



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA

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**Wednesday, May 31, 2023
7:30 PM**

I. Work Session Packet

1. Work Session - County Council Representatives

Suggested Action:

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- Introductions
- Council Discussion
 - The Plastic Bag Ban Legislation
 - Rent Stabilization Legislation
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City Council Work Session Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: May 31, 2023

Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

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WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held August 26, 2020, to meet with County Council Chair Todd Turner, County Council Vice-Chair Calvin Hawkins, and At-Large Council Member Mel Franklin.

Mayor Byrd started the meeting at 8:00 pm. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Present were: Councilmembers, Judith F. Davis, Emmett V. Jordan, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts, and Mayor Colin A. Byrd.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Mary Johnson, Director of Human Resources and Acting City Manager; David Moran, Assistant City Manager; Charise Liggins, Economic Development Coordinator; Molly Porter, Community Planner; and Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Assistant to the City Clerk.

Also present were: Todd Turner, County Council Chair; Calvin Hawkins, County Council Vice-Chair; Mel Franklin, At-Large Council Member; Bill Orleans, and others.

Ms. Davis provided a presentation on the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment's ratification, Women's Right to Vote.

Ms. Mach noted she attended the Women's Centennial Summit Webinar today, and it was very educational.

Mr. Turner provided an update on County Council activities. He thanked the City Council and Greenbelt staff that assisted with the Grab and Go event in July held at the Community Center. Mr. Turner stated that 125 meals were provided to seniors, and the County will try to have another Grab and Go event in September. He stated that Lunch for Heroes was provided to the Firefighters and Police Department. Mr. Turner explained that the County Council is on recess until the end of August and will resume virtual meetings after Labor Day. He noted that there are currently 27,000 positive cases of COVID-19 in Prince George's County with almost 800 deaths related to the virus. Mr. Turner stated the County received Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding from the federal government and approved \$15million to assist municipalities in response to COVID-19. The City of Greenbelt received \$1.4million from the CARES Act, and that the funds have to be used by the end of the calendar year. He explained the processes on how to vote by mail in the Presidential Election. Mr. Turner noted there would be additional voting sites in Prince George's County, and early voting has been extended for Maryland.

Mr. Franklin provided an additional update on County Council activities. He stated that the County Council assisted the County Executive Alsobrooks with the Prince George's County Forward Economic Recovery Taskforce.

There was a discussion regarding the dropbox for voting. Ms. Mach noted that during the Primary Elections, she dropped off her ballot at the drop box location and there were police making sure those ballots were placed in the boxes. Mr. Turner explained that at each of the proposed 11 early voting centers and the proposed 29 voting location would have dropboxes. He stated the County Board of Elections is working with the Sheriff Department regarding dropbox security.

Mayor Byrd requested an early voting site in Greenbelt for future elections. Mr. Turner advised for future elections that an early voting site would be in Greenbelt. He explained the Lanham

and College Park locations wouldn't be used as an early voting site due to citizens not being able to social distance due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The new location for early voting would be at the University of Maryland College Park Pavilion at the Xfinity Center and Duvall High School.

Mayor Byrd expressed the City of Greenbelt Council is strongly opposed to the Maglev. Ms. Davis stated that the City Council and the residents of Greenbelt hope that the County Council and its members as a whole go on record to oppose the Maglev and request the No Build alternative. She explained the Maglev would destroy valuable property in Greenbelt that includes the Forest Preserve. Ms. Davis explained the Maglev would affect many of the communities to the north and south before the train reaches Baltimore.

Ms. Davis asked each County Councilmember their stance on the Maglev. Mr. Turner advised that he had publicly opposed the Maglev since the original proposal. He explained that the County Council's opportunity to comment officially should be part of the Environmental Impact Statement draft. The County Park and Planning Commission and the Department of Public Works and Transportation are currently working on responding to the Beltway Expansion. Mr. Franklin advised he doesn't support either the Maglev or the Beltway Expansion. He stated that Maglev didn't benefit Prince George's County and that a Metro expansion transit line would make better sense. Mr. Hawkins stated that he would be going on record at the upcoming public hearings on September 3 to voice his opposition to the Maglev. In response to a question asked by Ms. Davis, Mr. Hawkins stated he was opposed to the Beltway Expansion.

Mr. Roberts explained Greenbelt wouldn't be Greenbelt anymore in his opinion with the widening of Kenilworth Ave, the Beltway, the Baltimore Washington Parkway, the Maglev, and the printing agency in Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). He suggested that the County Council inform the Federal Delegation that the County Council is opposed to these projects and any projects that would destroy the environment. Mr. Roberts stated he and others had tried to get the Metro Green Line extended from Greenbelt Station to the Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI). Mr. Turner noted the Park and Planning Commission would provide the County Council their recommendation, and then the County Council would take their position.

In response to a question asked by Mr. Roberts, Mr. Franklin explained that Baltimore City is the only jurisdiction by state law to approve or disapprove Railroad Franchises. He noted that Prince George's County doesn't have that authority and can only go on the record during public hearing opportunities.

Mayor Byrd explained that the County Council needs to not delay their position on the Maglev and the No-Build Option. He stated that the State Delegation; Senator Paul Pinsky, Delegate Alonzo Washington, Delegate Ann Healey, and Delegate Nicole Williams; has gone on record opposing the Maglev. Mayor Byrd noted that the County Council has the authority to promulgate a resolution regarding the No-Build Option and has the authority to send a letter to the Federal Delegation to that effect.

In response to a question asked by Mayor Byrd, Mr. Turner, Mr. Franklin, and Mr. Hawkins stated they support the No-Build Option.

Mr. Jordan explained that the Maglev isn't just a Greenbelt and Prince George's County problem; it involves other counties and jurisdictions. Mr. Jordan asked could the County

Council and the Maryland National Park and Planning Commission assist with their considerable resources to help fight the Maglev. Mr. Turner noted that a record needs to be created to challenge the draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Ms. Mach stated that Maglev is a bad idea, environmentally and financially. She expressed her concern regarding a magnetic train near the National Security Agency.

Mr. Putens asked how the County Council and the City Council could collaborate on making sure the Forest Preserve isn't destroyed by the Maglev.

Mr. Turner stated that both the County Council and the City Council are all on the same page concerning the most effective way of stopping the Maglev. He advised that the County Council would engage the Maryland Park and Planning Commission and the County Administration once Maryland Park and Planning Commission finished providing their recommendations for the Beltway Expansion. Mr. Franklin stated that the strongest position statement that the County Council could submit is with the recommendations from the Maryland Park and Planning Commission.

Mr. Roberts stated there were a total of 4 Environmental Impact Statements (the Beltway Widening, Interstate 270, Maglev, and the industrial development at BARC), and all the projects would affect the same areas. He noted all these projects would affect all steams that go to the Chesapeake Bay.

Ms. Davis explained that all seven members of the City Council are opposed to the Maglev project and the Beltway Widening. All seven members of the City Council support the No-Build Option and are concern about climate change.

Mr. Putens left the meeting at 9:28 pm.

Ms. Pope expressed that she was opposed to the Maglev.

Ms. Davis stated that the Maryland Park and Planning Commission is opposed to the Beltway Widening, and the City Council will be sending in their response.

Ms. Davis asked what future efforts the County Council is considering regarding affordable housing. Mr. Turner explained that Prince George's County did a Study of the Housing Opportunities For All and engaged the Community Enterprise Partners. It was a two-year project to evaluate the current housing stock, the affordability issues, and some recommendations. He noted that there would be opportunities for additional legislation before the Zoning Rewrite and is unsure if that would include Inclusionary Zoning. Mr. Turner stated a project was just approved by the County Council in Upper Marlboro to include Veterans Housing. He advised that there was discussion to include a pilot program along the Purple Line. Mr. Franklin stated that Inclusionary Zoning is the best opportunity for affordable housing.

There was a discussion regarding the Implementation Group. Mr. Jordan asked was there a timeframe when the group would report back to the County Council. Mr. Turner explained that the Implementation Group report had been delayed during the last five months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He noted that the Implementation Group had provided two recommendations, which included Inclusionary Zoning and to set aside a certain amount of

money to reinstate the transfer tax for the Housing Trust Fund. Mr. Jordan stated that at the County Council's Strategic Planning Retreat, there was a way to involve the municipalities. Mr. Turner explained that the County Council does reach out to the municipalities regarding the workgroups and there are representatives from the municipalities. Vice-Chair Hawkins is the liaison for the municipalities.

Mayor Byrd stated that parking, affordability, and school capacity should be discussed during the planning process. He noted that the Greenbelt Station Community deals with parking issues, it is not that affordable, and the students weren't going to the neighborhood schools. Mayor Byrd thanked Mr. Turner and other County Councilmembers with assisting the City Council in getting the students reassigned to attend the neighborhood schools. He advised that when new affordable housing is being built, consider the school capacity issues and other qualities of life issues.

Mr. Turner explained that the County FY 21 Budget was adopted, and the administration would review the budget quarterly. He noted that County revenue is generated by the real property tax Greenbelt received \$1.4 million as part of the CARES Act Fund.

Based on a question asked by Mr. Jordan, Mr. Turner stated that the vast majority of the CARES Act Fund is going to the Department of Health. Prince George's County extended the State of Emergency from the end of July to the middle of September.

In response to a question asked by Mr. Jordan, Mr. Turner advised to submit his request about COVID-19 testing at Green Ridge House in writing, and he would submit it to the Director of Services and Health. Ms. Davis suggested Saliva Testing for Green Ridge House. She noted that testing is less expensive, and results are returned within 2 or 3 days.

Bob Rand, a Greenbelt resident, requested more detail on the \$1.4 million CARES Act Fund that Greenbelt received, the schedule for reimbursement of the funds, and the deadline when the funds needed to be spent. Mr. Turner stated all CARES Act Funds have a deadline of the end of this calendar year to be used and only on COVID-19 related expenditures.

Michael Hartman, a Greenbelt resident, thanked Mr. Turner for his support of the New Deal Café. He asked about the restrictions regarding the \$300,000 Grant Funding from the County. Mr. Turner stated that the County-based programs require businesses to apply for either the State or Federal program. Ms. Liggins explained that the only disqualification for a business receiving the City of Greenbelt Grant Fund is that the business couldn't already receive a grant from the Prince George's County Business Relief Fund.

There was a discussion regarding the Neighborhood Conservation Overlay (NCO) Zone. Ms. Porter noted that Council would be sending out a letter this week outlining comments on both the development standards and the Neighborhood Study. She explained the City had been strongly advocating for the creation of the Greenbelt NCO Zone as a tool of protection to protect historic Greenbelt. Mr. Jordan inquired on the timeline County Council would finalize the Map Amendment and approve the City's NCO Zone. Mr. Turner explained that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the second phase has been postponed and when County is legally able to have a joint public hearing it would be scheduled. He provided an outline stating the County's goal is to have

the first public hearing by the end of this year and complete the County-Wide Map Amendment later next year.

In response to a question asked by Mr. Jordan, Mr. Franklin stated he serves on the Prince George's Forward Task Force that the County Executive convened to chart the course of recovery. He explained the Prince George's County had COVID-19 Relief Funds and the County is in the process of reopening. Mr. Franklin noted that the County is looking towards immediate short-term solutions and craft some long term solutions. He stated that the County Council would receive a briefing in September from the Housing Department on the Rental Relief Fund. He explained if too many of the tenants default, that would create a housing crisis. Mr. Franklin asked the City Council to contact the State and Federal Delegation explaining that the Local Government needs help with their budget shortfalls that have been caused by COVID-19. Mr. Jordan explained the City of Greenbelt and other municipalities in Prince George's County have been advocating through the Maryland Municipal League (MML) to get funding to State, County, and Local governments.

Mr. Jordan stated the hardest hit were hospitality and casinos. Mr. Franklin stated that casinos are bouncing back with limited capacity.

Mr. Jordan explained that an ongoing challenge in Greenbelt is office vacancies. He asked what the overall office vacancy rate was for Prince George's County. Mr. Turner stated the County Business Relief Program set aside \$20 million to assist businesses and will have a final report within the next couple of weeks. It will have an Over Sight Hearing in September or early October. He explained the County is updating its business plan and will partner with the Prince George's County Economic Corporation and the Maryland Park and Planning Commission. Mr. Franklin stated that post-COVID-19 office work would dramatically change; much of the office space will be converted to something else.

In response to a question asked by Ms. Davis, Mr. Turner stated the North County Animal Shelter is still within the Capital Improvement Program. He will have to follow-up regarding the status.

Informational Items:

Ms. Davis provided a report on the MML Legislative Committee virtual meeting. She noted the MML Legislative Committee accepted the City of Greenbelt's Legislative Action Requests (LAR). There are a total of 10 from Prince George's County.

The meeting ended at 10:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Shaniya Lashley-Mullen
Assistant to the City Clerk*

WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Wednesday, January 16, 2019, to meet with Council Member At-Large Calvin Hawkins and Mel Franklin.

Mayor Jordan started the meeting at 7:37 p.m. The meeting was held in room 201 of the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Colin A. Byrd, Judith F. Davis, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts (7:55 pm), and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Nicole Ard, City Manager; David Moran, Assistant City Manager, and Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Administrative Assistant.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Reverend Ray Raysor; Cathie Meetre, and Mary Lou Williamson, Greenbelt News Review; Steve Skolnik, President of Greenbelt Home Incorporated (GHI); Bill Orleans and others.

Mayor Jordan provided Council Members At-Large Hawkins and Franklin history about Greenbelt. He also noted that the City was the first to provide a public pool in the County.

Mr. Franklin indicated that he was Chair of the Prince George's County Council for two years. He stated the purpose for an At-Large Councilmember is to represent the County as a whole, bring County government closer to the people, and strengthen the City of Greenbelt and Prince George's County's relationship. Mr. Franklin also stated that the Prince George's County Council wants the economy to grow to build a generational wealth by spending Prince George's County dollars in Prince George's County and the City of Greenbelt's dollars in the City of Greenbelt.

Mr. Hawkins indicated that he was looking for an opportunity to assist his other Prince George's County Councilmembers to move the County forward. He stated that his position for running for County Council was to assist seniors and individuals with disabilities. Mr. Hawkins shared that he had worked with the 27 municipalities and wanted to bring some of their ideas to move the County forward. He also indicated that he was appointed the Municipal Liaison.

Mayor Jordan invited both Councilmembers Franklin and Hawkins to the next Four Cities Meeting at College Park Municipal Building. He explained that the City Council meets on a quarterly basis with the Town of Berwyn Heights, the City of College Park, and the City of New Carrollton.

Mayor Jordan stated that the State Legislators, Delegate Gaines, Delegate Healey, County Councilmember Turner, and Senator Pinsky, attended the Legislative Dinner. He explained each of the City of Greenbelt's Legislative Top Priorities, which are: Oppose Transfer and Potential Privatization of The Baltimore /Washington Parkway, Oppose Beltway Widening, Block the Maglev Train Routes through Greenbelt and Prince George's County, Greenbelt Road Streetscape Improvements and Greenbelt Metro Station Improvements.

Mayor Jordan noted that if the transfer would take place, trucks would be allowed on the Parkway. The proposed widening would change the character of the Parkway into a super highway. He also stated that with widening, the Beltway will be encroaching on some properties in Greenbelt and residents would lose their homes. Mayor Jordan stated the Maglev train

doesn't make a lot of sense and would cost \$50-\$100 to travel to Baltimore. That money could be used to enhance the MARC Train.

Ms. Mach stated that a study was done on the proposed widening of the Baltimore Washington Parkway in 2011. The study stated that it would be extremely expensive because you would have to tear down all the bridges and rebuild them. She also noted that the widening wouldn't improve traffic on the Parkway. Mayor Jordan stated the bridges weren't built to have 18 wheeler trucks on them.

Ms. Davis stated that the previous County Council went on record to oppose the transfer of the Baltimore Washington Parkway. She stated she hopes that the current County Council will be in opposition to transferring the Baltimore Washington Parkway and the Maglev proposed project.

There was a discussion on the authority the Governor has to make decisions without the State legislators and local jurisdictions being involved. Mr. Franklin added the Governor was focused on transportation. Ms. Pope stated if the Governor focused on the infrastructure at the Metro, than the State wouldn't need the Maglev. Mr. Franklin advised Baltimore City is the only jurisdiction that has the authority to approve or disapprove a railroad franchise and the Maglev is a railroad franchise.

Mayor Jordan noted that he has been working and meeting with the Mayors of Laurel, New Carrollton, College Park, Bladensburg, Riverdale Park, and Cheverly and they advise that the Maglev doesn't make any sense. He added that they wanted to find a sustainable way to use the money to benefit Prince George's County instead of building the Maglev. Mayor Jordan also said the City is getting all the impact and the entire burden but not any of the benefits. Mr. Putens stated that the Maglev has two routes coming through Greenbelt, one which would travel through the Forest Preserve and the other one traveling under Eleanor Roosevelt High School and Hunting Ridge.

Mr. Roberts suggested that the Green Line get extended to BWI Airport which would benefit thousands of citizens. Mayor Jordan recommended extending the light rail from Baltimore to Prince George's County and extend the Green Line.

Mayor Jordan said the Greenbelt Road Streetscape hasn't changed in 20 years. The City has a plan of what Greenbelt Road should look like with the Town of Berwyn Heights and the City of College Park. He indicated making Greenbelt Road a walkable/bikable place so people would stop in the City instead of going through the City. Mayor Jordan stated that Greenbelt is a gateway community and it needs to be number one on the priority project list. Mr. Franklin stated that the FBI was considering relocating in Greenbelt, which was number one or two on the priority project list. Ms. Davis indicated that the interchange was on the priority project list.

Mayor Jordan noted that the City has a plan for Cherrywood Lane that would connect the Greenbelt Metro Station to Greenbelt Road to make it a complete green street. Mayor Jordan also stated that the City received a large grant from the National Fish and Wild Life program to redesign it to a walkable/bikable street. The Greenbelt Station Community is almost completed, with wonderful townhomes and apartments.

Mr. Franklin stated that the County Council is in the process of completing their Joint Transportation priority letter to the State, and the City Council should submit a letter

emphasizing the City's concerns. Ms. Davis stated a letter has already been submitted and can be forwarded to Mr. Franklin.

Mr. Hawkins requested a copy of the Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Panel Report (ULI-TAP). Mayor Jordan stated a copy will be forwarded and invited both County Councilmembers At-Large to attend the upcoming ULI-TAP work session. Mr. Moran stated that the State Highway Administration did a conceptual plan in 2002-2003.

Mr. Franklin stated that this is a common challenge. There are large state roads that go through our communities and there weren't any planning concepts for walkable or pedestrian safety. He stated that other jurisdictions are building communities around Metro and now the County is also.

There was a brief discussion on HB-10 that is being proposed by Delegate Carr. The policy that is in place now is that State Highway puts the sidewalks in and the municipalities would have to maintain them. Mayor Jordan stated the City doesn't have the resources to maintain County and State properties.

Mayor Jordan stated that the City of Greenbelt has one of the largest Metro parking lots in Prince George's County and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) hasn't made any investments at the Greenbelt Metro Station in about 10-15 years. There was a great proposal for the FBI to come to Greenbelt and nothing happened. He also stated that the residents at Greenbelt Station don't have a connection to the Metro, which is too far to walk. Mayor Jordan said that Prince George's County added a \$2.75 parking surcharge that has been in place for about 2 1/2 years and the money hasn't been distributed back into the City. That money could be used to build the connecting trail. The developers have put up money to help build the connecting trail, but WMATA keeps on changing the plans and driving up the price.

Ms. Davis indicated that the WMATA hearing in Greenbelt was scheduled for January 30th in the library. She also noted that Council had sent a letter for extending the hours and to extend the Yellow Line to Greenbelt. Mr. Franklin stated that the Council is in a good position to demand more from WMATA, such as a new station plan for Greenbelt. Mr. Franklin indicated that he would look into the \$2.75 parking surcharge.

There was brief discussion on the trail leading from Greenbelt Station to the Greenbelt Metro. Mr. Hawkins suggested that Greenbelt, College Park and Berwyn Heights write a joint letter to WMATA to express each municipality's concerns. Mr. Franklin noted it would be an advocacy letter with all the municipalities and the County Council.

Mayor Jordan noted that along with the priorities that were already discussed, he provided the following additional priorities: increase M-NCPPC Funding for City Recreation Programs, Children living in Greenbelt Station should attend Greenbelt Schools, replace sidewalks on State Roads and Ban Plastic Straws.

Mayor Jordan stated that M-NCPPC funding for the City Recreation Programs hasn't increased since FY2013 and the City receives \$234,000 annually.

There was a discussion on Children living in Greenbelt Station should attend Greenbelt Schools. Ms. Mach stated that all the Prince George's County Schools are overcrowded and if the

students are being bused to a crowded school, it should be a crowded school in Greenbelt. Ms. Mach said that the City works with the Greenbelt schools, the Advisory Committee of Education (ACE) provides grants to the Greenbelt Schools. ACE also has annual ceremonies for the teachers and students at Greenbelt Schools. Mr. Byrd stated that Springhill Lake Elementary is massively overcrowded, as is the case of Eleanor Roosevelt High School. He also stated that Springhill Lake Elementary has many maintenance issues.

There was brief discussion on the School Resource Officer Program.

There was discussion to replace sidewalks on State roads. Mayor Jordan indicated that the sidewalk on Greenbelt Road near the Beltway is in need of repairs.

There was discussion about the ban on plastic straws. Ms. Davis stated that some disabled citizens need a plastic straw. DC Restaurants have them but will only give them out on request. Ms. Pope noted that there are compostable straws. Ms. Davis also stated that citizens could buy their own steel straws.

Mayor Jordan stated that Greenbelt is a mixed income community and wants to preserve affordable housing. He also stated that even though Greenbelt doesn't have zoning and planning authority, Greenbelt still takes an active role with the Advisory Planning Board (APB) who works with builders and developers so Council can have input on site conception plans.

Mr. Franklin replied to Mayor Jordan's question, stating that the Zoning Rewrite Ordinance doesn't go into effect until the maps are done. He also stated that he understands that Greenbelt has unique neighborhood conservation overlay zoning issues. Mayor Jordan stated the intention is not to rezone everything, maybe change the names around and not change the character of Greenbelt. He also stated that Greenbelt is passionate about protecting Old Greenbelt.

Mr. Skolnik explained that Greenbelt Homes Incorporated (GHI) is a cooperative and provides affordable housing to the members. He also noted that GHI is a naturally occurring retirement community. Mr. Skolnik stated that GHI is a cooperative that works well with the City of Greenbelt, Prince George's County and the State of Maryland and enjoys a lot of self-governance. He stated that GHI is extremely concerned and very active in the process of the zoning rewrite project because GHI's self-governance will be decreased. Mr. Skolnik stated if a conservation overlay zone is not established to protect Historic Greenbelt, then the nature of the community will change forever. Mr. Skolnik noted that GHI and the City of Greenbelt Council need Prince George's County Council's support to make sure that doesn't happen. GHI has a housing density of 6.2 and the zoning rewrite will change it to 11, and that's not acceptable.

Mr. Skolnik replied to Mr. Franklin's question, stating that they removed the overlay zone and is working on a new NCO. Mr. Franklin stated that the Prince George's County Planning Board Staff wants to get rid of the overlay zones because they feel that there shouldn't be tailor-made zones. The Prince George's County Council can reverse it and reinstate the overlay zones for GHI.

There was discussion on permits and Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement. Mr. Franklin stated that if Mr. Skolnik can provide Mr. Hawkins and himself more detail in all the difficulties in writing, he would appreciate it. Ms. Davis stated when there is legislation that deals with housing, can they please add in cooperatives.

Mr. Franklin stated that his understanding of the overlay zone was that a new overlay zone was initiated and it was designed to address Mr. Skolnik's concerns. It would go to Prince George's County Planning and then to the Prince George's County Council to preserve Greenbelt.

Ms. Meetre gave a brief history of the Greenbelt News Review. She noted that Ms. Williamson is President of the Greenbelt News Review Archive Project. Ms. Meetre stated that they still have all the original copies of the News Review dating back to 1937 and they are brittle to the touch. Ms. Meetre said they had a short window to rescan the papers with today's technology and get them in a state where they can be searched using optimal character recognition and then submit them to a national archive. Ms. Meetre stated that the project is to scan all the non-digital papers, which are from 1937-2002, and get them into the Library of Congress through 1963 because that is the last date the Library of Congress would accept them. Also papers would be sent to the Internet Archive which would bring the Greenbelt News Review to present day.

Ms. Meetre stated that the project received a small amount of funding from Mr. Turner's Departmental grants last fall and also received a grant from the Community Foundation. She also stated they received \$13,000 from the community. Ms. Meetre also stated that the University of Maryland Digital Library Science group would digitalize the News Review and put them in the Library of Congress. Ms. Williamson stated that the City already provides a room in the Community Center to do the project.

Ms. Meetre answered Mr. Franklin's question, stating that the amount they are asking for is \$25,000 and they are expecting to raise another \$6,000. She indicated that they would ultimately have to raise 60% for the project. That doesn't include the volunteer labor. Ms. Williamson stated that the volunteers set up the paper to be scanned.

Mr. Hawkins stated that he and Mr. Franklin have agreed to cover the remaining balance of the project.

There was a brief discussion about the Greenbelt Library and the Tugwell Room.

Ms. Davis stated she is a Commissioner of the Central Maryland Transportation and Mobility Commission which includes Howard County, Anne Arundel County, Laurel and Prince George's County. She explained the Commission has budget issues that include the bus system which connects College Park and Greenbelt to Laurel. Ms. Davis said that Prince George's County didn't fulfill their part of the budget this year. There were a few cuts.

Information Items –

Ms. Davis gave a report on the Maryland Municipal League Legislative Committee meeting.

Additional informational items were discussed.

The meeting ended at 10:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Meeting Date: May 31, 2023

Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

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CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

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City Council Meetings & Work Sessions June

Regular Meeting – Budget Adoption	Mon.	06/05	7:30 pm
Work Session – TBD	Wed.	06/07	7:30 pm
Work Session – TBD	Mon.	06/12	7:30 pm
Work Session – WMATA (Better Bus Plan)(tentative)	Wed.	06/14	7:30 pm
Special Meeting/Closed Session – (Personnel Matters/Interim City Manager Evaluation)	Wed.	06/14	Following WS
No Meeting – City Holiday – Juneteenth	Mon.	06/19	
Regular Meeting	Tues.	06/20	7:30 pm
Work Session – WSSC (tentative)	Wed.	06/21	7:30 pm
MML Summer Conference (Ocean City)	Sun. – Wed.	06/25 – 06/28	
No Meeting – MML Summer Conference	Mon.	06/26	
No Meeting – MML Summer Conference	Wed.	06/28	

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City Contracting Policy
Greenbelt East HOAs/COAs
Hotels
Washington Gas
Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission
(WSSC)
Advisory Board Chairs
Street Lights (Pepco)

For later scheduling:

Zoning Enforcement
Parkway Apartment Owners/GHI (*parking*)
Northway Fields Master Plan
City Manager Updates (Jan, Pre-budget; July &
Sept/Oct)
Meeting with County on Transportation Plan
Department of Permitting, Inspections &
Enforcement (DPIE)
Museum Plan
Bernard Penney (*Memorial Donation in honor of
Leonie Penney*)
Potential Bond Referendum/Capital Financing
Cemetery Plans
MARC Train Service/ MDOT
Arts & Entertainment District
EV Chargers Five Year Plan
Fleet Vehicles Ten Year Plan

Annual														
Advisory Group Chairs	7/22													
Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station Mgmt.	12/21	12/22												
Greenbelt Center HOAs	3/23													
Greenbelt East HOAs and COAs/Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition	4/22													
Greenbelt Homes, Inc.	8/22													
Greenbelt Station HOA/Verde Apts.	8/22													
School Board Member	9/21	2/23												
State Highway Administration	11/20	11/22												
Biennial														
Beltsville Ag. Research Center	8/18	11/22												
Beltway Plaza	9/22													
NASA/GSFC	3/22	4/23												
Greenbelt Business Alliance	10/22													
Greenbelt Park NPS	1/22	3/23												
Greenway Shopping Center	12/20	2/23												
Religious/Spiritual Organizations	6/22													
Twice a Year														
County Council Person and At Large Members														
Meetings as Needed														
Apartments	4/21													
Comcast/Verizon	3/21													
Greenbelt Office Parks														
Greenbelt Watershed Groups	10/19													
Hotels														
PEPCO/WSSC	2/22													
Prince George's Economic Development Corp.	11/21													
Prince George's Planning Board	10/19													
Roosevelt Center Owner	8/20													
University of Maryland	4/15													
WMATA/PGDPW&T (Semi-Annual)	5/22													
Newly Elected/Appointed Officials (Presentation of a Council Regular Meeting)														
County Executive														
School Board CEO														
State's Attorney	1/23													