



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

**Municipal Building
Tuesday, September 11, 2018
8:00 PM**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
- 4. Consent Agenda** - *(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**
- 6. Presentations**
 - 6.a. September 11 Observance
Suggested Action: Today is the 17th Anniversary of the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Greenbelt American Legion Post #136 representative Earl "Butch" Hicks will make a few remarks. (BA)
 - 6.b. National Preparedness Month Proclamation
Suggested Action: National Preparedness Month is a national effort to encourage 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. Deputy Chief Tom Kemp will be present to receive the proclamation, along with members of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Community Animal Response Team (CART), Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC), and representatives with Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue. (BA)
[National Preparedness Day Proclamation 18.pdf](#)
 - 6.c. Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco)
Suggested Action: Tami Watkins, Pepco Public Affairs Manager, will be present to request that the City Council send a letter to the Public Service Commission (PSC) expressing Council's support for expanding electric vehicle charging within the State of Maryland and requesting the PSC prioritize funding to electrify public transportation and develop electric mobility programs for residents who can't afford electric vehicles. Green ACES received this

presentation and is recommending that Council support this effort. (DEM)

[Pepco Presentation_GreenACES Recommendation.pdf](#)

- 6.d. University of Maryland, Campus Community Connection
Suggested Action: Mayor Andrew Fellows of the National Center for Smart Growth Center and College for Information Studies will present to Council information about the University of Maryland Campus Community Connection. (BA)

7. Petitions and Requests

- 7.a. - Lore Rosenthal, Greenbelt Climate Action Network, has requested that the City support the “No New Fossil Fuels in Maryland” campaign. Ms. Rosenthal has also requested that Council consider this item at the Regular Meeting on September 24.
Suggested Action: Council direction is sought regarding adding this item to the September 24 agenda for Council consideration.
[G-CAN No New Fossil Fuels in Maryland Petition.pdf](#)

8. Minutes of Council Meetings

- 8.a. Minutes of Council Meetings

9. Administrative Reports

10. * Committee Reports

- 10.a. - Arts Advisory Board Report #19-2, (Request to Amend Arts Advisory Board By-Laws):
[AAB Report #19-1 Amend Arts Advisory Board By-Laws.pdf](#)

LEGISLATION

11. A Resolution to Negotiate the Installation of Solar Photovoltaic Energy System to Offset Municipal Electricity Consumption to EDF Renewables Distributed Solutions of Columbia, Maryland (Solar Farm)
- 2nd Reading, Adoption

Suggested Action:

Reference:

Resolution

Memo, 07/26/18, J. Sterling

Request for Proposal, 01/18/18

Pre-RFP Meeting, Sign-In Sheet, 04/04/18

Proposal Responses Analysis

In 2012, the City of Greenbelt began participating in the Maryland Smart Energy Communities (MSEC) program through the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA). As part of the MSEC program, the City agreed to work towards accomplishing two goals of the program. The first goal was to reduce electricity consumption 15% by 2017. The second goal was to provide 20% of the electricity from renewable sources by 2022. During the first four years of the MSEC grant program, applications were made towards efforts to reduce electricity consumption.

In 2017, the focus was placed on addressing the renewable energy goal. The Department of Public Works submitted a MSEC application to provide photovoltaic systems at the Public Works building and the Springhill Lake Recreation Center (SLRC) building. The MSEC awarded \$58,500 towards these projects, a fraction of the original \$175,000 request.

On June 19, 2017, a proposal was presented to Council to enter into a new three year contract for electricity. The proposal was from Constellation, the successful bidder of the State's bidding process for electricity. Constellation provided the City with an offer that included 100% wind Renewable Energy Credits. Constellation's quote was 42% lower than the City's rate at the time. Another electricity option, a solar farm, was also discussed at the same meeting. Council decided to move forward on the solar farm option. Council directed staff and the Solar Task Force to work together and develop a RFP for a solar farm.

Staff recommends that Council award the RFP for the Solar Photovoltaic Energy System to Offset Municipal Electricity Consumption, to EDF Renewables Distributed Solutions. Staff also recommends Council direct staff to work with the City's Attorney and EDF's Attorney to develop a fifteen (15) year Power Purchase Agreement consistent with all the requirements of the Solar Photovoltaic Energy System to Offset Municipal Electricity Consumption RFP dated January 18, 2018. (JS)

[Resolution.pdf](#)

[Memo, 07.26.18, James Sterling.pdf](#)

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[Proposal Responses Analysis.pdf](#)

OTHER BUSINESS

12. Economic Development Policy

Suggested Action: Reference: Economic Development Policy

The Greenbelt City Council has been discussing economic development goals and strategies for many years. On August 8, 2018 the City Council held a Work Session to discuss and finalize Economic Development goals that a new Economic Development Coordinator will help Council and staff implement. At the Regular Meeting on August 13, Council reviewed a draft Community and Economic Development Goals document. Revisions were made and Council directed that the revised document appear on tonight's agenda. The document was also posted on the City's website.

Council direction is sought. (BA/DEM)

[Economic Development Policy.pdf](#)

13. General Orders for City Police and Federal Immigration Enforcement

Suggested Action: Reference: General Orders

On July 18, 2018 the City Council held a Work Session to discuss City Police and Federal Immigration Enforcement. At that meeting, the Council directed City staff to draft a General Order on Federal Immigration Enforcement.

The draft order of the City of Greenbelt Police Department (GPD) acknowledges that Greenbelt is a diverse community with residents living together in a spirit of cooperation. The

Police Department will strive to be open and treat all individuals with respect, compassion, and courtesy, regardless of citizenship or immigration status.

Council discussed the proposed General Order at the Regular Meeting on August 13 and directed that the matter be placed on tonight's agenda. Chief Bowers will sign the order pending Council confirmation of this policy.

Council direction is sought. (BA)

[General Orders.pdf](#)

[ICE General Orders - spanish.pdf](#)

14. Opinion of the Open Meetings Compliance Board

Suggested Action: Reference: Letter, Office of the Attorney General, Counsel, 08/22/18

On August 22, 2018, the Open Meetings Compliance Board issued an Opinion in response to a complaint about the City of Greenbelt's Advisory Planning Board meeting minutes. Council will discuss this Opinion. (BA)

[Letter, Office of the Attorney General, Counsel, 08.22.18.pdf](#)

* 15. Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Public Safety Fund Participation
Suggested Action: MWCOG is considering the creation of a new public safety fund. Area jurisdictions partner on regional public safety needs. Participating jurisdictions share costs. The cost to participate in the fund will base on community size. Greenbelt's estimated fee for FY2020 will be \$5,000. The MWCOG board was briefed in July. The City Manager was briefed at the MWCOG Chief Administrative Officers Meeting on September 5, 2018.

Confirmation of Greenbelt's participation is needed to proceed in the development of the fund which will be included in MWCOG's upcoming budget. Staff recommends Council approve participation in the new MWCOG Public Safety Fund. (NA)

16. Commission on Honoring Rexford Tugwell

Suggested Action: This item was requested by Councilmember Byrd.

The suggested motion would be to establish a nine-member commission, the members of which would be appointed by the City Council that would provide recommendations to the city council on ways to honor Rexford Tugwell and recognize his contributions to Greenbelt's history.

17. Referral to Arts Advisory Board: Placemaking Banners on Lamp Posts

Suggested Action: This item was added by Councilmember Byrd to request that the Arts Advisory Board provide recommendations to the City Council on ways to partner with local artists and design and add placemaking banners to lamp posts.

18. Referral to Community Relations Advisory Board: Miss Greenbelt Pageant/Labor Day Festival Committee Relations

Suggested Action: This item was added by Councilmember Byrd to request that CRAB discuss ways to improve the relations between the festival and the pageant.

19. LadyLaw Trucks

20. Letter Opposing President's Proposal to Cancel Pay Raises for Federal Workers

* 21. Resignation from Advisory Group

* 22. Appointment to Advisory Group

V. MEETINGS -

A closed session to consult with legal counsel on the Greenbelt Station Tax Increment Financing (TIF) matter needs to be scheduled.

<i>Work Session – Prince George’s County Storm Water Management, (CC)</i>	<i>Wed.</i>	<i>09/12</i>
<i>8:00 pm</i>		
<i>Work Session – Board of Elections</i>	<i>Mon.</i>	<i>09/17 7:30 pm</i>
<i>No Meeting – Yom Kippur</i>	<i>Wed.</i>	<i>09/19</i>
<i>Regular Meeting</i>	<i>Mon.</i>	<i>09/24 8:00 pm</i>
<i>Work Session – Arts Advisory Board (AAB) Public Art Policy, (CC)</i>	<i>Wed.</i>	<i>09/26</i>
<i>7:30 pm</i>		
<i>Work Session – Board of Education Representative</i>	<i>Mon.</i>	<i>10/01 7:30 pm</i>
<i>Work Session – Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition (GEAC), (Greenbriar)</i>	<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>10/04</i>
<i>8:00 pm</i>		
<i>Regular Meeting</i>	<i>Mon.</i>	<i>10/08 8:00 pm</i>
<i>No Meeting – MML Fall Conference</i>	<i>Wed. – Fri.</i>	<i>10/10-12</i>
<i>Advisory Board Banquet</i>	<i>Sun.</i>	<i>10/14 5:00 pm</i>
<i>Public Information/Open Meetings Act Training</i>	<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>10/18 1:00-3:00 pm</i>