

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, June 5, 2017.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Konrad E. Herling, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan. Councilmember Edward V. J. Putens was unable to attend due to a work commitment.

ALSO PRESENT were Nicole Ard, City Manager; David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager; Karen Ruff, City Solicitor; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in memory of Greenbelt residents Rose Remenick and Emily Bronstein and former residents Eli Flam and Nadine Rolle Connor. Mayor Jordan then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Ms. Mach and seconded by Mr. Herling that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 6-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Minutes:

Work Session, March 22, 2017
Regular Meeting, April 24, 2017
Work Session, May 1, 2017
Work Session, May 3, 2017
Interview, May 22, 2017
Approved as presented.

Community Center – News Review Lease: Council approved the Greenbelt News Review Lease Agreement with the City.

Friends of Greenbelt Theatre – Grant Request: Council approved a repayable grant between Friends of Greenbelt Theatre and the City.

Appointments to Advisory Groups: Council appointed Owen Kelly to the Forest Preserve Advisory Board and Clara Holland to the Youth Advisory Committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Ms. Pope and seconded by Ms. Mach that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 6-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Small Cities Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan issued a proclamation recognizing June as Small Cities Month. Councilmember Silke I. Pope, member of the National League of Cities Small Cities Steering Committee, accepted the proclamation.

Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week Proclamation: Mayor Jordan issued a proclamation designating the second week of June as Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week. Connor

Roessler, Chesapeake Conservation Corps Member with the City's Department of Public Works, accepted the proclamation. Mr. Roessler discussed many activities and events in the city that contribute to improving the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

Oath of Office – New Greenbelt Police Officer: Acting Chief Tom Kemp introduced Greenbelt's newest police officer, Yomayra Ramirez. Mayor Jordan administered the oath of office. Council welcomed Officer Ramirez to the city.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Lore Rosenthal, 2 Gardenway, said County Council Member Lehman was planning to introduce legislation for a Small Donor Election Fund for Prince George's County this fall. She advised that a group was meeting with County Council Member Turner on Friday to request that he be a co-sponsor of the legislation. Ms. Rosenthal asked Council to support this legislation and to convey its support to County Council Member Turner.

Colin Byrd, Mathew Street, expressed concern regarding President Trump's withdrawal of the United States from the Paris climate accord. He asked for Council to affirm its commitment to address climate change and for the Mayor to sign on to the US Climate Mayors to uphold the commitments to the Paris climate accord. He advised that the Mayors of Takoma Park and Hyattsville had already signed on to the US Climate Mayors.

Katy Collin, Indivisible Greenbelt, requested Council support the Paris climate accord and to sign on to the US Climate Mayors. She noted that Council vote on this action tonight as it has previously been on record in support of the Paris climate accord. Council asked that this request (along with a letter to Governor Hogan) be included on the agenda of the June 19, 2017, meeting.

Bill Orleans, Greenbelt, asked about past executive sessions of Council. He said Program Open Space funds should be used for the acquisition of property and not for purposes proposed with the agenda item later in the agenda.

MINUTES: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Ms. Ard thanked staff from Administration, Public Works, Police, Animal Control, Museum and Recreation for their work on the success of the many scheduled city activities from Memorial Day through Greenbelt Day Weekend.

Ms. Ard announced that the Prince George's County Police Chiefs' Association had named Greenbelt Master Police Officer Michael Eppard as its Officer of the Year. She said MPO Eppard would be recognized by the Association at a breakfast later this month.

Ms. Davis said Prince George's County School Board Member Grady had informed her that Greenbelt Middle School has been removed as a possible cell phone tower site, but since Turning Point Academy is an independent charter school, it can negotiate a cell tower independently of the school system.

Ms. Davis reported that two interpretive panels, one by Greenbelt Lake and one at Roosevelt Center, were in bad condition. Ms. Ard said one of the panels was replaced and the other was being worked on. Ms. Davis reported that an anti-littering sign placed by children many years ago on Kenilworth Avenue just south of Cherrywood Lane was illegible at this time and should be removed.

ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Davis moved the following changes to General Fund Revenues. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

General Fund Revenues

General Fund Revenues				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
460122	Change reset practice for false fire alarm fines	\$25,000	\$15,000	(\$10,000)
	Total Fines & Forfeitures	\$890,000	\$880,000	(\$10,000)
	Total General Fund Revenue	\$28,408,200	\$28,398,200	(\$10,000)

Ms. Pope moved the following changes to General Fund Expenditures – Administration, Finance & Administrative Services and Information Technology. Ms. Mach seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

General Fund Expenditures

Administration				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
120-01	Allocate Pay Adjustment	\$545,000	\$569,000	\$24,000
	Total Administration	\$877,500	\$901,500	\$24,000

Finance & Administrative Services				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
140-01	Allocate Pay Adjustment	\$556,100	\$581,100	\$25,000
	Total Finance & Administrative Services	\$920,000	\$945,000	\$25,000

Information Technology				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
145-01	Allocate Pay Adjustment	\$354,200	\$369,200	\$15,000
	Total Information Technology	\$636,100	\$651,100	\$15,000

	Total General Government	\$3,103,800	\$3,167,000	\$64,000
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Mr. Herling moved the following changes to Planning and Community Development. Ms. Mach seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Planning				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
210-01	Allocate Pay Adjustment	\$300,000	\$313,000	\$13,000
	Total Planning	\$549,900	\$562,000	\$13,000

Community Development				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
220-01	Allocate Pay Adjustment	\$246,200	\$257,200	\$11,000
	Total Comm. Dev.	\$424,100	\$435,100	\$11,000
	Total Planning & Comm. Development	\$974,000	\$998,000	\$24,000

Ms. Mach moved the following changes to Police. Ms. Davis seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Police				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
310-03	Allocate Pay Adjustment	\$3,816,200	\$3,926,200	\$110,000
310-04	Allocate Pay Adjustment	907,000	936,000	29,000
310-58	Add PSAC (\$900) & CART (\$1,500) funding	17,000	19,400	2,400
	Total Police	\$10,197,900	\$10,339,300	\$141,400
	Total Public Safety	\$10,530,900	\$10,672,300	\$141,400

Mayor Jordan moved the following changes to Public Works Administration, Street Maintenance and Waste Collection. Ms. Davis seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Public Works Administration				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change

410-01	Allocate Pay Adjustment	\$521,000	\$573,000	\$52,000
	Total Public Works Administration	\$1,271,600	\$1,323,600	\$52,000

Street Maintenance				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
440-08	Allocate Pay Adjustment	\$100,000	\$127,000	\$27,000
	Total Street Maintenance	\$872,700	\$899,900	\$27,000

Waste Collection				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
450-16	Allocate Pay Adjustment	\$380,000	\$396,000	\$16,000
	Total Waste Collection	\$777,500	\$793,500	\$16,000
	Total Public Works	\$3,354,900	\$3,449,900	\$95,000

Mr. Roberts moved the following changes to Greenbelt CARES. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Greenbelt CARES				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
510-01	Allocate Pay Adjustment	\$472,900	\$505,900	\$33,000
	Total Greenbelt CARES	\$725,800	\$758,800	\$33,000
	Total Greenbelt CARES	\$1,072,400	\$1,105,400	\$33,000

Ms. Davis moved the following changes to Recreation Administration, Aquatic & Fitness Center, Community Center and Special Events. Ms. Mach seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Recreation Administration				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
610-01	Allocate Pay Adjustment	\$441,500	\$478,500	\$37,000
	Total Recreation Administration	\$670,200	\$707,200	\$37,000

Aquatic & Fitness Center				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
650-01	Allocate Pay Adjustment	\$241,700	\$252,700	\$11,000
	Total Aquatic & Fitness Center	\$1,168,100	\$1,179,100	\$11,000

Community Center				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
660-01	Allocate Pay Adjustment	\$290,600	\$303,600	\$13,000
	Total Community Center	\$886,400	\$899,400	\$13,000

Special Events				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
690-58	Labor Day Shuttle	\$37,800	\$39,000	\$1,200
	Total Special Events	\$97,700	\$98,900	\$1,200

Ms. Pope moved the following changes to Parks. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Parks				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
700-24	Allocate Pay Adjustment	\$660,000	\$694,000	\$34,000
	Total Parks	\$1,200,900	\$1,234,900	\$34,000
	Total Recreation & Parks	\$5,685,500	\$5,781,700	\$96,200

Mr. Herling moved the following changes to Grants & Contributions. Ms. Mach seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Grants & Contributions				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
910-30	Concert Band Director to paid as a contractor	\$0	\$3,600	\$3,600
910-68	Increase contributions to public service groups (\$2,500)	4,000	6,500	2,500
910-68	Increase contributions to community groups (\$3,100)	73,100	76,200	3,100
	Total Grants & Contributions	\$85,100	\$94,300	\$9,200

Mr. Herling moved the following changes to Museum. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Museum				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
930-71	Old Middle School Interpretive Sign	\$6,500	\$8,300	\$1,800
	Total Museum	\$121,800	\$123,600	\$1,800
	Total Miscellaneous	\$315,800	\$326,800	\$11,000

Ms. Mach moved the following changes to Non-Departmental. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Non-Departmental				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
990-58	Theatre – Past Due Electric Bill	\$0	\$4,500	\$4,500
990-72	Reduce Reserve Appropriation	60,000	30,900	(29,100)
990-72	Allocate Pay Adjustment and Merit pay (\$450,000)	450,000	0	(450,000)
	Total Non-Departmental	\$1,320,900	\$846,300	(\$474,600)

Mr. Roberts moved the following changes to Total General Fund Expenditures. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Total General Fund Expenditures				
	Description	From	To	Change
	Total General Fund Expenditures	\$28,408,200	\$28,398,200	(\$10,000)

In response to a question from Mr. Orleans, Ms. Ard and Mr. Williams explained that the category “fines and forfeitures” is determined by the State. Mr. Williams said these funds primarily come from the parking ticket, speed camera and red light programs and a small amount of funds come from forfeitures associated with police arrests. Mr. Orleans said the city should reconsider retaining forfeitures associated with police arrests.

An Ordinance to Adopt the General Fund, Building Capital Reserve Fund, Cemetery Fund, Debt Service Fund, Replacement Fund, Special Projects Fund, Green Ridge House Fund, Capital Projects Fund, 2001 Bond Fund, Community Development Block Grant Fund and Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund for the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to Appropriate Funds and Establish Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Rates for the Fiscal Year 2018 Beginning July 1, 2017 and Including June 30, 2018

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Davis introduced the ordinance for first reading and moved suspension of the rules in order to allow second reading and passage of the ordinance tonight. Mayor Jordan seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	-	yes
	Mr. Herling	-	yes
	Ms. Mach	-	yes
	Ms. Pope	-	yes
	Mr. Putens	-	absent
	Mr. Roberts	-	yes
	Mayor Jordan	-	yes

Ms. Davis introduced the ordinance for second reading and moved that it be adopted. Mr. Herling seconded.

Mayor Jordan, Ms. Ard and Mr. Moran answered several budget questions posed by Mr. Orleans regarding Capital Projects and Community Development Block Grant funding.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	-	yes
	Mr. Herling	-	yes
	Ms. Mach	-	yes
	Ms. Pope	-	yes
	Mr. Putens	-	absent
	Mr. Roberts	-	yes
	Mayor Jordan	-	yes

Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach, Mr. Herling and Ms. Pope thanked the City Manager and staff, their colleagues on Council and citizens for their efforts throughout the budget process.

Ms. Ard thanked Council for its support throughout the budget process. On behalf of City employees, she thanked Council for its consideration of pay increases for employees in the proposed budget.

The ordinance was declared adopted (Ordinance No. 1355, Book 12).

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE (POS) FY 2018 ANNUAL PROGRAM: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Hruby said that the City's FY 2018 Annual Program Open Space (POS) Program is due to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) on June 16, 2017. The City is eligible to receive \$149,277.96 in POS funds.

Ms. Hruby said staff is proposing the City's FY 2018 POS funds be allocated to the following projects: \$133,500 for the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center Phase IV Improvements,

\$10,000 for Buddy Attick Park Master Plan Improvements, \$3,080.50 for Community Center Playground Improvements and \$2,697.46 for land acquisition. She added that staff proposes to revert the remaining POS funds balance from Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center Phase III Improvements project (\$27,689) to land acquisition. Since the State has inquired about lack of progress on the Springhill Lake Recreation Center Expansion Project, staff is also proposing to revert the remaining encumbered fund balance on this project (\$44,459) to land acquisition. Ms. Hruby said this will bring the City's unencumbered land acquisition fund balance to \$137,794.

Ms. Hruby noted that since the County is meeting the State's requirement that 50 percent of local POS funds be used for acquisition projects, the city is able to use 100 percent of its POS allocation towards development projects associated with parks and recreation. She said the State/County recognizes that municipalities often don't have land available for acquisition.

Mr. Roberts noted his opposition to the use of POS funds for anything other than acquisition of property.

Ms. Davis said over \$2 million in POS funding had been used over the past years for necessary city facility/recreation improvements. She stated that if the POS funding had not been available, Council would have had to budget funds for these improvements and a tax rate increase would have likely been necessary.

Ms. Mach moved that Council approve the City's FY 2018 Program Open Space Annual Program as proposed. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 5-1 (Roberts).

PROPOSED COUNTY LEGISLATION CB-49-2017 - AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING NONCONFORMING USES: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Terri Hruby, Assistant Director of Planning, explained that staff is concerned with the implications CB-49-2017 will have on existing certified nonconforming uses in the City, particularly the original apartment buildings in historic Greenbelt. These uses would not be able to meet current parking and loading standards, and therefore would not be eligible to receive a new Use and Occupancy Permit in the future. Ms. Hruby said such a requirement appears to defeat the purpose of nonconforming certification and staff does not believe it is appropriate to require such uses to go through the Departure process. She added that staff does not believe the sponsor has taken these unintended consequences into consideration.

Ms. Davis moved that Council submit a letter to County Council Member Taveras and other members of County Council conveying the City's concerns with the implications CB-49-2017 will have on nonconforming uses in Greenbelt. Mayor Jordan seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Councilmembers commented on their attendance at the Greenbelt Day Weekend events including: Greenbelt Museum Grand Re-opening; Roosevelt Riders Ride; Skate Park 10th Anniversary Celebration; Animal Shelter Pet Expo; Senior Citizens Advisory Committee's Not for Seniors Only Program; Concert Band Performance; 80th Greenbelt Legacy Choral Program; Crazy Quilt Festival; and the Naturalization Ceremony. Council thanked staff for their efforts towards the success of all the events.

Memorial Day Ceremony – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Herling, Ms. Mach, Ms. Pope, Mr. Putens and Mr. Roberts

Farewell/Retirement Ceremony at Mishkan Torah for Rabbi Cohen – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Herling, Ms. Mach, Ms. Pope and Mr. Putens
 Eleanor Roosevelt High School Commencement Ceremony – Ms. Davis, Mr. Herling, Ms. Mach and Ms. Pope
 Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee Meeting – Ms. Mach
 Cookies at the Bridge – Ms. Mach and Mr. Herling
 St. Hugh’s Sodality Tea – Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach and Mr. Putens
 Police Explorers Meeting – Ms. Pope
 Springhill Lake Elementary School Fit and Fun Family Day – Ms. Pope
 Community Relations Advisory Board Community Forum – Ms. Davis, Ms. Pope and Mr. Putens
 Central Maryland Transportation and Mobility Commission RTA Partners Meeting – Ms. Davis
 Roosevelt Center Merchants Association Meeting – Ms. Davis
 2017 Annual Prince George’s County Historic Preservation Reception – Ms. Davis and Ms. Mach
 Greenbelt Animal Shelter Kitten Shower – Ms. Davis
 Daisy Scout Troop 2427 Bridging Ceremony – Ms. Davis
 Mowatt Methodist Church Spaghetti Dinner – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis

Mayor Jordan reported that he had met with Berwyn Heights’ Mayor Jewitt who expressed concern about tree loss between Edmonston Road and Kenilworth Avenue (by the 7-11) associated with Pepco tree trimming. Mayor Jewitt said Berwyn Heights had requested the State Highway Administration (SHA) conduct a noise barrier study for this area but SHA had denied the request. Mayor Jordan said Mayor Jewitt had requested a letter from the city in support of their appeal of the SHA decision not to conduct the noise barrier study. Mayor Jordan requested the letter of support for Berwyn Heights be included on the agenda of the next meeting. He added that he had requested a letter of support from Berwyn Heights to Prince George’s County for a sidewalk on Branchville Road.

COUNCIL REPORTS: Ms. Davis reported on the “Energy and Climate Policy – What’s Next” session she attended at the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference.

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule.

Executive Session: Ms. Davis moved that Council schedule an Executive Session on Thursday, June 8, 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)(1) of the *Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland* to discuss a personnel matter – evaluation of the City Manager.

Ms. Pope seconded.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	-	yes
	Mr. Herling	-	yes
	Ms. Mach	-	yes
	Ms. Pope	-	yes
	Mr. Putens	-	absent

Mr. Roberts - no
Mayor Jordan - yes

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Mach moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Jordan adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, June 5, 2017, at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Murray
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 June 5, 2017.

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor