

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL
Municipal Building
Regular Meeting
May 23, 2016 - 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](#)

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentations

[American Legion Auxiliary-Poppy Presentation - The American Legion Post 136 will hold its commemoration of Memorial Day on May 30. Rosita Dietrich, Vicky Beall and Sandi Dutton, officers and members of the American Legion Auxiliary, will attend the meeting and make a presentation in honor of this annual remembrance of those who have died in combat while serving in the armed forces. \(CM\).](#)

Peace Month Proclamation - 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. (CM).

Peace Month Proclamation

Paradyme Management Presentation - Paradyme Management is providing ten (10) new replacement computers for the Computer Lab at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Viraj Gandhi, Chief Executive Officer, and Diana Hunter, Office Manager, for Paradyme Management, will be present at the meeting to make this presentation. (CM).

Advisory Committee on Education Student Awards - The Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) will present its 20th Annual Student Awards program. The ACE awards recognize students who exemplify the spirit of Greenbelt and have made positive contributions towards their community. Melinda Brady and Janet Mirsky, ACE Members, will introduce each of the award recipients, who will receive a certificate and a small gift. This year will also mark the 16th year of the presentation of a scholarship to the student award winners from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. State Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Tawanna Gaines, Anne Healey and Alonzo Washington, County Council Member Todd Turner and School Board Member Lupi Grady are expected to participate. The 2016 recipients are:

Greenbelt Elementary School Samantha Stewart and Kevin Mayo

Springhill Lake Elementary School Mohammad Arik Chowduhry and Najaah Miles

Magnolia Elementary School Christopher Fernandez and Emely Contreras

Dora Kennedy French Immersion Dean Mills and Audrey Versteegen School

Eleanor Roosevelt High School Zuha Sadeed and Scott Candey

In addition, Delegate Healey will present Eleanor Roosevelt High School student Sophie Bernheisel with a Maryland State Delegate Scholarship

Award. (CM).

Legislative Wrap-Up - 22nd District Delegation- State Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Tawanna Gaines, Anne Healey and Alonzo Washington will provide an update on the 2016 General Assembly Session. A report from David Moran, Assistant City Manager, is included in Council's packet. (CM).

Legislative Report

7. Public Hearing

Proposed FY 2017 Budget - Proposed FY 2017 Budget - On March 29, 2016, the City Manager presented a proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2017 to the City Council. Since then, Council has held eight work sessions to review the budget. The budget is scheduled to be adopted at the regular City Council meeting on June 6. 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 25. It is recommended that the regular meeting be recessed for the purpose of conducting public hearings on the FY 2017 proposed budget and the Constant Yield Tax Rate. (The meeting should be reconvened following the hearings. 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 5, 2016, *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 2017 budget is adopted at the City Council meeting on June 6, 2016, at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. (CM)*

[7-Ad.pdf](#), [7-Budget Sheet](#)

8. 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.)

9. Minutes of Council Meetings

Statement for the Record – Executive Session of May 18, 2016 - The following motion is needed: In accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-306(c)(2) of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland*, I move that the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that Council met in executive session on Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at 7:41 p.m. in Room 201 of the Community Center. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(1), (7) and (8) of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland*, to discuss: 1) a personnel matter; 2) consult with legal counsel to obtain legal advice regarding an annexation matter; and 3) consult with legal counsel to obtain legal advice regarding potential litigation. Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Davis	X			
Mr. Herling	X			
Ms. Mach				X

Ms. Pope	X			
Mr. Putens	X			
Mr. Roberts		X		
Mayor Jordan	X			

The following staff members were in attendance for 3-305(b)(1): None -
The following staff members were in attendance for 3-305(b)(7): Michael McLaughlin, City Manager, John Shay, City Solicitor; Karen Ruff, Associate of the City Solicitor; Celia Craze, Director of Planning and Community Development; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk. The following staff members were in attendance for 3-305(b)(8): Michael McLaughlin, City Manager, John Shay, City Solicitor; Karen Ruff, Associate of the City Solicitor; Julie McHale, Director of Recreation; Joe McNeal, Assistant Director of Recreation; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk. Other individuals in attendance: None Council took no actions during this session. (CM)

[Executive Session Form](#)

Draft Minutes, Work Session, April 1, 2016

[Draft Minutes, Work Session, April 1, 2016](#)

Draft Minutes, Regular Meeting, April 25, 2016

[Draft Minutes, Regular Meeting, April 25, 2016](#)

Draft Minutes, Work Session, April 27, 2016

Draft Minutes, Work Session, May 2, 2016

[Draft Minutes, Work Session, May 2, 2016](#)

[Draft Minutes, Work Session, April 27, 2016](#)

10. [Administrative Reports](#)

* 11. Committee Reports

Community Relations Advisory Board, Report #2016-2 (Council Referral – Request from Elizabeth Barber to Repurpose a Newspaper Vending Box - It is recommended that Council accept this report and consider it on the agenda of a future meeting. (CM)

[CRAB Report 2016-2](#)

Advisory Committee on Trees, Report #2016-3 (Large Willow Oak by Crescent Road new the Greenbelt Library and Greenbelt Community Center) It is recommended that Council accept this report. No further action is required unless Council directs. (CM)

[ACT Report 2016-3](#)

III. LEGISLATION

12. [A Resolution to Amend Resolution 2032, a Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein When Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars - 1st Reading - 2nd Reading, Adoption Reference: Resolution Memorandum, D. Worley, May 13, 2016 Memorandum, D. Worley, May 16, 2016](#)

Earlier this year, communications problems developed between the security cameras in Roosevelt Center and the City's server and attempts to restore the communications were unsuccessful. Additionally, it was determined that one of the three Pan/Tilt/Zoom (PTZ) cameras in the Center was not focusing properly. The cameras in Roosevelt Center were installed nine (9) years ago and parts for repairs are no longer available. Although these cameras were cutting edge technology at the time of installation, this technology is now out of date. Given the age of the existing infrastructure and the anticipated cost of repairs and replacements, IT staff believes the City will be better served with a current technology solution. Convergent Technologies, a firm based in Lanham, has proposed mounting three cameras (that see 180 degrees) in Roosevelt Center at the following locations: side of the building between the Theater and Beijing restaurant; front of the Beijing restaurant; and the covered walkway near the Mother and Child statue. All three of these cameras will be hard-wired to the Theater's internet connection (in basement of Theatre) to stream video to the City's server. The cost of this work will be \$9,979. IT staff thinks this will provide good visibility to the Roosevelt Center area as well as Centerway. The proposed security camera upgrades (\$9,979) together with work done by Convergent Technologies on select camera repairs already this fiscal year, will put the total spent in this fiscal year to this vendor over \$10,000. Therefore, Convergent Technologies needs to be added to the City's Negotiated Purchase List. In order to expedite this work, it is recommended the resolution be introduced for first reading, the rules suspended, and introduced for second reading and adoption at this meeting. Dale Worley, IT Director, will be present to answer any questions. (DW) *Note: An affirmative vote of six members is required to dispense with the requirement for reading the resolution on two separate days.*

12-Draft Resolution.pdf, 12-Memorandum, D. Worley, May 13, 2016.pdf, 12-Memorandum, D. Worley, May 16, 2016

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

13. [Approval of Pepco Vegetation Management Work \(Advisory Committee on Trees, Report #2016-2, Pepco Request for Tree Removals\)](#) Reference:

[Memorandum, Richard Fink, May 16, 2016](#)

[Pepco Map - ACT Report #2016-2 - Pepco has submitted plans for proposed tree removal and tree pruning/trimming along four \(4\) feeder lines serving the City. This work is being proposed as part of Pepco's vegetation management work required by the Maryland Public Service Commission. Public Works staff and the Advisory Committee on Trees \(ACT\) have thoroughly reviewed the plans. Staff and ACT recommend approval of the proposed plans with the condition that six \(6\) White Pines along Edmonston Road \(identified in the plans for removal\) remain in place. It is recommended Council approve the recommendation of staff and ACT. \(CM\).](#)

[13-Memorandum, R. Fink, May 16, 2016.pdf, 13-Map.pdf, 13-ACT Report](#)

14. [County Legislation CB-25-2016 Urban Agriculture - Reference:](#)

[Email, Mayor Jordan, May 18, 2016](#)

[CB-25-2016](#)

[CB-25-2016 Summary- Prince George's County Councilmembers Lehman, Glaros and Turner have introduced CB-25-2016 that reforms parts of the County zoning code to make it easier to start and sustain an urban farm in the County. Mayor Jordan requested this legislation be included on tonight's agenda. Council direction is sought. \(DEM\).](#)

[14-Email, E. Jordan.pdf, 14-CB-25-2016.pdf, 14-CB-25-2016 Summary](#)

V. MEETINGS -

05/23

Regular Meeting - 2nd Public Hearing/Constant Yield Tax Mon.

8:00 pm

Rate/ ACE Student Awards

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<u>Executive Session – Personnel (Library)</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>05/25</u>	<u>7:30 pm</u>
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<u>City Holiday – Memorial Day</u>	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>05/30</u>	
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<u>Work Session– TBD (CC)</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>06/01</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>
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<u>Regular Meeting – Budget Adoption</u>	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>06/06</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>
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<u>Work Session – Franklin Park (CC)</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>06/08</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>
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<u>Work Session – Greenbelt Homes</u>	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>06/13</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>
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<u>Work Session – Beltsville Agricultural Research Center</u> <u>(tentative).(CC)</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>06/15</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>
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<u>Regular Meeting</u>	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>06/20</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>
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<u>Work Session – Economic Development Study (CC)</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>06/22</u> <u>8:00 pm</u>
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<u>MML Convention</u>	<u>Sun.-</u> <u>Wed.</u>	<u>06/26-29</u>
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