

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, July 8, 2019.

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

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

ALSO PRESENT were Nicole Ard, City Manager; David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager; Terri Hruby, Director of Planning and Community Development; Molly Porter, Community Planner; Todd Pounds, City Solicitor; and Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Administrative Assistant.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of Greenbelt residents Rossana Del Vecchio and Anna Marrichi and former Greenbelt residents Gary Swank and Elizabeth Jay. Mr. Roberts then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Jordan requested that #10 Committee Reports added to the consent agenda and have #18 Approval of Friends of the Greenbelt Museum removed from the consent agenda. With the above changes, it was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Ms. Mach that the consent agenda be approved with that amendment. The motion passed 5-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Minutes:

Work Session, December 19, 2018
Budget Work Session, April 03, 2019
Budget Work Session, April 10, 2019
Budget Work Session, May 01, 2019
Budget Work Session, May 15, 2019
Approved as presented.

Committee Reports:

Green Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, (Complete, and Green Streets Policy): Council accepted this report.

Advisory Planning Board, Report #2019-06 (Cherrywood Lane Complete and Green Streets Retrofit Project): Council accepted this report.

Arts Advisory Board, Report # 201- (Banners): Council accepted this report and agreed to consider this topic on a future agenda.

Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Report # 2019-02 (Stewardship Guidelines): Council accepted this report and agreed to consider this topic on a future agenda.

License Agreement for Studio Use: Council approved and authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement with resident artists.

Reappointments to Advisory Groups: Council reappointed Steven Gilbert to a new term on the Board of Elections.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Jordan requested #18 Approval of Friends of the Old Greenbelt Museum added to Council discussion. With that addition, it was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Ms. Mach that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 5-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation: The proclamation was read by Mayor Jordan to recognize July as Parks and Recreation Month. Greg Varda, Acting Director of Recreation, received the proclamation and provided an overview of this year's summer recreation camps and programs.

Buy Local Week Proclamation: The proclamation was read by Mayor Jordan to recognize the week of July 20th to 28th as Buy Local Week. Ms. Kim Rush Lynch, Ms. Cathie Meetre, and Ms. Frances Ippoliti received the proclamation on behalf of the Greenbelt Farmers Market and the University of Maryland College of Agriculture and National Resources.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Ms. Valerie Pierce, President of the Greenbelt Tennis Association, requested a reduced rate for tokens for the Greenbelt Tennis Association.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Ms. Ard thanked staff, including Police, Public Works, Recreation, and the Public Information employees, for the 4th of July Celebration.

Ms. Ard provided an update on the Green Ridge House Apartment Section 202 Designation. She stated that Green Ridge House is still waiting on the designation. Staff sent a message to Congressman Hoyer requesting his assistance. Ms. Ard advised Green Ridge House currently has five vacancies and cannot fill them without HUD's approval of the plan.

Ms. Ard noted the sign language company has arranged to stay until 11 pm. If any residents have concerns or needs regarding the meetings, contact the City Clerk's Office. Ms. Ard stated that the City is working towards transitioning to Closed Captioning. In addition, Closed Captioning would help meet a wider range of needs.

Mr. Byrd advised of a parking issue at the intersection of Mandan Road and Mathew Street. Mr. Byrd said that it's hard to make a turn and suggested the City install yellow markings so vehicles wouldn't park there. Ms. Davis suggested painting white end stops so vehicles wouldn't park up to the corner.

Mayor Jordan advised of State Highway Administration and private property issues like the 495 underpass embankment under the interloop was collapsing and getting worse with mud coming out. Mayor Jordan also advised the State's Edmonston Road Ramp to Kenilworth Avenue was in poor condition and needs serious work. Mayor Jordan said the privately owned bike/pedestrian path between Ivy Lane and Kenilworth Avenue right in front of the State Highway Administration needs maintenance. Mayor Jordan advised the state sidewalk /crosswalk from the ramp that comes down from the Baltimore Washington Parkway onto Greenbelt Road going towards Southway from the bus stop has a dangerous sight line. The trees need to be trimmed to improve the sight line. Mr. Roberts suggested that the state and federal officials take away the crosswalk and the right turn lane.

LEGISLATION:

A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein When Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each Vendor Exceeds Ten Thousand Dollars

-1st Reading

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Davis introduced the resolution for first reading.

Mayor Jordan requested that a copy of the Negotiated Purchase List be sorted by dollar amount high to low, a copy of the list sorted alphabetically by Justification. Mayor Jordan also requested copies of the Negotiated Purchase List from the last two years.

SPECIAL ORDERED – APPROVAL OF FRIENDS OF THE GREENBELT MUSEUM

Ms. Davis moved to special order #18, Approval of Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, for immediate consideration. Ms. Mach seconded the motion.

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mayor Jordan motioned to change the recommended Council Action to support the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum recommended selection of an architect contingent on approval of the owner of the property, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI). Mr. Byrd seconded the motion.

Mayor Jordan stated there was an error in the agenda that needed to be corrected.

There was a brief discussion on GHI being the owner of 10-A Crescent Road and the City of Greenbelt being a member of the Co-operative. Mr. Byrd stated GHI has a no recommendation/no judgement policy in respect to members selecting contractors or other professionals. Ms. Mach stated the City has a mutual ownership contract with GHI that gives the City the right to have the Museum at 10-A Crescent Road.

Ms. Ruffner advised the Museum, created to preserve GHI history, would go through the standard GHI approval process plans for the Museum. She stated that the Museum wants to take a proactive role and have the architect meet with the GHI architectural review committee and GHI Board to make sure everyone is on the same page at the start of the process.

Ms. Ruffner answered Mayor Jordan's question stating construction shouldn't affect the operation of the Museum. Ms. Ruffner was hesitant to speculate on the timeline of the construction given unknown factors, like permitting process with the various entities including the City and GHI.

There was a brief discussion on the renovations at 10-A Crescent Road.

Ms. Davis clarified the motion stating that the City approved the proposed architect and the Museum would inform GHI of the architect. However, the design needs GHI and City approval; GHI doesn't approve the architect.

The motion passed 5-0.

An Ordinance to Authorize the Issuance, Sale and Delivery By the City of Greenbelt, Maryland of its "City of Greenbelt, Maryland Water Quality Bond, Series 2019" In an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000), Pursuant to the Provisions of Ordinance No. 1359 Passed on September 25, 2017; Prescribing the Form, Maturity, Interest Rate and Provisions for payment and Redemption of Said Bond; Confirming the Covenants of the City to Provide for the Levy and Collection of Taxes Sufficient for the Prompt Payment of the Maturing Principal of and Interest on Said Bond; Determining that the Bond Shall be Sold by Private Sale to the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration, Without Competitive Bid; Further Providing for the Use of the Proceeds of the Bond; and Providing for the Execution and Delivery of the Bond and a Loan Agreement, and All Other Details with Respect to the Sale and Delivery of Said Bond.

-1st Reading

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mr. Byrd introduced the resolution for first reading.

Mr. Moran answered Ms. Davis's question stating that the bond doesn't have to go on the ballot. Ordinance No. 1359, passed on September 25, 2017.

Mr. Moran explained that this is a reimbursement program; the City will incur expenses and then submit expenses to the State for reimbursement.

Mr. Moran advised that once there is an actual start date, Planning & Community Development, Public Information and Recreation Departments will get the word out to residents via website, social media, and signs at the park. The Buddy Attick Lake park will remain open during this project.

OTHER BUSINESS

Acceptance of City Streets – South Core Phase 1A

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Hruby answered Ms. Davis's question stating that many Greenbelt Station streets are private and don't require acceptance by Council. The City staff and the City inspector did walk the development with the Home Owners Association (HOA) representative, and the management company issued a letter to the City stating they have accepted those streets. The County has accepted all the stormdrains and the City has that in writing. Ms. Hruby stated the City required that the developers post a maintenance bond on the private streets.

Ms. Hruby answered Ms. Davis's question stating that the City will accept maintenance responsibility.

Ms. Hruby answered Mayor Jordan's question stating that the next phase would include South Center Drive, North Center Drive and another portion of Stream Bank Lane.

Ms. Hruby answered Mayor Jordan's question stating the maintenance bond is going to be roughly \$27,000.

Ms. Mach moved the City accept Stream Bank Lane from Stations 11 + 60 to 20 +57 into perpetual maintenance, with a one-year maintenance bond. Ms. Davis seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0.

COMPLETE & GREEN STREETS POLICY

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Porter reviewed the revisions of the Complete and Green Street Draft Policy.

Mr. Byrd moved that the City Council approve and accept the Complete and Green Street Policy. Mayor Jordan seconded the motion.

Ms. Davis suggested the following amendments to the draft policy: under the Implementation section, last bullet point, add "stormwater projects, bus stops, and bus shelters"; under the Performance Measures and Reporting section, add one more bullet point "improvements need to be tracked, in accordance with this policy, the number of bus stops made accessible".

The motion passed 5-0.

MEMORIALIZING SIGNIFICANT GREENBELTERS – GUIDELINES FOR NAMING CITY PROPERTY

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mayor Jordan stated he requested a policy that would allow individuals/clubs/organizations to purchase items the City already knows it needs and name the item after the donor.

There was a brief discussion on the memorializing policy. Ms. Davis answered Ms. Mach's question stating that the policy went before the Planning and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB), Community Relation Advisory Board (CRAB) and possibly Advisory Planning Board (APB). All the boards discussed it and then Council voted on it. Ms. Davis stated it wasn't a staff policy. Ms. Davis stated she isn't in favor of naming buildings after donors. Mr. Roberts stated he wasn't in favor of naming buildings/parks after donors. Mayor Jordan stated the City needs to move towards a formal policy. He also advised he isn't in favor of naming buildings after donors.

Mayor Jordan advised he is interested in a narrower policy and have the current booklet on trees and benches reviewed and updated.

There was a discussion on the Naming Policy of 1992. Mr. Byrd questioned why parks/buildings were named after significant individuals prior to 1992. Ms. Davis stated that the City would run out of streets/buildings to name after individuals. Mayor Jordan stated it should be done on a case-by-case basis.

There was a discussion on the Wall of Honor Memorial. Mayor Jordan stated that Council should have a half work session to continue the discussion.

SPECIAL ORDERED – LETTER TO THE NAACP REGARDING MAGLEV

Mayor Jordan moved to special order #19, Letter to the NAACP Regarding Maglev, for immediate consideration. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion.

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Davis advised the reason for the letter is that the NAACP Maryland State Conference came out publicly to support the Maglev without consulting any of the communities/municipalities that are affected.

Mayor Jordan stated the letter would be more powerful if it was done in conjunction with neighboring municipalities, like Cheverly, Bladensburg, Riverdale Park, New Carrollton, and College Park, and Prince George's County Councilmember Dannielle Glaros to co-sign this type of letter.

There was a discussion on sending a letter to a private third party organization. Mr. Byrd stated the Council normally doesn't send letters to a private third party organization that supports or opposes a project. Ms. Mach stated this letter is to help the NAACP understand the Maglev project. Ms. Davis stated the NAACP is a well-respected organization and will carry a lot of strength behind their position.

Mr. Byrd moved that Mayor Jordan contact leadership throughout Prince George's County to write a joint letter to the NAACP to show that cities throughout Prince George's County oppose the Maglev. Mr. Byrd moved to hold on sending the current letter and work towards sending a joint letter. Mayor Jordan seconded the motion.

There was a brief discussion on the timeframe when the letter will go out.

Ms. Mach stated she was going to vote against the motion. She stated the best approach was to send the Greenbelt letter first and then have the other municipalities send their letters explaining how the Maglev will affect their residents.

Ms. Davis suggested to defer action on the letter for two weeks at which time, if the mayors have prepared a group letter, the City would send the City letter after. There was a brief discussion on the timeframe. Mayor Jordan asked if this letter could wait until the next Council Regular Meeting. He didn't think the letter was time sensitive. Mr. Roberts advised a month was too long, as two weeks was a reasonable amount of time.

Mayor Jordan seconded Ms. Davis's suggest motion to defer sending a City letter. Mayor Jordan stated the motion is to defer sending a letter from Greenbelt for two weeks pending feedback from other municipalities about the group letter.

The motion passed 5-0.

MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE 2020 LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Mach stated she was in favor with Mayor Jordan's idea on combining the following suggestions into one: Additional Revenue Sources Beyond Property Tax, Municipal Revenue Sharing Online Sales Tax and Online Sports Betting and Gambling.

Ms. Davis stated she was in favor of combining the Additional Revenue Sources.
Ms. Davis suggested adding Funding for Electric Vehicle Infrastructure as the second request.

Mr. Roberts stated he wasn't in favor of sports betting or online gambling.

There was a brief discussion on Regulation of Mobile Billboards.

Mr. Byrd stated he was in favor with the suggestions regarding Municipal Authority over Cell Towers, any Additional Revenue Sources, and Funding for Electric Vehicle Infrastructure.

Ms. Mach moved the following three proposed priorities for the MML 2020 Legislative Requests:

- Additional Revenue Sources Beyond Property Tax, including Online Sale Tax;
- Funding for Electric Vehicle Infrastructure; and
- Regulation of Mobile Billboards.

Mayor Jordan seconded the motion.

Mr. Pounds stated he and Ms. Hruby are setting up a meeting to review the City Ordinance on mobile billboards.

Ms. Mach advised she would remove Regulation of Mobile Billboards from her motion. Mayor Jordan stated he would remove his second.

Mr. Roberts moved to add Ban on Single Use Plastics as the third proposed priority for the MML 2020 Legislative request.

Mayor Jordan seconded the motion.

Ms. Mach amended her motion to replace Regulation of Mobile Billboards with Ban on Single Use Plastics as the third proposed priority for the MML 2020 Legislative Request.

The motion passed 5-0.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR UMD SMART CITIES GRANT APPLICATION

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mayor Jordan moved to send a letter of support for the University of Maryland Smart Cities Coalition Grant Application.

Ms. Mach seconded the motion.

Ms. Davis stated she would support the letter with additional edits. Ms. Mach stated she is comfortable with the edits.

The motion passed 5-0.

Council Activities:

- Green Ridge House Picnic and 40th Anniversary Celebration (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Byrd, Ms. Mach, Mr. Putens and Ms. Pope)
- Maryland Municipal League Summer Conference (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Byrd, Ms. Mach, Mr. Putens and Ms. Pope)
- Commission for Women Retreat (Ms. Davis)
- Roosevelt Center Merchants Association Meeting (Ms. Davis)
- Central Maryland Transportation and Mobility Commission Meeting (Ms. Davis)
- Lady Angels vs the City Team (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, and Mr. Byrd)

- Higher Achievement Greenbelt Center Ribbon Cutting (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, and Mr. Byrd)
- American Legion Picnic (Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis)
- Fireworks (Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis)
- Prince George's County Chambers of Commerce Annual Meeting (Mayor Jordan)
- Peace Month Lecture on Israel Palestine Relationship (Mayor Jordan)
- Trinity Assembly of God Fireworks (Mayor Jordan)

Council Reports: None

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule.

Closed Session: Ms. Davis moved that Council schedule a Closed Session on July 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm, in accordance with the General Provisions Article 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 performance evaluation of an appointee, employee or official over whom it has jurisdiction.

Ms. Mach seconded.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Mach moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Davis seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Jordan adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, July 8, 2019, at 10:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shaniya Lashley-Mullen
Administrative Assistant

"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 on July 8, 2019

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor