

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL
Municipal Building
Regular Meeting
February 13, 2017 - 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
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.)

Greenbelt Concert Band - Included in Council's packet is a petition from Eli Zimet, Greenbelt Concert Band, requesting Council waive the Recognition and Contribution Group Policy matching funding

requirement for the Greenbelt Concert Band Music Director funds. (CM)

[Greenbelt Concert Band](#)

[Green Ridge House Residents - Included in Council's packet is a petition from a group of residents of Green Ridge House requesting the designated smoking area behind Green Ridge House remain in its current location. \(CM\)](#)

[Green Ridge House](#)

[Springhill Lake Elementary School Students - Included in Council's packet is a petition from a group of students at Springhill Lake Elementary School requesting trees be provided for planting at the school. \(CM\)](#)

[Springhill Lake Elementary School](#)

[Greenbelt Station Residents - Included in Council's packet is a petition from residents of Greenbelt Station requesting construction of the pathway or bus service for residents of Greenbelt Station to Metro. \(CM\)](#)

[Greenbelt Station Residents](#)

8. [Minutes of Council Meetings](#)

* Work Session, November 21, 2016

[WS161121](#)

* Legislative Dinner, December 13, 2016

[Legislative Dinner161213](#)

* Work Session, December 14, 2016

[WS161214](#)

* Work Session, January 4, 2017

[WS170104](#)

* Work Session, January 18, 2017

[WS170118](#)

* Regular Meeting, January 23, 2017

[RM170123](#)

* Special Meeting, February 6, 2017

[SM170206](#)

Executive Session, February 6, 2017 - Statement for the Record - 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 executive session on Monday, February 6, 2017, at 7:18 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) and (8) of the *Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland* to discuss: 1) a personnel matter (reassignment of staff during the City Manager transition); and 2) pending or potential litigation.

Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Davis	X			

Mr. Herling	X			
Ms. Mach	X			
Ms. Pope	X			
Mr. Putens	X			
Mr. Roberts	X			
Mayor Jordan	X			

The following staff members were in attendance: Nicole Ard, City Manager, and Karen Ruff, Associate of the City Solicitor. Other individuals in attendance: None Council took no actions during this session. (CM)

[ES170206](#)

9. [Administrative Reports](#)

* 10. Committee Reports

Arts Advisory Board, Report #2017-2 (Recommendations on Greenbelt Recognition

Group Basic Certification Applications): It is recommended that Council accept this report and consider it at the Recognition and Contribution Group budget work session.(CM)

[Arts Advisory Board, Report 2017-2](#)

III. LEGISLATION

13. [Lakeside North Development Concept - The City Council received a petition urging the Council to oppose the proposal of building a luxury high-rise apartment building behind the Lakeside North apartments, which was discussed with City Council during a work session with the property owner, Mr. Hillman. To date, no development proposal has been submitted to the City's planning department and/or the County. Typically, development proposals are not acted on by the City Council until a development review application has been submitted to the City and/or a referral from Maryland - National Capital Park and Planning Commission has been received, and vetted through the City's advisory boards. The concept shared with Council proposes a 25-story, 400 unit luxury apartment building on 5 acres located within the Lakeside North Apartment property. The subject property is 18.9 acres and zoned R-30, multi-family. The property is not within the Residential Planning Community Zone \(R-P-C\), the Greenbelt National Historic District or within the Greenbelt National Historic Landmark designated area. The existing density of Lakeside North Apartments is 14.6 dwelling units/acre, exceeding the allowed density of 10 dwelling units/acre and rendering the property nonconforming. The 400 unit apartment building would further make the development nonconforming, and City planning staff is unaware of any scenario under existing zoning and zoning proposed in the County's zoning re-write process that would allow for the development concept to move forward. Furthermore, in staff's opinion, a 400 unit apartment building is out of scale for this location and represents poor planning. The scale](#)

and massing of the building, as well as impacts on traffic, environment and National Historic District, render the development inappropriate for its location. It is recommended that Council convey its concern/opposition to the Lakeside North Development Concept to Mr. Hillman. (TH).

11. A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Consultant Work to Develop a Recreation and Park Facilities Master Plan for the City of Greenbelt from GreenPlay, LLC at a Cost Not to Exceed \$50,000 - 1st Reading - Reference: Resolution

Memorandum, J. McNeal, 01/30/2017

Request for Proposals

Proposal, GreenPlay LLC

Proposal, Bradley Site Design

The Fiscal Year 2017 budget includes \$50,000 to conduct a Recreation and Park Facilities Master Plan. Staff prepared and advertised a Request for Proposals (RFP). Responses were received from three (3) firms: GreenPlay LLC, PROS Consulting and Bradley Site Design. The proposals received from GreenPlay LLC and Bradley Site Design were within the budgeted amount. The proposal received from PROS Consulting was \$25,000 over the amount budgeted for the work. Recreation Department staff thoroughly reviewed the proposals received from GreenPlay LLC and Bradley Site Design, conducted interviews of the consultants from both firms and checked on references. Staff has identified the proposal submitted from GreenPlay LLC as best suited to meet the needs of the City. The GreenPlay LLC proposal outlines a comprehensive approach to soliciting input from the citizens, staff and Council. The proposal illustrates a detailed approach to evaluating the current facilities and the development of realistic recommendations based on Greenbelt's needs moving forward. GreenPlay LLC has over 15 years of experience specializing in the development of community recreation and park master plans including projects completed in Prince George's County and other communities in Maryland. The project team is well rounded and represents several professional disciplines that are required to complete a comprehensive recreation and park facilities master plan.

Further, the Project Manager is based locally in Maryland. It is recommended the resolution be introduced for first reading. (JM)

Resolution

Memorandum, J. McNeal, 01-30-2017

Request for Proposals

GreenPlay Proposal

Proposal, Bradley Site Design

12. A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Landscaping Services from Lorenz Inc. at a Cost Not to Exceed \$47,984 - 1st Reading - Reference: Resolution

Memorandum, R. Fink, 02/08/2017

Request for Proposals

Proposal, Lorenz Inc.

Pre-Proposal Meeting Sign-In Sheet

The Fiscal Year 2017 budget includes \$52,000 for lawn mowing and landscaping services. Staff prepared and advertised a Request for Proposals. Responses were received from three (3) firms: Lorenz, Inc. - \$47,984; 2) Cypress Services - \$98,000; and 3) R.H. Hilario's Landscaping LLC - \$169,400. Public Works staff carefully reviewed the proposals received and has determined that the proposal submitted from Lorenz, Inc. is best suited to meet the needs of the City. It is recommended the resolution be introduced for first reading. (RF)

Resolution .

Memorandum, R. Fink, 02-08-2017

Request for Proposals

Proposal, Lorenz Inc.

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IV. OTHER BUSINESS

14. State Legislation - Reference: HB 36

SB 142

HB 172/SB 728

SB 397

SB 422/HB 602

List from Senator Pinsky's Newsletter

HB 36 – Plug-In Electric Vehicles – Reserved Spaces

This legislation prohibits a person from parking a non-electric vehicle in a designated plug-in electric vehicle charging space. The bill imposes a civil penalty of \$100. Delegate Gaines is a co-sponsor of HB 36. It is recommended Council support HB 36.

SB 142 – Task Force to Study Bicycle Safety on Maryland Highways

This bill would establish a State task force to study and make recommendations regarding bicycle safety on State highways. The task force membership includes a Maryland Municipal League (MML) representative. The MML Legislative Committee voted to support this bill. It is recommended Council support SB 142.

HB 172/SB 728 – Home Act of 2017

Currently in Maryland, housing discrimination based on source of income (i.e. Section 8 vouchers) is not prohibited by law. This issue was identified in the housing affordability study produced last summer by MML Intern, Mary Kolar. This legislation would prohibit such discrimination. Similar legislation was introduced in 2016 but did not make it out of committee. Eleven other states have enacted similar laws. It is recommended Council support HB 172/SB 728.

SB 397 – Local Income Tax Overpayments – Forgiveness - The City receives a share of the State income taxes collected in Greenbelt. Last year, the Comptroller of Maryland announced that many local governments had been allocated more income tax revenue than due from 2010-2014. This bill would allow the Comptroller to forgive these income tax overpayments to counties and municipalities. The

MML Legislative Committee voted to support this bill. It is recommended Council support SB 397.

SB 422/HB 602 – Keep Antibiotics Effective Act - This bill would limit the routine use of antibiotic drugs for animals on large farms. Antibiotics could still be used to treat sick animals or stop an infectious outbreak. Senator Pinsky is the primary sponsor of SB 422. Council supported a similar bill last year. It is recommended Council support SB 422/HB 602.

List of Bills from Senator Pinsky - Included in Council's packet is a list of Senator Pinsky's legislative initiatives for 2017. Other than SB 422, staff has not had the opportunity to review these bills. Council direction is sought. (DEM).

HB 36

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SB 142

HB 172 SB 728

SB 397

SB 422 HB 602

List from Senator Pinskys Newsletter

14. State Legislation

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15. Council Activities - Council will report on activities and events recently attended. (If time allows.)

16. Council Reports - Council will report on meetings and conferences recently attended. (If time allows)

* 17. Repurpose of Newspaper Vending Box - Reference: CRAB
Report #2016-2

AAB Report #2016-3

Elizabeth Barber has suggested that the city repurpose an unused newspaper vending box at Southway and Crescent. Her suggestion is that it be repainted and stocked with magazines for users of the adjacent bus stop. The request was reviewed by the Community Relations Advisory Board and Arts Advisory Board. Their reports have been accepted by Council. Each board supports the idea along with a few conditions such as a six month trial period, maintenance of the box, and review of a proposed design. It is recommended Council support the request with the conditions and direct staff to contact Dr. Barber. (MPM)

[CRAB Report 2016-2](#)

[AAB Report 2016-3](#)

* 18. Reappointments to Advisory Groups - Reference: Reappointment
Surveys

The following individuals have indicated their willingness to continue to serve on City Advisory Boards and Committees:

Janet Mirsky	Advisory Committee on Education
Mark Gransfors-Hunt	Arts Advisory Board
David Whaples	Board of Appeals
Dan Hamlin and Dea Zugby	Community Relations Advisory Board
Valerie Elliott	Forest Preserve Advisory Board
Matt Dirksen	Greenbelt Advisory Committee
on	Environmental Sustainability
Etta Fitzgerald and Paula Williams	Senior Citizens Advisory Committee

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's intent

to appoint them to new terms. (CM)

* 19. Resignations from Advisory Groups - Reference: Reappointment Survey

Email, J. McNeal, 01/31/2017

Letter, M. Johnson, 02/07/2016

Phyllis Budin has submitted her resignation from the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Matthew Johnson has submitted his resignation from the Advisory Planning Board. Also, Joe McNeal, Assistant Director of Recreation, has advised that Patrick Gleason is no longer able to serve on the Youth Advisory Committee. Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's intent to accept the resignations Ms. Budin, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Gleason with regret. (CM)

V. MEETINGS - Reference: Chart, Stakeholder/Regular Meetings

Master Calendar

Memorandum, C. Murray, 01/26/2017

2017 Meeting Schedule: At the work session on February 6, Council reviewed its 2017 meeting schedule. The following changes to the 2017 meeting calendar were suggested:

No work session on Monday, April 17 (Easter Monday).

Reschedule June 12th and June 26th Regular Meetings to June 5th and June 19th (Budget Adoption Prior to June 10th and MML Conference June 25th – 28th).

No work session on Wednesday, September 20th (Rosh Hashanah).

A motion is required to approve this schedule change.

<u>Regular Meeting</u>	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>02/13</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>
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<u>Interview for Advisory Group (CC)</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>02/15</u>	<u>7:40 pm</u>
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<u>Work Session – Financial Interests Reports/Petitions and Requests Report</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>02/15</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>
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<u>No Meeting (Presidents Day Holiday)</u>	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>02/20</u>	
<u>Work Session – Advisory Group Chairs (CC)</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>02/22</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>
<u>Legislative Dinner (Annapolis)</u>	<u>Thurs.</u>	<u>02/23</u>	<u>6:00 pm</u>
<u>Regular Meeting</u>	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>02/27</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>
<u>Work Session – TBD (CC)</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>03/01</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>
<u>Work Session – Dog Park</u>	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>03/06</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>
<u>Work Session – NASA/GSFC (CC)</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>03/08</u>	<u>7:30 pm</u>
<u>Work Session – Council Goals (tentative)</u>	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>03/11</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>
<u>NLC Congressional City Conference</u>	<u>Sat.-Wed.</u>	<u>03/11-15</u>	
<u>Regular Meeting</u>	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>03/13</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>
<u>No Meeting</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>03/15</u>	
<u>Work Session – Beltway Plaza</u>	<u>Thurs.</u>	<u>03/16</u>	<u>7:30 pm</u>
<u>Work Session – TBD</u>	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>03/20</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>
<u>Work Session – TBD (CC)</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>03/22</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>
<u>Regular Meeting/Budget Presentation</u>	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>03/27</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>
<u>Work Session – PGEDC (CC)</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>03/29</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>