



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

**Municipal Building
25 Crescent Road
Tuesday, May 28, 2019
8:00 PM**

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda and Additions
4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations
Suggested Action: (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
5. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentations
 - 6A. Peace Month
Suggested Action: Since 2009, June has been declared as Peace Month in Greenbelt. Alexander Barnes, Sr. will attend the meeting to receive the proclamation on behalf of the Prince George's Peace and Justice Coalition.
[Peace Month19 proc.pdf](#)
 - 6B. Adopt-A-Shelter Cat Month
Suggested Action: Adopt-A-Shelter Cat Month Proclamation: The American Humane Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) established Adopt a Shelter Cat Month in 1974 as an annual event to encourage people to save lives and enhance their own lives by adopting a cat from a shelter or rescue group, as millions of cats in shelters await adoption every year. Animal Control Officers, Howard Stanback and Lauren Crossed will be present to receive the proclamation.

[Adopt-A-Shelter Cat Month19 proc.pdf](#)

- 6C. Eleanor Roosevelt High School Junior Classical League Members
Suggested Action: Eleanor Roosevelt High School Junior Classical League (JCL) won the Maryland State convention that was held in Easton, Maryland, with the teams from Eleanor Roosevelt High School sweeping the novice, intermediate and advanced levels. Latin Teacher Matthew Moore and members of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Junior Classical League have been invited to attend tonight's meeting.

7. Public Hearing

Suggested Action: Proposed FY 2020 Budget:

On March 25, 2019, the City Manager presented the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2020 to the City Council. Since then, Council has held nine work sessions to review the budget.

The budget is scheduled to be adopted at the regular City Council meeting on June 3rd. The City Code requires that a public hearing be held on the budget prior to its adoption. Tonight's public hearing is the second of two that were scheduled. The first having been held on April 23rd.

It is recommended that the regular meeting be recessed for the purpose of conducting public hearings on the FY 2020 proposed budget and the Constant Yield Tax Rate. (The meeting should be reconvened following the hearing. No motion is required to begin or end the public hearing.)

Constant Yield Tax Rate:

A public hearing must be held in accordance with the State of Maryland's Constant Yield Tax Rate requirements. The required notice was published in the May 16, 2019, Greenbelt News Review, a copy of which is included in Council's packet.

Note: At the end of this hearing, to comply with state law, it must be announced that the City's property tax rate will be set when the FY 2020 budget is adopted at the City Council meeting on June 3, 2019, at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building.

[CYTR Advertisement.pdf](#)

8. Petitions and Requests

Suggested Action: (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

9. Minutes of Council Meetings

Suggested Action:

- Regular Meeting, September 24, 2018
- Regular Meeting, September 11, 2018
- Work Session, January 9, 2019
- Interview, January 14, 2019
- Work Session, January 23, 2019
- Interview, April 23, 2019
- Interview, May 13, 2019

[RM180924.pdf](#)

[RM180911.pdf](#)

[WS190109.pdf](#)

[INT190114.pdf](#)

[WS190123.pdf](#)

[INT190423.pdf](#)

[INT190513.pdf](#)

10. Administrative Reports

11. *Committee Reports

11A. *Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) Report #2019-1 (City Holiday Decorating Contest)

Suggested Action: It is recommended Council accept this report.

[Report 2019-1.pdf](#)

11B. *Arts Advisory Board (AAB) Report #19-6 (The S.P.A.C.E., Free Art for All)

Suggested Action: It is recommended Council accept this report.

[The S.P.A.C.E. Free for All.pdf](#)

11C. *Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) Report #19-4 (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness)

Suggested Action: It is recommended Council accept this report.

[Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness \(RUAK\).pdf](#)

11D. *Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) Report #19-5 (Greenbelt Black History Month Committee)

Suggested Action: It is recommended Council accept this report.

[Greenbelt Black History Month Committee.pdf](#)

III. LEGISLATION

12. An Ordinance To Amend Article IV, "Public Ethics", Of Chapter 2 "Administration" Of The Greenbelt City Code To Expand The Number Of Board Members

- 1st Reading

Suggested Action:

Reference: Ordinance

Comparison Chart

At the Regular Meeting on February 11, 2019, the Council reviewed the Ethics Commission Report #2019-1 to consider expansion of the Commission. The Ethics Commission believes that increasing the board to five members will ensure that there will be an adequate number of commissioners to hear any case brought before the Ethics Commission.

Included in Council's packet is a comparison on neighboring municipalities that the board has provided.

It is recommended the ordinance be introduced for first reading tonight.

[Ordinance.pdf](#)

[Comparison Chart.pdf](#)

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

13. CAD Software License Purchase

Suggested Action:

The Greenbelt Police Department is in the process of transitioning to the Prince George's County Motorola Premier One Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. Included in Council's packet are the details of the transition. At this time, it is recommended to purchase three (3) Motorola CAD software licenses for a total cost of \$43,500.00. The funds for this purchase are available in the current budget as a result of negotiated savings from our current CAD system contract. Motorola Solutions Inc. is the sole source of the Motorola Premier One CAD software and the pricing is being offered under Prince Georges County contract No. 0716-0071-2014.

Council approval is sought.

[CAD RMS Memo.pdf](#)

[Copy of 20190313 Greenbelt CAD Licenses \(3\).pdf](#)

[PG CAD RMS PROPOSAL MODIFIED.pdf](#)

14. Proposed Washington DC to Baltimore Loop Project and Solicitation of City Council Comments

Suggested Action:

Reference:

Memorandum, J. Howerton, 05/24/19

The proposed project "The Loop System" is an underground high speed transportation system proposed to operate between Washington DC and Baltimore. It will require building a set of 35.3 mile parallel twin tunnels under the Baltimore-Washington Parkway going in each direction. These would transport passengers in battery-powered autonomous electric vehicles (AEVs) at a speed of up to 150 mph. The proposed alignment would go through Greenbelt where one of the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) Launch Shafts is proposed to be located in Greenbelt at 7474 and 7500 Greenway Center Drive, Greenbelt MD. The Washington D.C. to Baltimore Loop Project is being proposed by, and privately funded through, The Boring Company (TBC). The Loop will not serve the Greenbelt Community initially but a station could be added at a later time if the City desires.

Staff has reviewed the Environmental Assessment (EA) Report as well as the Programmatic Agreement (PA), and has met with a representative of the Boring Company to discuss details of the project. Staff has provided a memorandum summarizing the EA report, and staff's initial findings. Staff recommends that the City of Greenbelt request to be added to the PA as a party of interest.

The EA comment period ends June 8, 2019 and staff is seeking City Council comments and direction so that staff can prepare formal comments and a draft position letter on the EA for City Council approval at its June 3rd meeting.

[Memorandum, J. Howerton, 05/24/19.pdf](#)

15. Award of Purchase – Two (2) Level Two Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Suggested Action:

Reference: Memorandum, James Sterling, 5/20/19

FY 2019 Building Capital Reserve

Budget

The FY 2019 Building Capital Reserve Budget includes \$26,000 for the purchase of two (2) EV Charging Stations.

The City is a member of the organization Sourcewell (formerly NJPA), a national cooperative purchasing organization for local governments, educational institutions and non-profits. Staff has identified a competitively solicited contract through Sourcewell for the purchase of EV charging stations. The Sourcewell contract number is 051017-CPI. The total cost for two (2) level 2 charging stations is 16,616.00.

Included in Council's packet is a memorandum from Jim Sterling, Director of Public Works with additional details about the recommended purchases. Mr. Sterling will be present to answer any questions.

It is recommended that Council approve the purchase of two (2) level two EV charging stations from ChargePoint Inc, 254 East Hacienda, Campbell, CA 95008 for \$16,616.00.

[Greenbelt MD EV Charger Quote.pdf](#)
[Memorandum, James Sterling, 5/20/19.pdf](#)

16. National Film Registry Nomination for You Nazty Spy
Suggested Action:
At the April 23rd Council meeting, Mr. James Thompson requested that the City Council attend the viewing of "You Nazty Spy" at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. He also requested that the City Council recommend the film to be added to the National Film Registry of the Library of Congress.

Council Member Byrd had requested this item to be added to the May 13th agenda. His motion was to send a letter to Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden requesting that "You Nazty Spy" be included on the National Film Registry. Council requested that this item be postponed until the May 28th meeting.
17. *Bike Task Force Subcommittee Approval
Suggested Action: At its February 11, 2019 regular meeting, Council held brief discussions on the next steps with designating the Pedestrian and Bike Task Force as a subcommittee of the Advisory Planning Board (APB). On March 6, 2019, APB held a meeting at the Community Center and at that meeting APB voted 6-0 to establish the Pedestrian and Bicycle Task Force as a subcommittee of Advisory Planning Board.

Council approval is sought.
18. *Appointments to Advisory Group
Suggested Action:
Reference: Applications

Council interviewed Laurie Siegel on July 11, 2016 and Toni Mathewson on April 15, 2019, for appointment to the Board of Elections (BOE) and Lance Beasley on May 13, 2019, for appointment to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB).

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's intent to appoint Ms. Siegel and Ms. Mathewson to BOE and Mr. Beasley to PRAB.

19. * Reappointments to Advisory Groups
Suggested Action:
Reference: Reappointment Surveys

Ronnie Scotkin has indicated her willingness to continue to serve on the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Michael Lee has indicated his willingness to continue to serve on the Park and Recreation Advisory Board. Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Councils intent to appoint Ms. Scotkin and Mr. Lee to new advisory group terms.

20. Council Activities
Suggested Action: Council will report on activities and events recently attended. (If time allows.)
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V. MEETINGS

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Suggested Action:
Reference: City Council Calendar
Stakeholder Chart

Closed Session: A Closed Session has been requested by Council to obtain legal advice and discuss personnel matters. It is recommended this meeting be scheduled for Thursday, May 30, 2019, at 7:00 pm in the Library of the Municipal Building.

To schedule the Closed Session the following motion is needed: I move that Council schedule a Closed Session on Thursday, May 30, 2019, at 7:00 pm in the Library of the Municipal Building. Council will hold this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Articles 3-305(b)(7) and (1) of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland to: 1) to consult with legal counsel regarding Prince George's County School Board; 2) discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

[meetings.pdf](#)

[Stakeholder Schedule.pdf](#)