

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Tuesday, May 26, 2015.

Mayor Jordan (and Christine Whiteman) called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Konrad E. Herling, Silke I. Pope, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan. Councilmember Leta M. Mach was out of the country.

ALSO PRESENT were Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; David Moran, Assistant City Manager; Karen Ruff, Associate of the City Solicitor; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in memory of residents Jane M. Wilcox and Alejandro Santos. Ms. Whiteman then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

* Councilmember Putens left the room (meeting).

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Ms. Pope and seconded by Ms. Davis that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 5-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Minutes:

Work Session, March 2, 2015

Work Session, April 22, 2015

Regular Meeting, May 11, 2015

Approved as Presented

Committee Reports:

Advisory Planning Board, Report #2015-2 (Economic Development and Sage Policy Group Report): Council accepted this report and will consider it on the agenda of a future meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Pope requested "Appointment to Advisory Group" be added to the agenda. With this addition, it was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mr. Herling that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 5-0.

* Councilmember Putens returned to the room (meeting).

PRESENTATIONS:

MML "If I Were Mayor" District Semi-Finalist: Mayor Jordan introduced Christina Whiteman a District 9 (Prince George's County) semi-finalist in the MML "If I Were Mayor" contest. Ms. Whiteman read her essay and was presented with a certificate from Council.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School Debate Team: Mayor Jordan and Council recognized Donovan Harvey and Vinai Rachakonda, members of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Debate Team, who won the championship title at the National Liberty Bell Classic Debate Tournament hosted

by the University of Pennsylvania on February 13-15, 2015. Mr. Harvey and Mr. Rachakonda were accompanied by the Debate Team Teacher Sponsor Jennifer Matson, Debate Team Coach Dr. Harvey and Debate Team Vice-President Shawn Abraham.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School – Raiders Basketball Team: Mayor Jordan and Council recognized the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Raiders Boys Basketball Team who won the Prince George’s County Championship on February 25, 2015. Brendan O’Connell, Head Coach of the team introduced the team members present – Naji Marshall, Derek Moore, Victor Okafor, Ryan King, Trent Bishop and Delascio Dancy.

Mayor Jordan and Council also congratulated the Lady Raiders Basketball Team who won the Prince George’s County Championship and Maryland 4A State Championship. Members of the Lady Raiders were unable to attend the meeting.

Peace Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan read a proclamation to recognize June as Peace Month. Alexander Barnes, Sr. received the proclamation on behalf of the Prince George’s Peace and Justice Coalition. Mr. Barnes announced the schedule of Peace Month Activities throughout June.

Small Cities Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan read a proclamation to recognize June as Small Cities Month. Councilmember Pope, incoming president of the National League of Cities’ (NLC) Small Cities Council, received the proclamation on behalf of the NLC.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Proposed FY 2016 Budget: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. He then announced the meeting was recessed for the public hearings at 8:51 p.m.

Bill Orleans, Greenbelt, asked and was provided answers to several questions regarding the proposed budget.

There was no other public comment on the proposed budget.

Constant Yield Tax Rate: Mayor Jordan announced that a notice had been published in accordance with State law. There was no testimony from the general public. Mayor Jordan announced that the City’s tax rate would be set at the June 8, 2015, regular meeting in the Council Room of the Municipal Building.

No public comment was received.

The meeting reconvened at 9:01 p.m.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS: Bill Orleans, Greenbelt, inquired whether the bus stop at Hanover Parkway and Mandan Road would be renovated and made accessible for all bus riders. Mr. McLaughlin explained that this bus stop had been identified as part of the Bus Stop Accessibility Study which is in the process of being referred to the Advisory Planning Board (APB) for its review and then would be brought to Council this summer.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Mr. McLaughlin announced that the Grand Re-Opening of the Greenbelt Theatre is scheduled for this Friday and the Pet Expo at Greenbelt Dog Park is scheduled for June 6th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

LEGISLATION:

A RESOLUTION TO NEGOTIATE THE PURCHASE OF RECODIFICATION OF THE CITY CODE FROM MUNICIPAL CODE CORPORATION AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$13,530

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mr. Herling introduced the resolution for second reading and adoption. Ms. Davis seconded.

Bill Orleans, Greenbelt, asked and was provided answers to several questions.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	-	Yes
	Mr. Herling	-	Yes
	Ms. Mach	-	Absent
	Ms. Pope	-	Yes
	Mr. Putens	-	Yes
	Mr. Roberts	-	Yes
	Mayor Jordan	-	Yes

The resolution was declared adopted (Resolution No. 2029, Book 12).

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2024, A RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE CERTAIN GOODS AND SERVICES FROM VARIOUS VENDORS AS ENUMERATED HEREIN WHEN TOTAL FISCAL YEAR PURCHASES FROM EACH VENDOR EXCEED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000)

Ms. Pope introduced the resolution for first reading.

SELECTION OF AUDIT SERVICES: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mr. Putens moved that Council award the City’s auditing services for fiscal year 2015 to the firm of Cohn Reznick. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

GRAND RE-OPENING – GREENBELT THEATRE: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Davis moved that Council approve the serving of sparkling wine at the grand re-opening reception for the Greenbelt Theatre with the following conditions: 1) the sparkling wine is not being offered “for sale;” and 2) Greenbelt Theatre management obtain the necessary liquor license to offer the sparkling wine. Mr. Putens seconded.

Mr. Roberts said he strongly opposed allowing alcohol to be served in any City building. He mentioned a society-wide problem with abuse of alcohol.

The motion passed 5-1. (Roberts)

COUNCIL REPORTS: Councilmembers commented on their attendance at the following events.

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Air Quality Committee Meeting – Mr. Herling
COG Transportation Planning Board Meeting – Mr. Herling
Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council Meeting – Mr. Herling
Public Works Open House – Mayor Jordan, Mr. Putens and Ms. Pope
SpringFest – Mayor Jordan, Mr. Putens and Ms. Pope
American Legion Memorial Day Ceremony and Luncheon – Ms. Davis, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Putens, Mr. Herling and Ms. Pope
National Capital Regional Emergency Preparedness Council Senior Leaders Seminar – Ms. Davis
Soft Opening of Greenbelt Theatre – Ms. Davis and Ms. Mach
Town of Berwyn Heights Pancake Breakfast – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis and Mr. Herling
CROP Walk – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis and Mr. Herling
Eleanor Roosevelt High School Musical Group Concert – Ms. Davis
Environmental Protection Agency/Renard Development Corporation Charrette on 21st Century Stormwater Design Best Practices - Mayor Jordan and Ms. Mach
COG Board Meeting – Mayor Jordan
Bike to Work Day – Mayor Jordan, Mr. Putens and Ms. Pope
Crazy Quilt Festival – Mayor Jordan
Green Man Festival – Mayor Jordan, Mr. Putens, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Mach, Mr. Herling and Ms. Pope

APPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY GROUP: Ms. Pope moved that Council appoint Ema Smith to the Youth Advisory Committee. Ms. Davis seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

Executive Session(s): Ms. Davis moved that Council schedule an Executive Session in the Library of the Municipal Building immediately following this meeting. Council will hold this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article 3-305(b)(3) of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland* to consider the acquisition of real property.

Ms. Pope seconded.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	- Yes
	Mr. Herling	- Yes
	Ms. Mach	- Absent
	Ms. Pope	- Yes
	Mr. Putens	- Yes
	Mr. Roberts	- No

Mayor Jordan - Yes

Executive Session(s): Ms. Davis moved that Council schedule an Executive Session in the Library of the Municipal Building on Monday, June 1, 2015. Council will hold 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 discuss a personnel matter. Ms. Pope seconded.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	- Yes
	Mr. Herling	- Yes
	Ms. Mach	- Absent
	Ms. Pope	- Yes
	Mr. Putens	- Yes
	Mr. Roberts	- No
	Mayor Jordan	- Yes

Council reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Davis moved that Council move into Executive Session in accordance with the General Provisions Article 3-305(b)(3) of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland* to consider the acquisition of real property. Ms. Pope seconded.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	- Yes
	Mr. Herling	- Yes
	Ms. Mach	- Absent
	Ms. Pope	- Yes
	Mr. Putens	- Yes
	Mr. Roberts	- No
	Mayor Jordan	- Yes

Ms. Davis announced that Council would not return to open session.

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 May 26, 2015."

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor