

WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Wednesday, April 18, 2018, with Public Works/Capital Projects.

Mayor Jordan started the meeting at 7:32 p.m. The meeting was held at Greenbriar Community Building.

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

STAFF PRESENT WERE: David Moran, Assistant City Manager; Jim Sterling, Director of Public Works; Brian Kim, Assistant Director of Public Works; Dr. Luisa Robles, Sustainability Coordinator; Brian Townsend, Assistant Director of Public Works; Jeff Williams, City Treasurer and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Jim Giese, Greenbelt News Review.

Public Works

Mr. Sterling gave an overview of the strategic plan, which included the mission, value statements, goals and accomplishments for the Public Works Department. He also stated that Jason Martin will be working with College Park, to gain additional knowledge on implementing a GIS inventory for the City. Mayor Jordan inquired about the Complete Street Policy. Mr. Sterling stated that the Planning Department is drafting the policy, and that the Public Works Department will review the policy. He provided the Council with an update about the Tree City USA designation and that the City earned 600 points for the Sustainable Maryland Certified program, the second highest point total in the state. Mr. Roberts inquired about Public Works obtaining a cost estimate to get rid of debris by Northway Fields. He stated that the debris is not safe material for the environment and that the City shouldn't stockpile it at the field. Mr. Sterling stated that the debris is temporarily stored there until it is taken to a recycling location. Dr. Robles mentioned the accomplishment of the goal to renew the Maryland Smart Energy Community designation by utilizing the greenhouse gas calculation methodology of the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives. The City receives grant funding from the Maryland Energy Administration for energy efficiency improvements. The funds were used for the purchase of an electric vehicle and a vehicle charging station. The \$58,500 grant that was awarded to the City for solar panels, that were installed at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, was also mentioned.

There is a proposed expenditure of \$320,000 for the replacement of the roof and the HVAC system at the city-owned Old Greenbelt Theatre. Another \$65,000 is budgeted for replacing a heat exchanger and piping at the Aquatic & Fitness Center.

The proposed FY 2019 budget contribution to the fund is \$350,000. Proposed purchases are as follows: handguns for the police, two electric sedans, a skid street loader, a pick-up truck, exercise bikes for the Fitness Center, a dump body for a park's truck and a refuse packer truck. Funds have also been budgeted for a 12-passenger van with a wheelchair lift for the Greenbelt Connection. This is to replace a bus that was provided to the City by the County from grant funds they received. That bus was destroyed when it caught fire. The City had hoped that the County would provide a replacement, but this may not happen.

Capital Projects

Council and staff reviewed and discussed the proposed Capital Projects Fund expenditures that were estimated to be \$5,195,800. The following are the proposed projects:

- *Street Resurfacing – \$603,800*
- *Miscellaneous Concrete – \$50,000*
- *Playground Improvements – \$51,700*
- *Pedestrian/Bike Improvements – \$20,000*
- *MEA Energy Efficiency Improvements – \$56,000*
- *Bus Stop Accessibility Study – \$20,000*
- *Outdoor Pool White Coat – \$54,600*
- *Greenbelt Lake Dam Repairs – \$2,285,000*
- *Breezewood Drive – \$128,200*
- *Animal Control Cages – \$5,000*
- *Greenbrook Trails – \$16,000*
- *Second Dog Park – \$15,000*
- *Aquatic & Fitness Center Ductwork – \$65,000*
- *WMATA Trail – \$1,000,000*
- *Sculpture Repair – \$39,500*
- *Theater Roof & HVAC – \$320,000*
- *Cherrywood Lane Green Street Design – \$86,000*
- *Land Acquisition – \$380,000*

There was additional discussion about the need for additional funding for the following: security cameras at Schrom Hills Park, an additional dog park and painting the exterior of the Community Center.

Ms. Davis read a question on behalf of Ms. Mach about the sculpture repair. Mr. Moran replied that the repair includes repainting the windows. Mayor Jordan inquired about funding from the Chesapeake Bay Trust. Mr. Moran replied that the City will need to spend the existing funding before requesting additional funds.

There was discussion about the budgeted amount of \$380,000 for the Program Open Space (POS) funds. Mr. Moran mentioned that the City is not proposing to spend any POS funds for this fiscal year.

Informational Items

Several informational items were discussed.

The meeting ended at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Bonita Anderson
City Clerk*