

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, September 11, 2017.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Konrad E. Herling, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Rodney M. Roberts, Edward V. J. Putens and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Nicole Ard, City Manager, David Moran, Assistant City Manager, Karen Ruff, City Solicitor and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of Greenbelt residents who has passed since the last meeting.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – Ms. Mach requested that the minutes of the Work Sessions on May 17, 2017, and July 12, 2017, be removed. It was moved by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Ms. Pope that the consent agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Work Session, April 3, 2017
Regular Meeting, May 22, 2017
Work Session, June 12, 2017
Work Session, June 23, 2017
Work Session, July 05, 2017
Regular Meeting, July 10, 2017
Work Session, July 13, 2017
Work Session, July 17, 2017
Work Session, July 24, 2017
Special Meeting, July 31, 2017
Work Session, August 28, 2017
Approved as presented

Reappointment to Advisory Group: Council appointed Brenda R. Cooley to a new term on the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee.

Resignation from Advisory Group: Council accepted the resignation of Hunter Whaples from the Youth Advisory Committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Ms. Davis moved to Special Order #14 Proposed Metrobus Route Changes before Legislation. Mr. Putens seconded. Motion carried 7-0. It was moved by Ms. Mach and seconded by Mr. Herling that the agenda be approved. Motion carried 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS

September 11 Observance: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Council along with the Greenbelt Police and the Representatives of the Fire Department and Rick Ransom, Chair of the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) shared their memories of the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

National Preparedness Month: Proclamation read by Mayor Jordan and presented to the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC), the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the Community Animal Response Team (CART).

County Council Member Todd Turner - Introduction of new Staff Member: Council Member Turner introduced Jarrod Hawkins, Constituent Services Aide.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS –

Aileen Kroll, 14 Laurel Hill Rd., petition to Protect Old Greenbelt.

Phillippe Orlando, 14G Ridge Rd., petition to reduce the use of fossil fuel for landscaping.

Colin Byrd, Greenbelt East, petition the Council to sign the Mayors' Compact to Combat Hate, Extremism and Bigotry.

Keith Chernikoff, 210 Lastner Ln., request that the Recreation Department restore the wooden tennis court backstop

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Executive Session of June 23, 2017: Ms. Davis moved that the minutes of the executive session of the City Council held Friday, June 23, 2017, at 7:36 p.m., in the library of the Municipal Building be approved as presented. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(7) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, to discuss Adult Care Lease and Personnel Matter. Mr. Herling seconded.

Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Davis	X			
Mr. Herling	X			
Ms. Mach	X			
Ms. Pope	X			
Mr. Putens	X			
Mr. Roberts		X		

Mayor Jordan	X			
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The following staff members were in attendance: Nicole Ard, City Manager, Bob Manzi, Legal Counsel, Jeff Williams, City Treasurer, Joe McNeal, Assistant Director of Recreation, DiQuynn Reno Community Center Supervisor and David Moran, Assistant City Manager. Mr. Herling seconded.

Council took no actions during this session.

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

Executive Session of July 12, 2017: Ms. Davis moved that the minutes of the executive session of the City Council held Wednesday, July 12, 2017, at 8:57 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Greenbelt Community Center be approved as presented. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(7) and (8) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, to discuss Green Ridge House landlord/tenant cases. Ms. Pope seconded.

Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Davis	X			
Mr. Herling	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; Karen Ruff, City Solicitor; and David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Davis Yes
 Mr. Herling Yes
 Ms. Mach Abstain
 Ms. Pope Yes

Mr. Putens Yes
Mr. Roberts Yes
Mayor Jordan Yes

Executive Session of August 9, 2017: Ms. Davis moved that the minutes of the executive session of the City Council held Wednesday, August 9, 2017, at 8:02 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Greenbelt Community Center be approved as presented. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(1), (7), (8) and (9) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, to discuss collective bargaining, pending litigation, Green Ridge House and personnel matters. Mr. Putens seconded.

Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Davis	X			
Mr. Herling	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, Karen Ruff, City Solicitor; and David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager.

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

Ms. Mach requested the minutes of May 17, 2017, reflect that she was present for the meeting. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Mach requested the minutes of July 12, 2017, reflect that she was unable to attend as she was out of the country. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The minutes are approved as amended.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Ms. Ard made mention of a missing child from the Community Center. She recognized the Labor Day Committee, employees and departments who participated in the Labor Day Event. Human Resources is currently completing interviews for Communication Specialist in the Police Department. There will be an upcoming workshop training sponsored by Berwyn Heights with College Park, New Carrollton, Greenbelt and other jurisdictions in attendance. She expressed gratitude to the different jurisdictions that sent employees to the Council of Government (COG) Leadership Program. There will be discussion about the Mosquito Control Program process for the City in the near future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone (NCOZ): Aileen Kroll presented to the Council a petition with 2,000 signatures requesting to Protect Old Greenbelt. Present was County Councilmember Todd Turner, who addressed that the Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone (NCOZ) will be included in the draft ordinance. The citizens were concerned that passing a new law would eliminate the Residential Planned Community (RPC) zoning category without implementing the NCOZ would leave old Greenbelt unprotected from higher density development.

The Council voted to send a letter to the County requesting that the NCOZ process be done at the same time as the zoning rewrite and requesting that the draft NCOZ for Greenbelt be provided to the city. Council also suggested the possibility of asking for a freeze on rezoning currently zoned RPC until the NCOZ is in effect. Ms. Hruby identified two areas in the zoning rewrite process, one the safety of the Forest Preserve which the city owns and that the RPC Zone protects old Greenbelt. Mr. Williams stated it doesn't limit the use of property within the zoning and the underlying zones that control developmental density and the rewrite will not change the underlying zoning for this land.

The City has reviewed previous drafts of the zoning rewrite and has submitted extensive comments to M-NCPPC. Mr. Williams confirmed that Greenbelt submitted the most detailed comments than any other municipality. Turner said that the County Council has reviewed all the comments submitted and identified where there was consensus among the councilmembers. He confirmed that until the County Council passes a revised zoning ordinance the current zoning law and procedures remain in place.

The petitioners and city council have concerns about the gap between the elimination of the RPC zone and the creation of a NCOZ, which would create an opportunity for developers. Information about how to propose an NCOZ will be in the applications manual, which will be completed after the zoning ordinance is completed.

Proposed Metrobus Route Changes: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mr. Al Hans, Manager of Service Development and Bus Schedule and Planning, informed the City Council about the proposed metrobus route changes and to submit official comments prior to the public hearing record. Mr. Hans addressed questions of the Council and citizens.

WMATA is proposing several changes to Metrobus routes that service Greenbelt. WMATA's proposal calls for two major changes to the G12 and G14 bus routes. In the proposal, the timed transfers at Roosevelt Center would be eliminated, which would result in a 15 to 30 minute wait at the Roosevelt Center for transfer between the two routes.

The change will go into effect June 2018, if approved WMATA's Board of Directors. The Council requested staff to transmit a letter to WMATA by October 2nd, 2017, for inclusion of the public hearing record, summarizing the Council's position on the proposed changes.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM TO BE HELD AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND, THE QUESTION OF AMENDING THE CITY CHARTER TO LOWER THE VOTING AGE TO 16 YEARS OF AGE FOR CITY ELECTIONS: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mr. Roberts introduced the resolution for the second reading and adoption.

Mr. Herling seconded.

Ms. Davis moved for suspension of the rules and seconded by Ms. Mach

ROLL CALL: Ms. Davis	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Herling	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Mach	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Pope	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Putens	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Roberts	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Jordan	<u>Yes</u>

The motion passed 7-0.

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND, TO BORROW NOT MORE THAN TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,500,000) FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF REPAIRING THE GREENBELT LAKE DAM AS REQUIRED BY MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT (MDE) CONSENT ORDER DSDS 2010-5 AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, AND TO EFFECT SUCH BORROWING BY OBTAINING A LOAN FROM THE MARYLAND WATER QUALITY FINANCING ADMINISTRATION OR ISSUING ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND IN EITHER CASE PLEDGING THE CITY'S FULL FAITH AND CREDIT TO REPAY THE BORROWING, PURSUANT TO THE

AUTHORITY OF SECTION 3 AND SECTION 55 OF THE CITY CHARTER AND EITHER THE MARYLAND WATER QUALITY FINANCING ADMINISTRATION ACT OR SECTIONS 19-301 TO 19-309 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND; PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION AND DISPOSAL OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE BORROWING; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES SUFFICIENT FOR THE PROMPT PAYMENT OF THE MATURING PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BORROWING; AND GENERALLY RELATING TO THE BORROWING AND THE REPAYMENT THEREOF: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Davis introduced the ordinance for the first reading.

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM TO BE HELD AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND, THE QUESTION OF APPROVING THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BORROWING BY THE CITY OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,500,000) AS AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE NUMBER 1332 OF THE CITY: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Mach introduced the resolution for the first reading.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Councilmembers commented on their attendance at the following events.

- Central Maryland Transportation and Mobility Commission (Ms. Davis)
- Candlelight Vigil for Peace, Community Church (Ms. Davis and Mr. Herling)
- Labor Day Festival Committee potluck dinner and kickoff (Ms. Davis and Ms. Mach)
- Legislative Committee, MML (Ms. Davis; Mayor Jordan via conference call)
- Navy Sea Chanters Concert, ERHS (Ms. Davis and Ms. Mach)
- Meet and Greet for the new Principal, Dr. Daria Valentine, GMS (Ms. Davis and Mr. Herling)
- Labor Day Weekend (All of Council)
- Luncheon on the Lawn, Community Church (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis and Mr. Putens)
- Labor Day Family Picnic, American Legion (Ms. Davis, Mr. Putens and Ms. Pope)
- Greenbelt Climate Action Network meeting (Ms. Davis)
- GHI Board Meeting (Ms. Davis)
- Opening of the new office for Sheridan Title Company, 7701 Greenbelt Road (Ms. Davis, Mr. Putens, Ms. Pope and Mayor Jordan)
- GIVES Quarterly meeting (Ms. Davis and Mr. Putens)
- Pooch Plunge (Ms. Davis and Mayor Jordan)
- Community Meeting, Dynamic Governance, Greenbriar (Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis)
- 9/11 Commemoration, Mission BBQ (Ms. Davis)

- 9/11 Commemoration Concert, Peace and Justice Coalition (Ms. Davis and Ms. Mach)

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Pope moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Jordan adjourned the regular meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 12:02 a.m.

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 September 11, 2017.

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor