



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
Municipal Building & Virtual

This meeting will be held in-person and virtual.

**25 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770**

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**Monday, May 9, 2022
7:30 PM**

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call

3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Petitions and Requests
5. 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.)
6. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS

7. Presentations

7a. Police Week Proclamation

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[Police Week Proclamation.pdf](#)

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[PublicWorksWeek.pdf](#)

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[Older Americans Month22.pdf](#)

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9. Administrative Reports

Suggested Action:

Reference: This link will display the weekly report for the City Manager and City Departments

https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/government/city-administration/city-manager-s-office/weekly-reports/-folder-1453#docan2352_4054_3510

*10. * Committee Reports

III. LEGISLATION

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

11. Council Activities

12. Council Reports

*13. * Appointment to Advisory Board

Suggested Action:

On April 13, 2022 Council interviewed Ms. Stephenie Arcido, for appointment to the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE).

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's intent to appoint Ms. Arcido to the Advisory Committee on Education.

*14. * Reappointment to Advisory Boards/Committee

Suggested Action:

Reference: Reappointment Survey

Shaymar Higgs has indicated his willingness to continue to serve on the Arts Advisory Board (AAB).

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's intent to appoint Mr. Higgs to a new term.

*15. * Resignation from Advisory Group

Suggested Action:

Reference: Reappointment Survey

Community Relations Advisory Board Letter - April 28, 2022

Veronica Martin-Alston has submitted her resignation from the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE).

Michael Hartman has submitted his resignation from the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES).

The Community Relations Advisory Board submitted a letter for the removal of Lisa Lake for not attending meetings in the past several months and has not responded to any correspondence.

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate the Council's intent to accept Ms. Martin-Alston and Mr. Hartman's resignation and remove Ms. Lake with regret.

V. MEETINGS

Meetings

Suggested Action:

[meetings.pdf](#)

Stakeholders

[Stakeholder Schedule.pdf](#)

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: May 9, 2022

Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Proclamation

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Congress and the President of the United States designated May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which it falls as National Police Week for the purpose of honoring our officers and forging stronger partnerships between police personnel and the residents they serve; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 34th Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2022 and the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which will be observed this year May 11-17;

WHEREAS, this year, we honor the 619 fallen officers killed in the line of duty (319 fatalities were COVID-19 related) are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., and will include Greenbelt Police Department Corporal Chris Peters, who was among the more than 23,000 law enforcement officers in the United State who made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Greenbelt Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of our residents; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all residents understand the responsibilities, constant risks, and sacrifices undertaken by law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, it is also essential that members of our Police Department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, protecting them against violence and disorder, safeguarding life and property, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression and intimidation; and

WHEREAS, this year we once again recognize with special pride the high regard with which the Greenbelt Police Department is held throughout the Washington Metropolitan area, as well as in our own community, especially for attaining the coveted CALEA accreditation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Emmett V. Jordan, by the authority vested in me by the residents and City Council of Greenbelt, do hereby issue this proclamation in observation of all

POLICE OFFICERS

and urge the residents of Greenbelt to express their appreciation to the officers of the Greenbelt Police Department by showing them respect by obeying our laws and by supporting them in their performance of their many duties as they protect our lives and property.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to be affixed this 9th day of May 2022.

Emmett V. Jordan, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Bonita Anderson
City Clerk*

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since 1960, the American Public Works Association has designated National Public Works Week to recognize the dedicated efforts of professionals, managers and employees in both the public and private sectors who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and comfort of the citizens of Greenbelt greatly depends upon the efficient operation of our Public Works Department—in all seasons and all kinds of weather—from the many successful clean-up, refuse and recycling initiatives; to road and sidewalk construction and maintenance; to the trees, plants, and flowers for which the City is well-known; and to the excellent maintenance of City playgrounds, athletic fields, and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the week of May 13-20 is Infrastructure Week, a national week of events, media coverage, and advocacy actions to elevate infrastructure as a critical issue impacting all Americans; and

WHEREAS, when our nation's infrastructure ages, it becomes less reliable and, in some cases, less safe; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme for National Public Works Week is "Ready and Resilient"; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Greenbelt appreciate the professionalism of our Public Works Department staff and respect the importance of the work they perform to such a high standard every day in our City.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Emmett V. Jordan, by the authority vested in me by the residents and City Council of Greenbelt, do hereby proclaim May 15-21, 2022, as

PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

in Greenbelt and call upon all our residents and civic organizations to learn about the issues involved in providing Public Works services and to recognize the contributions our Public Works personnel make daily to enhance the quality of life throughout our community for both present and future generations of Greenbelt residents.

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EMMETT V. JORDAN
Mayor

ATTEST: Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

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WHEREAS, Greenbelt includes a growing number of older Americans who enrich our community through their diverse life experiences; and

WHEREAS, the theme this year for Older Americans Month is “Age My Way”; and

WHEREAS, Greenbelt is committed to strengthening our community by connecting with and supporting older adults, their families, and caregivers and acknowledging their many valuable contributions to society; and

WHEREAS, Greenbelt recognizes the importance of bringing together all generations and engaging in activities that promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being for the benefit of all; and

WHEREAS, Greenbelt continues its commitment to all older residents through supportive services and programs such as the Greenbelt Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, the Golden Age Club, the Green Ridge House, and the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program; and

WHEREAS, Greenbelt strives to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by:

- Promoting home- and community-based services that support independent living;
- Involving older adults in community events and other activities; and
- Providing opportunities for older adults to work, volunteer, learn, lead, and mentor.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Emmett V. Jordan, by the authority vested in me by the residents and City Council of Greenbelt, do hereby proclaim May to be

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

in Greenbelt and urge every resident to take time during this month to recognize older adults and the people who serve them as essential and valuable members of our community.

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BUDGET WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Wednesday, March 24, 2021, to receive a Comprehensive Financial Review Report from Davenport and a Review of Budget Overview, General Fund, General Government, Miscellaneous & Other Funds.

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

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

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Nicole Ard, City Manager; David Moran, Assistant City Manager; Mary Johnson, Director of Human Resources; Bertha Gaymon, City Treasurer; Terri Hruby, Director of Planning and Community Development; Jim Sterling, Director of Public Works; Beverly Palau, Public Information and Communications Coordinator; Dale Worley, Director of Information of Technology; and Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Assistant to the City Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Jennifer Diercksen and Joe Mason, Davenport & Company LLC; Kap Kapastin; Matthew Inzeo; Kristen Weaver; Bill Orleans; and others.

Davenport Comprehensive Financial Review Report

Ms. Ard stated that Davenport has been assisting the City with the Tax Increment Project and the refinancing. She explained Davenport helps local governments by providing advice, and suggestions in terms of tools and opportunities.

Ms. Diercksen provided a PowerPoint presentation on the City's Comprehensive Financial review that took a look at the City's financial status and debt profile. She noted that Davenport looked at actions and strategies the City could employ if the City considered issuing Grade Bonds on the public market.

Ms. Diercksen noted that the City's assessable tax base had grown approximately 19.2% over the past ten years, and the City's wealth level has increased since 2015. She stated that revenues have been growing faster than expenditures within the last five years, and the City has seen a 34% increase in the General Fund balance since 2016. Ms. Diercksen advised that the City's reserves are considered vital; Davenport recommends adopting formal financial policies at a threshold of 20% of Operating Revenues and specifies that the account can only be utilized for one-time occurrences and would require a super-majority vote of Council before use.

Based on a question asked by Mr. Roberts, Ms. Diercksen answered that the breakdown of the 32% increase of property tax included any increases in the tax rate that occurred over the last five-year period and addition to tax base growth. Ms. Ard stated that Ms. Gaymon could provide that information to Council once Council approves the tax rate, and in addition, Ms. Gaymon can provide the assessed value that was received in 2019.

Ms. Davis agreed with the Davenport suggestion regarding adopting formal financial policies but doesn't agree with requiring a super-majority vote of Council before the revenues are to be used or for one-time occurrences. She explained that the revenue is used to help balance the

budget. Mr. Mason provided Council an example of a 17% reserves policy with a super-majority vote to utilize, and the remaining 3% could be labeled as Budget Stabilization Fund.

Based on a question asked by Mr. Jordan, Ms. Diercksen answered that the tax base had grown about 19.2% over the last ten years; due to the growth in the City's tax base, property tax starts to rise, and new developments contributes to the increase. She stated that she would follow up with Ms. Gaymon to provide Council additional information.

Ms. Diercksen noted that Davenport recommends that if the reserves fall below the target amount the City decides to adopt, then the City should require a plan to address how to replenish the reserves within a three-year timeframe.

There was discussion regarding the City's debt. Ms. Diercksen noted that Davenport recommends the City adopt a policy of no more than 3% debt verses the total value, which would be in line with other local governments; adopt a 10% debt service to expenditure policy, which is the standard policy; and adopt an approach for fixed costs not to exceed 20% of expenditures.

Ms. Diercksen reviewed the City's capital needs, future borrowing plans, debt capacity, debt service to expenditures, and potential debt issuances.

Based on a question asked by Ms. Davis, Ms. Diercksen answered that the City could issue bonds through a competitive public sale, but first, the City would need a credit rating. Mr. Mason added that the City is financially in good shape, and Davenport could assist the City in designing a financial plan to tackle larger project goals. Mr. Roberts asked if the City could finance a bond for a new park in Greenbelt West. Mr. Mason answered that tax-exempt municipal bonds are a perfect way to finance parks, trails, or Council priorities. He explained the debt to total value proposed policy.

Ms. Diercksen reiterated that the City's financial health is vital. The City has the opportunity to move forward with debt financing to fund upcoming capital needs and take advantage of low-interest rates. She noted that public debt would require the City to obtain a credit rating which would benefit the City when pursuing future financings.

Davenport recommended the City consider adopting the following financial policies:

- The City will maintain available reserves equal to at least 20% of operating revenues*
- The City's debt vs. total value should not exceed 3%*
- The City's debt service to expenditures will be no greater than 10%*
- The City's total fixed costs will remain under 20% of operating expenditures.*

Based on a question asked by Ms. Davis, Ms. Diercksen answered that the cost of a credit rating depends on the number of bonds the City issues. Mr. Mason stated that Davenport would recommend the City go to a private credit assessment and pay roughly 2/3 of the credit rating.

There was a discussion regarding the next steps. Ms. Diercksen provided Council with a proposed schedule outlining assisting the City in drafting financial policies, debt issuances and preparing an official statement distributed to investors for the upcoming bond sales. Based on a question asked by Ms. Davis, Ms. Ard answered that sale of the bonds would require voter approval. Mr. Moran stated that the general obligation in the past would be voter-approved, and

he noted it was the interpretation of the Bond Counsel and staff. Mayor Byrd requested that Davenport submit the alternative routes other than going to voters be in writing. Mr. Roberts expressed that he wasn't in favor of the Council borrowing money or sale bonds without the taxpayers' approval.

Mayor Byrd commented that before Council decides on the financial policies, he requested a clearer picture of what type of projects the bonds could be used for and the annual repayment due to the uncertainty of the credit and interest rate.

Mr. Jordan commented that he didn't have a problem considering the four policies and appreciates the flexibility to work with the Fund Balance.

Mr. Roberts inquired if the Project Open Space Funds could be used for debt services. Mr. Mason indicated that he doesn't know grant rules.

Bill Orleans, a Greenbelt resident, inquired if the City would be prohibited from having low increment bond sales versus high increment bond sales. Ms. Dierksen explained that the majority of the local general obligation local government bonds are sold in increments of \$5,000. Mr. Orleans stated that the increments should be lower than \$5,000 and was in favor of taxing appropriately not to incur the cost of borrowing money. He suggested the City consider raising commercial property tax. Based on a question asked by Mr. Orleans, Mr. Jordan answered that the City doesn't have an Enterprise Tax District.

Based on a question asked by Mayor Byrd, Ms. Hruby answered that the Project Open Space couldn't be used in the manner that Mr. Roberts inquired. She explained that Project Open Space is used for shovel-ready projects and acquisition projects. Ms. Hruby stated she would research Project Open Space and provide Council additional information.

Budget Overview, General Fund, General Government, Miscellaneous & Other Funds

Ms. Gaymon reviewed the proposed budget at a glance; page XIX, which Ms. Ard discussed at Monday's regular meeting. She noted that the proposed revenue was \$31,310,000, which is 5.7% over the adopted FY 2021 budget with no tax rate increase. Ms. Gaymon explained that the proposed budget included a 2% pay adjustment for classified employees plus a merit/step increase; health insurance costs are the same; and at the end of FY 2022, the City's Undesignated and Unreserved Fund Balance is estimated to be \$6.3million or 20.2% of total expenditures.

Ms. Gaymon stated that Covid-19 would still impact the City finances in FY 2022 due to the County health restrictions in place. She explained she reviewed the current budget, Covid-19 trends, and Covid-19 impacts to see if the forecast presented to Council in December is still the same. Ms. Gaymon advised that adjustments were made, in the FY 2021 budget.

Mr. Jordan stated that the City doesn't increase the amount of taxes the residents pay due to the state of affairs.

General Fund

Council reviewed the General Fund section of the proposed budget page by page.

Ms. Davis noted on page 2 that the Public Safety Department was the only department that had a decrease in expenditures for the proposed FY 2022 budget.

Ms. Davis noted on page 17 that this year the City wouldn't receive an increase from the State Highway Revenue Fund due to the economy.

General Government

Council reviewed the General Government section of the proposed budget page by page.

Ms. Davis inquired about the fraudulent unemployment claims page 34. Ms. Johnson answered that none of the fraudulent claims went through. She explained that HR contacted the State and filed on behalf of the fraudulent employee claim, and it is a national issue.

Ms. Davis pointed out that on page 37 the City needs to be mindful that the City is close to reaching or has already reached its maximum size in terms of what the community can afford. It is recommended that the practice of partial funding of new initiatives assumes that revenue growth in future fiscal years will support these new initiatives to be discontinued.

Ms. Gaymon noted on page 37 that the economy and growth rate is slow or declines and is a challenge for the compensation study and implementing any of the salary increases that would be recommended. Based on a question asked by Ms. Davis, Ms. Gaymon answered that the compensation study is funded in the proposed FY 2022 budget in the Special Projects Fund.

Mr. Jordan noted that the City would be adding additional employees to adequately service the new residents of Greenbelt as other parts of the City are being built in the distant future.

Based on a question asked by Ms. Davis on page 39, Ms. Johnson answered that the City had received fewer applications this year due to Covid-19. She noted that there are currently more job openings in the police department for police officers and communication specialists. Ms. Johnson mentioned that not many people want to be police officers or communication specialists in the present climate. It is a tough job.

There was a discussion regarding membership expenditures. Mayor Byrd noted that he would like the U.S. Conference of Mayor's membership and the African American Mayor Association membership to be added to the list. Ms. Davis advised that the organization's advantages, the relevance to the size of the City, and the cost of the organization need to be considered. Mayor Byrd requested an inventory of memberships for the public to review. He expressed his concern for the Chamber of Commerce membership due to their position on the Maglev.

Based on a question asked by Ms. Davis on page 45, Ms. Gaymon answered that on line 28, Employee Benefits, for the estimated transaction for FY 20201 was a \$50,000 retirement payout.

On page 45, Mayor Byrd asked Ms. Ard about the organizational memberships and training listed on line 45. Ms. Ard answered that she and Mr. Moran have memberships in the International City/County Management Association and the Maryland Manager Association.

Mayor Byrd noted on page 48 that he had received a request from the younger voters in the City to have an additional voting site at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

On page 51, Mr. Jordan inquired if the City's commitment to participating in a cohort with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government with the Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance (GREA) program was that line item expenses listed under membership and training. Ms. Gaymon will follow up with Council to verify what training was listed on line item 45. Ms. Ard added that the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government and the Safety Fund have joint efforts to pay each of the jurisdictions.

Council thanked Ms. Johnson for her many years of service.

In response to a question Mayor Byrd asked regarding the memberships and training listed on line 45 on page 45, Ms. Ard answered that memberships and training included the Clerks national and State membership.

On page 53, Mayor Byrd inquired about the Government Finance Officers Association listed on line 45 under membership and training. Ms. Gaymon will follow up with Council with a detailed list of the membership and training listed for that line item.

Based on a question asked by Mayor Byrd, Ms. Gaymon answered she agreed with Davenport regarding the City's needs to have some of the financial policies discussed earlier, particularly the reserve policy.

Ms. Davis inquired about the number of IT users per staff noted on page 54. Mr. Worley answered that the number of IT users per staff is 29, the IT budget of total revenue is 4.9%, and the IT budget per user is \$6,800.

Ms. Davis inquired about the camera program. Mr. Worley advised that the camera recommendations came from the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC). The next installation would be at three intersections that surround Greenbelt West. He explained that the IT Department is working with Public Works on the logistics, and the project is currently listed in the budget.

Ms. Davis stated that Council had received an email from a resident inquiring when the City would have a Citywide internet service or broadband. Mr. Worley explained that the feasibility study request was relatively high and he worked to get that figure down. He stated there is a primary technological concern with implementing 5G and the subsequent G's coming later.

There was discussion regarding the CARES Act Funding. Based on a question asked by Mr. Jordan, Mr. Worley explained that the funds that were used to purchase hardware and software that was used to provide employees to telework came from the CARES Act Funding. Ms. Gaymon explained that the CARES Act Funding wasn't reflected in the budget.

Mr. Orleans mentioned that he looks forward to further discussion regarding all the Federal Funding that the City has received, and favors the Citywide broadband services.

There was additional discussion regarding the Citywide broadband services.

There was a discussion regarding Legal Counsel. Mr. Jordan inquired if the legal counsel's budget reflects the opposition of the Maglev cost, the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, and Royal Farms. Ms. Gaymon answered that she would follow up with staff regarding the legal counsel budget and provide Council a report.

Ms. Davis on page 56, asked for an explanation for line item 31, miscellaneous - cable & cell phone. Mr. Moran explained that line item is for engaging legal counsel on small cell issues and the cable attorneys, Best Best and Krieger.

There was a discussion regarding hybrid meetings. Ms. Palau explained that the additional cost would be applying captioning to the Zoom meetings.

Miscellaneous

Ms. Davis inquired about the special project for the Police Department for \$50,000 on page 227. Mr. Moran answered that the account 999, Fund Transfer, is not for a specific task; it transfers funds to the Special Project Fund for future needs at the Police Department.

Based on a question asked by Mr. Jordan, Mr. Moran answered that the City has a Home Purchase Program for City employees to purchase a home in Greenbelt. He explained that the program is small and hardly used. Funding isn't budgeted, and when an employee uses the program, the funds are taken from the employee's department budget. Mr. Moran noted a Police Residency Bonus is funded out the police budget. Mr. Jordan wanted the \$2,000 grant to be increased and added to the Council's list of items to be considered at the final budget work session.

Other Funds

On page 234, Mayor Byrd asked what portion of the replacement vehicles will be replaced by either electric or hybrid cars. Mr. Sterling answered if the car could be replaced by an electric or hybrid vehicle, it would be.

On page 240, Ms. Gaymon explained that in the Special Projects Fund, the Human Resources line item includes \$75,000, for the compensation study, and line item 140 consists of the Finance Department's new financial system.

Based on a question asked by Mayor Byrd, Ms. Palau answered that the GATe fee is 1% of the Peg Fee and 1% of the Franchise Fee.

There was a discussion regarding public art. Mr. Moran explained there is funding for public art in multiple locations in the City.

There was a discussion regarding the Economic Development Revolving Fund.

Informational Item

Mr. Moran thanked Council and noted this is his last Council Meeting.

Ms. Davis stated the last time the trees were limbed at the Community Gardens was in 2014 and should be done regularly. She advised that the tour of the solar path will be scheduled for next month.

Ms. Davis provided a report on the Maglev Task Force Meeting.

The meeting ended at 11:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Shaniya Lashley-Mullen
Assistant to the City Clerk*

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held January 24, 2022.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Colin A. Byrd, Judith F. Davis, Brandon R. Gordon, Silke I. Pope, Rodney M. Roberts, Kristen L.K. Weaver and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

ALSO, PRESENT were Tim George, Acting City Manager; Todd Pounds, City Solicitor; Bertha Gaymon, City Treasurer; Chondria Andrews, Public Information and Communications Coordinator; Dawane Martinez, Human Resources Director; Terri Hruby, Planning Director; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of residents William F. Stoddard Jr., David Michael Wilson, Patrick O'Brien, and former residents Jennifer Farrell, John Richardson Sr., Warren Gibson. Ms. Davis then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Mr. Roberts to remove item # 19, Letter – Public Buildings Reform Board's recommendation for NASA Goddard Space Flight Center Area 400, and place on the agenda for discussion for later in the meeting. Mr. Gordon moved to approve the consent agenda with the amendment. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Interview, July 13, 2020
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Approved as presented.

Letter to Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority: Council approved the letter to be sent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Davis requested the Statement of Record – Closed Session, November 11, 2021; Statement for the Record – Closed Session, December 15, 2021; and Statement for the Records – Closed Session, January 06, 2022, be removed and placed on the next Council meeting agenda for approval. It was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mr. Gordon that the agenda be approved with amendments. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS: Dawane Martinez, Director of Human Resources, provided a presentation and update on the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) project.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Mr. Orleans, a Greenbelt resident, requested information on who called for the Special Meeting on November 01, 2021. He also asked the Ethics Commission to review all candidates' financial disclosures, that the information of the conversations between himself and Council be disclosed, and that Council return to the regular Zoom format.

Susan Barnett, Plateau Place, requested that Representative Hoyer be invited to a City Council work session to discuss the Patuxent Research Refuge South Tract Land Transfer.

Daniel Theis, a Greenbelt resident, stated concern that the GARE project adversely affects the reparations discussion.

Michael Hartman, 2 Court Gardenway, expressed gratitude regarding the GARE's Program and snow removal. However, he requested that Public Works not block curb cuts.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Mr. George invited Dr. Rosado to present this year's Black History Month Theme (Black Health and Wellness) and upcoming events for the month of February. She gave an overview of this year's theme and program events citywide.

Mr. George provided Council with an update on the senior staff budget meetings and the distribution of COVID testing kits for the residents. He thanked Ms. Belton for assisting with the Legislative Program and Ms. Andrews and her team working on the City's website.

Based on a question asked by Mayor Jordan. Mr. George answered that he would follow up with CARES regarding the canceled food distribution and provide Council with a rescheduled date.

Ms. Davis inquired if the concern over Committee/Board minutes being placed on the website was being rectified. Mr. George answered that he would follow up with the Clerk's office and upload the backlog to the City's website.

Based on a question asked by Mayor Pro Tem Weaver, Mr. George and Mr. Pounds provided Council an update on the in-person visit to the Armory. Mayor Pro Tem Weaver asked for an update on the one-way street parking plan in Greenbelt Station and the past flooding at the Park Crescent Apartments.

LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Repeal and Reenact with Amendment Resolution Number 2081 to Adopt Standing Rules for the Council of Greenbelt, Maryland: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mayor Pro Tem Weaver moved the Resolution to Repeal and Reenact with Amendment Resolution Number 2081 to Adopt Standing Rules for the Council of the City of Greenbelt. Mr. Gordon seconded.

There was discussion. Ms. Davis moved to amend Approval of Agenda; Consent Agenda subsection B to read as following: Any member of Council who will be absent from a meeting may request that an agenda item or consent agenda item be postponed. Such a request for deferral, giving the reason for the request, shall be submitted in writing, email, or telephone to the City Clerk, City Manager, and Council. A request for deferral shall be a matter of consideration. It shall be voted upon when the Council considers approval of the agenda or consent agenda, and Council action shall be reflected in the minutes of the meeting. Mr. Gordon seconded the amendment.

There was additional discussion.

The amended motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Davis moved to amend Members of Council are required to be visible for most of the meeting barring technical constraints or physical illness. Mr. Gordon seconded the amendment.

The amended motion passed 7-0.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Weaver	- yes
	Mr. Byrd	- yes
	Ms. Davis	- yes
	Mr. Gordon	- yes
	Ms. Pope	- yes
	Mr. Roberts	- yes
	Mayor Jordan	- yes

The resolution was declared passed (Resolution No. 2097, Book 8)

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 12, "Parks and Recreation," Article IX, "Forest Preserve," Of The Greenbelt City Code to designate A City-Owned Parcel as Forest Preserve Area (Greenbriar Preserve): Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Davis moved the Ordinance to Amend Chapter 12, "Park and Recreation," Article IX, "Forest Preserve," Of the Greenbelt City Code to designate A City-Owned Parcel as Forest Preserve Area (Greenbriar Preserve). Mr. Roberts seconded.

There was discussion.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Weaver	- yes
	Mr. Byrd	- yes
	Ms. Davis	- yes
	Mr. Gordon	- yes
	Ms. Pope	- yes
	Mr. Roberts	- yes
	Mayor Jordan	- yes

The ordinance was declared passed (Ordinance No. 1384, Book 12)

OTHER BUSINESS

Greenbelt Road Corridor Plan TLC Project staff briefing: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Molly Porter, City Planner, provided the Council with an update through a PowerPoint presentation. She also gave an overview of the timeline for this project.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Engagement Plan: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mr. George provided Council with an overview of the plan implementation timeline. There was discussion. Ms. Davis moved that Council allocate \$5,000 funds to add the program Bang the Table to the City of Greenbelt ARPA Engagement Plan. Mr. Gordon seconded.

There was additional discussion.

The motion passed 7-0.

Recreation Department Proposed Merger with the Greenbelt Museum: Mayor Jordan read the Agenda comments. There was discussion. Ms. Davis moved to refer the Recreation Department Proposed Merger with the Greenbelt Museum the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Arts Advisory Board, and Friends of the Greenbelt Museum. Ms. Pope seconded.

There was additional discussion

The motion passed 7-0.

Support of Proposed Legislation: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

SB14/HB100 – Sustainable Maryland Program Fund – Establishment: Ms. Davis's move that Council support SB14/HB/100 – Sustainable Maryland program Fund – Establishment. Ms. Pope seconded.

The motion passed 7-0.

HB151 – Traffic Control Device Monitoring Systems – Authorization: Ms. Davis moved that Council support HB151 – Traffic Control Monitoring Systems – Authorization. Mr. Gordon seconded.

There was discussion.

The motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Davis explained that Council supported two Bills last year and will send a letter of support to Prohibit State Funding for the Maglev, proposed by Delegate Nicole Williams, and Climate Solution Act, proposed by Senator Pinsky.

There was discussion.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

- MML Legislative Committee meeting (Ms. Davis)
- Prince George's County Commission for Women (Ms. Davis)
- PGCMA meeting with Senator Ben Cardin (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis)
- Commission for Women Legislative Committee meeting (Ms. Davis)
- District 22 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration (Mayor Jordan, Mayor Pro Tem Weaver, Ms. Davis, Mr. Gordon)
- MML Legislative Committee meeting (Ms. Davis)
- PGCMA General Body meeting (Mayor Jordan, Mayor Pro Tem Weaver, Ms. Davis)
- Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee, COG, meeting (Ms. Davis)
- Commission for Women Legislative Committee meeting (Ms. Davis)
- NBC-LEO call with White House and CDC (Mr. Gordon)
- NLC Transportation Infrastructure Committee meeting (Mayor Pro Tem Weaver)
- Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Board meeting (Mayor Jordan)
- Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Transportation Planning Board meeting (Mayor Jordan)

COUNCIL REPORTS: None

Letter - Public Buildings Reform Board's recommendation for NASA Goddard Space Flight Center Area 400: Mr. Roberts moved that Council send a letter of support at no cost to the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center instead of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

There was discussion. Ms. Hruby advised that the letter was already sent.

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mr. Gordon. The motion carried 7-0. The Mayor adjourned the regular meeting of January 24, 2022, at 11:06 p.m.

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 January 24, 2022.

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor

ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Wednesday, April 6, 2022, to discuss building Security and Information Technology.

Mayor Jordan started the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Present were: Councilmembers Colin A. Byrd, Judith F. Davis, Ric Gordon, Rodney M. Roberts, Kristen L. K. Weaver, and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan. Councilmember Silke I. Pope was absent.

Staff present were: Tim George, Acting City Manager; Chief Rick Bowers, Police Department; Dale Worley, Director of Information of Technology; and Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Assistant to the City Clerk.

The Council received a security briefing and access cards to the Municipal Building, including the Council Chambers.

The meeting ended at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shaniya Lashley-Mullen
Assistant to the City Clerk

WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, March 7, 2022, to meet with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA).

Mayor Jordan started the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Colin A. Byrd, Judith F. Davis, Silke I. Pope (8:03 p.m.), Rodney M. Roberts, Kristen L. K. Weaver, and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan. Councilmember Ric Gordon was absent due to illness.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Tim George, Acting City Manager; Terri Hruby, Director of Planning and Community Development; and Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Assistant to the City Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Charlie Scott, Senior Government Relations Officer, Maryland with Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; Isabelle Gournay, Advisory Planning Board member; Bill Orleans; and others.

Mr. Scott provided a PowerPoint presentation, which included the pandemic impact on the Metro ridership, an overview of the FY23 operating budget, Metro Capital Program Projects update, and challenges and opportunities facing Metro and the Region. He advised that 93% of the workforce is vaccinated, and robust protocols were implemented to keep staff safe. Ridership plummeted during Covid, but it is gradually bouncing back in FY23. The B30 has been suspended. In addition, Metrorail service has been severely impacted by removing the 700 rail fleet.

Based on a question asked by Mr. Roberts, Mr. Scott answered that with the increase in gas prices, ridership of Metro might increase. Mr. Roberts stated that anything that could be done to make the Metro rail and bus more efficient, appealing, with improved service, riders might utilize the service again.

Mr. Byrd inquired about the leadership search at WMATA and WMATA's consideration of reinstating the B30.

There was a discussion regarding the B30. Mr. Scott explained that the B30 is not funded for FY23 and is suspended. The pre-pandemic ridership numbers were low, and it would be a challenging route to run with current demand. He advised Council that if they and the residents desired the route to return, they should contact the WMATA Board and the State of Maryland. Ms. Davis suggested the B30 wasn't properly promoted and Council will continue to advocate for the residents.

Mr. Scott explained that WMATA is working on some fare incentives to increase ridership to make it more affordable to ride transit. However, WMATA continues to need and rely on Federal funding through the different pandemic measures Congress passed. Federal funding would run out in early FY24. Mayor Jordan advised that the flat fare initiatives are easy to budget for riders and asked whether WMATA uses other payments. Mr. Scott answered that WMATA accepts Google and Apple pay, and the Smart Trip Card could be transferred to a phone. The smartphone would replicate the Smart Trip Card and set up for autopay.

Based on a question asked by Ms. Davis, Mr. Scott answered that the Mask Mandate is a Federal

requirement set through March 18. He stated that there might be some reluctance to ride Metro without the mask mandate. Mr. Scott added that he hopes the riders feel comfortable continuing pre-pandemic activities.

Mr. Scott highlighted the 2021 Capital Improvement Projects for the Greenbelt Metro, including the Platform Improvement Project. He explained the current and upcoming projects at the Greenbelt Metro, which consists of the Bus Bay repairs and the New Shelter Project. The parking lot will be an equipment and material storage stage area for the summer Platform Project.

Based on a question asked by Ms. Davis, Mr. Scott answered that the Landover, Cheverly, and New Carrollton Stations (Orange Line), will be closed for the Platform Project from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Mayor Jordan advised the City of Greenbelt appreciated the mass vaccination site in the Greenbelt Metro Station parking lot and asked how that Project came about. Mr. Scott explained that WMATA received an inquiry from FEMA for potential locations to host the mass vaccination project.

There was a discussion regarding the Capital Bikeshare Project. Mr. Scott explained that WMATA is waiting on Prince George's County to figure out the operation budget and funding. Ms. Hruby added that Prince George's County advised it would be 9-12 months when they are going to return and install the Bikeshare at the Greenbelt Metro Station. She stated that Prince George's County explained its challenges regarding grant requirements.

Mr. Scott provided an update on the Hiker-Biker-Trail recent progress, which included the utility permits and plans. Ms. Hruby added that the Project is progressing and should have a revised construction plan within the next two months.

Based on a question asked by Mayor Jordan, Mr. Scott answered that the Greenbelt Metro Station is WMATA's best site in the portfolio for significant campus-style development and recognizes the need for a full interchange to make the Project more viable.

There was discussion regarding the parking lot at the Greenbelt Metro Station. Mr. Scott explained that one of the most expensive parts of making the Greenbelt Metro Station a viable joint development site is replacing parking with structured parking.

In response to Mr. Byrd's question, Mr. Scott answered that he doesn't know how the search for the new general manager for WMATA is going. The executive committee of the WMATA Board retained a headhunter firm to lead an international search for the general manager.

Based on a question asked by Ms. Davis, Mr. Scott answered that WMATA always has vacancies and is always recruiting to hire more staff. He advised that WMATA is challenged to locate bus and transit operators and has offered bonuses to bus operators. Mr. Scott explained that WMATA built a training lab and an apprentice program to bring in new hires in the Landover facility.

Mr. Roberts suggested the Green Line should be extended to the Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport.

There was additional discussion regarding the parking lot and parking structure at the Greenbelt Metro Station. Ms. Gournay expressed her concern with the Greenbelt Metro Station parking lot, the parking structure, and the handling of the parking lot traffic. Mr. Scott explained by freeing up land at the Greenbelt Metro Station, a parking structure would need to be built.

Mayor Jordan suggested opening the access point gates all day between the Greenbelt Metro Station and the North College Park Station so that bike riders could get through because the next access point for bike riders is Greenbelt Road and Rhode Island.

Mayor Jordan inquired what WMATA was going through regarding Bus Rapid Transit in Prince George's County. Mr. Scott answered that WMATA is working with the State Highway Administration (SHA) in Montgomery and Prince George's County regarding implementing Queue Jump Lanes next year. In addition, he worked with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and the Commonwealth of Virginia on various projects.

Mayor Pro Tem Weaver read a question from Zoom's "Question and Answer" feature. Wyatt, a Greenbelt resident, asked whether WMATA has considered Metro serviced by bus lines without parking. Wyatt stated that he is interested in transit and sustainability, depending on the development. It could be the perfect spot for minimal parking. Less use of cars is essential for the environment and all. Mr. Scott answered that the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) was looking at joint development with WMATA to redevelop the parking lots. He explained that WMATA looks at the demand for parking at the Metro Stations.

There was a discussion regarding bus schedules. Ms. Davis inquired have the hours for the buses been improved. Mr. Scott explained that WMATA had consolidated many bus routes into the 89M and the other bus routes at the Greenbelt Metro Station were back to pre-pandemic levels. Based on a question asked by Ms. Davis, Mr. Scott answered that WMATA had received a grant to pilot electric buses in the next year, and the northern bus garage will be rebuilt to accommodate electric charging. In addition, the WMATA Board had passed a plan that has the entire fleet of WMATA becoming zero-emission by 2045.

Ms. Davis inquired whether WMATA had a survey to find out what bus shelters are being used or which bus shelters needed to be moved for riders. Mr. Scott answered that WMATA periodically reviews and studies bus routes for improvements.

Mayor Pro Tem Weaver inquired if electric charging stations for riders who park at the Greenbelt Metro and utilize the transit system. Mr. Scott answered that there are plans to install electric charging stations at the Greenbelt Metro Station, but he would follow up with Council on the timeline.

Mayor Jordan stated that merging the G12 and G14 would be problematic because the buses service different parts of Greenbelt. He advised that he had received complaints from residents regarding early morning and weekend service modifications. Mr. Scott held a survey of all the Greenbelt routes several years ago, and WMATA adjusted accordingly. He stated that he wasn't aware of another study for the Greenbelt routes.

There was discussion regarding safety and crime on the bus and rail system. Mr. Scott explained that there had been a decline in actual numbers of crimes per 100,000 trips and a decline in

ridership. He advised that there are security cameras throughout the Metro Stations, trains, and buses.

Based on a question asked by Bill Orleans, a Greenbelt resident, Mr. Scott answered that the citizen box on applications was removed from some of the WMATA positions but not all positions. He advised that he would have to follow up with Mr. Orleans regarding whether an applicant had to be a citizen of the United States to be employed with WMATA. Mr. Scott provided Mr. Orleans with an update on the Bus Transformation Project, which included that the next engagement will be with the local transit providers and a renewed public phase.

There was additional discussion regarding the B30. Mayor Jordan read a comment from a resident who advised the B30 had at least 75% ridership or more which was significant as Prince George's County has no option or link to the Baltimore area and airport other than the Marc Train. Mayor Pro Tem Weaver advised that the B30 ridership was down before the pandemic. Mayor Jordan stated that the B30 wasn't promoted properly, and the fee structure was a disincentive for riding the bus. Mr. Scott explained that WMATA tried running the B30 through different routes, and it didn't generate additional trips. He stated that the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) runs commuter buses.

Information Items:

Ms. Davis provided a report on the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women Briefing.

Mayor Jordan reviewed the Council's upcoming work sessions and meetings. He also discussed the upcoming National League of Cities (NLC) Conference held in Washington, DC.

The meeting ended at 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shaniya Lashley-Mullen
Assistant to the City Clerk

WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Wednesday, April 13, 2022, to interview a candidate for a City Advisory Group.

The meeting began at 7:43 pm. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Present were: Councilmembers Colin A. Byrd, Judith F. Davis, Ric Gordon, Silke I. Pope, Rodney M. Roberts (7:55 pm), and Mayor Pro Tem Kristen L. K. Weaver. Mayor Emmett V. Jordan was absent

Staff was present: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Assistant to the City Clerk.

Stephenie Arcido was interviewed for an appointment to the Advisory Committee on Education.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shaniya Lashley-Mullen
Assistant to the City Clerk

WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Wednesday, April 13, 2022, to meet with the Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition (GEAC).

Mayor Jordan started the meeting at 8:02 p.m. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Colin A. Byrd, Judith F. Davis, Ric Gordon, Silke I. Pope, Rodney M. Roberts, Kristen L. K. Weaver, and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Tim George, Acting City Manager; Terry Hruby, Director of Planning and Community Development; Brian Kim, Acting Director of Public Works; Chief Rick Bowers, Police Department; and Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Assistant to the City Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Charlene McAdams, Martha Galvin, Terry Benedict, Vijay Kowtha, GEAC; Paul Butterworth and Darlene Simmons, Belle Point; and others

Mayor Jordan read the ten questions/issues topics that GEAC had provided Council before the work session and the City's responses.

The first question was regarding the Maglev. Mayor Jordan noted that the Maglev had been on hold for about eight months. There was discussion regarding the State Delegation passing legislation using public funding to build the Maglev. Ms. Davis explained that none of the Maglev legislation passed. Based on a question asked by Ms. Galvin, Mayor Jordan answered that Jill Grant and Associates are still working for the City and has been briefing the City on several developments.

The second question was regarding the Prince George's County Zoning update. Mayor Jordan stated that the City reviews conceptual site plans and detailed site plans and has a discussion with the new developers and builders. Ms. Davis summarized all the upcoming new developments in the City, including the Beltway Plaza Redevelopment and Royal Farms Gas Station. She explained that the City would contact Greenspring I and Greenspring II regarding the additional development at Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center, which would affect the tree line and buffer area. Ms. Hruby explained that staff would be contacting the residents of Greenspring I and Greenspring II. The Planning staff and representatives of the Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center will be at the April 25 Council Meeting presenting plans.

The third question was regarding the Election Redistricting Impact. Mayor Jordan advised there would not be a change regarding the City's State Legislative District 22. However, the City was redistricted on the Federal level and wouldn't be represented by Congressman Hoyer in the next election. Mr. Gordon stated that 13 individuals declared their candidacy for governor.

The fourth question was regarding the Bike Lanes. Mayor Jordan stated that there is much vehicular traffic on Hanover Parkway, and staff is working hard regarding the plans. Ms. Galvin asked whether Prince George's County shared any financial responsibility regarding Hanover Parkway. Mayor Jordan advised the County shares responsibility for stormwater management plans and the lakes in Greenbelt East, but not with Hanover Parkway. Ms. Galvin pointed out there were no sidewalks around the bus shelters on Hanover Parkway near Hunting Ridge, Good Luck Road, and Schrom Hills Park. She stated that there was trash and standing water along the existing sidewalks. Mayor Jordan noted an installation of a new bus shelter on Hanover Parkway. Ms. Davis explained that APB just completed their revision on the Bike and Pedestrian Master

Plan Study and will be submitting a budget list regarding improvements on Hanover Parkway and Ridge Road.

There was a discussion regarding standing water.

The fifth question was regarding the FBI Relocation. Mayor Jordan explained that he had heard from the City's Congressional Delegation that funding was approved in the Spending Bill to relocate the FBI Headquarters. Prince George's County had secured \$200 million to attract the FBI Headquarters, and \$3 million was guaranteed to design a full Interchange at the Greenbelt Metro Station.

The sixth question was regarding the Greenbrook Bridge. Mayor Jordan stated that the trail easement needed to be more formalized, and one of the extensions of the path was closed off at Megan Lane due to the bridge being in disrepair. Finally, there was discussion regarding the easement. Ms. Hruby explained that the easement is under review in draft form and was resubmitted to Greenbrook Estates and the City Solicitor. She advised that the improvements of the trail would exceed the \$16,000 that is budgeted.

Mr. Jared Bass expressed his concerns regarding the trash and illegal dumping along the trail. Ms. Hruby explained that the path is private, and there had been issues with illegal dumping. She stated that she would send an inspector to the area to locate the source and work with the Homeowners Association (HOA) to get the area cleaned.

The seventh question was regarding the Crime Reports. Chief Bowers explained that all the crime reports are currently available on the City's website or email alert system. In addition, he stated that the Police Department has a Community Policing Team. They are specifically to answer any questions the HOAs have regarding crime, crime prevention, or neighborhood services.

Ms. Galvin explained that the Hunting Ridge Condo Association had hired a private contractor regarding their crime issues and would meet with other HOAs or apartment complexions to share information.

Based on a question asked by Mayor Jordan, Chief Bowers answered that through the Community Policing Team, the City can partner with the County and State Police to provide enough resources to address any problems.

The eighth question was regarding the Trees along Hanover Parkway/Greenbriar. Ms. Davis explained that several diverse trees would be planted along Hanover Parkway, and it would be over a couple of years.

The ninth question was regarding the COVID Restrictions. There was a discussion regarding the mask mandate. Mr. George stated that 96.1% of all City employees are vaccinated, and over 51% are boosted.

The tenth question was regarding Lighting Issues. Based on a question asked by Mayor Jordan, Mr. Kim answered that Public Works is aware of the light pole that is down. However, maintenance is done by Pepco. He stated that Public Works staff and Pepco are engaging daily. Mayor Jordan noted that he had received complaints regarding no streetlights at the intersection

of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway on the northeast side of the crosswalk. Mr. Kim stated that Pepco has a website where residents can actively engage and report issues and problems. He advised that if residents needed additional assistance, the residents could contact Public Works. Mayor Jordan announced that if residents are having issues getting a hold of utility companies, Verizon or Comcast, contact the City for assistance.

Ms. Davis stated that the City had designated funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund to assist with residents' mortgages, HOA fees, or COA fees related to COVID. She advised that if a resident suspects a rental unit, contact the Planning Department. In addition, the staff is working with the County regarding Short-Term Rentals. Ms. Hruby summarized the meeting she had with the County regarding Short-Term Rentals. The County wasn't enforcing its program in the City due to the City having its rental licensing program. An agreement was reached, and the County will provide monthly reports to the City.

Based on a question asked by Ms. Davis, Ms. McAdams answered that GEAC hadn't been meeting regularly, and it is not running smoothly. As a result, some members resigned. A meeting will be scheduled on April 21.

There was a discussion regarding if the Council could attend GEAC meetings.

Mayor Jordan read a comment from the Zoom's "Question and Answer" feature from Darlene Simmons, stating Belle Point's primary concern is the standing and flowing water throughout the development that has impacted some of the homeowners' properties. WSSC is aware of this problem and has confirmed its ownership of the situation in some courts. However, WSSC has informed the owners that Belle Point is not on the priority list. Ms. Pope advised that there are many water issues in the community, and it is a little complicated when the problem is on private property. She requested that the City contact WSSC regarding the standing water and follow up with the Belle Point Board members.

Ms. McAdams provided an update on Greenwood Village, which has 194 townhomes and a water issue. WSSC responded and advised that the homeowners would have to have an engineer assess the property. Greenwood Village will be having a meeting on April 28, and new board members will be elected. There hasn't been an increase in HOA fees in four years.

Ms. Benedict provided an update on Greenbriar, which has four boards over three phases and meeting through Zoom. Glen Oaks is included on the GCA Board because Gen Oaks utilize the amenities and power plant.

Ms. Galvin provided an update on Hunting Ridge, which has 360 units and recently had an election. She advised that Hunting Ridge hasn't sent the tenants information on how to join the meetings.

Pat provided an update on Greenbelt Lake Village, which has 152 condominiums and has been conducting board meetings virtually.

Mr. Bass stated that Greenspring, which includes 200 single family homes, held a board election in the fall of last year. It is a quiet community, and some concerns have been raised regarding short-term rentals and aging infrastructure. There were open electrical cable boxes, and wires were exposed in the community. He expressed his concern with the increased airplane activity.

Mr. George stated that staff had added "Service Request" to the website regarding equipment issues with Comcast or Verizon.

Ms. Simmons provided an update on Belle Point, which includes 97 homes. The primary issue facing Belle Point was addressed is the standing water issue. She indicated that some of Belle Point's problems go back to the land's development and grading. Ms. Simmons noted that WSSC had acknowledged the problems at Belle Point and informed the property manager that Belle Point isn't on WSSC's priority list.

Based on a question asked by Bill Orleans, a Greenbelt resident, Mayor Jordan answered that staff has been trying to schedule a work session with Congressman Hoyer.

Based on a question asked by Mr. Gordon, Mr. George answered that staff is reviewing adding additional dog waste stations at Schrom Hills Park. He explained the procedures for adding pet stations.

There was a discussion regarding the dog park. Ms. Davis requested that Parking Enforcement patrol the dog park for truck drivers leaving their vehicles in front of the dog park for days. She also stated that the fence is down, and trash has blown into the Forest Preserve. In addition, there are issues with standing water, and the latch is broken on the doors to the recycling containers. Ms. Pope asked about the status of bringing water access to the dog park.

Informational Item:

There was a discussion regarding the spraying of pesticides in Greenbelt. Ms. Davis advised that a resident on Lakeside Drive will be providing Council with materials regarding pesticide spraying and stated the resident requested that the City opt-out of the pesticide spraying program.

Mayor Jordan stated that he received an email from County Executive Angela Alsobrooks regarding the funding, \$200 million, that Prince George's County secured during the Legislative Session if one of the potential sites in Prince George's County is selected for the relocation of the FBI Headquarters. He also stated that \$3 million was secured for planning for the Greenbelt interchange off 495.

Mayor Jordan reported he received a call from Senator Pinsky's office regarding the bond funding for Buddy Attick Park. There will be additional funding for the pedestrian/bike trail connection between the Greenbelt Station Community and the Greenbelt Metro Station.

About the discussion regarding spraying pesticides, Mr. Kim explained that if West Nile is found within a one-mile radius of the City, the County will spray regardless of whether the City is in a no-spray zone.

The meeting ended at 10:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shaniya Lashley-Mullen
Assistant to the City Clerk

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: May 9, 2022

Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda Section: OTHER BUSINESS

Subject:

* Appointment to Advisory Board

Suggested Action:

On April 13, 2022 Council interviewed Ms. Stephenie Arcido, for appointment to the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE).

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's intent to appoint Ms. Arcido to the Advisory Committee on Education.

Attachments:

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: May 9, 2022

Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda Section: OTHER BUSINESS

Subject:

* Reappointment to Advisory Boards/Committee

Suggested Action:

Reference: Reappointment Survey

Shaymar Higgs has indicated his willingness to continue to serve on the Arts Advisory Board (AAB).

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's intent to appoint Mr. Higgs to a new term.

Attachments:

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: May 9, 2022

Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda Section: OTHER BUSINESS

Subject:

* Resignation from Advisory Group

Suggested Action:

Reference: Reappointment Survey

Community Relations Advisory Board Letter - April 28, 2022

Veronica Martin-Alston has submitted her resignation from the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE).

Michael Hartman has submitted his resignation from the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES).

The Community Relations Advisory Board submitted a letter for the removal of Lisa Lake for not attending meetings in the past several months and has not responded to any correspondence.

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate the Council's intent to accept Ms. Martin-Alston and Mr. Hartman's resignation and remove Ms. Lake with regret.

Attachments:

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: May 9, 2022

Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: MEETINGS

Agenda Section: MEETINGS

Subject:

Meetings

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

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CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND
25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770-1891

5/5/2022 9:09 AM



City Council Meetings & Work Sessions
May – June

Old Greenbelt Theatre Tour	Mon.	05/09	7:00 pm
Regular Meeting/1 st Public Hearing (in-person) (MB)	Mon.	05/09	7:30 pm
Raftelis ARPA Discussion	Tues.	05/10	7:30 pm
Budget Work Session – Green Ridge House (virtual)	Wed.	05/11	7:00 pm
Special Meeting – Closed Session (Personnel and Legal Matters)	Wed.	05/11	Immediately following BWS
Budget Work Session – Public Works/ Capital Projects (in-person) (MB)	Mon.	05/16	8:00 pm
ACE Student Award Ceremony (in-person) – (7:00 pm) /	Wed.	05/18	7:00 pm
Work Session - Department of Public Works and Transportation – (8:00 pm)			
Regular Meeting/2 nd Public Hearing/Constant Yield Tax Rate (in-person) (MB)	Mon.	05/23	7:30 pm
Work Session – Greenbelt Road Study Timeline	Wed.	05/25	8:00 pm
No Meeting – Memorial Day	Mon.	05/30	
Budget Work Session – Final Budget Review (in-person) (MB)	Wed.	06/01	7:30 pm
Regular Meeting – Budget Adoption	Mon.	06/06	7:30 pm
Work Session – ARPA Recommend Spending Plan	Wed.	06/08	8:00 pm
MML Summer Conference (Ocean City)	Sun –	06/12 –	
	Wed	06/15	
No Meeting – MML Summer Conference	Mon.	06/13	
No Meeting – MML Summer Conference	Wed.	06/15	
No Meeting – City Holiday - Juneteenth	Mon.	06/20	
Work Session – TBD	Wed.	06/22	8:00 pm
Regular Meeting	Mon.	06/27	7:30 pm
Work Session – TBD	Wed.	06/29	8:00 pm

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation, call 301-474-8000. Regular and Special meetings and Work Sessions are open to the public. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-3870 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use Video Relay Services (VRS) at 711 or e-mail banderson@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk. Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be held in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building (MB) at 25 Crescent Road and virtually by Zoom. Zoom meeting information for public participation is posted on the City's website at www.greenbeltmd.gov on the meeting calendar.

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

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Ready to be scheduled:

Closed Session (*Cable Ordinance*)
MARC Train Service/ MDOT
Arts & Entertainment District
Potential Bond Referendum/Capital Financing
Parke Crescent Apartment Complex
Bernard Penney (*Memorial Donation in honor of Leonie Penney*)
Cemetery Plans
City Contracting Policy
BARC
Hotels
Board of Elections reports:

- Procedure for filling Council vacancies
- Proposal for voting by resident non-citizens (*waiting for CRAB Report*)
- Early Voting
- Discussion with Ethic Commission (Financial Disclosure Reports)

Economic Development Advisory Committee
Police Reform
Reparations Committee
ERB Reports: (#2020-01 Procedures for Employee Appeals and Grievances); (#2021-02 Collective Bargaining for Non-Managerial Employees) (*waiting for CRAB Report*)
Virtual Meetings Accessibility for Blind and Visually Impaired
Small Cells
Mosquito Control Discussion
Religious/Spiritual Organizations

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
Term Limits legislation (*referral submitted to CRAB*)
Majority Leader Hoyer

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Annual														
Advisory Group Chairs	3/16	2/17	7/18	7/19	6/20	6/21								
Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station Mgmt.	8/16	11/17	12/18	12/19	12/20	12/21								
Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition	3/16	7/17	3/19	6/20	04/22									
Greenbelt Homes, Inc.	6/16	7/17	7/18	7/19	10/20	7/21	12/21							
Greenbelt Station	8/19	12/19	8/20	8/21										
County Executive/ County Council	12/13	9/16	1/19	8/20	11/20									
Biennial														
Roosevelt Center Merchants	11/16	1/18	1/20	1/22										
Beltsville Ag. Research Center/ NPS Greenbelt Park	03/14	7/16	8/18											
	7/15	1/18	1/20	1/22										
Beltway Plaza	9/14	3/17	9/20											
Greenbelt Community Garden Club	3/21	9/21												
Greenway Center	7/14	12/16	2/19	12/20										
Civic Associations	8/14	2/18	8/20											
NASA/GSFC	3/15	3/17	9/19	12/20	3/22									
PG Co. Economic Development Corp.	8/14	4/17	7/19	11/21										
School Board	2/16	5/17	10/18	3/19	9/20	9/21								
State Highway Administration	6/15	10/17	11/20											
Every Three Years														
Apartments	2/18	4/21												
Religious/Spiritual Organizations	3/13	6/15	6/19											
Greenbelt Watershed Groups	8/14	10/16	10/19											
Hotels														
University of Maryland	3/13	4/15												
Every Three Years or Major Issue														
Comcast	9/13	11/17	3/21											
Verizon	2/20													
PEPCO	9/14	1/17	2/22											
WSSC	12/12	9/16	2/22											
WGL	12/17													
Capital Office Park	12/12	1/16	9/19											
Other Business Parks:														
Maryland Trade Center														
Golden Triangle														
Hanover Parkway														
Belle Point														
Edmonston Road														

WMATA/PGDPW&T (Semi-Annual)	11/16	9/17	11/18	1/20	3/22									
Other/As Needed														
M-NCPPC/Planning Board (Major Issue)	6/06	7/14	10/19											
Business Coffee (Every Four Months)	2/21	6/21	10/21											
State's Attorney (4 years)	2/11	4/15	9/19											
Roosevelt Center Owner	9/15	8/20												

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