

**GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL**  
**Municipal Building**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**September 22, 2014 - 08:00 p.m.**

**I. ORGANIZATION**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. [Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations \(Items on the Consent Agenda \[marked by \\*\] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.\)](#)
5. [Approval of Agenda and Additions](#)

**II. COMMUNICATIONS**

6. Presentations

[Sustainable Maryland Certified- At the Maryland Municipal League \(MML\) Fall Conference, the City was awarded the designation of Sustainable Maryland Certified \(SMC\). SMC is an initiative of the Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland and supported by MML. Municipalities obtain this certification through the formation of government/community partnerships to implement cost-effective and strategic ways to protect resources – such as water, energy planning, health, food and economy. Luisa Robles, City Sustainability](#)

Coordinator, along with members of the City's Green Team and Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, will be present at the meeting. (CM)

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### Sustainable MD

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### National Public Lands

National Preparedness Month Proclamation: National Preparedness Month is a national effort to encourage all Americans to prepare for all types of emergencies, including natural disasters such as hurricanes and earthquakes, as well as terrorist attacks such as the 9/11 tragedy. Kenneth Theodos and Charlene Backstrom, members of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and Laura Kressler, Chair of the Public Safety Advisory Committee, will be present to receive the

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### [National Preparedness](#)

7. [Petitions and Requests \(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.\)](#)

### 8. Minutes of Council Meetings

[WS-8-18-14](#)

[WS 9-3-14](#)

[RM-9-8-14](#)

### 9. [Administrative Reports](#)

- \* 10. Committee Reports

## **III. LEGISLATION**

11. [An Ordinance to Ratify and Adopt an Extension of the Franchise Agreement with Comcast of Maryland, Inc. - 2nd Reading, Adoption - Reference: \(Documents Posted Below\) Ordinance Memo, Beverly Palau & Dale Worley, 8/21/14](#)  
[The City's Franchise Agreement with Comcast expired on April 1,](#)

2014. The Comcast Franchise Negotiations group, consisting of representatives from the County and 27 Municipalities, has been meeting with Comcast since the start of calendar year 2014. The expectation of the group was to reach an agreement by September, 2014. However, currently it does not appear that a new franchise agreement will be reached by then. Comcast has been involved in a merger with Time/Warner and is currently negotiating franchises with other metropolitan jurisdictions. The process has been slow in all of these areas. Comcast has agreed to extend the terms and conditions of the franchise until the franchise is either renewed, terminated, or final action is taken not to renew the franchise, in accordance with the agreement, the Federal Cable Act and other applicable law, whichever occurs first. During this time, all aspects of the expired franchise agreement will continue to be enforceable by the franchising authorities. We are currently in an informal negotiation, which is the preferred format. If we cannot reach an agreement under this format we may move to a formal negotiation format which is much more defined and restrictive, but will result in a final agreement as decided by a court. Ms. Pope introduced the ordinance at the last meeting. It is recommended the ordinance be introduced for second reading and moved for adoption tonight. (DEM).

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### [Ordinance](#)

### [Palau Memo](#)

12. [A Resolution to Repeal Resolution 1093 and to Establish Admission Fees and Pass Rates for the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center Effective October 1, 2014 - 2nd Reading, Adoption -1st Reading Reference: \(Documents posted below\) Resolution Resolution 1093](#)

[FY 2015 Budget, Page 207](#)

[The FY 2015 Budget includes an increase of: three percent \(3%\) for all pass fees, 25 cents for resident daily admission and 50 cents for non-resident daily admission at the Aquatic & Fitness Center. This Resolution increases these fees accordingly. Ms. Davis introduced the resolution at the last meeting. It is recommended the resolution be introduced for second reading and moved for adoption tonight. \(CM\).](#)

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Ms. Davis introduced the resolution at the last meeting. It is

recommended the resolution be introduced for second reading and moved for adoption tonight. (CM)

## [Resolution](#)

## [Resolution 1093](#)

## [Budget Page](#)

### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

13. [Award of Purchase - Police Vehicles - Reference: \(Documents posted below\) Memorandum, Capt. Triesky, 09/11/14 State of Maryland Bid Documents](#)  
[The FY 2015 budget includes \\$171,000 for the purchase of six \(6\) replacement police vehicles – two \(2\) sport utility vehicles \(SUV\) for the Patrol Division and four \(4\) sedans for the Administrative and Criminal Investigations Division. Included in Council’s packet is a memorandum from Capt. Marie Triesky recommending the purchase of Ford Police SUV units and Ford Fusion Hybrid vehicles. The Ford SUV units are available for purchase off the State of Maryland Bid #001B4400297 at a base price of \\$25,567.00 and the Ford Fusion Hybrid vehicles are available for purchase off the State of Maryland Bid #9367000281 at a base price of \\$24,577.20. The approved vendor for both vehicles is Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc. of Milford Delaware. The hybrid vehicles can be equipped with emergency gear and can be used for priority response, but are not pursuit vehicles. The Department believes these vehicles will fully meet the needs of the Administrative and Criminal Investigations Division. Further, purchase of hybrid vehicles support the City’s “green” initiatives with the Ford Fusion hybrid averaging 41 MPG in the city compared to the Chevy Impala average of 21 MPG and Chevy Caprice average of 17 MPG. It is recommended Council approve the purchase of two Ford Police SUV units at a cost of \\$25,567.00 each and four Ford Fusion Hybrid vehicles at a cost of \\$24,577.20 each from Hertrich Fleet](#)

Services in accord with State of Maryland Bid documents at a total cost of \$149,442.80. Chief Craze and Capt. Triesky will be present. (MT).

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Chief Craze and Capt. Triesky will be present. (MT)

[Triesky Memo](#)

## MD Bid Documents

14. Belle Point Playground Update - Reference: Memo, David E. Moran, 8/18/14

The City has received notice from the State that the Board of Public Works has approved this project and the City can proceed with construction. Included in Council's packet is a background memo on this project. Council discussed this project at the work session on September 3, 2014. At its last meeting, Council directed staff to stake the proposed Belle Point Playground and request that Belle Point residents, the Forest Preserve Advisory Board and the Park and Recreation Advisory Board review the site. The site was staked on September 10, 2014, and notifications were made. No comments have been received from Belle Point residents or the City Boards since the site was staked. It is recommended Council approve the Belle Point playground project as proposed. (DEM)

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## Moran Memo

15. [County Legislation CB 22-2014 - Length of Service Award Program Benefit for Fire, Rescue and EMS Volunteers - Reference: \(Documents Posted Below\) CB 22-2014 Letter, Mayor Moe, 09/12/2014 Memorandum, M. Johnson, 09/17/2014 The Length of Service Award Program \(LOSAP\) benefit for Volunteer Fire, Rescue and EMS personnel in Prince George's County has been in effect since 1974, but the benefit has not changed in the last 14 years. The program has served the County well in the retention of volunteers. The Prince George's County Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee approved CB 22-2014 to increase the LOSAP benefit for Volunteer Fire, Rescue and EMS personnel in Prince George's County. The bill will be introduced to the County Council at an upcoming meeting. Included in Council's packet is a letter from Mayor Moe of the City of Laurel requesting support of this legislation. Chief Tommy Ray from the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad will be present. Council direction is sought. \(CM\)](#)

The Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) benefit for Volunteer Fire, Rescue and EMS personnel in Prince George's County has been in effect since 1974, but the benefit has not changed in the last 14 years. The program has served the County well in the retention of volunteers.

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Included in Council's packet is a letter from Mayor Moe of the City of Laurel requesting support of this legislation. Chief Tommy Ray from the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad will be present.

Council direction is sought. (CM)

[CB22-2014](#)

[Mayor Moe Letter](#)

[Johnson Memo](#)

16. [Council Reports](#)

\* 17. Letter of Support - Coalition for Utility Reform - Reference: (Items Posted Below) Email, E. Jordan, 09/15/2014

Utility 2.0 Fact Sheet

Petition to Intervene

Letter, E. Jordan, 09/16/2014

At its work session on September 15, 2014, Council discussed a request received from Councilmember Berliner of the Montgomery County Council for support of the Coalition for Utility Reform and the Petition to Intervene in the merger of Exelon Corporation and Pepco Holdings, Inc. by Wednesday, September 17th. Council expressed their conditional support of the request but noted that no official action could be taken until the regular meeting this evening. Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's intent to support this request. (CM)

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[Jordan Email](#)

## Utility 2.0 Fact Sheet

### Petition to Intervene

### Jordan Letter

\* 18. Appointments to Advisory Groups - Reference: Applications  
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#### **IV. MEETINGS - Reference: Chart, Stakeholder/Regular Meetings**

##### **Master Calendar**

**Executive Session: At its last meeting, Council scheduled an executive session on October 1, 2014, in Room 201 of the Community Center to consult with legal counsel to discuss abandoned properties. Since that time, it became necessary to change the location of the meeting to Room 112 of the Community**

Center. A motion is required to change the location of the executive session.

| <u>Meeting</u>                                                      | <u>Day</u>  | <u>Date</u>  | <u>Time</u>    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| <u>Regular Meeting</u>                                              | <u>Mon.</u> | <u>09/22</u> | <u>8:00 pm</u> |
| <u>No Meeting - Rosh Hashanah</u>                                   | <u>Wed.</u> | <u>09/24</u> | <u>8:00 pm</u> |
| <u>Work Session – Roosevelt Center Owner (tentative)</u>            | <u>Mon.</u> | <u>09/29</u> | <u>8:00 pm</u> |
| <u>Executive Session – Legal Counsel /Abandoned Properties (CC)</u> | <u>Wed.</u> | <u>10/01</u> | <u>8:00 pm</u> |
| <u>Work Session – TBA</u>                                           | <u>Mon.</u> | <u>10/06</u> | <u>8:00 pm</u> |
| <u>Executive Session – Personnel (CC)</u>                           | <u>Wed.</u> | <u>10/08</u> | <u>8:00 pm</u> |
| <u>Appreciation Dinner for Advisory Boards/Committees</u>           | <u>Sun.</u> | <u>10/12</u> | <u>5:00 pm</u> |
| <u>Regular Meeting</u>                                              | <u>Mon.</u> | <u>10/13</u> | <u>8:00 pm</u> |
| <u>Work Session – TBA (CC)</u>                                      | <u>Wed.</u> | <u>10/15</u> | <u>8:00 pm</u> |
| <u>Work Session – TBA</u>                                           | <u>Mon.</u> | <u>10/20</u> | <u>8:00 pm</u> |
| <u>Work Session – TBA</u>                                           | <u>Wed.</u> | <u>10/22</u> | <u>8:00 pm</u> |
| <u>Regular Meeting</u>                                              | <u>Mon.</u> | <u>10/27</u> | <u>8:00 pm</u> |
| <u>Four Cities Meeting (Greenbelt)</u>                              | <u>Thu.</u> | <u>10/30</u> | <u>7:30 pm</u> |

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Work Session - TBA Mon. 10/20 8:00 pm

Work Session - TBA Wed. 10/22 8:00 pm

Regular Meeting Mon. 10/27 8:00 pm

Four Cities Meeting (Greenbelt) Thu. 10/30 7:30 pm

Ready to be scheduled:

WSSC (stakeholder)

Business Coffee

PRAB/Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club

Rental Apartments (stakeholder)

Forest Preserve/Community Gardens

Old Greenbelt Middle School Classrooms

South Core Developers (last met 3/3/14 re: TIF)

Labor Day Festival Committee

Transit Services

For later scheduling:

Zoning Enforcement

Parkway Apartment Owners/GHI (parking)

Northway Fields Master Plan

City Manager Updates (Jan, Pre-budget; June, & Sept/Oct)

Cemetery Plans

Meeting with County on Transportation Plan

Information Technology Dept.