

WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Wednesday, April 4, 2018, to discuss the Misc. Museum/Grants and Contributions, FY 2019 Proposed Budget.

Mayor Jordan started the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Recreation Center at Springhill Lake.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Colin A. Byrd, Leta M. Mach and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan. Councilmembers Silke I. Pope arrived at 7:41 and Rodney M. Roberts arrived at 7:57 p.m. Councilmember Edward V. J. Putens was unable to attend.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Nicole Ard, City Manager; David Moran, Assistant City Manager; Jeffrey Williams, City Treasurer; Megan Searing-Young, Museum Curator and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Lisa Ealey, College Park Meals on Wheels; Megan Young, Friends of the Greenbelt Museum; Diane Oberg, Greenbelt News Review; Ric Gordon, and others.

Grants and Contributions

Lisa Ealey reported that the City of Greenbelt is one of their largest clients and that they also deliver meals to residents of Beltsville, Berwyn Heights, Bladensburg, College Park, and Riverdale Park. She stated that the participants are charged \$5 per day for three meals on weekdays.

Ms. Davis requested that the increase of the contribution to Meals on Wheels by \$1,000 be placed on the list of possible budget changes. There was no discussion regarding the contribution to Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) or Washington Ear. Ms. Davis noted that the City's GIVES contribution is used by the organization to pay for their insurance. The Council will continue funding both programs for the upcoming fiscal year, FY2019.

Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM)

Megan Young reported some of the actions taken by FOGM following last year's extensive water damage. They were able to hire a professional conservator to work on damaged artwork. They also installed a new alarm system that would detect water leaks and cold temperatures. In the incident that caused the flood, the water leak was not detected until two days after it occurred. The City Manager's proposed budget included an increase of funding by 11%. City Manager Ard reported the need for additional funding for off-site storage and a salary increase for Ms. Young, along with benefits. In addition, in the miscellaneous budget item, \$7,000 is allocated for the establishment of a visitor and education center at 10-A Crescent Road. The Friends of Greenbelt Museum are proposing to sell naming rights for the various museum rooms to raise support funding.

Several informational items were discussed.

The meeting ended at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bonita Anderson
City Clerk*