

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL
Municipal Building
Regular Meeting
March 9, 2015 - 08:00 p.m.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. [Call to Order](#)
2. Roll Call
3. [Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag](#)
4. [Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations \(Items on the Consent Agenda \[marked by *\] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.\)](#)
5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentations

[- ACE Educators Awards Ceremony - ACE Educators Awards Ceremony](#)
[- Janet Mirsky and Melinda Brady, members of the Advisory Committee on Education \(ACE\), will introduce the 2015 ACE Educator Award recipients from the seven Greenbelt schools. Council will present each recipient with a certificate. County Councilmember Todd Turner will be present. Joe Schlosnagle will be representing State Senator Pinsky and State Delegates Anne Healey, Tawanna Gaines, and Alonzo Washington who are not able to attend this evening. The 2015 award](#)

recipients are: Kristin Cahalan-Hudson – Greenbelt Elementary School
Cindy McCormick – Magnolia Elementary School
Maria Frontanes – Springhill Lake Elementary School.
Lesli Jackson – Turning Point Academy
Mahjoub Darrehmane – Robert Goddard French Immersion School
Cortland Jones – Greenbelt Middle School
Scott Horn – Eleanor Roosevelt High School

7. Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

*8. Minutes of Council Meetings

- Work Session, February 18, 2015

[DRAFT Minutes, 2-18-15](#)

- Interview, February 23, 2015

[DRAFT Minutes, 2-23-15](#)

- Regular Meeting, February 23, 2015

[DRAFT Minutes, 2-23-15](#)

- Interview, February 25, 2015

- Work Session, February 25, 2015

[DRAFT Minutes, 2-25-15](#)

9. Administrative Reports

* 10. Committee Reports

III. LEGISLATION

11. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 11 "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," Article II "Operation of Vehicles" and Article III "Stopping, Standing and Parking" of the Greenbelt City Code
- 2nd Reading, Adoption - Reference:
Ordinance
Memorandum, C. Craze, 02/06/2015
Memorandum, M. McLaughlin & C. Craze, 02/19/2015
Council directed staff to evaluate Chapter 11 of the City Code related to parking regulations, particularly as the regulations pertain to parking restrictions based on vehicle size, weight and class. Changes to the code are recommended to clarify these regulations. In addition, changes are recommended to increase fines, strengthen enforcement of unregistered, disabled, out-of-state and vehicles with multiple violations. There is also new language to regulate parking of commercial vehicles in residential zones and the operation of curbstoning (vehicle sales from residential locations). Responses to questions on the ordinance raised by Council are included as background. Ms. Pope introduced the ordinance for first reading at the February 9, 2015, meeting. It is recommended the ordinance be introduced for second reading and moved for adoption tonight.(CC).

11- Draft Ordinance

11- Memo, C. Craze

11- Memo, C. Craze, M. McLaughlin

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

12. Studio Movie Grill at Beltway Plaza - Reference:
Position Paper - Kap Kapastin of Beltway Plaza will be present this evening to present a briefing on plans for the conversion of the

Academy 8 Stadium Theater to Studio Movie Grill. Mr. Kapastin is pursuing an amendment to current State legislation to allow for the Studio Movie Grill to obtain a liquor license. (CM).

12 - Position Paper

13. State Legislation - Reference:

Email, Lore Rosenthal, 2/19/15

SB 373/HB377

Email, Lore Rosenthal, 2/19/15

SB 481/HB 1087

SB 371

Coalition for Smarter Growth Fact Sheet

Email, Susan Barnett, 2/17/15

Email, Mayor Pro-Tem Davis, 2/20/15

HB 682

MML Talking Points on HB 682

HB 741

Email, Judith Davis, 3/3/15

HB 597/SB 867

SB 373/HB377 – Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Revisions

This legislation increases the State’s Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (RPS). Maryland’s RPS requires that renewable sources (solar, wind, etc.) generate specific percentages of electricity supply each year. In general, this bill doubles the RPS requirements from 20% in 2022 to 40% by 2025. This is largely achieved through Renewable Energy Credits (REC’s). Senator Pinsky and Delegates Healey, Gaines and Washington are co-sponsors of this legislation. It is recommended Council support SB 373/HB 377.

SB 481/HB1087 – Community Solar Energy Generating System Program

This legislation would allow community solar energy generating systems. Groups of residents could “subscribe” to these systems and get a portion of the electricity generated by the system credited to them. Senator Pinsky and Delegate Washington are co-sponsors of this legislation. The City supported similar legislation which sought to establish a pilot program in 2013 and 2014. It is recommended

Council support SB 481/HB 1087.

SB 371/HB 450 – SHA – Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Areas

The legislation would require the State Highway Administration (SHA) to adopt a statewide policy related to Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Areas (BPPA). The bill also requires SHA to determine if it should designate a local BPPA as a State BPPA if it includes a State highway. To date, Montgomery County is the only jurisdiction to designate BPPAs. It is recommended Council support SB 371.

HB 682 – Municipalities – Charter Amendments – Referendum and Signatures Required for Petitions

Current State law allows citizens to: 1) petition to referendum a charter amendment duly adopted by the governing body; and 2) initiate a charter amendment via a petition and take it to referendum. In both cases the petition must be signed by at least 20% of the registered voters. HB 682 is enabling legislation that would allow a municipality to set this petition threshold anywhere between 5 and 20%. The Maryland Municipal League (MML) is opposing HB 682. Delegates Gaines and Washington are co-sponsors of this bill. Council direction is sought.

HB 741 – Maryland Cooperative Housing Act – Delinquency Period

This bill would delete language requiring that a member be delinquent in their assessments for three or more months before the cooperative housing corporation could pursue eviction. This and other language was added in 2014 via SB 865, labeled the Cooperative Transparency Act, which the City and GHI opposed. It is recommended Council support HB 741.

HB 597/SB 867 – Public High Schools – Synthetic Turf

This legislation would mandate the installation of outdoor synthetic turf fields at public high schools in Prince George's County using Program Open Space (POS) funds. Eleanor Roosevelt High School and three others would get a synthetic field in FY 2016 and all public schools would have fields installed by FY 2020. Concern has been expressed about the safety of these fields and exposure to crumb rubber particles. Also, the use of POS funds for this purpose could reduce the amount of POS funding available to local governments in

future years.

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13- Email, L. Rosenthal, 2-19-15 A

13- SB 373

13- Email, L. Rosenthal, 2-19-15 B

13- SB 481

13- Fact Sheet

13- Email, S. Barnett, 2-17-15

13- HB 682

13- MML Talking Points

13- HB 741

11- Email, J. Davis 2-20-15

11- Email, J. Davis, 3-3-15

14. Council Reports

15. Report on Greenbelt Lake Dam

* 16. Appointment to Advisory Group- Council interviewed Katherine Rekkas on February 23, 2015, for appointment to the Arts Advisory Board (AAB). Ms. Rekkas attended the AAB meeting on March 3, 2015. Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's

intent to appoint Ms. Rekkas to the AAB. (CM)

V. MEETINGS -

<u>ACE Educator Awards</u>	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>03/09</u>	<u>7:30 pm</u>
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<u>Regular Meeting/ACE Educator Awards</u>	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>03/09</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>
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<u>Legislative Dinner – Annapolis</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>03/11</u>	<u>6:00 pm</u>
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<u>Executive Session - Personnel</u>	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>03/16</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>
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<u>Work Session – School Board Representative (CC)</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>03/18</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>
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<u>Regular Meeting/Budget Presentation</u>	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>03/23</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>
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