

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, April 13, 2015.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:05 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; John Shay, City Solicitor; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in memory of resident and former City Councilmember Thomas X. White and former resident Dorothy Suit Isele Miller. He 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:

Regular Meeting, March 9, 2015
Legislative Dinner, March 11, 2015
Interview, March 16, 2015
Work Session, March 18, 2015
Regular Meeting, March 23, 2015
Work Session, March 25, 2015

Approved as Presented

Request for Use of Facilities: Council approved the waiver of facility rental fees for the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Grad Night Committee for use of the Youth Center from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on May 28th and from 9 a.m. on May 29th to 6:00 a.m. on May 30th.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

National Board Certified Teacher: Mayor Jordan and Council recognized Coit Hendley III, Yau-Jong Twu and Maya Yamada, teachers at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, for achieving their National Board Certification this school year.

Reginald McNeill, Principal of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, commended the teachers on their accomplishment. He advised that the school now has 17 teachers who have achieved National Board Certification.

Earth Day Proclamation: Mayor Jordan issued a proclamation marking the 45th Anniversary of Earth Day. Luisa Robles, the City's Sustainability Coordinator, received the proclamation and discussed the Earth Day plans and activities.

Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Update: Aaron Marcavitch, Executive Director of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA), provided an update on the organization. He said that ATHA is now working on bicycle tourism and is also looking at expanding the heritage area into the Bowie area. Mr. Marcavitch advised that the National Trust for Historic Preservation will be holding its conference in Washington, D.C. this year and plans include a group tour to Greenbelt.

Bill Orleans, Greenbelt, asked and was provided answers to questions regarding expansion of the heritage area.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS: Sue Krofchik, 6 Fayette Place, read a letter from Beth Norden, 112 Greenhill Road, regarding being involved in a near accident with a County school bus on Greenhill Road earlier. Ms. Krofchik reported there has been an on-going problem with speeding school buses, transit buses and vehicles on Greenhill Road.

Ms. Mach said residents had also reported incidents of speeding school buses in Boxwood. She suggested staff meet with the County to determine training levels of school bus drivers. Ms. Pope suggested Greenbelt Bus Lot be notified of the incident. Ms. Davis suggested School Board Representative Grady be informed of the incident.

William Peterson, 10 Lakeview Circle, petitioned Council to consider lowering the voting age of residents to 16 years of age. He said this would enable 16 and 17 year old youth to have a voice in local government.

Amanda Brozano, 9336 Edmonston Road, invited Council to visit the dog park to see how much it is used and loved by the community. She thanked the City for the ground work recently done at the park. Ms. Brozano noted the need for work on the fence separating the large and small dogs in the park, and also on the gates.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Mr. McLaughlin provided an update on the Theatre Renovation project.

In response to a question from Mr. Roberts, Mr. McLaughlin said Planning staff is meeting with Pepco regarding planned tree work in the City.

Ms. Pope inquired about the timeframe for the path installation and also about repositioning of the bench in the Belle Point Playground. Ms. Davis asked if permeable material will be used for the path.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

LEGISLATION: None

ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD, REPORT #2015-1 (GREENBELT STATION METRO SHUTTLE PROPOSAL): Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Jessica Bellah, Community Planner, explained that the Advisory Planning Board (APB) had reviewed the proposal submitted by the Woodlawn Development Group (WDG) to establish a shuttle service from Greenbelt Station South Core to Greenbelt Metro Station. After review, APB issued Report #2015-1 identifying conditions which should be included in the proposal prior to Council's approval. Norman Rivera said WDG agrees to the conditions identified in the APB Report.

Ms. Pope moved that Council approve the Greenbelt Station Metro Shuttle Implementation Plan with the following conditions as identified in Advisory Planning Board Report #2015-1:

1. WDG and Reston Limousine agree to conduct an evaluation three months from the start of operation and a subsequent evaluation prior to final phase implementation. Adjustments to service hours, frequency, service area and stop locations shall be made as warranted by ridership numbers and South Core residents' transit needs. Adjustments are subject to city approval.
2. An ADA accessible bus will be used at the start of shuttle service.
3. Stop locations will be sited in-field to prioritize pedestrian safety and accessibility.
4. WDG and Reston Limousine agree to provide monthly summary reports to the City.
5. WDG agrees that the shuttle service does not satisfy Condition 15 of the *Greenbelt Station South Core Development Agreement* to construct a trail/boardwalk to provide bike and pedestrian connection to the Greenbelt Metro Station.

Ms. Mach seconded.

Justin Frye, WDG, provided an overview of the South Core Development. He said 60 residents are now residing in the South Core Development and the first homeowners meeting will be held on April 15th. Mr. Frye noted that WDG will have the traffic signal at Greenbelt Road built by the fall and the State Highway Administration will develop their schedule for full operation of the light at that time.

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

The motion passed 7-0.

GREENBELT STATION CONSERVATION EASEMENT: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Jessica Bellah, Community Planner, explained that the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) has requested the City review and provide comments on the conveyance of a conservation easement of state owned land adjacent to Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt Station and the South Core development. The proposed easement would provide an open space buffer, for security purposes, adjacent to the potential location of the FBI headquarters. Public access to the property would not be permitted as part of the proposed easement.

Ms. Bellah said the conservation easement as proposed is inconsistent with current local planning efforts. She advised that it does not provide for the proposed trail connections envisioned in the Greenbelt Metro Area Sector Plan and approved in detailed site plans for Greenbelt Station South Core.

Ms. Davis asked if the conservation easement can become permanent and not just dependent on the FBI headquarters relocation. Ms. Bellah said this request could be made to Maryland Environmental Trust (MET). In response to concerns raised by Mr. Roberts regarding the stream wetland areas, Ms. Bellah suggested a request be made to MET to review the stewardship plan.

Ms. Davis moved that Council send a comment letter to the Maryland Department of Planning supporting the conservation easement providing that public access to the property is allowed as well as the proposed trail connections envisioned in the Greenbelt Metro Area Sector Plan and approved in detailed site plans for Greenbelt Station South Core. She also moved that the comment letter request that: 1) the City be considered a local co-holder of the conservation easement; and 2) City review of the stewardship plan proposed by MET and the details of their management actions. Ms. Mach seconded.

The motion passed 7-0.

COUNTY LEGISLATION – CB-5-2015 & CB-6-2015: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Davis moved that Council support CB-5-2015. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Davis moved that Council support CB-6-2015. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS: Council noted their attendance at the memorial services for former City Councilmember Tom White. They also noted their attendance at the Grand Opening of East Pearl Asian Bistro. Mayor Jordan reported he had testified at a transportation bill hearing on Capitol Hill on behalf of the National League of Cities.

Councilmembers commented on their attendance at the following events.

Egg Hunt – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Putens, Ms. Mach, Mr. Herling and Ms. Pope
Underwater Egg Hunt – Ms. Davis
Maryland Municipal League (MML) Review of “If I Were Mayor” Contest Essays – Ms. Mach
Opening Day for Greenbelt Little League – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Putens, Mr. Herling and Ms. Pope
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee Meeting – Ms. Davis
Beltway Plaza Wall of Fame Ceremony – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis
Retirement Lunch for Jackie Curley – Ms. Davis and Ms. Mach
Cookies at the Bridge – Ms. Davis and Ms. Mach
Greenbelt Concert Band Memorial Concert for Keith Marshall – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis
Greenbelt Business Breakfast – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Putens, Ms. Mach, Mr. Herling and Ms. Pope
Prince George’s County Municipal Association Legislative Committee Meeting – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis
Greenbelt Arbor Day – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Mach

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

Executive Session: Ms. Davis moved that Council schedule an Executive Session immediately following tonight's meeting in the Library of the Municipal Building. She said Council will hold this closed meeting in accordance with General Provisions Article 3-305 (b) (7) of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland* to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice. Ms. Pope seconded.

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

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 13, 2015, at 10:28 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 13, 2015."

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor