



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

**Municipal Building
Monday, January 13, 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
 - 6a. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Proclamation
Suggested Action:
In remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The City of Greenbelt will issue a proclamation in recognition of a Day of Service. Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, the City's new Environmental Coordinator, will be present to give an overview of this year's Day of Service events and activities.
[Day of Service.pdf](#)
 - 6b. Introduction of City Treasurer Designate
Suggested Action:
Ms. Ard will introduce the new City Treasurer and Director of Finance, Ms. Laura Allen.
 - 6c. Black History Celebration Update - Black History Committee
Suggested Action:

Dr. Lois Rosado, Co-Chair of the Black History Month Committee, will be present to introduce other committee members and will provide an update on the Black History Celebration that will take place during the month of February.

6d. Old Greenbelt Theater Proclamation

Suggested Action:

The Old Greenbelt Theater was recognized by the Washington City Paper for being "Best Nonprofit Movie Theater in Maryland in 2019". Dr. Dr. Caitlin McGrath, Executive Director of the Old Greenbelt Theater, will be present to receive the proclamation.

[Old Greenbelt Theater Proclamation.pdf](#)

7. Petitions and Requests

*8. *Minutes of Council Meetings

Suggested Action:

Reference:

Regular Meeting - November 13, 2018

Regular Meeting - November 26, 2018

Regular Meeting - January 14, 2019

Regular Meeting - February 11, 2019

Regular Meeting - March 11, 2019

Work Session - November 13, 2019

Work Session - November 18, 2019

Regular Meeting - November 25, 2019

Work Session - December 2, 2019

Work Session - December 16, 2019

[RM181113.pdf](#)

[RM181126.pdf](#)

[RM190114.pdf](#)

[RM190211.pdf](#)

[RM190311.pdf](#)

[WS191113.pdf](#)

[WS191118.pdf](#)

[RM191125.pdf](#)

[WS191202.pdf](#)

[WS191216.pdf](#)

8a. Statement for the Record - December 10, 2019

Suggested Action:

Statement of Record, 12/10/2019

Statement for the Record - Closed Session, December 10, 2019: The following motion is needed: In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(9) 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 Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 8:07 pm in the Library of the Municipal Building. Council held this closed meeting to conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations.

Vote to close session:

Ms. Davis - Yes
Mr. Jordan - Yes
Ms. Mach - Yes
Ms. Pope - Yes
Mr. Putens - Yes
Mr. Roberts - Absent
Mayor Byrd - Yes

The following staff members were in attendance: Mary Johnson, Human Resource Director; Jeff Williams, Finance Director; David Moran, Assistant City Manager; Richard Bowers, Chief of Police; Nicole Ard, City Manager; Todd Pounds, City Solicitor.

Other individuals in attendance: Steve Silvestre and Chelsea Hartnett.

Council took no action during this session.

[Statement of Record - 12-10-19.pdf](#)

8b. Statement for the Record - December 16, 2019

Suggested Action:

Statement of Record, 12/10/2019

Statement for the Record - Closed Session, December 16, 2019: The following motion is needed: In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) 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 Monday, December 16, 2019 at 8:46 pm in the Library of the Municipal Building. Council held this closed meeting to discuss 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.

Vote to close session:

Ms. Davis - Yes
Mr. Jordan - Yes
Ms. Mach - Yes
Ms. Pope - Absent
Mr. Putens - Yes
Mr. Roberts - Yes
Mayor Byrd - Yes

The following staff members were in attendance: Nicole Ard, City Manager; and Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Administrative Assistant.

Council took no action during this session.

[Statement of Record - 12-16-19.pdf](#)

8c. Closed Session, December 16, 2019

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 Monday, December 16, 2019, at 8:53 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building, be approved as presented. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(1) of the

Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, to discuss a personnel matter.

9. Administrative Reports

*10. *Committee Reports

*10a. *Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) - Report #20-01
(ACE Grant Proposals - 2020)

Suggested Action:

It is recommended that Council accept this report and consider for a future meeting.

[ACEGrantReport_20-01.pdf](#)

III. LEGISLATION

11.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 12-143 "FUNCTIONS" OF ARTICLE VIII, "FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD", OF CHAPTER 12 "PARKS AND RECREATION" OF THE GREENBELT CITY CODE

Suggested Action:

On September 25, 2019, the City Council held a Work Session with the Forest Preserve Advisory Board regarding proposed changes to the Forest Preserve Advisory Board Article of the Greenbelt City Code. This Ordinance makes changes to the functions of the Board.

Staff recommends this Ordinance be introduced for first reading.

[Forest_Preserve_Advisory_Board_Ordinance.pdf](#)

[FPAB Report to Council 2019-7_AdvBrdGuidelineEdits.pdf](#)

12.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE IX, "FOREST PRESERVE", OF CHAPTER 12 "PARKS AND RECREATION" OF THE GREENBELT CITY CODE

Suggested Action:

On September 25, 2019, the City Council held a Work Session with the Forest Preserve Advisory Board regarding proposed changes to the Forest Preserve Advisory Board Article of the Greenbelt City Code. This Ordinance makes changes to the functions of the Board.

On December 9, 2019, the City Council held a Public Hearing.

Staff recommends this Ordinance be introduced for first reading.

[Forest_Preserve_Ordinance.pdf](#)

[FPAB Report to Council 2019-7_AdvBrdGuidelineEdits.pdf](#)

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

13. Approval of Purchase - New Phone System

Suggested Action:

In the Fall of 2019, the City began to experience problems with our telephone system. Included in Council's background materials is a memo from Dale Worley, Information Technology Director, regarding that problem and staff's recommended solution.

The City's phone switch, the telecommunications device/computer that runs our phone

system, is starting to fail and requires immediate replacement. Information Technology staff researched options for replacement including cloud-based systems. The cost for a cloud-based system is significantly higher than a premise-based system. In addition switching phone vendors/platforms would require changing phones on desks which is also a significant cost.

This purchase was scheduled in the Replacement Fund for FY 2021 with a cost estimate of \$50,000. There are sufficient funds in the fund balance to cover this purchase.

It is recommended Council approve the purchase of an Avaya phone system, including installation and training, from Delta Telephone at a cost of \$52,918.

[Phone System Replacement memo.pdf](#)

[Delta Quote 28352.pdf](#)

[Delta Quote 28353.pdf](#)

[FY 2020 Replacement Fund - Page 245.pdf](#)

14. Federal Legislation

Suggested Action:

Council Member Davis requested the following items be added to this evening's agenda,

Monarch and Pollinator Highway Act (S. 2918) - This Senate bill would establish a Federal grant program for programs which benefit pollinators on roadsides and highway rights-of-way. This program could include the planting and seeding of native, locally-appropriate grasses and wildflowers, including milkweed, and for other purposes.

Council direction is sought.

Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act (H.R. 3) - This bill is 320 pages and staff has not had the opportunity to review it. According to a summary on congress.gov, the bill establishes programs and requirements related to prescription drugs. It would require the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to negotiate prices for certain drugs. HR 3 has passed the House, but not the Senate.

Council direction is sought.

Prescription Drug Pricing Reduction Act (S. 2543) - This bill is 232 pages and staff has not been able to review it. According to Senator Grassley, the bill's sponsor, It would save taxpayers more than \$100 billion and save beneficiaries more than \$30 billion in out-of-pocket costs. The bill passed the Senate Finance Committee.

Council direction is sought.

[Email. Council Member Davis, 1.6.20.pdf](#)

[S. 2918.pdf](#)

[Advocacy Flyer H. 3 and S. 2543.pdf](#)

[HR 3 Summary.pdf](#)

[Statement on S. 2543.pdf](#)

15. Submission of 2020 Bond Initiative to General Assembly

Suggested Action:

The City's 2020 Legislative Program includes submission of a bond initiative for recreation amenities at Greenbelt Station. Now that the Session is underway, the City needs to submit a Request Form. The City needs to identify a specific project, requested amount and provide

information about our matching funds.

Staff believes the hiker/biker trail is the best candidate for bond initiative funding in 2020. The project is estimated to cost \$2,100,000 and the City currently has \$1,850,000 allocated towards it, including a \$75,000 State bond initiative obtained in 2018. The City could seek an additional \$250,000 bond initiative to cover this shortfall.

Council direction is sought.

[Bond Bill Page.pdf](#)

[Bond Initiative Request Form.pdf](#)

16. Letter to State Highway Administration (SHA) regarding Greenbelt Road Signage
Suggested Action:
Mayor Byrd requested this item be added to the agenda. The motion would be to send a letter to State Highway Administration (SHA) and our state delegation regarding signage on Greenbelt Road.
17. Council Reports
18. Council Activities

V. MEETINGS

Meetings

[Motion to Schedule a Closed Session.pdf](#)
[meetings.pdf](#)

Stakeholders

[Stakeholder Schedule.pdf](#)