Mr. Gordon - Yes

Ms. Pope - Yes

Mr. Roberts - No

Ms. Weaver - Yes

Mayor Jordan - Yes

Staff member were in attendance: Tim George, Interim City Manager (8:00 pm)

Other individuals were in attendance: none

Council took no action during this session.

Attachments:

[Closed Session Forms.pdf](#)

Date 09/21/2022

Begin in open session

Note time Open Special Meeting Began: 7:30 pm

Members of Public in Attendance: Bill Orleans

Note any informational items discussed: Mr. George provided Council with a proposed schedule on three possible dates to conduct the Reparations Commission interviews. There was discussion regarding the fire alarm was registering a carbon monoxide warning at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center. There was discussion regarding possibly scheduling a closed session regarding Park Crescent Apartments. Mayor Jordan provided a report on a briefing on the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center that was convened by the District 21 Delegates and Senator.

TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move that Council go into Closed Session in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland; 1) discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The purpose of this meeting is 1) Interim City Manager evaluation; 2) Discuss personnel matter including Council Decorum and Meeting Attendance.

Note that Council **WILL NOT RETURN TO OPEN SESSION** following this

closed session.

Need second, roll call vote. (On Executive Session Form)

**WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING
OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL**

Date: 09/21/2022 Time: 7:30 pm Location: Council Chambers

Motion to close meeting made by: J DAVIS Seconded by: S POPE

Members voting to close meeting:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Byrd	✓			
Ms. Davis	✓			
Mr. Gordon	✓			
Ms. Pope	✓			
Mr. Roberts		✓		
Ms. Weaver	✓			
Mayor Jordan	✓			

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION (check all that apply):
This meeting will be closed under General Provisions Article, §3-305(b) only:**

- (1) ☒ To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals;
- (2) ☐ To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business;
- (3) ☐ To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto;
- (4) ☐ To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State;
- (5) ☐ To consider the investment of public funds;
- (6) ☐ To consider the marketing of public securities;
- (7) ☐ To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter;
- (8) ☐ To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation;
- (9) ☐ To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations;

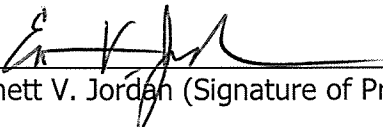
- (10) [] To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including:
- (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and
 - (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans;
- (11) [] To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination;
- (12) [] To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct;
- (13) [] To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter;
- (14) [] Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

FOR EACH CITATION CHECKED ABOVE, THE REASONS FOR CLOSING AND TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

§3-305(b) (1) CITY MANAGER EVALUATION

§3-305(b) () COUNCIL DECORUM + ATTENDANCE

§3-305(b) () _____

This statement is made by 
Emmett V. Jordan (Signature of Presiding Officer)

WORKSHEET FOR USE IN CLOSED SESSION (CHECKLIST OF DISCLOSURES TO BE MADE IN MINUTES OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING-NOT A PART OF THE CLOSING STATEMENT)

OFFICIALS ATTENDING CLOSED SESSION: [☒] BYRD; [☒] DAVIS; [☒] GORDON; [☒] JORDAN; [☒] POPE; [☒] ROBERTS; [☒] WEAVER

STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT:

Tim George (left 8:00 PM)

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

- ① Ms Lester's concerns about several personnel issues.
② Interim City Manager evaluation - form + timeline.
③ City Manager Search ④ Council decision ⑤ In person attendance

ACTION(S) TAKEN (IF ANY) AND RECORDED VOTES: ① Mr. DeLoach will be asked to send a letter to Ms Lester ② Interim Assist. City Manager will fill out a financial disclosure.

TIME CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNED: _____

PLACE OF CLOSED SESSION: Council Chambers

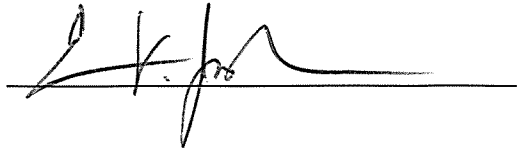
PURPOSE OF CLOSED SESSION: See previous page

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THE CLOSED SESSION: §3-305(b)(1)

See previous page

MEMBERS WHO VOTED TO CLOSE: [☒] BYRD; [☒] DAVIS; [☒] GORDON; [☒] JORDAN; [☒] POPE; [☒] ROBERTS; [☒] WEAVER

SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING OFFICER: _____



By consensus
→ ② Agreed to do an evaluation.
Abbreviated format to be decided by Mayor + Mayor Pro Tem + then approved by Council.

Form Revised: 01/31/22

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: October 11, 2022

Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Board and Committee Reports

Agenda Section: COMMUNICATIONS (60 mins - 7:45 - 8:45 pm)

Subject:

Advisory Committee on Trees Report# 2022-1: Recommended Tree Species appropriate to Plant near Streets

Suggested Action:

It is recommended that City Council accept this report

Attachments:

[ACT_Report_2022_1.pdf](#)

ACT Report #2022-1
September 20, 2022

Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Trees – Report to the City Council

Subject: Recommended Tree Species appropriate to Plant near Streets

The Advisory Committee on Trees (ACT) has produced a list of tree species appropriate to plant near streets. This list primarily includes native trees. Some exotic trees that do well in our hardiness zone are also on the list.

Below is the list of species and cultivars for the ACT-recommended trees appropriate to plant near streets:

Acer burgerianum (Trident Maple)
Acer campestre ‘Queen Elizabeth’ (‘Queen Elizabeth’ Hedge Maple)
Acer-campestre ‘Panacek’- (‘Panacek’ Hedge Maple)
Acer ginnala ‘Flame’ (‘Flame’ Amur Maple)
Acer rubrum (Red Maple) (select cultivars*)
Acer saccharum ‘Flash Fire’ (Flash Fire Sugar Maple)
Acer truncatum (Shantung Maple)
Amelanchier species (Serviceberry, Shadbush)
Carya species (Hickories)
Cercis canadensis (Eastern Redbud)
Fagus sylvatica (European Beech) (select cultivars*)
Ginkgo biloba (Ginkgo, male tree only) (select cultivars*)
Gleditsia triacanthos (Honeylocust)
Lagerstroemia ‘Fantasy’ (‘Fantasy’ Crape Myrtle)
Lagerstroemia ‘Tuskegee’ (‘Tuskegee’ Crape Myrtle)
Lagerstroemia ‘Muskogee’ (‘Muskogee’ Crape Myrtle)
Magnolia virginiana (‘Moon Glow’ & ‘Green Shadow’ Sweetbay Magnolia)
Malus ‘Adirondack’ (‘Adirondack’ Flowering Crabapple)
Malus ‘Centurion’ (‘Centurion’ Flowering Crabapple)
Malus ‘Harvest Gold’ (‘Harvest Gold’ Flowering Crabapple)
Malus ‘Prairie Fire’ (‘Prairie Fire’ Flowering Crabapple)
Malus ‘Purple Prince’ (‘Purple Prince’ Flowering Crabapple)
Nyssa sylvatica (Tupelo) (select cultivars only*)
Parrotia persica (Persian Parrotia, Persian Ironwood)
Plantanus x acerifolia (London Planetree) (select cultivars*)
Pistachia chinensis (Pistachio)
Prunus ‘Dream Catcher’ (‘Dream Catcher’ Flowering Cherry)
Prunus x yedoensis (Yoshino Cherry)
Quercus acutissima (Sawtooth Oak)
Quercus alba (White Oak)
Quercus bicolor (Swamp Oak)
Quercus macrocarpa ‘Urban Pinnacle’ (Mossycup Oak)

Quercus phellos (Willow Oak)

Sophora japonica (Japanese Pagoda Tree, Scholar Tree)

Syringa reticulata 'Ivory Silk' ('Ivory Silk' Japanese Tree Lilac)

Tilia americana (Basswood)

Ulmus americana (American Elm) (select disease and insect resistant cultivars and hybrids*)

Ulmus x 'Frontier' ('Frontier' Elm)

Ulmus parvifolia (Lacebark Elm)

Zelkova serrata (Japanese Zelkova) (select cultivars*)

*Cultivar selection takes into account disease and pest resistance as well as growth habit and other ornamental attributes. This is a dynamic area of research and new cultivars become available over a period of time.

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: October 11, 2022

Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Ordinance

Agenda Section: LEGISLATION (10 mins - 8:45 - 8:55 pm)

Subject:

City of Greenbelt Ordinance Amending Section 11-52 of the Code of the City of Greenbelt to Reduce the Amount of Time Certain Vehicles May be Legally Parked

Suggested Action:

- 1st Reading

Reference: Parking Ordinance

Council requested staff review the parking regulation related to the long-term parking of vehicles on city streets. The current Parking Code 11-52 allows vehicles to remain in one location for up to 30 days. Staff reviewed other municipal codes and found that the range is 36 hours to 10 days. Therefore, the staff recommends that the council adopt a 14-day time allowance. The attached resolution, drafted by the City's legal counsel, modifies City Code 11-52 to limit parking length to 14 days.

It is recommended this ordinance be introduced for first reading.

Attachments:

[Parking Ordinance.pdf](#)

Introduced:
1st Reading:
Passed:
Posted:
Effective:

ORDINANCE NUMBER XXXX

CITY OF GREENBELT

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11-52 OF THE CODE
OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT TO REDUCE THE
AMOUNT OF TIME CERTAIN VEHICLES MAY BE
LEGALLY PARKED

WHEREAS, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Local Gov't. Article, § 5-202, the City of Greenbelt, Maryland ("the City") has the authority to adopt ordinances as it deems necessary to assure the good government of the City; protect and preserve the City's rights, property, and privileges; and preserve peace and good order; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this authority and the additional authority contained in Section 3 of the City Charter the City has adopted Chapter 11 "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" of the City Code to, among other things, protect the integrity and availability of parking in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the length of time vehicles may be legally parked is in need of revision; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED the City Council of Greenbelt adopts this Ordinance amending the amount of time vehicles may be legally parked as follows:

Sec. 11-52. Storage of vehicles.

It shall be unlawful to park or store a vehicle upon a public street, alley, roadway or parking lot for a period of [**thirty (30)**] FOURTEEN (14) consecutive days in a single parking space without movement of such vehicle, unless a long-term parking permit has been issued to the vehicle by the city.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, at its regular meeting of _____, 2022.

Emmett V. Jordan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

Ordinance No. XXXX

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[BOLD BRACKETS] : Indicate matter deleted from existing law

CAPITALS : Indicate matter added to existing law

Asterisks * * * : Indicate matter preserved from existing law but omitted herein

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: October 11, 2022

Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: MEETINGS

Agenda Section: OTHER BUSINESS (30 mins - 8:55 - 9:25 pm)

Subject:

* Meetings

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[meetings.pdf](#)

CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND
25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770-1891



10/7/2022 1:46 PM

City Council Meetings & Work Sessions
October – November

MML Fall Conference	Sun. – Tues.	10/09 - 10/11	
Regular Meeting	Tues.	10/11	7:30 pm
Special Meeting/Closed Session – City Manager Evaluation	Wed.	10/12	7:30 pm
Advisory Board/Committee Dinner	Sun.	10/16	5:00 pm
Reparations Commissions Interviews	Mon.	10/17	7:00 pm
Reparations Commissions Interviews	Wed.	10/19	7:00 pm
Reparations Commissions Interviews	Sat.	10/22	10:00 am – 2:30 pm
Advisory Board Interview	Mon.	10/24	7:10 pm
Regular Meeting	Mon.	10/24	7:30 pm
Work Session – City Manager’s Quarterly Update	Wed.	10/26	7:30 pm
Closed Session – Personnel Matters/Legal Matters	Wed.	10/26	Following WS
Four Cities Meeting – (New Carrollton)	Thurs.	10/27	7:30 pm
Work Session – Space Study	Mon.	10/31	7:30 pm
Reparations Commissions Interviews	Wed.	11/02	7:00 pm
Work Session – State Highway Administration (stakeholder)	Mon.	11/07	7:30 pm
Work Session – Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC)	Wed.	11/09	7:30 pm
Regular Meeting	Mon.	11/14	7:30 pm
National League of Cities (NLC) City Summit (Kansas, MO)	Wed. -Sat.	11/16 - 11/19	
No Meeting	Wed.	11/16	
Work Session– Maglev Update	Mon.	11/21	7:30 pm
Work Session – TBD	Wed.	11/23	7:30 pm
Regular Meeting	Mon.	11/28	7:30 pm
Work Session – Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan	Wed.	11/30	7:30 pm

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation, call 301-474-8000. Regular and Special meetings and Work Sessions are open to the public. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-3870 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use Video Relay Services (VRS) at 711 or e-mail banderson@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk. Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be held in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building (MB) at 25 Crescent Road and virtually by Zoom. Zoom meeting information for public participation is posted on the City’s website at www.greenbeltmd.gov on the meeting calendar.

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

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MD RELAY 711

CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770-1891



10/7/2022 1:46 PM

Ready to be scheduled:

Closed Session (*Cable Ordinance*)
MARC Train Service/ MDOT
Arts & Entertainment District
Potential Bond Referendum/Capital Financing
Parke Crescent Apartment Complex
Cemetery Plans
City Contracting Policy
Board of Elections reports:
- Procedure for filling Council vacancies
- Proposal for voting by resident non-citizens
(*waiting for CRAB Report*)
- Early Voting
Police Reform
ERB Reports: (#2020-01 Procedures for
Employee Appeals, Grievances (#2021-02
Collective Bargaining) (*waiting for CRAB Report*)
Virtual Meetings Accessibility for Blind and
Visually Impaired
Walk-way Light Fixture
Greenbelt Business Alliance (*Presentation*)
Prince George's County Council

For later scheduling:

Zoning Enforcement
Parkway Apartment Owners/GHI (*parking*)
Northway Fields Master Plan
City Manager Updates (Jan, Pre-budget; July &
Sept/Oct)
Meeting with County on Transportation Plan
Department of Permitting, Inspections &
Enforcement (DPIE)
Museum Plan
Term Limits legislation (*referral submitted to
CRAB*)
Majority Leader Hoyer
Bernard Penney (*Memorial Donation in honor of
Leonie Penney*)
Economic Development Advisory Committee
(*refer to Economic Development Manager*)

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Annual															
Advisory Group Chairs	7/22														
Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station Mgmt.	12/21														
Greenbelt Center HOAs															
Greenbelt East HOAs and COAs/Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition	4/22														
Greenbelt Homes, Inc.	8/22														
Greenbelt Station HOA/Verde Apts.	8/22														
School Board Member	9/21														
State Highway Administration	11/20														
Biennial															
Beltsville Ag. Research Center	8/18														
Beltway Plaza	9/22														
Roosevelt Center Merchants	1/22														
NASA/GSFC	3/22														
Greenbelt Business Alliance															
Greenbelt Park NPS	1/22														
Greenway Shopping Center	12/20														
Religious/Spiritual Organizations	6/22														
Twice a Year															
County Council Person and At Large Members															
Meetings as Needed															
Apartments	4/21														
Comcast/Verizon	3/21														
Greenbelt Office Parks															
Greenbelt Watershed Groups	10/19														
Hotels															
PEPCO/WSSC	2/22														
Prince George's Economic Development Corp.	11/21														
Prince George's Planning Board	10/19														
Roosevelt Center Owner	8/20														
University of Maryland	4/15														
WMATA/PGDPW&T (Semi-Annual)	5/22														
Newly Elected/Appointed Officials (Presentation of a Council Regular Meeting)															
County Executive															
School Board CEO															

State's Attorney														

(Rev. September 19, 2022)

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: October 11, 2022

Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda Section: OTHER BUSINESS (30 mins - 8:55 - 9:25 pm)

Subject:

* Resignation from Advisory Group

Suggested Action:

Reference: Email: J. Drake - 09/29/22

James Drake submitted his resignation from the Advisory Planning Board (APB).

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate the Council's intent to remove Mr. Drake resignation with regret.

Attachments:

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: October 11, 2022

Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda Section: OTHER BUSINESS (30 mins - 8:55 - 9:25 pm)

Subject:

* Council Work Plan

Suggested Action:

On February 5th, 2022, Council held a Council Retreat to review the City's strategic outcome area and use those outcome areas to establish priorities and activities for the next 1-2 years in Greenbelt. At the August 10th Work Session, Council discussed and reviewed the City Council Strategic Plan.

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate the Council's approval of the City Council Strategic Plan.

Attachments:

[Greenbelt_Council_Governance_Retreat_Report_Final.pdf](#)

City of Greenbelt, Maryland

City Council Strategic Planning Retreat Report

February 5, 2022

Background

The Greenbelt, Maryland City Council engaged Raftelis to facilitate a City Council governance retreat on February 5, 2022. The purpose of this retreat was to review the City's strategic outcome areas and use those outcome areas to establish priorities and activities for the next 1-2 years in Greenbelt. This retreat was facilitated in person by Catherine Tuck Parrish and Catherine Carter and attended by the following individuals:

- Mayor Emmett Jordan
- Kristen Weaver, Mayor Pro Tem
- Judith "J" Davis, Council Member
- Silke Pope, Council Member
- Rodney Roberts, Council Member
- Ric Gordon, Council Member
- Tim George, Acting City Manager
- Resident in Attendance: Bill Orleans

Introductions

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the City Council's 2022 strategic planning retreat and each participant introduced themselves. The facilitator reviewed the retreat goals, agenda, and norms for the day.

Retreat Goals

- Review and refine the strategic plan framework and accomplishments
- Identify top priorities for the next 12-24 months

Norms

- Listen with respect
 - Let others finish before you start talking
 - Be attentive to the speaker
 - Disagree agreeably
- Be:
 - BOLD
 - Positive and realistic
 - Candid and honest
 - Patient and self-aware
 - Engaged and fully present
- Strive for consensus
- Look for opportunities to agree
- Remember the power of "if" and "and"
- Have fun!

Introductions

Retreat participants were asked to introduce themselves, and to reflect on the expectations they set for themselves and each other at the 2021 governance retreat. Councilmembers were asked to share one expectation that they had personally been working on.

Silke: I'm working to fully digest information before disagreeing and consider points from the perspectives of others.

Kristen: I'm working to identify doable ideas and ideas that can be worked toward.

Rodney: I have been personally working to convince other Councilmembers that Greenbelt West needs the same resources with regard to parks as the rest of the City.

Mayor Emmett Jordan: I'm working to look at how Council has done things in the past and to evaluate whether it is time to change.

J: I'm working on being willing to share responsibilities, and to give up some responsibilities that others could do well with.

Ric: I'm working on being fully prepared for Council activities.

Current Strategic Plan Outcome Areas

Prior to the retreat, Councilmembers were provided with the existing strategic plan outcome areas, as well as a status report from the Acting City Manager. Participants were asked to consider whether any outcome areas needed to be revised. The table below captures the outcome areas, revisions, and some of the key projects that have been completed across the areas.

Outcome Area	Suggested Revisions
Enhance Sense of Community	N/A
Economic Development and Sustainability	N/A
Improve Transportation Opportunities	N/A
Maintain Greenbelt as an Environmentally Proactive Community	N/A
Improve and Enhance Public Safety	N/A
Preserve and Enhance Greenbelt's Legacy as a Planned Community	<i>Move to a preamble</i>
Promote Quality of Life for all Residents	Promote Quality of Life, Health, and Wellbeing for all Residents
Provide Excellent Constituent Services	<i>Move to a preamble</i>
Maintain and Invest in Infrastructure	N/A
Support Equity and Inclusion within Greenbelt	<i>Add to Framework</i>

Based on the discussion, the following preamble and strategic outcomes were drafted and used to drive activities for the remainder of the session.

Revised Greenbelt Framework

The City of Greenbelt will provide excellent services, preserve and enhance our legacy, and ensure equity and inclusion in the City by:

- Enhancing Our Sense of Community
- Ensuring Sustainable Economic Development
- Improving Transportation Opportunities
- Maintaining Greenbelt as an Environmentally Proactive Community
- Improving and Enhancing Public Safety
- Promoting Quality of Life, Health, and Wellbeing for all Residents
- Maintaining and Investing in Infrastructure
- Supporting Equity and Inclusion within Greenbelt

Mayor and Council Outcome Area and Priority Update

Participants were provided with an update on the outcome areas and the priorities associated with the 2021 City Council Workplan. The table below captures the update on current projects.

Outcome Area	Top Priorities from 2021	Status Update
Enhancing Our Sense of Community	Build more inclusive self-image beyond our legacy as a planned community (gateway signage, public art)	• City is working on the gateway signage; have secured grant funding
	Racial and geographic equity	• GARE cohort is being formed to support
	Continue to offer recreation programming for all ages to ensure positive relations throughout the community	• In progress • Priority may need more specificity, or to be included in a success statement
Ensuring Economic Development and Sustainability	Continue and expand resources and funding for COVID-19 affected businesses and organizations	• In progress • For future, remove COVID reference and call out small businesses
Improving Transportation Opportunities	Greenbelt Road streetscape	• In progress
	City shuttle/circulator	• In progress
	-	• Additional work is in progress on the Capital Bike Share program
Maintaining Greenbelt as an Environmentally Proactive Community	Oppose the SC Maglev and other intrusions (Beltway widening, B-W Parkway widening, and BEP printing facility at BARC) on City's environment	• In progress
	Continue fighting proposed projects that denude Greenbelt	• In progress
	Save forest preserve	• In progress

Outcome Area	Top Priorities from 2021	Status Update
Improving and Enhancing Public Safety	Armory property	This priority should be moved under a different outcome area
	Public health/safety	Work underway, but this priority may need more specificity
	-	Police reform efforts are in progress
Promoting Quality of Life, Health, and Wellbeing for all Residents	Enhance recreation amenities in Greenbelt West	In progress
	Programs and help for seniors and children	In progress
	Promote housing and food security during and post COVID-19	In progress
Maintaining and Investing in Infrastructure	Office space reallocation and space utilization study	In progress, recommendations expected in April
	Senior housing options	Work underway, but this priority may need more specificity
	Refine capital projects funding policy	In progress
Supporting Equity and Inclusion within Greenbelt	Community visioning	This will begin around the use of ARPA funding
	Broaden citizen involvement in meetings through technology	Several technology upgrades are in place, making it easier for residents to participate in meetings virtually (e.g., Zoom options)
	Enhance/expand City election process for more participation	Initiatives have been implemented (e.g., voting by mail), but additional activities planned

Defining Success

For each of the outcome areas, participants shared thoughts on how they would define success. Prompts included:

- What does success in this area look like?
- How will we know if we've achieved this outcome area?

The following table captures responses and includes proposed success statements, based on the input from Councilmembers.

Outcome Area	Success Looks Like:	Proposed Success Statement
Enhancing Our Sense of Community	- Shared vision and buy-in to the community vision - City employees better mirror the population they serve - Internal and external understanding of Greenbelt boundaries - Promotion of the City - Communications reach everyone; greater participation in events - Public art	<i>Greenbelt residents have a shared vision for the community, enjoy public art and amenities, and actively participate in local events and civic activities.</i>
Ensuring Economic Development and Sustainability	- Welcoming and attractive place to come and start a business - Business collaboration and shared promotion, resources - Growth and new tax-based income opportunities - Variety and diversity of businesses meets the needs of residents - Effective business retention - Focus on small businesses throughout the City - Fully stocked economic development toolbox	<i>Greenbelt is welcoming and attractive, with diverse entrepreneurs and businesses that meet the needs of residents. The City actively supports collaboration among businesses for shared promotion, resource development, and business retention efforts.</i>
Improving Transportation Opportunities	- Pedestrian and bike-friendly roadways - Easy access and frequent use of public transportation - City Circulator - Electric vehicle charging stations throughout	<i>Greenbelt's residents and visitors experience easy access to different modes of transportation, with infrastructure in place to support environmentally friendly options.</i>
Maintaining Greenbelt as an Environmentally Proactive Community	- Reduced carbon footprint - Easy access to and consistent use of recycling and compost - Viable, diverse street trees (retain and increase tree canopy) - Community buy-in for environmental programming - Climate change adaptation, resiliency, and mitigation plans	<i>Greenbelt is a proactive and resilient City, with effective environmental programming, a low carbon footprint, and a healthy and diverse tree canopy.</i>
Improving and Enhancing Public Safety	- All people feel safe in all parts of the City - Collaboration and trust between police department and Greenbelt residents and businesses - Effective community policing programs - Sufficient resources for safety - Effective communication and promotion of successes broadly	<i>Greenbelt strives to ensure that all people feel safe in all parts of the City, with responsive, effective, community-oriented policing programs.</i>

Outcome Area	Success Looks Like:	Proposed Success Statement
Promoting Quality of Life, Health, and Wellbeing for all Residents	- Physical and mental health needs are met for residents and staff - Diverse recreational opportunities across the City - Convenient and equitable access to recreational facilities and programming - Access to housing assistance and food security resources	<i>Greenbelt provides opportunities for all people to participate in diverse community activities and benefit from City resources and services that are convenient and responsive.</i>
Maintaining and Investing in Infrastructure	- Effective stormwater management programming - Well-maintained City infrastructure (parks, ball fields, etc.) - Adequate and efficient use of facilities for City use - Street trees/green space/parks	<i>Greenbelt is committed to providing accessible and well-maintained City infrastructure, parks, amenities, and green spaces that meet resident and visitor needs.</i>
Supporting Equity and Inclusion within Greenbelt	- City employees better mirror the population they serve - Applicants for Boards and Committees from all over the City - Voter equity and increased participation - Equitable distribution of resources across the City - Initiate the Reparations Commission - Community engagement around priorities	<i>Greenbelt advances equitable outcomes by promoting access and inclusion in civic activities, recruiting a diverse and representative workforce, and soliciting community engagement in decision-making.</i>

Individual Priorities – Council Priorities

Councilmembers were invited to share individual initiatives that they were interested in pursuing over the next 1-2 years. These initiatives included:

- Increase funding for public safety
- Identify stormwater issues and create a focused management plan
- Reduce the City's carbon footprint
- Promote staff morale and support
- Increase tree canopy by adding to the Forest Preserve
- Purchase available land in Greenbelt West and create a new City park, including playing fields
- Work for federal protection of BARC and adjoining properties
- Address health disparities
- Hold the tax rate/expense line – long-term financial planning
- Develop and implement short- and long-term strategies for community and economic development
- Focus on equity and inclusion
- Improve Council Collaboration

When prioritized, the following initiatives were agreed to by the group. The top priorities will be added to the list of on-going Council priorities.

Top Priorities

- Promote staff morale and support
- Focus on equity and inclusion
- Increase tree canopy by adding to the Forest Preserve

Other Priorities

- Increase funding for public safety
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Next Steps

Next steps for City staff and Council include the following:

- Senior staff will review this report and share specific activities that are underway associated with the outcome areas and existing priorities and will identify proposed first steps for the new priorities
- Council will refine, confirm, and approve the priority list within the month of February
- Staff will develop a workplan, inclusive of Council priorities
- Staff will propose a reporting cadence, likely linked to the Quarterly City Manager updates

Last Words

Participants were each asked to share their reflections on our time together.

- **Kristen:** I'm feeling reasonably hopeful.
- **Mayor:** There will be stuff that we disagree on, and there always will be, but we have to find a way to be more productive together. It doesn't need to be as challenging as it is.
- **J:** Once we got past the initial work, I think we're in good shape and have accomplished a lot.
- **Ric:** I feel good about the retreat and wish that everyone could have been here.

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: October 11, 2022

Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda Section: OTHER BUSINESS (30 mins - 8:55 - 9:25 pm)

Subject:

Council discussion regarding the police hiring bonus

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[Recruitment bonus.pdf](#)

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Richard A. Bowers

Chief of Police

To: City Council
Tim George, Interim City Manager

From: Chief Bowers

Date: September 9, 2022

RE: Hiring Bonus Program

Council,

At the police work session on August 31st, I discussed with Council the need to increase the department's recruiting and retention efforts. The topic of hiring and retention bonuses was discussed and later in the week Council Member Byrd forwarded information he observed about another department using a recruitment program that was advertised on a Metro bus. The proposal that I am submitting below deals with recruitment and hiring. I am also preparing, and will submit later this year, a proposed retention program.

The police department is proposing a hiring bonus and referral bonus program that is intended to help meet our staffing needs. The department is currently allocated 53 police positions and eight dispatch positions. Unfortunately, we have not been able to be fully staffed in a number of years despite our best efforts. The department currently has 47 police officers and five dispatchers leaving us critically understaffed and using overtime to cover vacant shifts. In order to alleviate these shortages, the department, along with Human Resources, has advertised and tested for these vacant positions, but we are not attracting enough qualified applicants to meet the demand.

There is a strategy the department has not yet used that many of our peers are using successfully, that is, hiring bonuses. A number of police agencies are using this approach and potentially seeing some success, including PG Parks: \$5,000, Washington DC: \$20,000, PGPD: range of

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10,000 to \$15,000.

The proposal that the department is submitting is aggressive in the amount of the bonus being offered and will set us apart, to attract attention to the Greenbelt Police Department in a very competitive job market. For the current fiscal year, the program would be paid for by using lapsed salary that is already in our budget. For future fiscal years the department will include the bonus in our regular budget request.

I have included a break down of the proposed bonus amounts for both police officer and dispatcher positions. As you can see in the below chart, the payments are broken down over a four-year plan. This was done to also serve as a retention incentive as well a hiring incentive. With the structure of the payments, the impact to the budget would be minimized. If all five officer positions were filled in this fiscal year, the payments would be \$30,000 for police and the dispatch it would range from \$3,750 to \$7,500. At this point in the fiscal year, the two months lapsed salary is already approximately \$70,000.

Hiring bonus.

Police officer

- Lateral hire- \$25,000 signing bonus paid in five installments spread over a four-year period.
- Entry level - \$25,000 signing bonus paid in five installments spread over a four-year period.

Dispatcher

- Experienced \$10,000 paid in four installments over a three-year period
- Entry level \$5,000 in three installments spread over a three-year period.

In addition to the hiring bonus program, I would like to expand the department's current referral program. We know that our best recruiters are our own employees, with a number of our current employees having been referred by both police staff and other city staff members. I would propose increasing the current \$500.00 program with a more aggressive one. The referral bonus would be for any city employee who refers an applicant that is hired and successfully completes field training and probation. \$5,000 to be paid in two installments of \$2,500, at the completion of field training and the remaining \$2,500 at the end of probation. The amount that would be paid out to city staff for this proposal would be \$22,500 if all of the department vacancies were filled.

Based on the current job market, it is important that the department be more aggressive, and more attractive, in order to reach full staffing. A number of approaches have been instituted in the past, but with limited success, the department continues to see a shrinking number of applicants in a very competitive job market for police officers. This approach, along with the hiring bonus described above, and the retention bonus program to follow, will allow the GPD to compete on a level playing field in a very competitive marketplace for law enforcement officers and dispatchers.

Thank you