

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, May 13, 2019.

Mayor Jordon called the meeting to order at 8:09 pm.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Colin A. Byrd, Judith F. Davis, Leta Mach, Rodney M. Roberts, Edward V. J. Putens, and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

ALSO PRESENT were Nicole Ard, City Manager; Todd Pounds, City Solicitor; David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of Gail Sue Phillips, John Guernsey, Danny Abebe, Coleen Chernikoff, John W. "Jack" Maffay, and former resident Dorothy Kirk Noel.

Miss Averie Johnson, MML's "If I Were Mayor" District 9 Winner, then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mr. Putens that the consent agenda be approved with an amendment. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Committee Reports:

Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) Report #2019-01 (Comments on and edits to the 2017 Sustainable Land Care Policy): Council accepted this report.

Arts Advisory Board (AAB) Report #19-5 (FY20 Budget Request for AAB - Sponsored Arts Networking Events): Council accepted this report.

Reappointments to Advisory Boards/Committees: Council appointed the following individuals to new terms on City Advisory Boards and Committees:

Henry Haslinger	Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
Lester Whitmer	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Joseph Hamlin	Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability
Ronald Lonicki	Arts Advisory Board
Glenn Griffiths	Arts Advisory Board
Sudhanshu Sinha	Advisory Committee on Education
Owen Kelley	Forest Preserve Advisory Board
Martha Galvin	Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
Findley Holland	Youth Advisory Committee

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Davis added "Recognition Group Approval/Acceptance." Mr. Putens moved that the agenda be approved as amended. Ms. Mach seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Maryland Municipal League's "If I Were Mayor" District 9 Winner: Miss Averie Johnson read her essay. Mayor Jordan presented Miss Johnson with a certificate.

Kids to Parks Day Proclamation: Mayor Jordan issued a proclamation recognizing the ninth "Kids to Parks Day" to be held on May 18, 2019. Recreation Coordinator Frank Jones and Superintendent of the Greenbelt National Park and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway Matthew D. Carroll received the proclamation and updated the events planned for Kids to Parks Day in the City.

Bike to Work Day: Mayor Jordan presented a proclamation designating May 17 as Bike-to-Work Day. The City Council designated May as Bicycle Month. Recreation Supervisor Anne Oudemans and Laurie Lemieux of Proteus Bicycles in College Park, Maryland, attended the meeting to receive the proclamation to mark the event along with other cyclists.

Memorial Day Poppy Presentation: Mayor Jordan announced that the American Legion Post 136 would commemorate Memorial Day on May 27 to remember those who have died in combat while serving in the armed forces. Members of the American Legion Post 136 Auxiliary explained the history of the Memorial Day poppy symbol and presented poppies to Council and the audience. May 24 will mark the 100th anniversary of the program.

Legislative Wrap-Up: State Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Anne Healey and Alonzo Washington were present to provide an overview of the recently completed 2019 General Assembly session. Delegate Tawanna Gaines was unable to attend.

Delegate Healey noted that this session was hectic. She indicated that the bills to raise the minimum wage, ban Styrofoam, and protect oyster sanctuaries were discussed. Delegate Healey noted the success of the two bills she sponsored: State Highway Administration to provide technical support to municipalities for traffic-calming devices and the Senate version of the bill to undertake a Forest Conservation Technical Study to gather data to aid efforts to halt the loss of Maryland forests.

Delegate Washington noted that he and Senator Pinsky served on the Kirwan Commission and that the initial funding would bring \$55 million back to Prince George's County Public Schools. In addition, he noted that funding would support Pre-Kindergarten, Special Education, and teacher salary increases. Delegate Washington also pointed out that the additional funding for areas of further need included services at Title 1 schools, a new community school coordinator, and increased staffing to address students' mental and physical health at Springhill Lake Elementary.

Delegate Washington mentioned more than \$300,000 in support for solar panels for the Co-op Supermarket and \$7.8 million returned in Highway User Revenues.

Senator Pinsky summarized several statewide bills that included a green energy jobs bill supported by a goal that fifty percent of the State's energy must be from clean sources by 2030. He highlighted the need for Maryland to join other states in making serious moves to control climate change.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS: There were none.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Ms. Ard announced hiring new summer workers in the Recreation Department and congratulated command staff and officers on their reassignments. Mayor Jordan inquired if the City's Board of Elections had researched staging a pop-up election site at the Greenbelt Metro Station. He also asked about an email regarding the possibility of tree removal near the Municipal Building. Mr. Sterling responded that over the past four years, Public Works had been maintaining a large oak tree between the Community Center and the Youth Center and are now recommending removing the tree.

LEGISLATION: None

General Orders on Fixed Assets/Weapons Disposal: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Chief Bowers provided a summary overview of the written policy for destroying weapons. Mr. Roberts expressed opposition to the General Orders and that it should be a Council policy.

Mr. Byrd moved that the City Council support the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) ADMIN 09-Fixed Assets-5th Edition General Orders and that Council direct staff to draft a Council resolution on the disposal of fixed assets. Ms. Mach seconded.

Mayor Jordan moved to separate Mr. Byrd's motion. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Jordan moved that City Council support the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) ADMIN 09-Fixed Assets-5th Edition General Orders. Ms. Mach seconded. The motion passed 6-1. (Mr. Roberts)

Mr. Byrd moved that Council direct staff to draft a Council resolution on the disposal of police weapons or locate the existing policy. Ms. Mach seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

AARP Age-Friendly Community Designation: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Council Member Byrd requested that this item be added to the agenda. He asked for the City Council to direct City staff to move toward pursuing this designation. Mr. Byrd moved that the City Council support the AARP Age-Friendly Community Designation for the City. Mr. Roberts

seconded. Ms. Davis noted that Christal Batey, the GAIL Program Community Resource Advocate, provided the Council with a detailed memo on the cost associated and the number of staff hours that would be needed to accomplish the designation for the City. Ms. Pope requested that this information be shared on the City's website. Betty Timer, a Greenbelt resident, commented in favor of the designation.

Ms. Mach called the question. Ms. Davis seconded. The motion (Call the Question) passed 5-2. (Mr. Byrd and Mr. Roberts)

Mr. Byrd moved that the City Council support the AARP Age-Friendly Community Designation for the City. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion failed 3-4. (Mr. Byrd, Ms. Pope, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Putens)

Mr. Putens moved that City Council refer the AARP Age-Friendly Community Designation to the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee for review. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 6-1. (Mr. Roberts)

National Film Registry nomination for You Nazty Spy: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mr. Byrd moved that the City Council recommend the film "You Nazty Spy" be added to the National Film Registry of the Library of Congress by sending a letter to the Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden. Mr. Roberts seconded. Mr. James Thompson summarized to the Council his recommendation to have the film be added to the National Film Registry. Dr. McGrath noted that the film is being considered for the National Film Registry. Mr. Byrd withdrew his motion and moved that Council postpone this item until Council had seen the movie. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Greenbelt Co-Op: Rays on the Roof: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Mach moved that the City Council provide \$1,000 for two panels at the Co-Op for the Rays on the Roof campaign. Ms. Pope seconded. Ms. Davis provided an amendment that the City Council pledge \$1,000 now and add to the next fiscal year 2020 budget for expenditure. A member of the Greenbelt Co-Op indicated that the request for the pledge is closed. They've collected \$313,000 and received \$30,000 in donations. She noted that additional funding is needed to match the bond initiative, which has been approved. The entire campaign was \$350,000. Ms. Mach restated the motion that the City Council provide \$1,000 for two panels at the Co-Op for the Rays on the Roof campaign. The motion passed 7-0.

Old Greenbelt Theater Lease Agreement: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Joe McNeal, the Recreation Co-Director, provided the Council background on the space leased to the Old Greenbelt Theater occupants during the renovation. Mr. Roberts inquired about the progress of the Maker Space project. Dr. McGrath noted that it's progressing and that they are on track to open the day the Old Greenbelt Theater closes.

Ms. Mach moved that the City Council approve the Old Greenbelt Theater lease agreement. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Resolution: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mayor Jordan noted that this item was added for Council discussion and awareness to the Council and the public on the ongoing challenge since 2007 to resolve the issue between GHI and Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission regarding the replacement of water lines and meter relocations. Mr. Roberts noted that something needs to be done about this situation and that he learned that the existing galvanized pipes are a health issue. He also stated that the City needs to file legal action against WSSC to uphold the agreement. Mayor Jordan indicated that he requested that GHI send a letter to the City Council requesting a discussion on this matter which was done by Steve Skolnik, President of GHI. Molly Lester noted that she submitted a letter to the Council on this matter and requested a clear understanding of why GHI is seeking the City's support. City Solicitor Todd Pounds noted that the matter is currently in negotiations with WSSC and GHI. Mr. Sterling pointed out that WSSC and GHI met in October 2018 to resolve this issue. He agreed with Mr. Roberts that at some point, the galvanized pipes will need to be replaced. When there's a leak that WSSC finds with galvanized piping, WSSC has been replacing that piping in its entirety. Ms. Davis suggested that the City Council and GHI send a joint letter requesting a meeting.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

North County Advisory Neighborhood Community Meeting, Greenbelt Public Library – Ms. Davis
35th Annual Research Practicum Symposium and Lunch, Eleanor Roosevelt High School – Ms. Davis and Ms. Mach
Friends of Greenbelt Museum Lecture about Behnke's – Ms. Davis
Berwyn Heights Day Pancake Breakfast – Ms. Davis
Writer's Workshop, Windsor Green – Ms. Davis
Pension Plan Advisory Committee. COG, conference call – Ms. Davis
Commission for Women confirmation by the County Council and swearing-in – Ms. Davis
Board of Directors Meeting, COG – Ms. Davis
GHI Annual Meeting – Ms. Davis, Mr. Byrd and Mr. Putens
CARES, Children's Mental Health Matters Mental Health Awareness Week event, Greenbelt Children's Center – Ms. Davis
Art Works for Wellness Expo, Beltway Plaza – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis
Green Man Festival – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Byrd, Ms. Pope, and Mr. Putens
Farmers Market Opening – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis

MEETINGS:

Closed Session: Ms. Davis moved that Council schedule an Executive Session on Monday, May 20, 2019, in the Library of the Municipal Building, immediately following the conclusion of the 7:30 pm Green Ridge House Budget Work Session.

Council will hold this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Articles 3-305(b)(1) of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland to 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.

Mr. Putens seconded.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	- yes
	Mr. Jordan	- yes
	Ms. Mach	- yes
	Ms. Pope	- yes
	Mr. Putens	- yes
	Mr. Roberts	- yes
	Mayor Byrd	- yes

(Mr. Byrd left the meeting at 12:09 am)

Council reviewed the meeting schedule, and during their review, they decided to move the closed session meeting to another date. Ms. Davis modified her closed session motion to change the date.

Ms. Davis moved that Council schedule an Executive Session on Wednesday, May 22, 2019, at 8:00 pm in the Library of the Municipal Building, Green Ridge House Budget Work Session.

Council will hold this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Articles 3-305(b)(1) of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland to 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.

Mr. Putens seconded.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	- yes
	Mr. Jordan	- yes
	Ms. Mach	- yes
	Ms. Pope	- yes
	Mr. Putens	- yes
	Mr. Roberts	- yes
	Mayor Byrd	- absent

Council continued to review the meeting schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Mach and seconded by Mr. Putens. The motion carried 6-0. The Mayor adjourned the regular meeting on Monday, May 13, 2019, at 12:19 am on Tuesday, May 14, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonita Anderson
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 13, 2019.

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor