

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, April 9, 2018.

Call to order: Mayor Jordan started the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building.

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

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Nicole Ard, City Manager, David Moran, Assistant City Manager and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of Harriet Perretz, mother of Lola Skolnik.

CONSENT AGENDA – Ms. Davis requested that the September 11, 2017, and March 7, 2018, meeting minutes be removed from the consent agenda. It was moved by Ms. Mach and seconded by Mr. Putens. Motion carried 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Minutes:

Regular Meeting, September 25, 2017

Charter Meeting, November 13, 2017

Work Session, February 21, 2018

Closed Session, March 29, 2018

Approved as presented.

Additional Funding for Friends of the Old Greenbelt Theatre: Council approved the request for additional funding in the amount of \$20,000 for the remainder of FY 2018.

Resignation to Advisory Groups: Council accepted the resignations of Consuella Harris from the Greenbelt Ethics Commission and Patricia Walters from the Green Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – It was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Ms. Davis that the agenda be approved. Motion carried 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week Proclamation: Mayor Jordan issued a proclamation recognizing the second week of April designated as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Communications Supervisor Alicia Williams and Communications Specialists Jessica Houle, Maria Auchter, Eliya Stewart and Madison Mitchell were recognized the importance of their roles as communication personnel in police and safety departments.

Mr. Chuck Bean, Executive Director, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG): Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Chuck Bean and Rick Konrad presented a brief PowerPoint presentation to the Council with an update on COG.

Earth Day Proclamation: Mayor and Council recognized Dr. Anne Swann, Assistant Principal, and three teachers from Springhill Lake Elementary. Mayor Jordan issued a proclamation for Earth Day to Luisa Robles, Sustainability Coordinator, and Jason Martin, Environmental Coordinator. Mr. Martin provided the Council with an update on the Earth Day plans and activities.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

Reverend Ray Raysor requested a Letter of Support for an Independent Living Center for persons with disabilities to present to the Prince George's County Council on behalf of the Prince George's County Commission for Individuals with Disabilities. Council will have staff draft a letter of support within the next 30 to 60 days.

Bill Orleans requested the general City policy regarding evictions at Green Ridge House. Mayor Jordan asked staff to draft a response letter and send it certified mail to Mr. Orleans.

Minutes of Council Meetings

It was moved by Ms. Mach and seconded by Ms. Davis to amend the minutes of 2/21/18 to reflect Ms. Mach was in attendance. All were in favor, motion passed.

Statement for the Record - Closed Session of March 29, 2018: Ms. Davis moved that the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that Council met in closed session on Thursday, March 29, 2018, at 6:20 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(1) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, to meet with the Executive Recruiter for the Police Chief and the negotiations with the City and Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 32 agreement regarding Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA).

Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Davis	X			
Mr. Byrd	X			
Ms. Mach	X			
Ms. Pope	X			
Mr. Putens	X			
Mr. Roberts				X
Mayor Jordan	X			

The following staff member was in attendance: Nicole Ard, City Manager.

Other individuals in attendance: Mr. Chuck Rohre, Spring Sted/Waters; Councilmember Rodney M. Roberts & Mr. Todd Pounds, City Solicitor were in attendance via conference call at 7:50 pm. Mr. Roberts arrived in person at 8:55 pm.

Council took no actions during this session.

Ms. Pope seconded.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	<u>Yes</u>
	Mr. Byrd	<u>Yes</u>
	Ms. Mach	<u>Yes</u>
	Ms. Pope	<u>Yes</u>
	Mr. Putens	<u>Yes</u>
	Mr. Roberts	<u>Yes</u>
	Mayor Jordan	<u>Yes</u>

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- Mr. Moran gave an update on the Crescent Road closure in front of the Municipal Building.
- Ms. Pope mentioned the deterioration of the ramp from Edmonston to Kenilworth Ave.
- Mayor Jordan asked for an update about the patch at Roosevelt Center in front of the movie theater.
- Ms. Mach had concerns about the sprinkler system and suggested that WSSC address the water issue. She would like an update.
- Mr. Byrd requested a memo on the grant process for Contribution Groups and the timeline from Mr. Moran. Mr. Moran will put together a packet for Council.
- Ms. Pope had concerns about the sprinkler issue. She would like to know the status of the Fire Chief's response. Mr. Putens suggested that the City Manager send a letter to the Fire Chief.

Committee Reports: None

LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Repeal and Reenact with Amendment Resolution Number 2045 to Adopt Standing Rules for the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Mach introduced the resolution for second reading and moved that it be adopted. Mr. Roberts seconded. There was discussion with the Council to amend Section VIII. Agenda, 1(a). It was moved by Ms. Mach suspension of the rules and adoption. Seconded by Ms. Davis. Motion carried (6-1) Mayor Jordan.

A Resolution to Support the Prince George's County Municipal Collaboration Fiscal Year 2018 Grant Applications for Maryland Energy Administration Empower LMI Communities Grant Program and the Department of Housing and Community Development Community Legacy Grant: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Davis introduced the resolution for first reading and suspension of the rules for adoption. Mr. Putens seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Letter of Support – Prince George's County Municipal Collaboration: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. It was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Ms. Mach to approve the letter of support. Motion carried 7-0.

County Legislation – CB-10-2018: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. It was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Ms. Mach to support CB-10-2018. Motion failed (3-4). Mr. Putens, Ms. Pope, Mr. Roberts and Mayor Jordan.

The Council would like for Ms. Hruby to give them updates on the bill. Council decided to have this item on the next Four Cities agenda.

It was moved by Ms. Davis to direct staff to attend the hearing and give testimony on behalf of the Council and submit their questions and concerns. Ms. Mach seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Timeline for Filling Police Chief Vacancies: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. It was moved by Mr. Bryd to direct the City Manager to draft an amendment to the Personnel section of the City Code that would require that a permanent Police Chief appointment be made from inside or outside the ranks of the Greenbelt Police Department within 4 months of a Police Chief vacancy. The amendment would be effective July 2018, which is presumably after the appointment of the next permanent Police Chief. Mr. Putens seconded. Motion failed (2-5).

MAGLEV Public Hearing Follow-up: Council decided to set a deadline for submission of the Baltimore Washington Rapid Rail (BWRR) questions to the City Clerk by the end of April. Mayor Jordan had some concerns about the report from BWRR which excluded the letters from the City along with the Forest Preserve Advisory Board Report. Mr. Moran will follow-up with BWRR.

Council is seeking specialized legal counsel to assist the City with the proposed MAGLEV project. The City Solicitor will forward information to staff to distribute to the Council.

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

- Central Maryland Transportation and Mobility Commission (Ms. Davis)
- Coffee with the Chief, Greenbelt Lake Village (Ms. Davis)
- Roosevelt Center Merchants Association, New Deal Café (Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis)

- Annual Egg Hunt, Buddy Attick Park (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Pope and Mr. Putens)
- Launch Party for the new Recreation Department Logo (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Pope and Mr. Putens)
- MML Legislative Committee Conference Call (Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis)
- Arbor Day Celebration, SHL Recreation Center (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Pope and Mr. Putens)
- Intercity Bicycle Coalition in College Park (Mayor Jordan)
- Center for Smart Growth, University of Maryland (Mayor Jordan, Mr. Byrd and Ms. Ard)

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Mach move to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Putens seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Jordan adjourned the regular meeting on Monday, April 9, 2018, at 11:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonita Anderson
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 9, 2018".

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor