



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

**Municipal Building
Monday, February 24, 2020
8:00 PM**

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Consent Agenda
Suggested Action: (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
- 6a. Census 2020 Update
Suggested Action: Molly Porter, City Planner, will be present to discuss the upcoming census.
7. Petitions and Requests
- *8. *Minutes of Council Meetings
Suggested Action:
Regular Meeting - December 9, 2019
Regular Meeting - January 13, 2020
Work Session - February 5, 2020
[RM191209.pdf](#)
[RM200113.pdf](#)

[WS200205.pdf](#)

8a. Minutes - Closed Session, February 5, 2020

Suggested Action:

In order to approve these minutes, the following motion is needed:

I move that the minutes of the closed session of the City Council held Wednesday, February 5, 2020, at 9:20 p.m. in the Planning Office of the Community Center, be approved as presented. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(1)(7) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, to discuss personnel matters and legal matters.

8b. Statement for the Record, February 10, 2020

Suggested Action:

Closed Session of February 10, 2020: The following motion is needed:

In accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-306(c)(2) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, I move that the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that Council met in closed session on Monday, February 10, 2020, at 7:03 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(9) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, to discuss collective bargaining negotiations.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss collective bargaining negotiations between the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 32 and the City.

Vote to close session:

Ms. Davis - Yes

Mr. Jordan- Yes

Ms. Mach - Yes

Ms. Pope - Yes

Mr. Putens - Yes

Mr. Roberts - Yes

Mayor Byrd- Yes

The following staff members were in attendance: Nicole Ard, City Manager, Todd Pounds, City Solicitor, Laura Allen, City Treasurer, Rick Bowers, Police Chief, Mary Johnson, Human Resources Director and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Other individuals in attendance: Stephen Silvestri, Legal Counsel, and Chelsea Hartnett, Associate to Legal Counsel.

Council took no actions during this session.

[Statement of Record_200210.pdf](#)

8c. Statement for the Record, February 12, 2020

Suggested Action:

Closed Session of February 12, 2020: The following motion is needed:

In accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-306(c)(2) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, I move that the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that Council met in closed session on Monday, February 12, 2020, at 8:05 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with the General

Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(3) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Real Estate.

Vote to close session:

Ms. Davis - Yes
Mr. Jordan- Arrived at 8:06 pm
Ms. Mach - Yes
Ms. Pope - Yes
Mr. Putens - Arrived at 8:06 pm
Mr. Roberts - Yes
Mayor Byrd- Yes

The following staff members were in attendance: Nicole Ard, City Manager, David Moran, Assistant City Manager, Terri Hruby, Planning Director, Laura Allen, City Treasurer, Jim Sterling, Public Works Director, and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Other individuals in attendance: Associates of NAI Michael Jim Miers and Stephen Catalano.

Council took no actions during this session.

[Closed Session Form_02.12.20.pdf](#)

9. Administrative Reports

*10. Committee Reports

*10a. *Park and Recreation Advisory Board Report #20-2 (FY21 Budget Request for Buddy Attick Park Master Plan)

Suggested Action:

It is recommended that Council accept this report.

[PRAB Memo- FY21 Budget Request for Buddy Attick Master Plan.pdf](#)

*10b. * Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) - Report # 2020-01 (Recommendation that the City of Greenbelt Create a Science Fund or Studying the Forest Preserve)

Suggested Action: It is recommended Council accept this report.

[FPAB Report to Council 2020-01_GreenMechanicsProposalDraft02_14_2020.pdf](#)

II. LEGISLATION

11. A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Professional Service to Undertake a Community Visioning Process from the Neighborhood Design Center at a cost of \$19,910.00.

- 2nd Reading, Adoption

Suggested Action:

Reference:

Resolution

the Neighborhood Design Center Proposal

Memo, N. Ard - 02.21.2020

Over the last several months' staff has been working with the Neighborhood Design Center to define a community visioning process that is all-inclusive and tailored to the unique qualities and characteristics of Greenbelt. The NDC has experience working with cities and towns on visioning projects and has success with modifying its approach to meet the specific needs of the community it is serving. The NDC's proposed process is designed to build on the successes of previous visioning and planning efforts undertaken by the City and move them forward for several years. At the foundation of the NDC's proposal is community engagement. A series of six community meetings held throughout the City and open to all will seek to gain community input on a series of topics such as public safety, recreation, transportation, the environment, economic development, and social services. The NDC process will engage residents, businesses, City boards, and committees and City organizations (i.e., Homeowner Associations, faith-based organizations, etc.). The NDC will also work with City staff on identifying creative ways to engage the community throughout the process. It is anticipated that the project will take six months to complete.

The NDC's fee to complete this project is \$19,910.00.

At the Regular Meeting on February 10, Council member Putens introduced this Resolution for first reading. Staff recommends this Resolution be introduced for second reading and adoption.

[Resolution.pdf](#)

[the NDC Proposal - Final.pdf](#)

[Memo, N. Ard - 02.21.2020.pdf](#)

12. A Resolution to Repeal and Reenact with Amendment Resolution Number 2065 to Adopt Standing Rules for the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland
- 1st Reading
Suggested Action:

Reference: Resolution

Council reviewed the Standing Rules document at its work session on February 5, 2020. The resolution included in Council's packet reflects the results of that discussion. At that meeting, Mr. Jordan indicated modifying the oath of office referenced in the City Charter. If the Council wishes to proceed a charter amendment will need to be introduced by Council. Council direction is sought.

[Resolution](#)

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

13. Release of Funds to Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad
Suggested Action:
Reference:
Email, Chief Ray, 02/14/2020
Proposal - Atlantic Emergency Solutions
Adopted FY 2020 Budget - Page 98

The City sets aside funds annually in an Agency Fund to assist the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad (GVFDRS) with equipment purchases. There is currently \$536,892 available in the Fund.

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. has notified the City of its intent to purchase a 2021 Pierce fire engine to replace a 2005 engine. The GVFD has requested the City release \$400,000 of the Agency Fund to be used towards the cost of the new fire truck.

The FY 2020 Budget indicated an expected expenditure for this fire truck in FY 2021. The total cost of the new fire truck is \$699,978. GVFD plans to fund the rest of the cost through fundraising, sale of the 2005 pumper and a loan.

Approval of this item will confirm Council authorization to release these funds.

[Email, Chief Ray, 02.14.2020.pdf](#)

[Proposal - Atlantic Emergency Solutions.pdf](#)

[Adopted Budget FY2020, Page 98.pdf](#)

14. State Legislation

Suggested Action: Senate Bill 737/House Bill 1520 - This legislation would establish a Sustainable Maryland Program Fund and mandate a \$750,000 annual appropriation to the Fund. Greenbelt is a founding member of Sustainable Maryland Certified. The MML Legislative Committee voted to support this legislation.

Staff recommends Council support SB 737/HB 1520.

House Bill 1283 - This bill would impose certain requirements on a privately owned magnetic levitation transportation system in Maryland. These requirements include: listing of private property to be condemned, County consent and posting a Bond. Delegate Williams is a primary sponsor of the bill.

Council direction is sought.

House Bill 203/Senate Bill 614 - This legislation would expand the Community Parks and Playgrounds (CPP) grant program to Baltimore and Howard Counties. Currently only municipalities are eligible to apply for the CPP Program. There are no municipalities in Howard or Baltimore Counties and they desire access to these funds. The MML Legislative Committee voted to oppose this legislation.

Staff recommends Council oppose HB 203/SB 614.

House Bill 748 - This bill would provide grant support for bicycle network development activities. It also mandates State funding of at least \$3.8 Million per year.

Staff recommends Council support HB 748.

House Bill 824 - This bill would require the State to establish a Beverage Container Deposit Program by September 1, 2021.

Staff recommends Council support HB 824.

House Bill 715 - Delegate Williams has requested that the City testify on HB 715 at the House Appropriations Committee hearing on February 25 at 1:00pm. Currently there are 16 bills on the Committee's agenda. Included in Council's packet is draft letter for the hearing on

February 25.

Council direction regarding availability to testify and approval of the letter is sought.

[SB 737.pdf](#)

[HB 1238.pdf](#)

[HB 203.pdf](#)

[HB 748.pdf](#)

[Fiscal Note HB 748.pdf](#)

[HB 824.pdf](#)

[HB 715 - Committee Letter.pdf](#)

15. Federal Legislation

Suggested Action: House Resolution 5337 - Federal legislation has been introduced that would amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide assistance for common interest communities, condominiums and housing cooperatives damaged by a major disaster.

Staff recommends Council support H.R. 5337 and send a letter to the City's Federal Delegation.

[H.R. 5337.pdf](#)

15a. Federal Legislation - H. R. 3138

Suggested Action: House Resolution 3138 - This bill directs the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate to arrange for the award of a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of the women of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion (commonly known as the "Six Triple Eight") in recognition of their pioneering military service, devotion to duty, and contributions to increase the morale of personnel stationed in the European theater of operations during World War II.

Mayor Byrd recommends Council support H.R. 3138 and send a letter to the City's Federal Delegation.

[H.R. _3138.pdf](#)

16. Paint Branch Golf Course

Suggested Action:

Mr. Putens request this item be included on the agenda to research on potential activity at the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission Paint Branch Golf Course. He also suggested coordination with the Four Cities Coalition.

*17. *Greenbelt Archive Project Lease Agreement Extension

Suggested Action:

Reference: Agreement

The Greenbelt Archive Project requests that the lease for their assigned workroom, the storage room adjacent to the stage in the Community Center gym, be extended a few months to the end of the calendar year 2020. The volunteers have been working hard on digitizing past issues of the Greenbelt News Review and its predecessor, the Greenbelt Cooperator, and still are on target to finish up by Fall 2020, but want to give themselves more time, in case any unexpected circumstances interrupt or delay the work.

It is recommended the lease agreement be extended to December 31, 2020.

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's approval to extend the lease agreement.

[Agreement.pdf](#)

*18. * Resignation from Advisory Group

Suggested Action:

Reference: Email, R. Scotkin - 02/20/2020

Ronnie Scotkin has submitted her resignation from the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's intent to accept her resignation with regret.

19. Council Activities

20. Council Reports

V. MEETINGS

Meetings

Suggested Action:

Closed Session: A Closed Session has been requested by Council to discuss a personnel matter – evaluation of the City Manager. It is recommended this Executive Session be held on Monday, March 16, 2020, at 8:30 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building.

The following motion is required to schedule the Executive Session: I move that Council schedule a Closed Session on Monday, March 16, 2020, at 8:30 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building. Council will hold this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article 3-305(b)(1) of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland to discuss a personnel matter – evaluation of the City Manager.

[meetings.pdf](#)

Stakeholders

[Stakeholder Schedule.pdf](#)