

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, April 27, 2015.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT were Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; David Moran, Assistant City Manager; Karen Ruff, Associate of the City Solicitor; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in memory of residents Dale L. Jernberg, Sr. and Elizabeth "Liz" Labukas and former residents Donald E. Evans and Barbara Ann Rexon. Ms. Mach then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Ms. Pope and seconded by Mr. Putens that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Minutes:

Work Session, March 26, 2015

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Approved as Presented

Friends of Greenbelt Theatre Application for Roosevelt Center Merchant Revolving Loan Fund Program: Council expressed its support for the Friends of Greenbelt Theatre (FOGT) application for Roosevelt Center Merchant Revolving Loan Funds with the condition that the loan funds will not be disbursed until a Greenbelt Federal Credit Union loan application is applied for and approved, and FOGT enter into an indemnity agreement with the City.

Reappointment to Advisory Group: Council reappointed Oyinkansola Odebo to a new term on the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Roberts requested "Pepco Tree Work" be added to the agenda. With this addition, it was moved by Ms. Pope and seconded by Mr. Putens that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

National Kids to Parks Day Proclamation: Mayor Jordan issued a proclamation marking the fifth "National Kids to Parks Day" to be held on May 16, 2015. Julie McHale, Director of Recreation, received the proclamation and commented on the several upcoming events including Celebration of Spring, Bike to Work Day and the Bike Rodeo for Kids.

Public Works Week Proclamation: Mayor Jordan issued a proclamation in recognition of National "Public Works Week" to be held May 17-23, 2015. Luisa Robles, the City's Sustainability Coordinator, received the proclamation and commented on the upcoming Public Works Open House and Community Shred Day.

Older Americans Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan issued a proclamation in recognition of Older Americans Month. Sharon Johnson, Service Coordinator for Green Ridge House, received the proclamation on behalf of the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program (GAIL), the Golden Age Club, the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and all older Americans of the City. She mentioned many of the events scheduled during the month of June.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. He then announced the meeting was recessed at 8:26 p.m. for the hearing.

There was no public comment.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:28 p.m.

Mayor Jordan and Council encouraged residents to participate in the budget process and to send any comments/suggestions by email to members of Council and/or the City Manager.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS: None

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Statement for the Record – Executive Session of April 13, 2015: Ms. Davis moved that in accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-306(c)(2) of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland*, the minutes of tonight’s meeting reflect that Council met in executive session on Monday, April 13, 2015, at 10:35 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(7) of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland*, to consult with counsel to obtain advice on a legal matter.

Vote to close session:

|              | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent                          |
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| Ms. Davis    | X   |    |         |                                 |
| Mr. Herling  | X   |    |         |                                 |
| Ms. Mach     | X   |    |         |                                 |
| Ms. Pope     | X   |    |         |                                 |
| Mr. Putens   | X   |    |         |                                 |
| Mr. Roberts  |     |    |         | X (arrived<br>at 10:40<br>p.m.) |
| Mayor Jordan | X   |    |         |                                 |

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; John Shay, City Solicitor; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Other individuals in attendance: None

Council took no actions during this session.

Mr. Putens seconded.

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| ROLL CALL: | Ms. Davis    | - | Yes |
|            | Mr. Herling  | - | Yes |
|            | Ms. Mach     | - | Yes |
|            | Ms. Pope     | - | Yes |
|            | Mr. Putens   | - | Yes |
|            | Mr. Roberts  | - | Yes |
|            | Mayor Jordan | - | Yes |

Minutes – Executive Session of April 13, 2015: Ms. Davis moved that the minutes of the executive session of the City Council held Monday, April 13, 2015, be approved as presented. Ms. Pope seconded.

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| ROLL CALL: | Ms. Davis    | - | Yes |
|            | Mr. Herling  | - | Yes |
|            | Ms. Mach     | - | Yes |
|            | Ms. Pope     | - | Yes |
|            | Mr. Putens   | - | Yes |
|            | Mr. Roberts  | - | Yes |
|            | Mayor Jordan | - | Yes |

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Mr. McLaughlin provided an update on the Greenbelt Theatre renovation. He said staff is hopeful the Use and Occupancy permit for the Greenbelt Theatre will be received on Wednesday and the soft opening of the Theatre could be this Friday. Mr. McLaughlin also mentioned that the Farmer's Market would open for the season on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

LEGISLATION: None

AWARD OF PURCHASE – POLICE RAID VESTS: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Sgt. White explained that the replacement of the Police Department Emergency Response Unit's tactical raid vests is necessary due to the expiration of the ballistic armor. He said the purchase of steel plate armor is recommended for the proposed replacement vests.

In response to a question from Mayor Jordan, Sgt. White said the vests are used about 12 times annually by officers in addition to usage during scheduled training exercises. Ms. Davis asked about the weight of the vests. Sgt. White said each vest weighs approximately 50 pounds.

Ms. Davis moved that Council approve the purchase of 11 Point Blank Dragon Fire Gen 2 Tactical Vests from Lawmen Supply Company at a cost of \$16,067 in accord with Prince George's County Contract #P141149MC14041(060416)0. Ms. Pope seconded.

Ms. Davis asked the status of the Police Department acquiring body armor for its K-9's. Sgt. White will check and report back to Council.

Bill Orleans, Greenbelt, asked and was provided answers to several questions.

The motion passed 7-0.

CITY ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CONTRACT: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mr. Moran explained that the City's electricity supply contract with WGL Energy (formerly Washington Gas Energy Services/WGES) expires in July, 2015. He said that quotes were received from WGL Energy, Constellation and Groundswell, and WGL Energy has consistently provided the lowest quote. Mr. Moran advised that WGL's most recent quote is 5.8% lower than the City's current rate and this rate would be the lowest that the City has paid in the last 10 years.

Ms. Pope moved that Council authorize renewal of the City of Greenbelt's electricity supply contract with WGL Energy for a three year term. Ms. Davis seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS: Councilmembers commented on their attendance at the following events.

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Clean Air Partners Annual Business Meeting – Ms. Mach  
Earth Day – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Putens, Ms. Mach and Ms. Pope  
Cookies at the Bridge – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis and Ms. Pope  
COG Transportation Planning Board Meeting – Mr. Roberts  
Prince George's County Municipal Association Meeting – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis and Mr. Herling  
Greenbelt Maker Faire – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis and Mr. Putens  
Farmers Market Appreciation Party – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis  
Friends of Greenbelt Museum Annual Meeting and Lecture – Ms. Davis  
Maryland Municipal League (MML) Legislative Committee Meeting – Ms. Davis  
Golden Age Club Annual Luncheon – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis and Mr. Putens  
Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Informational Meeting on the Home Improvement Program – Ms. Davis  
Poetry Moment at the New Deal Café – Ms. Davis  
Greenbelt Theatre Tour for Special Needs Population – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis  
Prince George's County Board of Education Forum at Eleanor Roosevelt High School – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis  
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Emergency Drill at Greenbelt Metro – Mayor Jordan  
COG Region Forward Meeting – Mayor Jordan  
MML Board of Directors Meeting – Mayor Jordan

PEPCO TREE WORK: Mr. Roberts expressed concern that Pepco had marked a large number of trees for removal in the City, especially in the area of Greenhill Road. He asked Council to fight as hard as possible and not allow Pepco to remove the marked trees.

Mr. McLaughlin explained that Mr. Moran and Mr. Sterling had received a briefing from Tami Watkins, Government Relations Manager for Pepco, on its initial plans for tree management work in the City. Pepco will be providing detailed plans to the City that will be thoroughly reviewed by staff. Mr. McLaughlin said that the markings on trees only indicate that Pepco believes work is needed on the trees and does not necessarily mean removal.

Ms. Davis mentioned the tree review process used by City staff and Pepco staff on development of the tree management plan two years ago had worked well. Ms. Mach, Mr. Putens and Ms. Pope agreed, noting that City staff will take the same cautious approach to this plan review.

Mr. Roberts suggested Council send a letter to other neighboring communities regarding its concerns.

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Mach moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Jordan adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, April 27, 2015, at 9:26 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 April 27, 2015."

Emmett V. Jordan  
Mayor