



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA

Budget Work Session - Public Safety

This meeting will be held in-person and virtual.
25 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770

OR

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Monday, April 29, 2024
7:30 PM

Work Session Packet

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Suggested Action:

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- Council Discussion - 60 minutes (7:45 - 8:45 pm)

Reference:

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- Other Items - 15 minutes (9:15 - 9:30 pm)

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City Council Work Session Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: April 29, 2024

Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Work Session Item

Agenda Section: Work Session Packet

Subject:

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Attachments:

CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

POLICE DEPARTMENT

550 CRESCENT ROAD, GREENBELT, MD 20770



Richard Bowers
Chief of Police

To: City Council
From: Rick Bowers, Chief of Police
Date: 4/24/2024
RE: Public Safety Budget Work Session

The Police Department's proposed FY2025 budget is \$10,294,200, an increase of 6.98 percent from the FY2024 budget. This increase is primarily due to costs related to employee pay increases and the related increase in employee benefits. Additionally, 2023 posed a significantly challenging year for public safety, with calls for service increasing by 12 percent and crime up by 43 percent (please see budget book page 151). The department also accomplished various initiatives, including installing fleet cameras, achieving CALEA reaccreditation for the sixth time, purchasing one new K-9 dog, and hiring 11 new police officers and one dispatcher.

In the proposed FY2025 budget, the department maintained the approved number of FTEs. However, the funding for two non-sworn vehicles was reduced, and the department did not request funds for replacement vehicles. Additionally, funding for the department's crisis intervention position was moved from ARPA funding to the General Fund.

In FY2025, the Police Department is committed to furthering our community engagement efforts. We plan to host a second Youth Camp in July and expand the services our Crisis team provides. Our commitment to fostering a diverse workforce that mirrors the demographics of the community we serve remains unwavering. These initiatives and our proposed budget reflect our dedication to public safety and community service.

The Police Department is primarily funded through the City's General fund. However, we also receive funding from other sources, including State of Maryland grants, the Franklin Park Partnership, the School Resource Officer program, and fines. The State Aid for Police Protection (SAPP) grant, estimated at \$726,500 for FY2025, is our largest grant. It's important to note that this increase from the previous fiscal year is due to enhanced funding authorized by former Governor Hogan, set to expire in FY2027 unless reauthorized by Governor Moore. This financial landscape, along with our strategic planning for future needs, will be crucial as we navigate the upcoming fiscal years and prepare for the challenges of Beltway Plaza and the FBI facility project.

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The department remains vigilant about funding in the coming fiscal years and planning for future needs, especially as Beltway Plaza comes online and the FBI facility project begins to take shape. As part of its long-term planning, the department recognizes the importance of maintaining fleet readiness in the years ahead. A significant upcoming challenge for the department will be the expiration and renegotiation of the current Collective Bargaining contract with the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), affecting all sworn officers below the rank of lieutenant.

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