

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL
Municipal Building
Regular Meeting
June 19, 2017 - 08:00 p.m.

[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](#)

[6. Presentations](#)

- Greenbelt Police Department - Officer And Civilian Of The Year Awards

Acting Chief Tom Kemp will introduce Michelle Moo-Young, the Greenbelt Police Department's Civilian of the Year, and Master Police Officer (MPO) Michael Eppard as the Greenbelt Police Department's Officer of the Year. Ms. Moo-Young and MPO Eppard were presented these awards at the Greenbelt American Legion's Public Safety Awards

Banquet last fall and then were recognized by the Police Chief's Association of Prince George's County at their Annual Awards Program on June 15th. Additionally, during the program MPO Eppard was awarded the Police Chief's Association of Prince George's County's overall Officer of the Year Award. Ms. Moo-Young and MPO Eppard are present this evening to be formally recognized for these achievements. (TK)

Presentation of Plaque to Cindy Murray

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

- Statement For The Record - Executive Session Of June 8, 2017

The following motion is needed: In accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-306(c)(2) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, I move that the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that Council met in executive session on Thursday, June 8, 2017, at 7:49 p.m. 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 consider a personnel matter (evaluation of City Manager).

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 member was in attendance: Nicole Ard, City Manager.

Other individuals in attendance: None.

Council took no actions during this session. (CM)

[Written Statement for the Record](#)

DRAFT Minutes, Work Session, May 24, 2017

[Work Session May 24, 2017](#)

DRAFT Minutes, Work Session, May 31, 2017

[Work Session May 31, 2017](#)

DRAFT Minutes, Work Session, June 7, 2017

[Work Session June 7, 2017](#)

DRAFT Minutes, Work Session, June 8, 2017

[Work Session June 8, 2017](#)

DRAFT Minutes, June 12, 2017

[8 - DRAFT Minutes Work Session 06.12.17](#)

[9. Administrative Reports](#)

10. *Committee Reports

* Advisory Committee On Trees, Report #2017-01 (Size Of Committee):

It is recommended Council accept this report and consider it at a future meeting. (CM)

[ACT Report 6-4-17](#)

11. End Of The Year Budget Adjustments

Note: Per Council's Standing Rules, six (6) votes in the affirmative are needed in order to suspend the rules.

A. An Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Building Capital Reserve Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017, in the Amount of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) for Additional Building Capital Reserve Fund Expenditures Over the Appropriated Amount

- 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules

- 2nd Reading, Adoption

An appropriation in the amount of \$600,000 is needed in the Building Capital Reserve Fund to cover Community Center HVAC expenditures originally planned for FY 2016 but not occurring until FY 2017.

It is recommended the ordinance be introduced for first reading, the rules suspended, and the ordinance adopted at the meeting in order to have the funds appropriated prior to the end of the fiscal year. (JW)

Ordinance

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B. An Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Greenbelt West Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017, in the Amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for Additional Greenbelt West Fund ExpendituresOver the Appropriated Amount

- 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules

- 2nd Reading, Adoption

An appropriation in the amount of \$100,000 is needed in the Greenbelt West Fund to cover expenditures for legal services and development of a parks master plan related to development in Greenbelt West.

It is recommended the ordinance be introduced for first reading, the rules suspended, and the ordinance adopted at the meeting in order to have the funds appropriated prior to the end of the fiscal year. (JW)

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[12. 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 year, the City does business with a number of vendors from whom the City's individual purchases are below the bid limit of \$10,000 but total purchases over the fiscal year reach or exceed that amount.

Obtaining bid proposals for these goods and services is not warranted. Some of these vendors are the sole source or best source of purchase. In other instances, the City's purchases are based on bids taken by other government agencies (e.g., the State or County) or through the Council of Governments cooperative purchase program, with the bid price extended to Greenbelt.

It is recommended this resolution be introduced for first reading. (CM)

[Resolution](#)

[13. Letter Of Support For Paris Climate Accord/US Climate Mayors](#)

At the June 5, 2017, meeting, Katy Collin, Indivisible Greenbelt, and Colin Byrd expressed concerns regarding President Trump's withdrawal of the United States from the Paris climate accord. Ms. Collin and Mr. Byrd requested Council reaffirm its commitment to the Paris climate accord and to sign on to the US Climate Mayors. A letter from Council dated December 3, 2015, to President Obama urging support of the Paris climate accord is included as reference.

Council requested a letter to Governor Hogan be included on the agenda of this meeting. Included as a reference document is information on US Climate Mayors circulated by Ms. Bolova at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Board of Directors meeting and received by Mayor Pro Tem Davis. (CM)

[Email from Katy Collin](#)

[MWCOG MEETING INFORMATION.PDF](#)

[13 - COUNCIL LETTER, 12.03.15.PDF](#)

[City Press Release](#)

[Draft Letter](#)

[14. City Electric Supply Contracts](#)

On September 12, 2016, Council approved participation in the Maryland Department of General Services' (DGS) electricity procurement process. It was believed that this opportunity could result in savings for the City. DGS

conducted their reverse auction on May 24, 2017.

Following the auction, staff was informed that DGS could not award a contract to Greenbelt. Greenbelt's current electricity supply contract has a different calendar term than the State contracts and includes 100% wind credits. Initially, DGS believed this would not be a problem, but a different determination was made following the auction. State officials did put staff in contact with the successful bidder - Constellation.

Constellation has provided the City with an offer that includes 100% wind Renewable Energy Credits. Constellation's most recent quote is 42% lower than the City's current rate. This rate would be the lowest that the City has paid in the last 13 years. The new supply agreement would run from July 2018 to June 2021. This term would align the City with the other State contracts.

There is another consideration. The City has been exploring options for an off-site solar farm. This farm could potentially generate electricity to offset a significant amount of the City's usage. This farm would allow the City to meet its MEA Smart Energy goal of generating 20% of the City's demand with renewable energy by 2022 and significantly offset our carbon footprint.

The City would likely finance this solar farm through a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). Included in Council's packet is a proposal from NRG Energy. Under NRG's proposal, the City would pay an amount similar to what it pays now for electricity supply to NRG for the solar panels, land costs, operations and maintenance, etc. Entering into a long-term supply contract would postpone this solar farm opportunity.

Electricity rates fluctuate daily, so the actual rate the City pays will be based on market prices on the day the City signs the contract.

Council direction is sought. (DEM)

[Memo from David Moran](#)

NRG Proposal

15. Cooperation Agreement With Prince George's County For CDBG Programs

The City has operated under an agreement with the county for over 40 years to administer the funds for the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant programs. By participating, Greenbelt's population base is added to that of the county when they submit to HUD for funding each year. In turn, the county decides how much funding Greenbelt will receive annually for projects.

The main benefit of this agreement is that the county deals directly with HUD and handles all the reporting requirements. They distribute the CDBG funds among municipalities and other non-profit organizations in the county, though funding levels throughout the county have shrunk somewhat in recent years.

For many years there was an "understanding" that municipalities would get up to \$100,000 for their projects, usually street work. In recent years there have been efforts to reduce funding to some municipalities. During the current three year cycle, Greenbelt has continued to receive funding.

For PY 41 (City FY 2016), the City received \$75,000 for Springhill Drive Improvements and for PY 42 (FY 2017) the City received \$116,300 for Breezewood Drive Improvements. The City did not apply for funds for PY 43 (FY 2018).

It is unknown whether Greenbelt would be able to receive higher CDBG funding by applying to the State, rather than opting in with the county. However, reporting requirements would significantly increase, and it is unlikely Greenbelt would fare well competing against communities with greater needs. The City of College Park once decided to apply directly to the State and received no funds for that three year period.

The County is asking if the City wants to participate for another three-year term. Given the uncertainty of applying at the State level, staff recommends that Council approve the Cooperation Agreement for Federal Fiscal Years 2018-2020 and authorize the Mayor to execute this agreement and all other necessary documents. (DEM)

[Email from E Jordan](#)

[Letter from R. Baker](#)

[Cooperation Agreement](#)

16. Council Activities

Council will report on activities and events recently attended. (If time

allows.)

17. Council Reports

Council will report on meetings and conferences recently attended. (If time allows)

18. *Appointments To Advisory Group

Reference:
Applications

Council recently interviewed Martha Galvin and Ronnie Scotkin for appointments to the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC). Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's intent to appoint Ms. Galvin and Ms. Scotkin to SCAC. (CM)

19. *Reappointment To Advisory Group

John Drago has indicated his willingness to continue to serve on the Arts Advisory Board (AAB). Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's intent to appoint Mr. Drago to a new term on AAB. (CM)

20. Meetings

Executive Session: An Executive Session has been requested by Council to obtain legal advice. It has been suggested this Executive Session be held on

Friday, June 23, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building.

The following motion is required to schedule the Executive Session: I move that Council schedule an Executive Session on Friday, June 23, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building. Council will hold this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article 3-305(b)(7) of the *Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland* to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice: 1) concerning a personnel matter with respect to whether the city can respond to the Greenbelt letter in light of the restrictions contained in the city's personnel laws; and 2) concerning a landlord/tenant matter. (CM)

Regular Meeting	Mon.	06/19	8:00 pm
No Meeting	Wed.	06/21	
Executive Session – Consult with Legal Counsel (Library)	Fri.	06/23	7:30 pm
MML Conference	Sun.- Wed.	06/25- 28	
No Meeting	Mon.	07/03	
Work Session – City Elections - Voting Age/Selection of Mayor (CC)	Wed.	07/05	8:00 pm

Regular Meeting	Mon.	07/10	8:00 pm
Work Session – South Core Annexation Correction (CC)	Wed.	07/12	8:00 pm
Work Session – GEAC (Hunting Ridge)	Thu.	07/13	7:30 pm
Work Session – Greenbelt Homes Inc.	Mon.	07/17	8:00 pm
No Meeting	Wed.	07/19	
Work Session – Capital Projects	Mon.	07/24	8:00 pm
Four Cities Meeting (Berwyn Heights)	Wed.	07/26	7:30 pm
Work Session – Forest Preserve Health Assessment	Mon.	07/31	8:00 pm
Work Session – Sustainable Land Care Policy (CC)	Wed.	08/02	8:00 pm