

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, May 8, 2017.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan. Councilmember Konrad E. Herling was unable to attend due to illness.

ALSO PRESENT were Nicole Ard, City Manager; David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager; John Shay, City Solicitor; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in memory of Greenbelt resident Joseph Anthony Leverone and Maryland resident Staff Sgt. Mark R. De Alencar. Mr. Roberts then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Ms. Pope and seconded by Mr. Putens that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 6-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Appointments to Advisory Groups: Council appointed Ronald Lonicki and Glenn Griffiths to the Arts Advisory Board and Ronald Bjorkland to the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability.

Reappointment to Advisory Group: Council appointed Ema Smith to a new term on the Youth Advisory Committee and Charles Jackman to a new term on the Advisory Committee on Trees.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Ms. Mach that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 6-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

ACE Student Awards: Mayor Jordan introduced Melinda Brady and Janet Mirsky, members of the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE). Ms. Brady explained the purpose of the ACE Outstanding Student Awards, gave an overview of ACE's other activities, and described the gifts and certificates to be presented tonight. She said this was the 22nd consecutive year that the ACE Awards had been presented and thanked the City Council for its support over that period.

Ms. Brady recognized Susan Breon, Jon Gardner, Veronica Martin-Frederick, Don Rich, Sudhanshu Sinha and Elsie Waynes, ACE members; Councilmember Mach, ACE Council liaison; Rosalind Ceasar, ACE staff liaison; State Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Tawanna Gaines and Anne Healey; and Tomeka Bumbry representing County Council Member Todd Turner. She also recognized the principals and administrators of Greenbelt Elementary School, Magnolia Elementary School, Springhill Lake Elementary School, Dora Kennedy French Immersion School, Greenbelt Middle School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

The following 2017 award recipients were recognized, and gifts and citations were presented from ACE, the City Council, the County Council and the General Assembly.

Springhill Lake Elementary School	Christiana Alapa and Braylon Martin
Magnolia Elementary School	Guadalupe Cardenas and George Ford III
Dora Kennedy French Immersion	Yoshi Ramesh Chettri and Sean David Mungin
Greenbelt Elementary School	Favor Bate and Alyssa Bailey
Greenbelt Middle School	Benjamin Ehrenreich and Jhennifer Celstino
Eleanor Roosevelt High School	Jordan Epps and Kyle Del Villar

Maryland State Delegate Scholarship Award: Delegate Healey presented Eleanor Roosevelt High School senior Favour Dimelu with a Maryland State Delegate Scholarship Award.

County Council Member Todd Turner – ACE Support: Tomeka Bumbry, representing County Council Member Todd Turner, said Council Member Turner has been honored to support ACE for the past three years. She presented a \$2,000 check from Council Member Turner to ACE.

Springhill Lake Elementary School: Ms. Todd, Springhill Lake Elementary School, thanked Council for providing loblolly pine trees for the school. She thanked Ms. Davis, Ms. Pope and Public Works staff for their assistance with the plantings of the trees. Ms. Todd presented thank you cards from students in her class.

Legislative Wrap-Up – 22nd District Delegation: State Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Tawanna Gaines and Anne Healey provided an update on the 2016 General Session.

Mayor Jordan noted the City's legislative priorities included the FBI Headquarters, the Greenbelt Road Streetscape and an update on the Greenbelt Lake Dam project. He said two other priority issues were Youth Service Bureau funding and children living in Greenbelt Station attending Greenbelt schools.

Senator Pinsky thanked Council for providing input on statewide issues throughout the legislative session. Senator Pinsky, Delegate Gaines and Delegate Healey commented on legislation that passed this session including paid sick leave for employees, a ban on hydraulic fracturing, the Protect Our Schools Act, and prohibition on antibiotics in animal feed and the Protect Our Schools Act. Senator Pinsky said the Trust Act was defeated this year but it will be back for the 2018 session. Delegate Healey noted that the majority of Chesapeake Bay funding will remain in place. Delegate Gaines mentioned that Greenbelt CARES will be fully funded this year.

Ms. Davis thanked Delegate Gaines for championing Youth Service Bureau funding. She also congratulated Delegates Gaines and Healey for receiving Maryland Municipal League legislative awards.

Council thanked the Delegation for their efforts.

Kids To Parks Day Proclamation: Mayor Jordan issued a proclamation recognizing the seventh “Kids to Parks Day” to be held on May 20th. Julie McHale, Director of Recreation, received the proclamation and provided an update on the events planned for Kids to Parks Day in the city.

Public Works Week Proclamation: Mayor Jordan issued a proclamation recognizing National Public Works Week on May 21 to 27, 2017. Brian Kim, Assistant Director of Public Works, received the proclamation and spoke about the Public Works Events/Open House scheduled for May 20th.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Beer and Hard Cider at Greenbelt Farmers Market: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. He then announced the meeting was recessed for the public hearing at 9:55 p.m.

No public comment was received.

The meeting returned to regular session at 9:57 p.m.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Rick Gordon, Franklin Park, presented a petition requesting the city implement a ward/district system for city elections. (Copy of petition attached to minutes.)

Bill Orleans, Greenbelt, asked about executive sessions of council regarding annexation, acquisition of property and potential litigation.

Colin Byrd, Mathew Street, said comments from the public for petitions and requests and the public hearing should have been heard prior to the state legislators update.

MINUTES: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Ms. Ard provided updates on the following matters: meeting with state representatives regarding the Greenbelt Lake Dam project; the Greenbelt Theater Pepco billing issue; WSSC work progress in Lakeside and at Roosevelt Center; and the Green Ridge House smoking area. She thanked the Police Department for the driving under the influence (DUI) checkpoint conducted on May 5th and the Animal Shelter staff and volunteers for the Animal Shelter open house on May 6th. Ms. Ard also announced the Community Relations Advisory Board Community Forum on May 23rd at Greenbriar.

LEGISLATION:

An Ordinance to Amend Article 3 “Public Parks, Playgrounds, Etc., Generally” of Chapter 12 “Parks and Recreation” of the Greenbelt City Code to Allow the Sale and Sampling of

Beer and Hard Cider at the Greenbelt Farmers Market between May 1st and December 24th of Each Year

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Pope introduced the ordinance for second reading and adoption.

Mr. Putens seconded.

Ms. Davis stated that the city's policy requires that vendors at the Farmers Market must require identification from all individuals participating in beer and hard cider samplings and/or sales, as well as wine tastings and/or sales.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Davis	-	yes
Mr. Herling	-	absent
Ms. Mach	-	yes
Ms. Pope	-	yes
Mr. Putens	-	yes
Mr. Roberts	-	no
Mayor Jordan	-	yes

Mr. Roberts noted his opposition to allowing liquor sales.

The ordinance was declared adopted (Ordinance No.1354, Book 12).

Mr. Putens left the meeting at this time.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Council noted their attendance at the following events.

Animal Shelter Open House – Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach and Ms. Pope

Mishkan Torah Jewelry Sale – Ms. Pope

Central Maryland Transportation and Mobility Commission RTA Partners Meeting – Ms. Davis

Milestone Communication Community Cell Tower Meeting in Seabrook – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis

Roosevelt Center Merchants Association Meeting – Ms. Davis

Golden Age Club 60th Anniversary Luncheon – Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach and Mr. Putens

Cub Scout Pack Presentation at Community Church – Ms. Davis

Cookies at the Bridge – Ms. Davis

City Shredding Event – Ms. Davis and Ms. Mach

People's Climate Change March – Ms. Davis

Gus's World Famous Fried Chicken Soft Opening – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Herling, and Mr. Putens

Greenbelt Youth Baseball Opening Day – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Herling and Ms. Pope

Eleanor Roosevelt High School Fundraiser at Gus's World Famous Fried Chicken – Ms. Davis

CARES Fundraiser in Memory of Michael Maxwell at Chipotle – Ms. Davis

Fifth Grade Loblolly Pine Planting at Springhill Lake Elementary School – Ms. Davis and Ms. Pope

Royal Technology Mission Visit to Goddard Space Flight Center, King of Sweden – Ms. Davis and Mr. Herling
Prince George’s Arts and Humanities Council Meeting – Mr. Herling
Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments Board of Directors Meeting – Mayor Jordan
Maryland Municipal League Board of Directors Meeting – Mayor Jordan
Meeting with Terrance Taylor at Congressman Hoyer’s Office – Mayor Jordan
Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Meeting – Mayor Jordan
Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition Meeting – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Pope and Mr. Putens
Prince George’s County Walk to Cure Arthritis – Mayor Jordan
CROP Walk at Lake Artemesia – Mayor Jordan

COUNCIL REPORTS: None.

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule.

Executive Session: Ms. Davis moved that Council schedule an Executive Session on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building. Council will hold this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article 3-305(b)(1) of the *Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland* to discuss a personnel matter – evaluation of the City Manager.

Ms. Mach seconded.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Mach moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Jordan adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, May 8, 2017, at 10:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Murray
City Clerk

"I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct report of the regular meeting of the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, held May 8, 2017.

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor