



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

**Municipal Building
25 Crescent Road
Council Chambers
Monday, February 10, 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 - 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
- *8. Minutes of Council Meetings
Suggested Action:
Work Session - August 29, 2018
Work Session - November 14, 2018
Work Session - December 4, 2019
Work Session - January 6, 2020
[WS180829.pdf](#)
[WS181114.pdf](#)
[WS191204.pdf](#)

[WS200106.pdf](#)

8a. Statement for the Record - February 5, 2020

Suggested Action: Statement for the Record - Closed Session, February 5, 2020: The following motion is needed: In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1)(7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, I move that the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that Council met in closed session on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 9:20 pm in the Planning Office of the Community Center. Council held this closed meeting to discuss 1) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; 2) legal matters.

[Closed Session Form_02.05.20.pdf](#)

9. Administrative Reports

*10. * Committee Reports

*10a. * Advisory Planning Board Report #2020-01 (Beltway Plaza - Preliminary Plan of Subdivision)

Suggested Action: It is recommended Council accept this report. This item appears later on this evening's agenda for Council action.

[Advisory_Planning_Board_Report__2020_01.pdf](#)

*10b. * Park and Recreation Advisory Board Report #20-1 (Beltway Plaza Redevelopment Plan Presentation)

[PRAB_Memo-_Beltway_Plaza_1-15-20.pdf](#)

*10c. * Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability/Greenbelt Green Team Recommendation #01-2020 (Establishment of a Firefly Sanctuary)

Suggested Action: It is recommended that Council accept this report.

[Green ACES Rec 2020-01-- Firefly Sanctuary.pdf](#)

*10d. *Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Trees - Report # 2020-1 (Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Tree)

Suggested Action: It is recommended that Council accept this report.

[ACT_Report_2020_1.pdf](#)

III. LEGISLATION

11. A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE NEGOTIATED PURCHASE OF ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEMS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM LIFE SAFETY SYSTEMS OF ARBUTUS, MARYLAND AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$33,726.

- 2nd Reading, Adoption

Suggested Action:

Reference:

Resolution

Access Control System Proposals

Staff met with three companies, LS System, Security 101 and Adept Industries on an electronic access control system. The system would entail an employee-specific access card with proximity readers on selected doors. The system would allow for differing levels of access for each employee, individual employee tracking, date/time entry information, remote

cancellation of employee entry privileges, as well as the ability to add employees in-house.

Additionally, the system is capable of adding additional City building as needed or funding will allow.

Included in Council's packet are quotes that staff received from all three companies.

1. Adept Industries was the highest at \$34,156.00
2. LS Systems was the second-highest \$33,726.00
3. Security 101 was the lowest at \$31,773.28

After conferring with Public Works and IT, staff agreed that LS Systems was the best company for the City's needs. Public Works has worked with the recommended firm on other projects and was satisfied with the work product. Staff is recommending that the City purchase the system and use LS Systems as the installation vendor.

At the Regular Meeting on January 27, Council member Pope introduced this Ordinance for first reading. Staff recommends this Resolution be introduced for second reading and adoption.

[Resolution.pdf](#)

[Access Control System Proposals.pdf](#)

12. A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE NEGOTIATED PURCHASE OF PACKING, SHIPPING AND STORAGE SERVICES FOR THE MUSEUM COLLECTION FROM ELY, INC. OF FORESTVILLE AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$15,000.

- 2nd Reading, Adoption

Suggested Action:

Reference:

Resolution

Ely Website Pages

The FY 2019 Budget included funds to move the Greenbelt Museum's collection of furnishings, household goods and artifacts to off-site storage. The Museum Director, in consultation with the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) Board, identified a facility in Forestville, Ely Inc. that specializes in relocation and storage of Museum collections. Ely is a women-owned small business formed in 1998.

In October, 2019, Ely packed and moved the first half of the Museum Collection. Museum staff were very pleased with the professionalism and care demonstrated by Ely during this move.

The estimated total cost to protect, pack and transport the collection is \$7,900. These are one-time costs. The monthly storage cost is currently \$560 per month or \$6,700 per year. Because the total costs for FY 2020 will exceed \$10,000 a Resolution for Negotiated Purchase is required.

At the Regular Meeting on January 27, Council member Davis introduced this Ordinance for first reading. Staff recommends this Resolution be introduced for second reading and adoption.

[Resolution.pdf](#)
[Ely Website Pages.pdf](#)
[Offsite storage.pdf](#)
[Sample Storage Areas at ELY, Inc.pdf](#)

13. 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.
- 1st Reading
Suggested Action:
Reference:
Resolution
the Neighborhood Design Center Proposal

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.

It is recommended the Resolution be introduced for first reading.

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

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

14. Beltway Plaza Preliminary Plan of Subdivision
Suggested Action: Reference:
M. Porter Memorandum
Conditions
Preliminary Plan of Subdivision
Illustrative Plan
Eastern Open Space Section
Green Space_Open Space
GPI Memorandum 2-6-2020
Conceptual Site Plan MOU
Advisory Planning Board Report #2020-1
PRAB Memo-Beltway Plaza
Beltway Plaza PPS Staff Report Jan. 8, 2020 Work Session

The subject Preliminary Plan of Subdivision for the redevelopment of Beltway Plaza proposes the property be divided into 55 parcels to accommodate up to 2,500 multifamily residential

units and 700,000 square feet of commercial retail space. This proposal has been presented at two (2) City Council work sessions, three (3) Advisory Planning Board meetings, and a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

The Preliminary Plan of Subdivision was filed after a Conceptual Site Plan (CSP) was approved by the Prince George's County Planning Board on March 14, 2019. The City supported this CSP with conditions.

Staff supports a phased mixed-use redevelopment of Beltway Plaza, but has expressed concerns about the proposed Preliminary Plan of Subdivision throughout the review period.

These concerns included the impact this development would have on the local transportation network, public safety, and ensuring that the Applicant provide adequate public recreation facilities.

Staff has proposed conditions of support that address these very important issues. Staff continues to work with the Applicant to reach agreement on these conditions for support, and to address comments provided by City Council at the February 3, 2020 work session. A Prince George's County Planning Board hearing is scheduled for February 20, 2020.

Staff recommends City Council support with conditions, as listed on the attached document, the subject Preliminary Plan of Subdivision.

[M. Porter Memorandum.pdf](#)

[Conditions.pdf](#)

[Preliminary Plan of Subdivision.pdf](#)

[Illustrative Plan.pdf](#)

[Eastern Open Space Section.pdf](#)

[Green Space_Open Space.pdf](#)

[GPI Memorandum 2-6-2020.pdf](#)

[Conceptual Site Plan MOU](#)

[Advisory Planning Board Report #2020_01.pdf](#)

[PRAB Memo- Beltway Plaza 1-15-20.pdf](#)

[Beltway Plaza PPS Staff Report Jan. 8, 2020 Work Session.pdf](#)

15. State Legislation
Suggested Action:
Reference:
HB 561
SB 490
MAYSB Fact Sheet
SB 277
HB 733
SB 530
Fiscal Note SB 530

House Bill 561/Senate Bill 315 - This legislation would allow municipalities to act as aggregators for electric power on behalf of their residents. Residents could opt-out if they wanted to choose a different provider. Delegate Healy is a co-sponsor of HB 561. The MML Legislative Committee voted to support these bills. The City has supported similar bills in prior sessions.

Staff recommends Council support HB 561/SB 315.

Senate Bill 490/House Bill 709 - This legislation would mandate State funding for Youth Service Bureaus (YSB) in the State Budget and that these funds go directly to the YSB's as long as they are matched by a local government. The bill would increase the amount of

funding to each YSB from the current \$65,000 to \$100,000. The Maryland Association of Youth Service Bureaus (MAYSB) is advocating for passage of this bill.

Staff recommends Council support SB 490/HB 709.

Senate Bill 277/House Bill 359 - This legislation known as the Clean Cars Act of 2020 would extend the Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program which expires in FY 2020 until FY 2023. It would also increase the amount of rebate funding available annually from \$1.2 to \$1.8 Million.

Staff recommends Council support SB 277/HB 359.

House Bill 733/Senate Bill 526 - This legislation would establish a Private Sector Transportation Ombudsman position within the Maryland Department of Transportation. Delegates Healey and Washington are co-sponsors of HB 733.

Council direction is sought.

Senate Bill 530/House Bill 231 - This legislation would prohibit discriminatory practices in residential and real estate transactions and the sale or rental of a dwelling based on a person's source of income. Senator Pinsky and Delegate Healey are co-sponsors of this legislation.

Staff recommends Council support SB 530/HB 231.

[HB 561.pdf](#)

[SB 490.pdf](#)

[MAYSB Fact Sheet.pdf](#)

[SB 277.pdf](#)

[HB 733.pdf](#)

[SB 530.pdf](#)

[Fiscal Note SB 530.pdf](#)

- *16. * Protecting Community Television Act (S. 3218/H.R.5659)
Suggested Action: Federal legislation has been introduced that would preserve local cable franchises and block the "in-kind" portion of last year's Federal Communications Commission (FCC) cable franchise order. The National League of Cities (NLC) is encouraging support of the Legislation.

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's support of the Protecting Community Television Act (S. 3218/H.R.5659) and direct staff to send a letter to the City's Federal Delegation.

[NLC Website Pages.pdf](#)

[S.3218.pdf](#)

- *17. * National Science Foundation Collaboration with Advisory Committee on Education
Suggested Action:
Reference: ACE Report on NSF Collaboration

The Advisory Committee on Education was recently asked to collaborate with Dr. David Whiteman of Howard University as part of an NSF geosciences grant. The grant is designed to attract underrepresented students to the geosciences, particularly atmospheric and

environmental studies. The grant will run workshops for minority undergraduates at the Beltsville campus of Howard University during the summers of 2021, 2022 and 2023.

As part of the grant, Dr. Whiteman would like to include students from Greenbelt schools to create a "Geosciences Learning Ecosystem." Each year, two Greenbelt schools will be chosen and a group of approximately 25 students from each school will participate in an in-school learning opportunity run by the undergraduate workshop participants. Then, the Greenbelt students will attend a session of the workshop at the Beltsville campus. They will be able to see the atmospheric instruments in action and learn about career opportunities in the geosciences. With two schools per year over three years, all six Greenbelt schools will have a chance to participate in the workshop.

As a collaborator, ACE is being asked to facilitate communication and coordination between Howard University and Greenbelt schools. No city resources will be needed for this project. ACE will receive no grant funds. Our job will be simply to facilitate communication and cooperation between Greenbelt schools and the workshop.

At its January 28, 2020, meeting, ACE discussed the proposal and the committee agreed that we were willing to serve as a communication conduit for this program. ACE would like Council's approval for its participation in this collaboration.

[ACE Report on NSF Collaboration.pdf](#)

18. Budget Work Sessions Schedule

Suggested Action:

Ms. Davis requested that this item be included on the agenda for discussion and decision of the proposed budget work session schedule.

[Proposed Budget Work Sessions Schedule.pdf](#)

19. City Councilmember City Boards and Committees Liaison Assignments

Suggested Action:

Ms. Mach requested that this item be included on the agenda. Council will review existing assignments and make any adjustments.

Current City Council Boards and Committees Liaison Assignments:

Advisory Committee on Education - Ms. Mach

Advisory Planning Board - Ms. Davis

Arts Advisory Board - Ms. Davis

Community Relations Advisory Board - Mr. Putens

Forest Preserve Advisory Board - Mr. Roberts

Greenbelt Advisory committee on Environmental Sustainability - Mayor Byrd

Park and Recreation Advisory Board - Mr. Jordan

Public Safety Advisory Committee - Ms. Pope

Senior Citizens Advisory Committee - Ms. Pope

Youth Advisory Committee - Mr. Roberts

20. Council Reports

21. Council Activities

V. MEETINGS

Meetings

Suggested Action:

Reference: Meetings Calendar

2020 Meeting Schedule: At the City Manager Update Work Session on January 29, Council reviewed its 2020 meeting schedule. The following changes to the 2020 meeting calendar were suggested:

Reschedule March 9 Regular Meeting to Tuesday, March 10 (Purim);
No Work Session on Wednesday, April 8 (Passover);
Reschedule April 13 Regular Meeting to Tuesday, April 14 (Easter Monday);
Reschedule May 25 Regular Meeting to Tuesday, May 26 (Memorial Day);
No Work Session on Monday, June 29 and Wednesday, July 1 (MML Annual Conference in Ocean City – June 28-July 1); and
No Work Session on November 18 (NLC City Summit in Tampa, FL – November 18-21).

A motion is required to approve this schedule change.

Ms. Davis provided a proposed budget schedule at the February 7th Work Session for consideration on February 10th.

[meetings.pdf](#)

Stakeholders

[Stakeholder Schedule.pdf](#)