

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, September 23, 2019.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:01 pm.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Colin A. Byrd, Judith F. Davis, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Rodney M. Roberts, Edward V. J. Putens, and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

Mr. Putens left the meeting during Roll Call to retrieve his agenda book. He returned to the meeting at 8:06 pm.

ALSO PRESENT were City Manager Nicole Ard, City Solicitor Todd Pounds, Assistant City Manager David E. Moran, Police Chief Rick Bowers, City Planner Judith Howerton, and City Clerk Bonita Anderson.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of former residents Maria Margret Dukes, JoAnne Marie Janus, and Daniel Paczkowski.

Ms. Mach then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Ms. Mach that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 5-1 (Mr. Byrd opposed). Ms. Davis moved to reconsider her action. Mr. Byrd seconded. The motion passed 6-0. Mr. Byrd moved to have item #23, City/Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) letter to Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC), removed from the consent agenda and added to the Council discussion agenda. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES:

Work Session - January 16, 2019

Work Session - May 29, 2019

Work Session - June 12, 2019

Work Session - July 01, 2019

Approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advisory Planning Board Report # 2019-10 (NRP Multi-family Development Preliminary Plan of Subdivision): Council accepted this report and agreed to consider it later on the agenda.

Community Relations Advisory Board Report #2019-2 (Petition to Congress to Shut Down the 1033 Program): Council accepted this report and agreed to consider it on a future agenda.

Park and Recreation Advisory Board Report #19-6 (Capital Office Park Preliminary Plan of Subdivision): Council accepted this report and agreed to consider it later on the agenda.

Acceptance of Public Streets – Greenbelt Station South Core Phase 1B: Council accepted the public streets in Phase 1B.

Letter to Maryland-National Park & Planning Commission regarding FY 2021 Budget: Council approved the letter.

Letter of Support Food Truck Licensing Fees Reduction (CB-37-2019) and Reduction of the Fee for the Mobile Unit Food Service Facility in the Table of Fees (CB-66-2019): Council approved the letter.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Cooperative Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan read and presented the Proclamation to all cooperative members.

Mr. Michael Hartman expressed his gratitude to Ms. Mach and provided an update on the upcoming events at the New Deal Café.

Ms. Sylvia Lewis, Greenbelt News Review, provided the Council with the upcoming events for the Cooperatives that would be published in the Greenbelt News Review during October.

Mr. Steve Skolnik, Greenbelt Homes Incorporated (GHI), provided an update on upcoming activities for the Greenbelt Cooperatives.

A representative of the Greenbelt Nursey provided an update along with T-Shirts.

Ms. Stevenson, Greenbelt Co-Op Supermarket and Pharmacy, provided an update on activities for October and the Wine and Beer Tasting Events.

National Public Lands Day Proclamation: Mayor Jordan read the Proclamation and presented it to Ms. Todd-Jones, a Math and Science teacher at Springhill Lake Elementary, and Mr. Jason Martin, Horticulture Supervisor. Both provided an update on the upcoming activities at Springhill Lake Elementary. In addition, Ms. Todd-Jones provided the Council with an update on the school improvements for the current school year.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Mr. Bill Orleans, a Greenbelt resident, asked the Director of Planning and Community Development what the City's interest was in the Prince George's Planning Transportation Board on Enhanced Mobility solicit pre-application process.

Mr. John Campanile, a Greenbelt resident and Bike Task Force representative, requested Council's comments for upcoming projects to discuss at their next meeting. He noted the installation of bike racks City-wide.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Statement for the Record - Closed Session of September 18, 2018: Ms. Davis moved that Council met in closed session on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, at 8:15 pm in the Library of the Municipal Building. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(1) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland to discuss personnel matters.

Vote to close the session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Byrd		X		
Ms. Davis	X			
Ms. Mach	X			
Ms. Pope	X			
Mr. Putens	X			
Mr. Roberts		X		
Mayor Jordan	X			

The following staff members were in attendance: Nicole Ard, City Manager, and Todd Pounds, City Solicitor.

Council took no action during this session.

Ms. Pope seconded.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	-	Yes
	Mr. Byrd	-	No
	Ms. Mach	-	Yes
	Ms. Pope	-	Yes
	Mr. Putens	-	Yes
	Mr. Roberts	-	No
	Mayor Jordan	-	Yes

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Ms. Ard expressed her concern about identifying water issues City-wide. She requested that if anyone sees problems, to contact the City Manager's Office. Ms. Ard noted the rocket launch in celebration of NASA's 60th Anniversary. She thanked the Human Resources and Police Department staff that participated in the police testing over the past weekend. Fourteen applicants have advanced to the following process.

Mr. Byrd stated he received complaints about Greenhill Road trees and bushes that needed trimming.

Ms. Davis stated there was an issue with recruiting police officers nationwide.

LEGISLATION:

A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase for Captioning Services from Municipal Captioning Inc. at an Estimated Cost of \$12,960: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Mach introduced the second reading resolution and moved for it to be adopted.

Ms. Davis seconded.

Ms. Ard provided background on Closed Captioning. Andy Zmidzinski with GATe has concerns about the accuracy. Ms. Ard noted that Ms. Palau would lead the agenda and the Council's wording to assist with the captioning. She indicated that it would be real-time live captioning. Mayor Jordan suggested tabling the Resolution until the next meeting. Council would like to see a demo.

Mr. Byrd moved that the Council table this resolution item until the next meeting. Ms. Davis seconded. The motion passed 6-1. (Mr. Roberts)

A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of FY 2020 Legal Services from Alexander & Cleaver PA at an estimated cost of \$165,000: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mr. Putens introduced the Resolution for the second reading and moved that it be adopted.

Ms. Pope seconded.

Mayor Jordan noted his concern about the cost increase. Mr. Putens stated the need for legal services. Mr. Roberts pointed out that the City would need more legal representation for all future issues. Ms. Davis is in favor of the Resolution. Mr. Byrd indicated a problem with the Open Meeting Act compliance.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	-	Yes
	Mr. Byrd	-	Yes

Ms. Mach	-	Yes
Ms. Pope	-	Yes
Mr. Putens	-	Yes
Mr. Roberts	-	Yes
Mayor Jordan	-	Yes

The Resolution was declared passed (Resolution No. 2076, Book 8)

OTHER BUSINESS:

Cherrywood Lane Complete and Green Streets (Retrofit) Project, Phase 1 Plans: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Howerton and Robin Barnhart, CPJ associates, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed design of the Cherrywood Lane project, which consists of three phases. She also noted comments about the landscaping in the medians. They have looked at all the turning points for all project vehicles. She provided an overview of the Breezewood phase, which includes a bike lane, a proposed bus stop, and overflow parking to be included at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. She explained that traveling from Breezewood towards CVS there would be a bike sharrow lane. It was noted that all comments are implemented into the preliminary plans.

Ms. Davis moved that the City Council approve this project. Ms. Mach seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Preliminary Plan of Subdivision – NRP’s Greenbelt Metro Multi-Family Development proposal (Capital Office Park): Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Howerton presented the proposed dog park, tot lot, and community garden comments provided by the Council from the work session. Mr. Roberts inquired about his comment on tax revenue. Ms. Hruby noted that other assessment impacts are needed to respond. Mr. Roberts has concerns about the development of residential on commercial property, and he is not in favor of the project. Ms. Howerton reviewed the recommendations for the applicant.

Ms. Davis moved that the City Council support the Planning staff recommendations with conditions. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 5-2. (Mr. Byrd and Mr. Roberts)

SPECIAL ORDER: Mayor Jordan moved to special order Pepco Vegetation Management Plan 2019. Ms. Mach seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Pepco Vegetation Management Plan – 2019: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Mach moved that the City Council approve Public Work's recommendations and direct staff to issue a permit for the proposed vegetation management work. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 5-2. (Mr. Byrd and Mr. Roberts)

City Participation in a Legal Coalition on FCC Order: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Davis moved that the City Council approve the expenditure of \$5,000 to join the coalition against this FCC Order. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

2019 Community Questionnaire: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mayor Jordan moved that the Council approve the questionnaire to include a dog park and city-wide WiFi. Ms. Mach seconded. The motion passed 6-1. (Ms. Mach)

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Council noted their attendance at the following events.

State of Justice forum, State's Attorney Aisha Braveboy, College Park – Ms. Davis and Mr. Byrd
MML Legislative Committee, Annapolis – Ms. Davis
Greenbelt Climate Action Network, “A Just Transition from Coal in Maryland” – Ms. Davis
Commission for Women meeting, Largo – Ms. Davis
Celebration honoring Mayor Lee Walker – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Byrd, and Mr. Putens
Municipal Leaders Luncheon, Senator Ben Cardin, Woodmore – Ms. Davis and Mr. Byrd
GIVES Quarterly meeting – Ms. Davis and Mr. Putens
Family Fun Day, Springhill Lake Recreation Center – Ms. Davis
Doctors Hospital/Anne Arundel Medical Center, press conference – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis and Mr. Byrd
Roosevelt Center Merchants Association meeting – Ms. Davis and Ms. Mach
Back-to-School Night, Greenbelt Middle School, Presentation of Greenbelt Community Foundation check – Ms. Davis
Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee meeting, COG – Ms. Davis
Open Forum, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC) – Mayor Jordan, Mr. Byrd, Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach, Ms. Pope, Mr. Putens and Mr. Roberts
Center for Dynamic Community Governance training, Springhill Lake Recreation Center – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis

COUNCIL REPORTS: None

City/GHI Letter to WSSC: Mr. Byrd suggested legal representation for all parties involved as a point of contact in the letter.

Mayor Jordan noted that the letter aims to get the conversation going again.

Mr. Roberts is concerned that the letter needed to be stronger, that the City should make clear that WSSC adheres to the signed agreement.

Ms. Davis provided clarification that the letter is to reopen negotiations.

Ms. Mach moved that the Council approve the draft letter. Ms. Davis seconded. The motion passed 4-3. (Mr. Byrd, Ms. Pope, and Mr. Roberts)

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule.

Ms. Davis moved that the Council schedule a Closed Session on Monday, October 7, 2019, at 7:30 pm in the Library of the Municipal Building. Council will hold this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Articles 3-305(b)(7) of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland to 1) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter regarding the Proposed MAGLEV and Beltway Widening Projects.

Mr. Putens seconded.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	-	Yes
	Mr. Byrd	-	Yes
	Ms. Mach	-	Yes
	Ms. Pope	-	Yes
	Mr. Putens	-	Yes
	Mr. Roberts	-	Yes
	Mayor Jordan	-	Yes

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Mach moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0. Mayor Jordan adjourned the regular meeting on Monday, September 23, 2019, at 11:45 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 Monday, September 23, 2019.

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor