

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL
Municipal Building
Regular Meeting
June 4, 2018 - 08:00 p.m.

I. ORGANIZATION

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
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II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentations

- Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week proclamation

The State of Maryland, along with Pennsylvania and Virginia, has designated the second week of June as Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week. Jason Martin, Environmental Coordinator and Maryam El-Amin,

Chesapeake Conservation Corps Member of the Greenbelt Department of Public Works, will accept the proclamation. (BA)

[Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week Procl.](#)

[- Small Cities Month Proclamation](#)

The National League of Cities (NLC) has declared June as Small Cities Month. Councilmembers Silke I. Pope and Edward V. J. Putens, members of the Small Cities Steering Committee, will accept the proclamation. (BA)

[Small Cities Month Procl.](#)

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

9. [Administrative Reports](#)

* 10. Committee Reports

- Advisory Planning Board #2018-03 (Condominium Housing - 7010 Greenbelt Road)

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

[APB RPT 2018-03](#)

11. [FY 2019 Budget Adoption](#)

The City Council has nearly completed its budget process which began with staff meetings in Fall 2017. The proposed fiscal year 2019 budget was presented to Council on March 26. Since then, Council has held eleven public work sessions to consider the budget. On April 23, the City Council held a public hearing in accordance with City Charter requirements. A list of changes was prepared based on Council discussion at the final budget review work session on May 21. Council held a second public hearing on May 29 to receive public input on the budget and proposed changes.

The budget is now ready for adoption. The City Charter requires that the budget be adopted on or before the 10th day of June for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2018. Included in Council's packet is a memo listing the changes that have been suggested to the budget as it was proposed on March 26. However, in past years, Council has read each of the changes and made motions to approve them at the departmental level but this practice is not required. A motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget is sufficient. Once this motion is approved, Council can proceed to the next item of business, the ordinance to appropriate the funds included in the budget. If Council chooses to continue with the practice of approving changes at the departmental level, the changes are detailed in the referenced memorandum. (BA)

[Memo N. Ard D. Moran and J. Williams 5.21.2018](#)

12. 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 Budgets For The City Of Greenbelt, Maryland, To Appropriate Funds And Establish Real Estate And Personal Property Tax

Rates For The Fiscal Year 2019 Beginning July 1, 2018 And Including June 30, 2019 - 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules - 2nd Reading, Adoption

Section 51 of the City Charter states that “immediately upon adoption of the budget, the City Council shall adopt an ordinance appropriating funds for the ensuing year....to include a summary of estimated income.... and levy all property taxes and other taxes required to realize the income estimated.”

Having amended the City Manager’s proposed budget, Council now must introduce an ordinance to adopt the budget, appropriate funds, and establish tax rates for real and personal property for FY 2019. All funds have been incorporated into one ordinance.

It is recommended that Council introduce the ordinance, suspend the rules, and adopt the ordinance at this meeting. (BA)

Note: Per Council’s Standing Rules, six (6) votes in the affirmative are needed in order to suspend the rules. If the budget ordinance is not adopted tonight, a special meeting will have to be scheduled on or before June 10.

[Ordinance](#)

13. [County Legislation CB-4-2018](#)

At the Regular Meeting on May 14, Susan Stewart presented a petition on behalf of the Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) requesting that the City support CB-4-2018. The petition also requested that this item be considered on tonight’s agenda.

CB 4 would establish a Fair Election Fund to provide public financing for County Executive and County Council candidates. CB-4 is voluntary. It would limit the contributions a participating candidate could receive to small donations from County residents. The candidate could then receive matching funds from the County fund.

According to the bill summary, the goal of the CB-4 is to encourage

greater voter participation in County elections, increase opportunities for more residents to run for office, and reduce the influence of large contributions from businesses, political action groups, and other large organizations. Montgomery County and Howard County enacted public campaign financing legislation in 2014 and 2016 respectively.

Council direction is sought. (DEM)

[Email Petition, GCAN](#)

[CB-4--2018](#)

14. [Approval of Joint Use Agreement](#)

The City applied for a State of Maryland Community Parks & Playground (CPP) Grant (\$51,702) for FY 2019 to renovate the playground at 8 Southway. This is one of the playgrounds covered by the Playground Agreement with Greenbelt Homes Incorporated (GHI).

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) which administers the CPP Program recently notified staff that we were not awarded the FY 2019 Grant. However DNR has some residual funds from prior years and they want to fund this project using these residual funds.

DNR is asking the City and GHI to execute a Joint-Use Agreement. This agreement provides that the City shall operate/maintain the playground for 20 years and the City & GHI shall provide public access to the playground and not change the use of the playground without replacing it with an equivalent area. The agreement refers to the City as “Local Government” and GHI as “Third Party”.

Additionally, DNR is requesting the same agreement be executed for the 2 Laurel Hill playground. This playground was completed in 2013 and was also funded with a CPP Grant. Apparently, DNR should have

obtained this agreement in 2013, but did not.

The City Solicitor has reviewed the Joint Use Agreement and does not have any concerns. The GHI Board will consider this matter at their meeting on June 7.

Staff recommends Council authorize the City Manager to execute the Joint Use Agreement. (DEM)

[Community Parks and Playgrounds Joint Use Agreement](#)

[CPP Application](#)

* 15. Support for Community Investment Tax Credit for Old Greenbelt Theater

The Friends of the Greenbelt Theater (FOGT) are again applying for State of Maryland Community Investment Tax Credits through the Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD). The City supported FOGT's application in 2016 and FOGT was awarded \$20,000 in credits.

Non-Profit organizations utilize these tax credits as incentives for a specific project and if approved, are awarded a specific amount of credits up to \$50,000. FOGT has applied for \$50,000 in credits towards programming and capital support. Individuals or organizations contributing money, goods or real property worth \$500 or more are eligible to receive the State Income Tax credit.

Approval of this item will indicate Council approval and City support for the FOGT Community Investment Tax Credit application. (DEM)

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[Email, Colin A. Byrd](#)

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