

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, May 11, 2015.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

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

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 residents Don C. Davis and Thomas J. McBride and former resident James Linkenhoker. Mr. Herling then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Ms. Mach and seconded by Mr. Herling that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 6-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Minutes:

Work Session, March 30, 2015

Work Session, April 8, 2015

Work Session, April 15, 2015

Work Session, April 20, 2015

Regular Meeting, April 27, 2015

Approved as Presented

Committee Reports:

Arts Advisory Board, Report #15-3 (Evaluation of FY 2016 Recognition Group and Contribution Group Applications): Council accepted this report which was considered at the Contribution Group work session on May 6, 2015.

Community Relations Advisory Board, Report #2015-1 (Council Referral – Petition to Create an Advisory Committee on Diversity and Inclusion): Council accepted this report and will consider it on the agenda of a future meeting.

Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Report #15-1 (FY 2016 Contribution and Recognition Groups Budget Review): Council accepted this report which was considered at the Contribution Group work session on May 6, 2015.

Reappointment to Advisory Group: Council reappointed Matthew Johnson to a new term on the Advisory Planning Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Ms. Pope and seconded by Ms. Mach that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 6-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

ACE Student Awards: Mayor Jordan introduced Don Rich and Janet Mirsky, members of the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE). Mr. Rich explained the purpose of the ACE Outstanding Student Awards, gave an overview of ACE's other activities, and described the gifts and certificates to be presented tonight. He said this was the 21st consecutive year that the ACE Awards had been presented and thanked the City Council for its support over that period.

Mr. Rich recognized Melinda Brady, Susan Breon, Jon Gardner, Veronica Martin-Frederick, Sudhanshu Sinha, Elsie Waynes and David Whiteman, ACE members; Councilmember Mach, ACE Council liaison; Rosalind Ceasar, ACE staff liaison; State Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Tawanna Gaines, Anne Healey and Alonzo Washington; County Council Member Todd Turner; and School Board Member Lupi Grady. He also recognized the principals and parent-teacher association representatives from Greenbelt Elementary School, Magnolia Elementary School, Springhill Lake Elementary School, Turning Point Academy, Robert Goddard French Immersion School, Greenbelt Middle School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

The following 2015 award recipients were recognized, and gifts and citations were presented from ACE, the City Council, the County Council and the General Assembly.

Greenbelt Elementary School	Chinedum Chike and Krish Suri
Springhill Lake Elementary School	Maryann Nwude and Jack-Kevin Hudegla
Magnolia Elementary School	Flavyne Tsongwain and Robert Viray
Greenbelt Middle School	Dorothy Jahoda and Edward Jahoda
Robert Goddard French Immersion School	Tayonia Marshall and Liam Tucker McConlogue
Eleanor Roosevelt High School	Teresa Smith and Michael Stevens

Maryland State Delegate Scholarship Award: Delegate Healey presented Eleanor Roosevelt High School senior Skye Brett with a Maryland State Delegate Scholarship Award.

Grant to the Advisory Committee on Education: County Council Member Todd Turner presented a check for \$2,000 to the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) to be used towards ACE programs.

Proposed Prince George's County FY 2016 Budget Update: County Council Member Todd Turner provided an update on the FY 2016 Proposed Budget that had been submitted to the County Council by the County Executive. He noted that the proposed budget includes an increase in the property tax from 96 cents per \$100 of assessed value to \$1.11 per \$100 of assessed value. This increase would provide for a \$1.9 billion increase to the County Schools and a \$50 million increase for public safety programs. The budget also proposes eliminating 110 County government jobs and furloughing all county employees for five days.

Council Member Turner encouraged residents to participate in the County's budget process and direct any comments they may have to the County Executive or County Council.

Legislative Wrap-Up – 22nd District Delegation: State Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Tawanna Gaines, Anne Healey and Alonzo Washington provided an update on the 2015 General Session. They noted the passage of several bills including the \$285,000 in capital bond funding for the Lake Dam repair, a moratorium on fracking and the designation of Bicycle and Pedestrian priority areas by the State Highway Administration.

There was discussion regarding the need for Governor Hogan to release \$20 million in FY 2016 state-appropriated funds supporting Prince George’s County Public Schools and \$15 million in approved operating funds for the Dimensions Healthcare system as part of the implementation of the new Regional Medical Center, as well as the need to protect transportation projects such as the Purple (and Red) Lines.

Mr. Herling suggested the City send a letter to Governor Hogan urging the release of these funds and protection of transportation projects. County Council Member Turner said Prince George’s County Council had approved sending a similar letter last week.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS: None

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Mr. McLaughlin announced Bike to Work Day will be held on Friday, May 15, and the Public Works Open House and Celebration of Spring will be held on Saturday, May 16.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

LEGISLATION:

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Recodification of the City Code from Municipal Code Corporation at a Cost Not to Exceed \$13,530

Mr. Herling introduced for first reading.

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

Greenbelt Theatre Soft Opening - Ms. Mach

Artful Afternoon Event/Alight Dance Theater Production – Ms. Mach

Cooperative Issues Forum sponsored by the Cooperative Development Foundation - Ms. Mach

Green Man Festival – Mayor Jordan, Mr. Putens, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Mach, Mr. Herling and Ms. Pope

Greenbelt Elementary School “Principal for the Day” Event – Mayor Jordan

Rotary Club Open House – Mayor Jordan

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Mach moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Jordan adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, May 11, 2015, at 10:45 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 May 11, 2015."

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor