



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](#)

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 13, 2020

Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Presentations

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Presentations

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 13, 2020

Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Proclamation

Agenda Section:

Subject:

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.

Attachments:

[Day of Service.pdf](#)

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice, and opportunity for all, and challenged all Americans to participate in the never-ending work of building a more perfect union; and

Whereas, Dr. King's teachings can continue to guide and inspire us in addressing challenges in our communities; and

Whereas, the King Holiday and Service Act, enacted in 1994, designated the King Holiday as a national day of volunteer service, and charged the Corporation for National and Community Service with leading this effort; and

Whereas, since 1994 millions of Americans have been inspired by the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to serve their neighbors and communities on the King Holiday; and

Whereas, serving on the King Holiday is an appropriate way to honor Dr. King, meet local and national needs, bring our citizens together, and strengthen our communities and nation; and

Whereas, the King Day of Service is the only federal holiday commemorated as a national day of service, and offers an opportunity for Americans to give back to their communities on the holiday and make an ongoing commitment to service throughout the year; and

Whereas, King Day of Service projects are being organized by a wide range of nonprofit and community organizations, educational institutions, public agencies, private businesses, and other organizations across the nation; and

Whereas, each of us can and must contribute to making our communities better with increased opportunity for all our citizens, and

Whereas, citizens of the City of Greenbelt have the opportunity to participate in events throughout our city on the King Day of Service, January 20, 2020, as well as create and implement community service projects where they identify the need;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Colin Byrd, hereby proclaim the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday as a

DAY OF SERVICE

in the City of Greenbelt and call upon the people of Greenbelt to pay tribute to the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through participation in community service projects on Martin Luther King Day and throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to be affixed this 13th day of January 2020.

Colin A. Byrd, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Administrative Assistant

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 13, 2020

Submitted by: David Moran

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Presentations

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Introduction of City Treasurer Designate

Suggested Action:

Ms. Ard will introduce the new City Treasurer and Director of Finance, Ms. Laura Allen.

Attachments:

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 13, 2020

Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Presentations

Agenda Section:

Subject:

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.

Attachments:

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 13, 2020

Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Proclamation

Agenda Section:

Subject:

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 received the proclamation.

Attachments:

[Old Greenbelt Theater Proclamation.pdf](#)

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Old Greenbelt Theatre was voted the Best Nonprofit Movie Theater in Maryland in 2019 by the Washington City Paper staff; and

WHEREAS, the Old Greenbelt Theatre is managed and operated by the Friends of Greenbelt Theatre (FGT) a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; and

WHEREAS, FGT's mission is to become a center for film culture in Prince George's County by revitalizing the Greenbelt Theatre as a cultural and social hub and by maximizing the Theatre's potential as an economic and cultural driver; and

WHEREAS, the Old Greenbelt Theatre is the only nonprofit cinema in Prince George's County; and

WHEREAS, the Old Greenbelt Theatre was first opened in 1938 in the Roosevelt Center; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Colin A. Byrd, by the authority vested in me by the citizens and City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, hereby issue this proclamation in honor of the

Old Greenbelt Theatre

and congratulate both the Theatre and the Friends of Greenbelt Theatre on receiving this important recognition.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to be affixed this 13th day of January 2020.

Colin A. Byrd, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Administrative Assistant

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 13, 2020

Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Meeting Minutes

Agenda Section:

Subject:

*Minutes of Council Meetings

Suggested Action:

Reference:

Regular Meeting - November 13, 2018

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Tuesday, November 13, 2018.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Colin A. Byrd, Judith F. Davis, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Rodney M. Roberts, Edward V. J. Putens and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

ALSO PRESENT were Nicole Ard, City Manager; Jason Deloach, City Solicitor; David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager; Dale Worley, Director of Information Technology; Beverly Palau, Public Communications Coordinator, and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in memory of Greenbelt residents Jesse W. McCullough, Harold Atwood Anderson, and Fred Wilcox; former residents Cecilia Gill Brinsko and James Edward Keifline IV and also the victims of the Pittsburgh Synagogue Massacre, the Thousand Oaks, California shooting and California Wildfire. Mr. Putens then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Ms. Davis requested that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 4, 2018, be removed from the consent agenda. Ms. Mach requested that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 8, 2018, be removed. With these changes, it was moved by Mr. Putens that the consent agenda be approved. Mr. Byrd seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Minutes:

Work Session, March 28, 2018
Work Session, April 4, 2018
Work Session, April 11, 2018
Work Session, April 18, 2018
Work Session, April 30, 2018
Work Session, May 9, 2018
Regular Meeting, May 29, 2018
Regular Meeting, June 18, 2018
Work Session, June 20, 2018
Work Session, July 18, 2018
Interview, September 11, 2018
Special Meeting, September 11, 2018
Interview, September 24, 2018
Special Meeting, October 10, 2018
Interview, October 15, 2018
Interview, October 22, 2018
Approved as presented.

Committee Reports:

Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) Report 2018-2 (Community Pledge): Council accepted this report and will consider it on a future agenda.

Board of Elections Report #18-1, (Recommendation to Amend Chapter 8 “Elections” Section of the City Code): Council accepted this report and will consider it on a future agenda.

Reappointment to Advisory Group: Council reappointed Michael Lee to a new term to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

Appointments to Advisory Groups: Council appointed Warren Wilcox to the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee and Efrat (Effie) Levner to the Arts Advisory Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Byrd requested the “Annual Holiday Decorating Contest” be added to the agenda as #16. Mayor Jordan requested “Removable Billboard Ordinance” be added to the agenda as #17. With these changes, it was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Mr. Byrd that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Municipal Government Works Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan read a Proclamation declaring November as Municipal Government month. Beverly Palau, the City’s Public Information and Communications Coordinator, accepted the proclamation. Ms. Palau provided an overview of the many activities sponsored by the City as part of Municipal Government Month. She also presented to Council a map created by her assistant Ms. Sterling, which describes the City’s office buildings that will be posted to the website for information.

Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Month: Mayor Jordan read the Proclamation declaring November as Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Month. Dale Worley, the City’s Director of Information Technology, accepted the proclamation. Mr. Worley provided an overview and background of the proclamation.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: MPO Potts spoke about “No Shave November” which is part of Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. He stated several members of the Police Department had participated and raised \$1,600 to support cancer prevention, research, and education.

Ms. Ard recognized employees who participated and staffed the Veteran’s Day Ceremony event. She also announced that an offer had been made for the Economic Development position.

LEGISLATION: None

GRANT FOR MISHKAN TORAH: It was moved by Mr. Byrd to issue a \$500 block grant to Mishkan Torah to support efforts to increase security at the synagogue following the massacre of eleven people at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, P.A. There was no second for this motion. There was discussion from Council. Ms. Mach indicated that she was in support of the idea, but the motion was premature, and that the City needed to reach out to the other faith-based organizations to discuss their needs. Ms. Pope agreed with Ms. Mach and indicated that \$500 is not enough to increase security. Ms. Pope suggested a donation towards the victim fund. Ms. Davis suggested the funds go toward helping the mentally ill. She also suggested the City website be set up to allow residents to donate to the organization.

Aileen Kroll, Greenbelt Resident, expressed her concerns about the rise of anti-Semitism. She was in support of the motion.

Rebecca Hursh a member of Mishkan Torah, indicated that the grant would help with research in upgrading their security system. Ms. Ard noted that she had reached out to the City's Police Department, requesting that outreach be provided to the surrounding faith-based organizations about their security concerns.

Mr. Roberts stated that he was unaware that the City provided block grants. He asked that the City implement a fair process to distribute block grants. Several residents expressed their concerns about recent events. Mayor Jordan suggested the City have a formal meeting with faith-based organizations.

Mr. Putens left the meeting at 9:18 pm.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Councilmembers reported on their attendance at the following activities and events:

National League of Cities Conference in Los Angeles – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach, Ms. Pope, Mr. Putens and Mr. Byrd
Veteran's Day Ceremony, Roosevelt Center – Mr. Roberts
MML Outreach Engagement Committee – Ms. Mach
Cookies at the Bridge – Ms. Mach
Public Safety Awards Ceremony – Ms. Mach
Boxwood Association Presentation by Brian Townsend – Ms. Mach
Walk for Health, Buddy Attick Lake – Ms. Pope
Central Maryland Mobility Meeting – Ms. Davis
Arts Advisory Board Meet and Greet – Ms. Davis and Mr. Byrd
Retirement Reception at Maryland Municipal League – Ms. Davis
Memorial Service Mishkan Torah – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Pope, Mr. Putens and Mr. Byrd
Costume Parade – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach, Ms. Pope, Mr. Putens and Mr. Byrd
Breast Cancer Walk at Springhill Lake – Ms. Pope
NLC Forum Foundation Leaders – Mayor Jordan
GEAC Meeting – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, and Ms. Pope
Washington Area Bicycle Association Ride, Buddy Attick Park – Mayor Jordan

North County Mayors Meeting, Greenbelt Municipal Building – Mayor Jordan

COUNCIL REPORTS: Ms. Davis and Mayor Jordan provided a brief update about the classes they attended at the NLC Conference in LA.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST: It was moved by Mr. Byrd to establish an annual holiday decorating contest. There was a discussion on the pros and cons of establishing such a contest. It was moved by Mr. Roberts to refer this item to the following advisory boards: Community Relations Advisory Board, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and Arts Advisory Board.

Ms. Davis seconded.

The motion passed 6-0.

REMOVABLE BILLBOARD ORDINANCE: Mayor Jordan requested that this item be added to the Council Action Report. This item was referred to the City Solicitor to draft an ordinance.

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Mach moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Jordan adjourned the regular meeting of Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at 10:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonita Anderson
City Clerk

"I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct report of the regular meeting of the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, held November 13, 2018."

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, November 26, 2018.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Colin A. Byrd, Judith F. Davis, Silke I. Pope, Rodney M. Roberts, Edward V. J. Putens and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

Councilmember Leta M. Mach was absent due to travel.

ALSO PRESENT were Nicole Ard, City Manager; Todd Pounds, City Solicitor; David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager; Dale Worley, Director of Information Technology; Beverly Palau, Public Communications Coordinator, and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of Greenbelt residents Jennifer Robinson and Elizabeth Bianchi. Mr. Roberts then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Ms. Davis requested that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 8, 2018, be removed from the consent agenda. With this change, it was moved by Mr. Putens that the consent agenda be approved. Ms. Davis seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Minutes:

Regular Meeting, June 4, 2018

Regular Meeting, July 9, 2018

Special Meeting, July 22, 2018

Regular Meeting, August 13, 2018

Approved as presented.

Employee Special Holiday: Council approved an employee special holiday for employees to use whenever they wish during the remainder of the fiscal year.

Internet in the Community Center: Council approved expanding Wi-Fi access on the first floor of the Community Center at a cost \$2,000 for wiring and \$1,000 for the subscription.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Ms. Davis that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 6-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Youth Advisory Committee Report on National League of Cities Conference: Arsalan Siddiqui, Youth Advisory Committee Member reported to Council his recent experience at the National League of Cities Conference.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Mr. Fred Gasper presented Council with his suggestions for bicycling improvements for Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt East.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Statement for the Record – Closed Session of July 22, 2018: Ms. Davis moved that in accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-306(c)(2) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, the minutes of tonight’s meeting reflect that Council met in closed session on Sunday, July 22, 2018, at 1:05 p.m., in the Library of the Municipal Building. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(1) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, 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:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Davis	X			
Mr. Byrd	X			
Ms. Mach	X			
Ms. Pope	X			
Mr. Putens	X			
Mr. Roberts	X			
Mayor Jordan	X			

The following staff members were in attendance: City Manager Nicole Ard and City Solicitor Todd Pounds.

Council took no actions during this session.

Ms. Pope seconded.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Davis – Yes
 Mr. Byrd – Yes
 Ms. Mach – Absent
 Ms. Pope – Yes
 Mr. Putens – Yes
 Mr. Roberts – Yes
 Mayor Jordan – Yes

Minutes – Regular Meeting of October 8, 2018: Ms. Davis noted that page 10 of the minutes should have read “ Mayor Pro Tem” instead of “Mayor Jordan”. With this correction, it was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Ms. Pope that the minutes be approved. The motion passed 6-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Ms. Ard provided an update on the City-wide events. She reported that December 4th was the deadline for responses to the Hanover Parkway Bike Study RFP and that the Cherrywood Lane Green and Complete Streets Study deadline is December 7th. Ms. Ard noted that an offer was made for the Economic Development Coordinator position and the recruitment brochure was released for the Director of Recreation position. Ms. Davis inquired about the Animal Control Supervisor position. Ms. Ard indicated that the City was in the process of filling the position.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

LEGISLATION:

An Ordinance to Amend Article I “In General” and Article II “Campaign Contributions and Expenditures” of Chapter 8, “Elections” of the Greenbelt City Code

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mr. Putens introduced the resolution for the first reading.

A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23a of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1957 Edition as Amended), Title, “Corporation-Municipal,” Subtitle “Home Rule” to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Reference Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Repealing and Reenacting with Amendments Section 16(a), Titled “Appointments” to Expand the Number of Members (Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2018-1)

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Pope introduced the resolution for the first reading.

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 5 of the Code of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland to add a new Chapter 5A, titled "Franchises and Permits for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities and to amend Chapter 18 of the Code of the City of Greenbelt by adding a new Division 6, "Minimum Requirements for Occupation of Rights-of-Way" to comply with Federal and State law –

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Davis introduced the resolution for the first reading.

COMMUNITY PLEDGE UPDATE: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Davis moved that Council accept the Community Pledge update. Mr. Putens seconded.

Greenbelt resident, Michael Hartman suggested modifying some of the recommended language. Council provided additional suggestions.

It was moved by Ms. Davis to amend the motion, inserting the word “Welcoming” after the word “respectful.” Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

2019 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mayor Jordan requested clarity about increasing the M-NCPPC funding for the City Recreation Programs. Mr. Moran explained that the City runs a full-service recreation operation and recommended requesting an increase from the current \$234,000 annual allocation, there was no specific amount.

Mayor Jordan requested that the Greenbelt Metro Station infrastructure be added to the priority list to address the WMATA issues. There was additional discussion on consolidating a number of items on the City’s 2019 legislative priorities list.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Councilmembers reported on their attendance at the following activities and events:

Prince George’s County Municipal Association conference call – Ms. Davis and Mr. Byrd
Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee Meeting – Ms. Davis
Federal Theatre in Greenbelt Exhibit Dedication Event – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis

COUNCIL REPORTS:

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Jordan adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, November 26, 2018, at 10:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonita Anderson
City Clerk

"I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct report of the regular meeting of the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, held November 26, 2018."

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, January 14, 2019.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

Present were Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Colin A. Byrd, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

Staff members present were Nicole Ard, City Manager; David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager; Jason Martin, Environmental Coordinator; Brian Kim, Assistant Director of Public Works Department; Tim Houchens, Public Works; Molly Porter, Community Planner; Judith Howerton, Community Planner; Beverly Palau, Public Information and Communications Coordinator; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of Greenbelt residents Roger E. Wilson, Jr., Robert N. Soley, Jeanette Sargent Danahy, Dr. Anne Mills King, and Jacquelyn Sanders. Mr. Byrd led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

CONSENT AGENDA – Ms. Mach requested that the minutes from August 6, 2018, Work Session, be removed. With this change, it was moved by Ms. Mach and seconded by Mr. Putens that the consent agenda be approved. Motion carried 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Minutes:

Work Session, September 12, 2018
Work Session, September 17, 2018
Work Session, September 26, 2018
Work Session, October 29, 2018
Work Session, October 31, 2018
Approved as presented

Resignation from Advisory Group: Council accepted the resignation of Brian Gibbons from the Advisory Planning Board, Pamela Gregory from the Board of Elections and Winard Britt from the Arts Advisory Board.

Reappointment to Advisory Group: Council appointed the following individuals to new terms on City Advisory Boards and Committees:

Syed Shamim	Advisory Planning Board
Betty Timer	Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
Frank Pearlman	Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
Donna Hoffmeister	Forest Preserve Advisory Board
Damien Ossi	Forest Preserve Advisory Board
John Paul Schmit	Forest Preserve Advisory Board

Appointment to Advisory Group: Council appointed James Drake as a member of the Arts Advisory Board.

ACE Report 2019-01 (2019 Grant Proposals): Council accepted this report and will consider it at the next meeting.

ACE Report 2019-02 (2018 Grant Program – Final Report): Council accepted this report.

Cable and Wireless Attorney Fees: Council approved the funding and entered an agreement with Best Best & Krieger, LLP to spend up to \$2,500.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Jordan requested “Waive the fees at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center (GAFC) for Federal Employees” be added to the agenda. With this addition, it was moved by Ms. Pope and seconded by Mr. Byrd that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Proclamation: Mayor Jordan read a Proclamation to recognize January 21st as Day of Service, in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Environmental Coordinator Jason Martin received the proclamation and provided an update on events for the Day of Service.

Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club Presentation: Former Councilman Konrad Herling presented the Council with a contribution in the amount of \$500 from the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club. Mayor Jordan noted that the emergency relief fund will provide monetary assistance to Greenbelt residents facing eviction from a rental unit. The fund was held by the City and managed by GILA (Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association). A GILA will volunteer assessed requests and determine if the resident is eligible for assistance. Residents seeking assistance are also given information about other City and County programs that may be helpful to them such as food distributions, food pantries and energy assistance programs. The fund relies on donations from religious organizations, City residents, clubs, and associations. No City funds are used for the fund.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Bill Manico, Mandan Road, expressed his concern about the Small Cell Ordinance notification. He also referenced Bill 7236 that was introduced by Congress. Ms. Davis provided background information about the ordinance. Mr. Byrd informed Mr. Manico that the Council received his email and that he is open to his suggestion.

Bill Orleans, Greenbelt resident requested the City to facilitate a meeting prior to the upcoming WMATA on Thursday, January 31 at the Greenbelt Library hearing with the board of directors for the WMATA Capital Operating Budgets. He also expressed concerns about Green Ridge House’s HUD renewal and payment status during the federal government shutdown. Ms. Ard mentioned that the City will continue to monitor the situation to protect the residents during the furlough. Mayor Jordan requested that staff send correspondence to GRH residents to provide a status update.

MINUTES:

Statement for the Record - Executive Session of December 10, 2018: Ms. Davis moved that in accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-306(c)(2) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that Council met in executive session on Monday, December 10, 2018, at 7:05 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article 3-305(b)(1) of the *Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland*, to discuss the City Manager's performance evaluation.

Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Davis	X			
Mr. Byrd	X			
Ms. Mach	X			
Ms. Pope	X			
Mr. Putens				*see note
Mr. Roberts				*see note
Mayor Jordan	X			

*Note: Mr. Putens arrived at 7:42 pm and Mr. Roberts arrived at 7:56 pm.

Council took no actions during this session.

Ms. Pope seconded.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Davis	-	Yes
Mr. Byrd	-	Yes
Ms. Mach	-	Yes
Ms. Pope	-	Yes
Mr. Putens	-	Yes
Mr. Roberts	-	Yes
Mayor Jordan	-	Yes

Statement for the Record - Executive Session of January 2, 2019: Ms. Davis moved that in accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-306(c)(2) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that Council met in executive session on Wednesday, January 2, 2019, at 8:44 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 (7) of the *Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland*, to discuss personnel matters in the Public Works, Police, Recreation & Planning and Community Development Department(s); and to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matters with Long, VKM, To God be the Glory/Booker/Ager/Wells/Proctor Bankruptcy, Carson Bankruptcy, Booker Bankruptcy; and pending litigation - MAGLEV.

Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Davis	X			
Mr. Byrd	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; Todd Pounds, City Solicitor, and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Council took no actions during this session.

Mr. Putens seconded.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Davis	-	Yes
Mr. Byrd	-	Yes
Ms. Mach	-	Yes
Ms. Pope	-	Yes
Mr. Putens	-	Yes
Mr. Roberts	-	Yes
Mayor Jordan	-	Yes

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Ms. Ard expressed her gratitude to employees who worked during the snowstorm.

LEGISLATION:

A Resolution To Authorize The Negotiated Purchase Of Professional Architectural/ Engineering Services For The Cherrywood Lane Green And Complete Street Retrofit Project From Charles P. Johnson & Associates, Inc. (CPJ) At A Cost Not To Exceed \$130,710.

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Mach introduced the resolution for the first reading.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Bike Share Presentation: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Porter presented to the five locations for the County bike share stations. Ms. Howerton presented background information about the locations. She also inquired if Council would like to have a location at the

Greenbelt Metro Station. Council unanimously agreed to defer one of the proposed locations to instead to allow a location at the Greenbelt Metro Station.

Council had concerns about the timeframe for responding to the County. Ms. Howerton noted that she will provide the County with feedback before the due date.

Greenbelt resident, Fred Gasper distributed a map indicating five locations for the proposed bike-share stations. He also expressed concern about the lack of coverage for Greenbelt East.

Old Greenbelt Theatre HVAC Update: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mr. Kim provided Council with an update. Mr. Roberts expressed his concern about the location of the new system. Dr. Caitlin McGrath stated that the system will be environmentally friendly. Ms. Davis noted that the system will need to be maintained in order for the system to last.

Mr. Herling noted the past issues with the system and that he was in support of the new HVAC system.

Legislative Dinner Follow-Up: Mayor Jordan requested that the Council move forward with items discussed at the legislative dinner on December 17, 2018. He noted that the City's priorities were discussed at that dinner. He also noted that the City follow-up with Delegate Gaines' offer to arrange meetings for the City with WMATA about the Greenbelt Metro Station and the pathway from the station to residential Greenbelt Station.

Franklin Park Work Session Locations: Mr. Byrd moved to hold all future Franklin Park work sessions in Franklin Park or at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center unless otherwise requested by most of the City Council. There was no second to the motion. Mr. Byrd noted that the Franklin Park meetings have been held at the community center consecutively and that he added this item was a formality. Council consensus was to hold future Franklin Park work sessions at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center or other available facilities located near Franklin Park.

Christmas Eve as a Paid Holiday for City Employees: Mr. Byrd moved to have staff draft an amendment to Section 13-141 of the City Code that will give employees a day off on Christmas Eve whenever it falls on a weekday. There was no second to the motion. Ms. Mach stated that she was not in support of the motion because an employee can use leave for that time off. Ms. Pope indicated that the employees already receive a floating holiday that was approved by the Council.

Letter to President Trump on Federal Government Shutdown: Mr. Byrd moved to send a letter to President Trump on the Federal Government Shutdown. Mayor Jordan seconded the motion. Several Councilmembers indicated that they were not in favor of sending the letter as it may have little impact. Other action to help the community was noted. The motion failed (2-5). Mr. Putens, Ms. Mach, Ms. Davis, Ms. Pope, and Mr. Roberts in opposition.

Mr. Putens left the meeting.

Council Activities:

Employee Holiday Party – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Byrd, Ms. Mach, and Ms. Pope
A Conversation about Homelessness, CARES – Ms. Davis and Mr. Byrd

MWCOG Annual Meeting – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Byrd, and Ms. Mach
ATHA Holiday Mixer and Ribbon Cutting – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis
Central Maryland Transportation and Mobility Commission, Public Hearing, Route Changes
– Ms. Davis
Santa Paws, WAGS and New Deal Café – Ms. Davis
Greenbelt Station Holiday Mixer – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Byrd, and Mr. Putens
Alice in Wonderland Ballet, 2018 Performance Club – Ms. Davis
Roosevelt Center Merchants Association meeting – Ms. Davis
Eagle Court of Honor, Jaden Dirksen, BSA Troop 214 – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis
Artist Reception, Sally Davies, ATHA – Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach, and Mr. Byrd
Greenbrook Lake Improvement Project presentation – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis
MML Legislative Committee, Annapolis – Ms. Davis
MML Legislative Reception, Annapolis – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach, and Mr.
Byrd
Aerospace Corporation Ribbon Cutting – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach, and Mr.
Putens
Cornucopia Artists Reception, Cedars of Lebanon – Ms. Davis

Waive the fees at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center: Mayor Jordan moved to waive the fees at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center for Federal employees who are currently furloughed. It was seconded by Ms. Davis. The motion passed 6-0.

Council Reports: None

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Mach moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Davis seconded. The motion carried 6-0. Mayor Jordan adjourned the regular meeting of January 14th, 2019, at 10:36 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bonita Anderson
City Clerk

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Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, February 11, 2019.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

Present were Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Colin A. Byrd, Silke I. Pope, Rodney M. Roberts, and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan. Councilmembers Leta M. Mach and Edward V. J. Putens were sick and unable to attend.

Staff members present were Nicole Ard, City Manager; David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager; Todd Pounds, City Solicitor; Brian Townsend, Assistant Director of Public Works; Terri Hruby, Director of Planning and Community Development; Molly Porter, Community Planner; Charise Liggins, Economic Development Coordinator; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in memory of Greenbelt resident Frances Virginia (Broy) Roth, former resident Shirley Marie Hibbs and Barbara Sanford (Thomas) Compton. Ms. Davis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Ms. Pope and seconded by Ms. Davis that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 5-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Minutes of Council Meetings

Work Session, November 14, 2018

Legislative Dinner, December 12, 2018

Special Meeting, January 2, 2019

Approved as presented.

Ethics Commission #2019-01 (Expansion of the Commission): Council accepted this report and it will be considered on a future meeting agenda.

Advisory Planning Board Report #2019-01 (Beltway Plaza Conceptual Site Plan Recommendation): Council accepted this report and it will be considered on a future meeting agenda.

Park and Recreation Advisory Board Report dated 01/28/19 (Beltway Plaza Redevelopment Plan Review): Council accepted this report.

Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability/Greenbelt Green Team Report dated 11/13/18 (Proposed Beltway Plaza Redevelopment): Council accepted this report.

Public Safety Advisory Committee Report dated 12/05/18 (Indian Creek Trail Letter of Recommendations): Council accepted this report.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Ms. Pope and seconded by Ms. Davis that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 5-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Random Acts of Kindness Proclamation:

Mayor Jordan issued a Proclamation recognizing a day of Random Acts of Kindness, to be celebrated by the City on Sunday, February 17, 2019. Robert Goldberg Strassler of Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness (RUAK) was present to accept the proclamation and gave an overview of this year's plans.

Black History Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan issued a proclamation recognizing the month of February as Black History Month. Dr. Lois Rosado and members of the Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance (GREAA) were present to accept the proclamation and spoke about upcoming events.

Greenbelt Police Explorer Post 1937 Presentation: PFC Konetta Brown & MPO Irellise Fernandez introduced the members of the Greenbelt Police Explorer Post 1937 to Council. The members provided an overview of the program.

Petitions and Requests:

Greenbelt resident, Mr. Orleans inquired about qualifications for the Greenbelt Police Explorer Program which precludes any interested youth with a felony conviction or a misdemeanor conviction. He also requested a response about the conditions for the Beltway Plaza proposal.

Administrative Reports: Ms. Ard expressed her gratitude to those who assisted with the water main break at the Roosevelt Center. Ms. Ard reminded the Council of the upcoming business coffee. Mr. Byrd asked Ms. Ard if someone from the Public Works Department can follow-up with the Forest Preserve Advisory Board concerning the status of the science fund that was approved by Council in August 2018. Mayor Jordan requested electronic copies of large documents. Mr. Byrd indicated that he would prefer to receive his agenda electronically.

LEGISLATION:

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Annual Lawn Mowing and Landscape Services from P2 Maintenance Services of Laurel, Maryland at a Cost of \$46,990.

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mr. Byrd introduced the resolution for second reading and moved that it be adopted. Ms. Davis seconded.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	-	Yes
	Mr. Byrd	-	Yes

Ms. Mach	-	Absent
Ms. Pope	-	Yes
Mr. Putens	-	Absent
Mr. Roberts	-	No
Mayor Jordan	-	Yes

The resolution was declared adopted (Resolution No. 2067, Book 8).

A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Professional Services to Undertake a Feasibility Study and To Create Concept Engineered Design Plans (Up To 30%) For Bikeway Facilities on Hanover Parkway from Sabra & Associates at A Cost Of \$59,685.

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Davis introduced the resolution for the first reading.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Beltway Plaza Redevelopment Proposal Conceptual Site Plan: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. It was moved by Ms. Pope and seconded by Ms. Davis. The motion carried 4-1. (Mr. Roberts).

State Legislation: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

HB 102/SB 442 – Toll Roads, Highways & Bridges - County Consent Required: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Davis moved that Council support HB 102/SB 442 with an amendment to include municipalities. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

HB 109/SB 285 – Expanded Polystyrene Food Service Products: Ms. Davis moved that Council support HB 109/SB 285. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

HB 251/SB 279 – Grants for Aging in Place Programs: Ms. Davis moved that Council support HB 251/SB 279. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

HB 209 – Privately Owned Transportation Projects - Authorization to use State Rights-of-Way: Ms. Davis moved that Council support HB 209. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

SB 387/HB 669 – Pipeline and Water Protection Act of 2019: Ms. Davis moved that Council support SB387/HB669. Mr. Byrd seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

SB 516/HB 1158 - Clean Energy Jobs Act: Ms. Davis moved that Council support SB 516/HB 1158. Mayor Jordan seconded. There were members of GCAN who addressed the Council in support of the bill. The motion passed unanimously.

SB 316 – Plug-In Electric Vehicles - Reserved Spaces: Ms. Davis moved that Council support SB316. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Bike Task Force: Mayor Jordan inquired about the status of implementing a Bike Task Force subcommittee to the Advisory Planning Board. It was stated that the committee had not been officially adopted by the board.

Small Cell Notice Policy: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mr. Pounds mentioned that it was at the discretion of the Council on how they would like to proceed with the policy. Ms. Davis stated that some of the requests were reasonable. Ms. Ard indicated that Ms. Palau was currently working with the attorneys and the telecommunication representatives on this matter.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

Four Cities Meeting, College Park – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Byrd, Ms. Pope, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Putens
NLC Human Development Committee conference call – Ms. Mach
MML Legislative Committee Meetings – Ms. Davis
Maryland Mayors Association, 25th Annual conference – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis
WMATA Public Hearing – Ms. Davis and Mr. Putens
Prince George’s Elected Municipal Women Meeting – Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach, and Ms. Pope
Springhill Lake Elementary School Fundraiser, Chipotle – Ms. Davis and Ms. Pope
Clean Air Partners conference call – Ms. Mach
City Welcome Packets Stuffing Party – Ms. Davis
Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance Meeting – Ms. Mach
GHI Board Meeting – Ms. Davis
Higher Achievement Prince George’s County Expansion Meeting, Greenbelt Middle School – Ms. Davis

COUNCIL REPORTS: None

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule. Ms. Davis requested that Beltway Plaza and NASA be added to the ready to be scheduled list.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Pope and seconded by Ms. Davis. The motion carried 5-0. The Mayor adjourned the regular meeting of February 11th, 2019, at 11:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonita Anderson
City Clerk

"I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct report of the regular meeting of the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, held February 11th, 2019."

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, March 11, 2019.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Colin A. Byrd, Judith F. Davis, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

ALSO PRESENT were Nicole Ard, City Manager; David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager; Todd Pounds, City Solicitor; Terri Hruby, Planning Director; Molly Porter, City Planner, Jim Sterling, Public Works Director, and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in memory of Greenbelt residents Helen R. Foster, Elaine Jones, and August M. Tolzman, Jr. Mr. Putens then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Ms. Davis requested that the reappointment for Michael Hartman be removed from the consent agenda. With this change, it was moved by Mr. Putens that the consent agenda be approved. Ms. Mach seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Committee Reports:

Advisory Committee on Trees (ACT) Report #2019-1 (Sustainable Land Care Policy):
Council accepted this report.

Appointments to Advisory Groups: Council appointed Gordon Gainer to the Advisory Committee on Education and April Ashpes to the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

Reappointments to Advisory Groups: Council reappointed the following individuals to their respective City Advisory Groups.

Steve Skolnik	Board of Appeals
Sherry Burks	Community Relations Advisory Board
Richard Marcus	Employee Relations Board

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Davis requested that “HR 530 – Repeal FCC Policy on Small Cell Towers” be added to State Legislation. Mr. Byrd requested the addition of item #22 “Disposal of Police Service Weapons” be added to the agenda. With these additions, it was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Ms. Davis that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

National Women’s History Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan read a Proclamation to

recognize March as National Women's History Month. Mary Lou Williamson, Greenbelt News Review, received the proclamation and provided background on her history living in the City of Greenbelt.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Gina Wesley, Ridge Road, discussed an incident that took place near Beltway Plaza and the Middle School. She noted that School Resource Officer Dunn responded to the incident. Ms. Wesley expressed concern about after-school safety issues and said she would contact the County.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Statement for the Record – Closed Session of March 6, 2019: Ms. Davis moved that in accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-306(c)(2) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that Council met in closed session on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, at 8:02 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) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, to discuss the City Manager performance evaluation.

Vote to close the session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Davis	X			
Mr. Byrd	X			
Ms. Mach	X			
Ms. Pope	X			
Mr. Putens				X
Mr. Roberts				X
Mayor Jordan	X			

Council took no actions during this session.

Mr. Putens seconded.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Davis – Yes
Mr. Byrd – Yes
Ms. Mach – Yes
Ms. Pope – Yes
Mr. Putens – Abstain
Mr. Roberts – Abstain
Mayor Jordan – Yes

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Ms. Ard reported on the GHI approved vehicle electric charging station located at 62 Ridge Court.

LEGISLATION:

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase and Installation of HVAC Equipment at the Greenbelt Theater

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Davis introduced the resolution for the first reading.

Policy on Local Hiring in Landscaping Contracts - PGCMA Proposed Resolution:

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

There was a discussion that the City Council support the PGCMA proposed resolution 2019-01 at the next PGCMA meeting. All were in favor.

Beltway Plaza Conceptual Site Plan – Response from M-NCPPC Technical Staff:

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

There was a discussion that the City Council consent to the project unconditionally and that City Solicitor Pounds work with Beltway Plaza's legal counsel on drafting and executing a memorandum of understanding on the revised conditions. Ms. Davis recommended a letter of intent be submitted to Prince George's County Planning Board that the City and Beltway Plaza have agreed to the revised conditions to the Beltway Plaza Conceptual Site Plan. All were in favor.

Award of Bid – Outdoor Pool White Coat:

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Joe McNeal provided Council with an update on the proposed project.

Ms. Pope moved that Council award bid to Wilcoxon Construction Inc in the amount of \$57,945. Mr. Putens seconded.

The motion passed 7-0.

STATE LEGISLATION:

SB 478/HB 1317 – Property Tax – Vehicles Values as Stock in Business - Alteration of Tax Credit: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Davis moved that Council oppose SB 478/HB 1317. Mr. Byrd seconded.

The motion passed 7-0.

HB 560 – State Highway Administration – Traffic Calming Devices: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Davis moved that Council support HB 560 with an amendment to include municipalities. Ms. Pope seconded.

The motion passed 7-0.

HB 900 – Cooperative Housing Corporations, Condominiums, and Homeowner Associations - Reserve Studies: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Mach moved that Council oppose HB 900. Ms. Davis seconded.

The motion passed 7-0.

HB 444 – SHA - Mowing Maintenance and Litter Removal: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mr. Putens moved that Council support HB 444. Ms. Davis seconded.

The motion passed 7-0.

HB 905 – Low Voltage Electricians, Continuing Education, and Penalties: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Davis moved to call the question. Ms. Mach seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Byrd moved that Council oppose HB 905. Ms. Davis seconded.

The motion passed 7-0.

HB 792 – Master Electrician License: There was a discussion on the overlapping language of HB 905 and HB 792 with Council and Mr. Kaiser, Greenbelt resident. Council decided to review HB 792 at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Byrd moved that Council take a position on HB 792. Ms. Davis seconded.

The motion failed 2-5. (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach, Ms. Pope, and Mr. Putens)

HB 884/SB 533 – Sales and Use Tax - Limited Residential Lodging: Mayor Jordan read

the agenda comments.

Ms. Davis moved that Council support HB 884/SB 533. Ms. Pope seconded.

The motion passed 7-0.

HR 530 – Repeal FCC Policy on Small Cell Towers: Mayor Pro Tem Davis provided background on the legislation.

Ms. Davis moved that Council support HR 530. Mr. Putens seconded.

The motion passed 7-0.

Lakecrest Drive Trees: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mr. Byrd moved that larger trees be placed on Lakecrest Drive. Mr. Roberts seconded.

The motion failed 3-4. (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach, and Ms. Pope)

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Council noted their attendance at the following events.

Central Maryland Transportation and Mobility Commission – Ms. Davis
Mid-Winter Business Coffee – Ms. Davis and Ms. Mach
State of the Chamber, Prince George’s Chamber of Congress – Ms. Davis
Legislative Dinner, Annapolis – Ms. Davis, Mr. Byrd, Ms. Mach, Ms. Pope, Mr. Roberts,
and Mr. Putens
Maryland Municipal League, Legislative Committee, Annapolis – Ms. Davis
Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee, Legislative Group, Conference Call – Ms. Davis
Delegate Alonzo Washington’s Table Talk – Ms. Davis and Ms. Mach
“Homeward Bound”, 2019 Greenbelt Youth Musical – Ms. Davis and Ms. Mach
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day, Mowatt Memorial United Methodist – Mayor Jordan and
Ms. Davis
Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner, Greenbelt Community Church – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis,
and Ms. Pope
National League of Cities Congressional City Conference, DC - Mayor Jordan, Ms.
Davis, Ms. Mach, Ms. Pope, and Mr. Putens

COUNCIL REPORTS: None

Request for Celebratory Letters: Ms. Davis moved that Council send letters to North Brentwood, Morningside, Glenarden, and Eagle Harbor recognizing their upcoming anniversaries. Ms. Mach seconded.

The motion passed 7-0.

Disposal of Police Service Weapons: Mr. Byrd moved to reconsider this item that was introduced at the Council meeting on February 25, 2019, for Mayor Jordan's input. Mr. Putens seconded.

The motion passed 4-2. (Ms. Davis and Ms. Mach)

Mayor Jordan voted to oppose the disposal of the police service weapons and Mr. Byrd changed his vote in opposition which modified the February 25th vote to 4-3. (Mr. Roberts, Mr. Byrd, and Mayor Jordan)

Capital Improvements at Springhill Lake Elementary: Mr. Byrd moved that Council send a letter to the County Executive about Springhill Lake Elementary, requesting that their concerns about its facilities' conditions be addressed in the short-term through the upcoming County budget and that those issues, along with the issue of overcrowding, be addressed in the long-term by making a brand new building for Springhill Lake Elementary one of her very top county priorities. Ms. Pope seconded.

The motion passed 7-0.

2019 Meeting Schedule:

Ms. Davis moved the following changes to the 2019 meeting calendar:

- No Work Session on Monday, April 22nd (Easter Monday and Passover)
- Reschedule Monday, June 10th and Monday, June 24th Regular Meetings to Monday, June 3rd and Monday, June 17th (Budget Adoption Prior to June 10th and Maryland Municipal League Conference June 23rd – 26th)
- No Work Session on Wednesday, October 9th (Yom Kippur)

Ms. Mach seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Mach moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Jordan adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, March 11, 2019, at 11:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonita Anderson
City Clerk

"I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct report of the regular meeting of the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, held March 11, 2019."

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor

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WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Wednesday, November 13, 2019, to discuss the Community Relations Advisory Board Reports - Police Community Relations and the Petition for Congress to Shut Down the 1033 Program.

Mayor Byrd started the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The meeting was held in room 201 of the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Present were: Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Leta M. Mach, Emmett V. Jordan, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts, and Mayor Colin A. Byrd. Councilmember Silke I. Pope was absent.

Staff present were: Nicole Ard, City Manager; David Moran, Assistant City Manager; Chief Richard Bowers, Captain Timothy White, and Sergeant Jermaine Gullede, and Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Administrative Assistant.

Also present were: Jamie Krauk and Richard Ransom, Co-Chairs of the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB); Dea Zugby, Community Relations Advisory Board Member; Molly Lester, Bill Orleans, and others.

Mr. Moran noted the petitioner, Ms. Elizabeth Gaines, would not be in attendance for tonight's work session.

Police Community Relations

Ms. Krauk explained CRAB received the Police Community Relations referral from Council on July 11, 2016. She noted CRAB has held forums at Springhill Lake Elementary School, Greenbriar Community Building, Greenbelt Community Center, and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Ms. Mach noted she was at the forum at Springhill Lake Elementary School. Ms. Davis noted she attended three out of the four forums. She stated the forums were well organized and had good dialogue.

There was discussion on whether Council should attend the upcoming youth forum. Mr. Moran stated the youth forums are held during the school day between two class periods. Ms. Krauk stated CRAB worked with the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) for the forum format to be tailored more towards the youth. Mr. Ransom stated the police was at the youth forums, asking and answering questions.

Ms. Krauk noted the following CRAB's recommendations: to continue to have an annual Police/Community Forum and have the forums rotated throughout the multiple sections of the City; require the Police Department to publicize information about the Department's various training and complaint procedures; establish a resident member review panel to consider police concerns and complaints.

There was discussion on the citizen-member review panel. Ms. Davis suggested that the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) and CRAB meet and establish a single group to review and discuss complaints. Ms. Lester advised there wasn't transparency regarding the outcome of complaints against officers. Chief Bowers noted resolution to complaints is placed in the individual personnel file. The complainant will be informed the complaint was resolved, but the details of the disciplinary action would not be provided.

Chief Bowers suggested a “Chief Advisory Board Committee”. The Committee would review the procedures of the Police Department and would conduct outreach within the community. Mr. Roberts noted he wasn’t in favor of the “Chief Advisory Board Committee”.

Captain White explained the Police Department mediation process. He noted the officer, the complainant, and a mediator would discuss the complaint. The officer would explain the policy and procedures and the complainant would explain his/her complaint.

Mayor Byrd advised every complaint should be taken seriously and the City should pay attention to patterns even if the complaint was unfounded.

Ms. Krauk advised of the next two recommendations: to expand the Police Blotter to include positive police activities, and to have the Police Public Information Officer (PIO) regularly attend a City Council Regular meeting to discuss current activities and accomplishments.

Chief Bowers noted complaints as well as complements could be made available on the City’s website. He noted a quarterly accomplishments and positive activities report is released by the PIO. It is posted on all the Police social media pages and also in the Greenbelt News Review.

Petition – “Congress to Shut Down the 1033 Program”

Ms. Krauk explained CRAB received the petition for Congress to Shut Down the 1033 Program referral from Council on October 9, 2017. The Military 1033 Program permitted the Secretary of Defense to transfer, without charge, excess U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) personnel property (supplies and equipment) to state and local law enforcement agencies.

Ms. Krauk noted since the 1033 Program is a federal program, CRAB recommended that it was not the jurisdiction of local municipalities to recommend to Congress that the program be terminated.

Ms. Krauk noted the following CRAB’s recommendations, the City Manager help ensure, the item doesn’t give a military appearance, the need and cost of the item must be identified, the item must remain a rare exception and not become the norm.

There was discussion on what items could be obtained from the military. Ms. Krauk stated anything from a desk to a Kevlar Vest.

There was discussion on the Citizen Rescue Vehicle. Ms. Mach noted the tank was at community events. Ms. Davis stated the Citizen Rescue Vehicle was deployed to Louisiana to assist with Hurricane Katrina.

There was discussion on the seizure and forfeiture laws. Chief Bowers noted the seizure, forfeiture laws are changing, and the Police Department doesn’t handle seizures except for participation in the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA).

Mr. Ransom stated that going to Council Meetings the Police Department needs to communicate what items the Police would be obtain from the 1033 Program.

Based on a question from Mr. Jordan, Chief Bowers stated when the police assist another

agency; the police would still follow the City's policy regarding the Citizen Rescue Vehicle.

Based on a question from Mr. Orleans, Chief Bowers noted the officers have completed various bias training, and the Training Coordinator is in the process of setting up additional training sessions.

Captain White noted that Sergeant Gullledge and three members of his squad would receive the Police Department's highest honor for disarming an armed individual without incident.

Several informational items were discussed.

The meeting ended at 9:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Shaniya Lashley-Mullen
Administrative Assistant*

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WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, November 18, 2019, to discuss the Ground Floor East Space (GFES) – (formerly Adult Daycare Space).

Mayor Byrd started the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Present were: Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Leta M. Mach, Emmett V. Jordan, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts, and Mayor Colin A. Byrd. Councilmember Silke I. Pope was absent.

Staff present were: Nicole Ard, City Manager; Greg Varda, Co-Acting Director of Recreation; Dr. Liz Park, Director of CARES; Christal Batey, Community Resource Advocate, Joe McNeal, Co-Acting Director of Recreation, Lisa Pellettiere, Program Specialist, and Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Administrative Assistant.

Also present were: Dr. Caitlin McGrath, Executive Director Old Greenbelt Theatre; Stephan Broad; David Turner; Jacob Chesnutt, Park & Recreation Advisory Board; Bill Orleans, and others.

Ms. Ard provided a brief history of the Ground Floor East Space (GFES) and provided a Power Point presentation. She noted the layout of the space has a large open shell area for office space and commented that the windows need work.

There was brief discussion on the windows. Ms. Davis asked was there still historic windows in that space. Mr. McNeal advised there are two or three historic windows in the GFES that weren't cleaned due to the previous private sector tenants. Based on a question from Mr. Roberts, Mr. McNeal stated he would follow-up with Mr. Sterling to see if the GFES windows could be included when the auditorium windows are renovated.

Ms. Ard stated there have been many ideas for the use of GFES. She outlined some of the programs and activities that CARES/Greenbelt Assistance in Independent Living (GAIL) and the Recreation Department provide the residents of Greenbelt. Ms. Ard advised this Spring/Summer that the Friends of the Old Greenbelt Theatre had leased the GFES and provided programs like the pop-up theatre.

Ms. Ard noted there are needs for space across several departments ranging from offices, meetings and storage. Mr. Roberts stated that he was opposed to using GFES for office space or a City Department. He noted the GFES should be for community use. Mr. Roberts also shared that the City could rent space from the private sector for one or more City departments.

Ms. Ard mentioned that a non-profit groups and a private sector including Greenbelt Access Television (GATe) had expressed interest on leasing the GFES.

Based on a question asked by Ms. Mach, Dr. Park stated CARES needed a large enough space to have all counseling sessions and a meeting area. She noted on Wednesday nights CARES has the Family Clinic, where there are seven teams of counselors who see 21 families. She noted are also meetings at 5:00pm and at 9:00 pm.

Ms. Davis stated the Recreation Department has been using the GFES since the summer and the Arts Advisory Board (AAB) has suggested that the GFES continue to be used for recreation. Ms.

Davis suggested the space be used during the day use for seniors. Ms. Davis also noted that a lot of departments need space, as the City has increased staff and services but not infrastructure to support the departments.

Mr. Jordan asked how the space is being utilized in all the City buildings. Ms. Ard suggested having a Space Study conducted and noted there without one was not enough space in the Municipal Building for CARES.

Based on a question asked by Mr. Jordan, Mr. Varda stated there was discussion but no budget for the renovation of the Youth Center. Ms. Ard stated Council had approved and staff completed the Facility Maintenance Study recently, the Recreation Master Plan, and related Building Reserve Fund was for the maintenance of buildings.

Dr. Park explained that the CARES office is double booked, with two counselors working out the same office. She advised that their office is not only administrative space but also where CARES provides programming services to the residents. Dr. Park explained that CARES has several programs that are held in the Municipal Building, the Community Center, and the Springhill Lake Recreation. Dr. Park noted that the GFES is large enough to hold all of the CARES and GAIL staff and to provide services at one central location.

Ms. Batey advised the GAIL program currently provides pediatric and geriatric nurse services through two universities. She stated the nursing program has been extended to 16 nurses twice a week, year-around. Dr. Park answered Mayor Byrd's question, stating that if CARES doesn't get the space, the department will continue to operate by providing services in various locations.

Mr. Varda stated the Recreation Department has been using the GFES since the summer of 2019 for before and after care for the summer Camps. He noted the Recreation Department currently plans to use the GFES for the Winter Youth Musical rehearsal space, the Greenbelt Museum Tour and art shares. Mr. Varda added that The GFES has increased the Recreation Department enrollments to various programs. Mr. Varda advised if the Recreation Department were able to continue to use the GFES, in its full year, he estimated the department would be able to generate an additional \$30,000 - \$40,000 in revenue.

There was discussion on space functions within the City Buildings. Mr. Roberts asked if the City inquired about the St. Hugh's School Space. Mr. Putens stated that space was being used. Ms. Davis noted that while Ms. Pope was absent due to her injury Ms. Pope mentioned that every department needs office space. Ms. Davis advised a Space Study needs to be conducted and in the meantime, she did not want the GFES to stay empty.

Ms. Davis advised that the Council needed to have a Work Session beyond the Council Chambers, within other parts of the City. Ms. Ard stated that Ms. Palau expressed interest in having the Council's Work Sessions in Council Chambers for a quality broadcast.

Mr. Orleans, Greenbelt resident, stated that CARES and the Recreation Department both fulfill the needs of the community. Mr. Roberts answered Mr. Orleans question, stating that the GFES is 2,700 square feet.

Dr. McGrath noted that GFES was used for the before and after care for Summer Camps. She stated the Old Greenbelt Theatre used the GFES for the Pop-up Theatre, Story Time and Senior

Programing this summer.

Mr. Broad advised he has been involved in two programs at the Community Center, the Creative Kids Camp, and the Youth Musical. He noted having that space for the camps this summer made a tremendous difference. The private bathrooms and dressing rooms were a great help.

Mr. Chesnutt, Chair of Parks and Recreations Advisory Board, stated he supports the Recreation Department's recommendation on utilizing the GFES. He noted there is a demonstrated need for recreation space.

Ms. Pellettiere stated that if CARES gets that GFES, it would be unity for that department, but if the Recreation Department get that GFES, it would be unity for the entire building. She noted that the Recreation Department could grow in long term the GFES.

Ms. Mach suggested that the \$30,000 - \$40,000 the additional in revenue that was estimated by Mr. Varda would go towards renting space for CARES.

Mr. Varda stated the Recreation Department has a plan in place to extend the summer camps to Labor Day if allowed to use the GFES.

Several informational items were discussed.

The meeting ended at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Shaniya Lashley-Mullen
Administrative Assistant*

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, November 25, 2019.

Mayor Byrd called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Emmett V. Jordan, Silke I. Pope, Edward V.J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts, and Mayor Colin A. Byrd. Councilmember Leta M. Mach was absent due to travels.

ALSO PRESENT were Nicole Ard, City Manager; Brian Townsend, Assistant Director of Public Works-Parks; Todd Pounds, City Solicitor; and Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Administrative Assistant.

Mayor Byrd asked for a moment of silence in honor of Greenbelt residents Dr. Lawrence Schmid, Debra Corsetti, and former resident Betty Lehman. Mr. Roberts then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

CONSENT AGENDA: Ms. Davis moved that the minutes of the Work Session on September 25, 2019, be removed. Ms. Davis also moved item #24, Resignations from Advisory Group be removed from the consent agenda. Mr. Putens seconded that the consent agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried 6-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Minutes:

Work Session, September 4, 2019
Regular Meeting, September 9, 2019
Work Session, September 11, 2019
Work Session, October 2, 2019
Work Session, October 16, 2019
Interview, November 13, 2019
Approved as presented.

Committee Reports: None

Employee Special Holiday: Council approved an employee special holiday for employees to use whenever they wish during the remainder of the fiscal year.

Letter of Support – Restore Our Parks & Public Lands Legislation: Council approved sending a letter of support to the City's Congressional Delegation.

Letter to State Highway Administration – Street Light at Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road: Council approved sending a letter.

Request for Qualifications for Legal Services Related to Maglev and Highway Widening Projects: Council approved on issuing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

Prince George's County Memorial Library System Memorandum of Understanding:
Council approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Appointments to Advisory Board: Council appointed Tom LeaMond to the Arts Advisory Board (AAB) and Jackson Tuthill to the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Davis moved to add item #26, Council Referrals. Mayor Byrd seconded that motion. It was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Ms. Pope the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried 6-0.

PRESENTATIONS: None

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Bill Orleans, Greenbelt resident, shared his concern regarding the Election Board handling of absentee and early voting ballots.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Ms. Ard advised that Phase III work on the Spillway was on hold and plans for redesign will address some the geotechnical concerns that are under review by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). She noted an Environmental Consultant was working with the City. An aerator was purchased and installed.

Ms. Ard thanked staff in advance who would be working the Gobble Wobble. She also congratulated Mr. Joe Doss on his retirement of 31 years from Public Works.

Ms. Pope requested a status update on the State's repair of ramp from Edmonston Road to Kenilworth Ave. She advised Public Works has patched the ramp but the ramp is beyond repairs. Ms. Ard noted she would follow up with the State Highway Administration.

There was discussion on the reimbursement request from the Old Greenbelt Theater to the Finance Department.

LEGISLATION: None

OTHER BUSINESS

Award of Purchase – Dump Truck

Mayor Byrd read the agenda comments.

Mr. Roberts shared his opinion that the dump truck, F550 four-wheel drive, as too big and a waste of energy, so he was going to vote against the motion.

It was moved by Ms. Pope and seconded by Mr. Putens to approve the purchase of a 2020 Ford F-550 Dump Truck per State of Maryland Blanket Purchase Order (BPO) # 001B8400149 from Apple Ford Fleet/Government Sales, at a cost of \$84,133.80.

Mr. Townsend stated the purchase of this dump truck was to replace the 2004 F550 four-wheel drive dump truck. He noted the only difference between the two dump trucks is the 2020 will have a stainless steel body versus a steel body.

There was discussion on two-wheel drive versus four-wheel drive trucks. Mr. Roberts stated a two-wheel drive costs less to purchase than a four-wheel drive, it's less maintenance, and it uses less fuel. Mr. Townsend stated that the two-wheel drive is cheaper to purchase, but you would have to replace the chains for snow usage. He also noted that the four-wheel drive dump truck was more versatile.

Mr. Orleans suggested placing heavy-duty electric vehicles in service.

The motion passed 5-1 (Roberts opposed).

Letter of Support – County Library System Archivist

Mayor Byrd read the agenda comments.

It was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mayor Byrd to send a letter support the Prince George's County Library System hire of an Archivist.

Mr. Roberts stated the Tugwell Collection needs to be moved out of the location where it is being stored.

Mr. Jordan suggested Council and staff explore the possibility of offering a one-time grant to assist in digitizing the Tugwell Collection.

Ms. Davis suggested staff contact the Friends of the Library to find out if they are planning any celebration for the Library's 50th Anniversary.

The motion passed 6-0.

2020 Legislative Program

Mayor Byrd read the agenda comments.

It was moved by Ms. Davis to accept the 2020 Legislative Program be accepted with a reordering of items.

There was discussion on reordering the priorities.

Mr. Jordan proposed that Council make a request for a State Bond to provide for the completion of the trail and recreation amenities at Greenbelt Station. He noted the property near Branchville Road for development of a park or dog park. Mr. Jordan also suggested the State Bond could be used for recreation amenities or landscaping. Ms. Davis suggested a community center at Greenbelt Station.

Ms. Davis mentioned that neither the State nor the County funds the Greenbelt Metro. She stated Council can note the concern to the delegation but that the discussion was best for sharing with the Washington Metro Transit Authority (WMATA).

Mayor Byrd seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0.

National League of Cities Services Line Warranty Program:

Mayor Byrd requested that this item be removed from the agenda.

City Participation in an Opioid Lawsuit

Mayor Byrd read the agenda comments.

Mr. Jordan relayed that Ms. Mach stated she felt Council had already considered this issue and didn't think this would be a productive use of time to go forward with it.

There was discussion on joining the litigation and using the law firm of Theodora Oringer PC.

Ms. Pope requested additional information, including to the cost the City and Mr. Pounds' input. Mr. Jordan requested Mr. Pounds and staff to review the lawsuit.

Mr. Roberts stated he supports the basic issues, but he wanted to know who was being sued, for example which drug companies. Mr. Roberts motioned to defer the City's participation in opioid lawsuit to the next meeting.

The motion passed 6-0.

Federal Legislation – Surprise Medical Billing

Mayor Byrd read the agenda comments.

Mayor Byrd noted when the City send correspondence to Representative Hoyer it would be appropriate to address him as Leader Hoyer.

It was moved by Mayor Byrd and seconded by Ms. Davis to send a letter to the City's Congressional delegation requesting support for Federal legislation that would include Independent Dispute Resolution (IDR) to help address surprise medical billing.

The motion passed 6-0.

Council Activities:

- Senator Ben Cardin's Meeting with the Postal Service and Postmasters/Officers-In-Charge (OICs) (Mayor Byrd, Mr. Jordan, Ms. Davis)
- Halloween Costume Parade (Mayor Byrd, Mr. Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach, Mr. Putens)
- County Executive Angela Alsobrooks, Community Conversation, Eleanor Roosevelt High School (Mr. Jordan, Ms. Davis)
- Radio Interview on All Things Coop, New Deal Café (Ms. Mach)
- Empty Bowls, Greenbelt Community Church (Mr. Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Putens)
- Veterans Day Commemoration (All)
- Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee, Council Of Governments, called in (Ms. Davis)
- Utopia Film Festival Opening Reception (Mayor Byrd, Mr. Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach)
- National League of Cities City Summit, San Antonio (Mayor Byrd, Mr. Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach, Mr. Putens)
- Greater Washington Board of Trade, Transportation Forum Connecting Our Future (Mr. Jordan)
- Council Of Governments Meeting (Mr. Jordan)
- Capital Trails Coalition Meeting (Mr. Jordan)
- Judge Alexander Williams, Jr. Center for Education, Justice & Ethics Lecture (Mr. Jordan)
- PGCMA/MCMA Joint Meeting (Mr. Jordan)
- County Council At-Large Calvin Hawkins Municipal Breakfast (Mr. Jordan)
- Joint Rotary Club Silent Auction (Mr. Jordan)

Council Reports: None

Resignations from Advisory Group

Ms. Davis moved to accept Mary Thomas, Public Safety Advisory Committee; Ronald Lonicki and Mark Granfors-Hunt, Arts Advisory Board; and Nicole Williams, Advisory Planning Board resignations with regret.

Mayor Byrd seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0.

Council Referral

Ms. Davis moved to send a referral to the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC) and Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) to explore how to celebrate Greenbelt Residents who have celebrated their 100th birthday.

Ms. Davis moved to send a referral to the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability & Park and Recreation Advisory Board to explore how to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day, April 22, 2020.

Ms. Davis moved to send a referral to the Advisory Committee on Trees to research the Tree Canopy Enhancement Program (TCEP).

Mayor Byrd seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0.

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule.

Closed Session: Mr. Jordan moved that Council schedule a Closed Session on December 16, 2019 following the Jane Realty Apartment Work Session in accordance with the Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the *Public General Laws of Maryland*, to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The purpose of this meeting will be personnel matters – Administration (Economic Development, Finance, Human Resources, IT, and Museum) Recreation, Public Works, Police, Planning, and CARES.

Mayor Byrd seconded.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	-	Yes
	Mr. Jordan	-	Yes
	Ms. Mach	-	Absent
	Ms. Pope	-	Yes
	Mr. Putens	-	Yes
	Mr. Roberts	-	No
	Mayor Byrd	-	Yes

Closed Session: Mr. Jordan moved that Council schedule a Closed Session on December 10, 2019, at 8:00 p.m. in accordance with the General Provisions Article 3-305(b)(9) of the Annotated Code of the *Public General Laws of Maryland*, to conduct collective bargaining negotiation or consider matters that related to the negotiations.

Ms. Davis seconded.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	-	Yes
	Mr. Jordan	-	Yes

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

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Putens moved to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Byrd seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Byrd adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, November 25, 2019, at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shaniya Lashley-Mullen
Administrative Assistant

"I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct report of the regular meeting of the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, held on November 25, 2019"

Colin A. Byrd
Mayor

WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, December 2, 2019, to discuss the NRP Multifamily Development Proposal – Capital Office Park (Detail Site Plan).

Mayor Byrd started the meeting at 8:04 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Present were: Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Silke I. Pope, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts, and Mayor Colin A. Byrd. Councilmember Emmett V. Jordan was absent due to business. Councilmember Leta M. Mach was absent due to travel.

Staff present were: Nicole Ard, City Manager; Terri Hruby, Director of Planning & Community Development; Judith Howerton, Community Planner; and Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Administrative Assistant.

Also present were: Josh Wooldridge, Joe Torg and Karl Alt, NRP Group; Matthew Tedesco, McNamee Hosea; Keith Chernikoff, Chair of the Advisory Planning Board; Isabelle Gournay, Advisory Planning Board; Bill Orleans, and others.

Ms. Howerton explained that the NRP Group was at a work session with Council on September 11, 2019, asked, and received support from Council with conditions on the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision (PPS). She noted that NRP had presented to the Green Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES), Advisory Planning Board (APB), and Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB). Ms. Howerton stated that NRP would meet with APB again on December 4, to discuss the Detail Site Plan.

Mr. Wooldridge presented a PowerPoint presentation with updates to the site plan and changes based on Council feedback. He explained the NRP Group goals were to deliver the first transit-oriented development at the Greenbelt Metro Station and provide multiple means and methods to the Greenbelt Metro Station.

Mr. Wooldridge advised NRP proposed 354 multifamily units, which provide a wide variety of apartments. He mentioned the freestanding Clubhouse Residential Amenity Building and NRP would be providing a new bus shelter on Cherrywood Lane. Mr. Wooldridge noted the significant bicycle amenities would include bike shared, dedicated bike lanes, interior bicycle storage and a bike repair facility. He also stated there would be six electric vehicle-charging locations also distributed in the different parking lots.

There was discussion on the site sustainability features. Mr. Wooldridge noted that 36% of the site preserved the existing flood plain elevation and reduces run offs into the Indian Creek Watershed. Mr. Wooldridge advised NRP added an additional pound to control the 100-year flood. Based on a question asked by Ms. Davis, Mr. Alt stated going through Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement (DPiE) and permitting the project, there would be a Stormwater Management Covenant that would be placed over the property. He noted that NRP would be legally contracted to maintain the 30 environmentally sensitive design (ESD).

Mr. Wooldridge reviewed the recreational amenities. Ms. Davis stated there was not space in the Amenity Building for residents to have meetings and would there be a tenant association. Mr. Wooldridge advised there is a conference room and there is social space in the lobby that can accommodate between 50 to 100 people.

Mr. Wooldridge noted some changes to the design plan, which included adding a community garden and a playground. There was discussion on the location of the playground. Ms. Davis stated staff advised it might be a conflict to have the playground next to the dog park. She asked to have NRP consider moving the playground to another location. Mr. Wooldridge stated this was the best location to maximize the planning and design of the space. Based on a question asked by Ms. Davis, Mr. Wooldridge stated that neither locations have shade, but it would be added. Another change to the design plan was adding a Public Plaza. Mr. Wooldridge noted that NRP wanted to create space for historic signage or public art.

Mr. Putens asked who would maintain and remove the snow. Mr. Wooldridge answered stating that NRP self-manages its properties and would be responsible for the snow removal.

There was discussion on the traffic report. Ms. Howerton stated Greenman Pedersen, Inc. (GPI) recommended the following modifications on Cherrywood Lane to include turning lanes and a roundabout. Ms. Hruby explained GPI recommended three lane extensions/turning lanes to make the traffic flow better on Cherrywood Lane. She noted that GPI had identified a roundabout as an option at the intersection, but it was not warranted. Mr. Tedesco advised NRP had just received the report; the traffic engineer was in the process of reviewing and preparing a response.

Mr. Roberts inquired what school would the children attend. Ms. Hruby stated staff would contact and follow up with the Prince George's County Board of Education. Ms. Hruby explained the Prince George's County Planning Board of PPS doesn't look at capacity of the schools. The Prince George's County Planning Board of PPS accesses a fee instead of building or providing a new school. Ms. Davis advised Mr. Roberts to explain his concerns at the upcoming Legislative Dinner. Ms. Pope suggested a work session with the School Board to discuss the possible developments and what schools the children would attend.

Ms. Howerton summarized the Green ACES report. She stated Green ACES liked the project overall and recommends that NRP push more for environmental stewardship. She noted the following, consider geothermal energy due to the wetlands; the number of electric vehicles charging stations were insufficient; and solar energy at the Clubhouse.

Mr. Chernikoff, chair of APB, stated APB had two issues with the plans. APB hasn't seen the details of the interior of the units and concerns on the flow of parking on Ivy Lane. He noted that APB had questions regarding the number of parking spaces per unit and handicap parking.

Ms. Gournay, APB member, stated that APB had safety concerns with the diagonal parking. She noted the parking spaces were narrow. The ground floor unit apartments won't have privacy due to the space between the parking lot and the apartments.

There was discussion on a walking path. Ms. Davis stated that the Park & Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) recommended a pervious surface walking path. Ms. Davis suggested a dog waste station along the path. Mr. Tedesco advised the dog waste station would be in and around the dog park. Mr. Tedesco stated that NRP would investigate a walking path, but there were not a lot of opportunities for a walking path in the wetlands.

There was discussion on parking. Mr. Tedesco stated that a detailed outline of parking would be discussed at the APB meeting on Wednesday, December 4th.

There was discussion on affordable apartments.

Mr. Orleans stated the land could be used better and this development doesn't have affordable housing.

Ms. Jennings asked how to find the original land survey and the impact on the wetlands. Ms. Davis stated the land was graded and determined to be commercial. Ms. Hruby referred Ms. Jennings to the Prince George's County Atlas website.

Several informational items were discussed.

The meeting ended at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Shaniya Lashley-Mullen
Administrative Assistant*

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WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, December 16, 2019, to meet with Jane Apartments Holdings.

Mayor Byrd started the meeting at 8:04 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Present were: Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Emmett V. Jordan, Leta M. Mach, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts, and Mayor Colin A. Byrd. Councilmember Silke I. Pope was absent.

Staff present were: Nicole Ard, City Manager; and Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Administrative Assistant.

Also present were: Tonya Bowman, Property Manager of Jane Apartments Holdings; Bill Orleans, and others.

Ms. Bowman advised the current owners, Faria Management Company, acquired the Jane Apartments in May 2019. Ms. Bowman stated all 52 units would receive new windows this spring. She noted that the company accepts vouchers and service animals are welcomed. Rent had increased from \$899 to \$1050 plus electric.

There was discussion on bulk trash. Ms. Bowman explained the apartment had a small trash budget and called for trash services every two weeks. Ms. Bowman advised there was more move outs and she has been working with Inspector Anthony Crump to help understand the City requirements and resources. She stated she was advised to contact the City for bulk trash pick-up service. Ms. Ard thanked Ms. Bowman for all her efforts to seek compliance.

Based on a question asked by Mr. Jordan, Ms. Bowman stated that the new owners asked the residents to sign a new one-year lease. She noted that some residents had the option to sign a six-month or month-to-month lease.

Ms. Bowman explained that as units become vacant, the units will be renovated. She advised there would be six units available to rent by December 31st.

There was a brief discussion on parking.

Ms. Davis suggested that Ms. Bowman received information regarding the Renters Tax Credit. She also suggested Ms. Bowman speak with Ms. Liggins, Economic Development Coordinator, to get more adjusted to the City of Greenbelt. She invited Ms. Bowman to the upcoming Business Coffee and to contact Ms. Paula to receive Welcome Packets.

Based on a question asked by Mr. Putens, Ms. Bowman stated that she had not received any complaints from the residents regarding cable, and the only issues she personally experienced were with the office's internet.

Several informational items were discussed.

Mr. Jordan moved that Council enter into Closed Session in accordance with the General Provisions Article 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion,

discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

<i>ROLL CALL:</i>	<i>Ms. Davis</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Yes</i>
	<i>Mr. Jordan</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Yes</i>
	<i>Ms. Mach</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Yes</i>
	<i>Ms. Pope</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Absent</i>
	<i>Mr. Putens</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Yes</i>
	<i>Mr. Roberts</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Yes</i>
	<i>Mayor Byrd</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Mr. Jordan announced that Council would not return to open session at the conclusion of the closed session.

The meeting ended at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Shaniya Lashley-Mullen
Administrative Assistant*

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 13, 2020

Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Meeting Minutes

Agenda Section:

Subject:

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 tat 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.

Attachments:

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

**WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING
OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL**

Date: 12-10-2019 Time: 8:07pm Location: Library/council chamber

Motion to close meeting made by: Jordan Seconded by: Pope

Members voting to close meeting:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Davis	☒			
Mr. Jordan	☒			
Ms. Mach	☒			
Ms. Pope	☒			
Mr. Putens	☒			
Mr. Roberts				☒
Mayor Byrd	☒			

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION (check all that apply):
This meeting will be closed under General Provisions Article, §3-305(b) only:**

- (1) ☐ 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;
- (2) ☐ To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business;
- (3) ☐ To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto;
- (4) ☐ To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State;
- (5) ☐ To consider the investment of public funds;
- (6) ☐ To consider the marketing of public securities;
- (7) ☐ To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter;
- (8) ☐ To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation;
- (9) ☒ To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations;

- (10) [] To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including:
- (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and
 - (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans;
- (11) [] To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination;
- (12) [] To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct;
- (13) [] To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter;
- (14) [] Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

FOR EACH CITATION CHECKED ABOVE, THE REASONS FOR CLOSING AND TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

§3-305(b) (g) To hear from counsel on matters related to collective bargaining negotiations

§3-305(b) () _____

§3-305(b) () _____

This statement is made by Colin Byrd
Colin A. Byrd (Signature of Presiding Officer)

**WORKSHEET FOR USE IN CLOSED SESSION (CHECKLIST OF DISCLOSURES TO BE
MADE IN MINUTES OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING-NOT A PART OF THE CLOSING STATEMENT)**

OFFICIALS ATTENDING CLOSED SESSION: [☒] BYRD; [☒] DAVIS; [☒] JORDAN;
[☒] MACH; [☒] POPE; [☒] PUTENS; [☐] ROBERTS

STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT:

Mary Johnson; Jeff Williams; David Moran; Rick Bowers; Nicole Ardi;
Todd Pounds; Steve Silvestre; Chelsea Hartnett

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

Collective bargaining

ACTION(S) TAKEN (IF ANY) AND RECORDED VOTES:

N/A

TIME CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNED: 9:22

PLACE OF CLOSED SESSION: Council room

PURPOSE OF CLOSED SESSION: receive briefing on collective bargaining matters

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THE CLOSED SESSION: §3-305(b) (); (); () _____

MEMBERS WHO VOTED TO CLOSE: [☒] BYRD; [☒] DAVIS; [☒] JORDAN; [☒] MACH;
[☒] POPE; [☒] PUTENS; [☐] ROBERTS

SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING OFFICER: Colin Byrd

Form Revised: 12/4/19

Date 12-10-2019

Begin in open session

Note time Open Special Meeting Began 8:00pm

Members of Public in Attendance William Orleans

Note any informational items discussed:

COB luncheon

TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move that Council go into Closed Session in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(9) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland; to conduct collective bargaining negotiation or consider matters that related to the negotiations.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss upcoming collective bargaining negotiations.

Note that Council **WILL NOT RETURN TO OPEN SESSION** following this closed session.

Need second, roll call vote. (On Executive Session Form)

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 13, 2020

Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Meeting Minutes

Agenda Section:

Subject:

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.

Attachments:

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

WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

Date: 12/16/2019 Time: 8:46pm Location: Municipal building 11th floor

Motion to close meeting made by: Jordan Seconded by: Davis

Members voting to close meeting:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Davis	☒	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Jordan	☒	☐	☐	☐
Ms. Mach	☒	☐	☐	☐
Ms. Pope	☐	☐	☐	☒
Mr. Putens	☒	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Roberts	☒	☐	☐	☐
Mayor Byrd	☒	☐	☐	☐

STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION (check all that apply):
This meeting will be closed under General Provisions Article, §3-305(b) only:

- (1) ☒ 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;
- (2) ☐ To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business;
- (3) ☐ To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto;
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**WORKSHEET FOR USE IN CLOSED SESSION (CHECKLIST OF DISCLOSURES TO BE
MADE IN MINUTES OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING-NOT A PART OF THE CLOSING STATEMENT)**

OFFICIALS ATTENDING CLOSED SESSION: [☒] BYRD; [☒] DAVIS; [☒] JORDAN;
[☒] MACH; [☐] POPE; [☒] PUTENS; [☒] ROBERTS

STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT:

Nicole Ard; Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

Performance discipline

ACTION(S) TAKEN (IF ANY) AND RECORDED VOTES:

None

TIME CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNED: 10pm

PLACE OF CLOSED SESSION: Municipal Building (Library)

PURPOSE OF CLOSED SESSION: Personnel

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THE CLOSED SESSION: §3-305(b) (1); (); ()

MEMBERS WHO VOTED TO CLOSE: [☒] BYRD; [☒] DAVIS; [☒] JORDAN; [☒] MACH;
[☐] POPE; [☒] PUTENS; [☒] ROBERTS

SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING OFFICER: 

Form Revised: 12/4/19

- (10) [] To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including:
- (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and
 - (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans;
- (11) [] To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination;
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- (14) [] Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

FOR EACH CITATION CHECKED ABOVE, THE REASONS FOR CLOSING AND TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

§3-305(b) (1) Performance; discipline - every dept (police; recreation; finance; CARES; CMG)

§3-305(b) () _____

§3-305(b) () _____

This statement is made by Colin A. Byrd
Colin A. Byrd (Signature of Presiding Officer)

Date 12-16-2019

Begin in open session

Note time Open Special Meeting Began ~~9:40~~ 8:45

Members of Public in Attendance _____

Note any informational items discussed:

None

TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move that Council go into Closed Session in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland; to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The purpose of this meeting will be personnel matters – Administration (Economic Development, Finance, Human Resources, IT, and Museum), Recreation, Public Works, Police, Planning, and CARES.

Note that Council **WILL NOT RETURN TO OPEN SESSION** following this closed session.

Need second, roll call vote. (On Executive Session Form)

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 13, 2020

Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department:

Item Type: Meeting Minutes

Agenda Section:

Subject:

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.

Attachments:

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 13, 2020

Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Board and Committee Reports

Agenda Section:

Subject:

*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.

Attachments:

[ACEGrantReport_20-01.pdf](#)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

REPORT TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT: ACE GRANT PROPOSALS - 2020

BACKGROUND: The Advisory Committee on Education recently solicited grant proposals for the 2019-2020 school year. The budget available for ACE grants is \$12,500.00.

This is the 11th year since the ACE grants were started in 2008. This year we continue the changes introduced last year, with \$600 as the maximum grant allowed, and Teacher Development Grants at up to \$400 each.

ACE solicited grant proposals from the six ACE core schools: Greenbelt Elementary, Springhill Lake Elementary, Magnolia Elementary, Dora Kennedy French Immersion School, Greenbelt Middle and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Turning Point Academy has moved from Greenbelt and therefore is no longer an ACE core school. Proposals were welcome either from the school itself or from the school's parent-teacher organization. There was no limit to the number of proposals that could be submitted from each school. The proposals were due on November 4, 2019. The proposals were for activities that will take place between February 15, 2020 and the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

The ACE Grants Program will support activities that enhance or enrich school-based activities. Some examples include supporting field trips, bringing an activity into the school, or purchasing equipment and materials for a special project. The grants are NOT intended to underwrite items that are normally supplied by the school system such as copier paper, etc.

The Teacher Development Grants can support registration fees, tuition and/or required course materials for teachers to take classes, attend conferences or participate in other professional development programs. We announced that we would consider up to 5 Teacher Development Grants, within the available funding.

ACE runs clubs at two ACE core schools, with Reading Clubs at SHLES and GMS. The clubs, which are not funded by the grants program, provide some balance in ACE programs between the schools in different locations throughout the city. There is a Reading club at MES which was originally started by ACE, but the teachers running the club now organize it without ACE sponsorship.

FINDING: ACE received 33 proposals from 6 schools for a total request of \$16,633.48. Proposals were submitted from Greenbelt, Springhill Lake and Magnolia Elementary Schools, Dora Kennedy French Immersion School, Greenbelt Middle School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Selection of the proposals for funding is made by the Greenbelt City Council based on the input from ACE. This table is a summary of ACE recommendations. The details are below.

#	School:	Purpose of grant request:	Request:	Recommend:
1	DKFIS	DKFI Butterfly Wonder	\$600.00	\$600.00
2	ERHS	Diverse Voices in Literature Part II	\$600.00	\$600.00
3	ERHS	Using Whiteboards to Enhance Student Activities	\$600.00	\$600.00
4	GES	5th Grade Maker Space	\$517.14	\$517.14
5	GES	A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words!	\$600.00	\$550.00
6	GES	Apple Tree Gifts	\$600.00	\$600.00
7	GES	I Can Build Simple Words	\$180.00	\$120.00
8	GES	Learning with Letters	\$149.97	\$149.97
9	GES	5th Grade Maker Space	\$517.14	--
10	GES	Harlem Renaissance Poetic Showcase	\$520.00	\$520.00
11	GES	Plant & Pottery Club Supplies and Materials	\$593.75	\$593.75
12	GES	Technology for Flexible Math Groups	\$568.45	--
13	GES	STEM in the Classroom	\$600.00	\$600.00
14	GES	Learning about the Life Cycle of the Plant through Dance	\$600.00	\$600.00
15	GES	Fairy Tales Problem Solving	\$600.00	--
16	GES	Number Worlds Math Intervention	\$600.00	\$600.00
17	GES	Organized Play to Support Community-Building	\$572.00	\$572.00
18	GES	Mini Magnetic Write and Wipe Boards	\$435.00	\$435.00
19	GES	* Maryland Gifted Conference for Primary Teachers	\$375.00	\$375.00
20	GES	* Maryland Gifted Conference for Intermediate Teachers	\$375.00	--
21	GES	* Maryland Literacy Association Annual Conference	\$400.00	\$400.00
22	GES	* Maryland Gifted Conference for Administrative Team	\$375.00	--
23	GES	* Arts Integration SXSW PD Education Conference	\$400.00	--
24	GES	* Arts Integration SXSW PD Education Conference	\$400.00	--
25	GES	* Arts Integration SXSW PD Education Conference	\$400.00	--
26	GMS	GMS PTA Presents: Middle School Talks	\$600.00	\$600.00
27	MES	Let's Get Moving	\$580.76	\$580.76
28	MES	Magnolia Stage Curtains	\$600.00	\$600.00
29	SHLES	Sensory Room	\$600.00	\$600.00
30	SHLES	SHL Garden Club Ongoing Project	\$600.00	\$600.00
31	SHLES	* Teacher Development: Reading Specialist Certification	\$400.00	--
32	SHLES	Differentiating Instruction During Small Groups	\$594.27	\$594.27
33	SHLES	Animal Adaptation Assembly	\$500.00	\$500.00
			\$16,653.48	\$12,507.89

* Teacher Development Proposals

Proposal Review

ACE met on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, to consider the proposals. For each proposal, the committee listed the strengths and weaknesses and assigned a numerical score on a 100-point scale. The points were assigned according to the following scale:

- Intrinsic merit (40%) – Will the proposed project enhance or enrich school-based activities? Does it meet the criteria listed in the ACE grants call?
- Budget (30%) – Is the proposed budget realistic? Is the budget well justified?
- Benefit to students (20%) – Will the program provide wide benefit to the students in the school, or will it just benefit a few students?
- Proposal format (10%) – Did the proposal follow the proposal rules, including proposal length, project schedule, requisite signatures, etc.? (Note: severe violation of the proposal rules could result in rejection.)

On the basis of this careful consideration, the committee makes the following recommendations:

Proposals:

1) **DKFI Butterfly Wonder. DKFI. Recommended funding: \$600 (full funding).**

Summary: First-grade students will explore the butterfly life cycle and the mathematical concept of symmetry through a performance of the puppet show, *Butterfly Wonder*. After the show, students will have a chance to make their own puppets. Finally, the students will write their own stories and present them using their puppets.

Strengths: The program combines art, performance, science and math in a complete, entertaining package. The performing artist, Ingrid Hass, has a long track record of engaging and educational programs for children.

Weaknesses: None

Note to Council: This grant was submitted on behalf of DKFI by their ACE liaison, Katherine McElhenny. Ms. McElhenny did not provide any input into ACE's decision to recommend funding for this grant nor will she benefit financially in any way from it.

2) **Diverse Voices in Literature Part II. ERHS. Recommended funding: \$600 (full funding).**

Summary: This proposal will be used to purchase 78 copies of the book "Pride" by Ibi Zoboi, which is a retelling of Pride and Prejudice set in New York with Afro-Latina characters. The books will support three new elective English classes at ERHS: African American Literature, Latinx Literature, and Women's Literature. These will allow a class set to be available for all students enrolled in the classes.

Strengths: The books purchased will continue to support the diversity of English classes offered, and will allow the students to explore different genres of reading.

Weaknesses: None

3) **Using Whiteboards to Enhance Student-Centered Activities. ERHS. Recommended funding: \$600 (full funding).**

Summary: This proposal will be used to purchase twenty 2 foot x 3 foot whiteboards, to be used by both culinary arts and biology students, grades 9-12, including ESOL students.

Strengths: These whiteboards will promote small-group collaboration activities in the classrooms.

Weaknesses: None

4) 5th Grade Classroom Maker Space. GES. Recommended funding: \$517.14 (full funding).

Summary: This proposal would build a maker space within a physical classroom that will be accessible to 5th grade students. The space will support existing science and math curriculum, allowing students to apply concepts and ideas presented in an experiential way.

Strengths: The activity relates to the science and math curriculum and will make students more knowledgeable.

Weaknesses: No weaknesses. However, the Committee recommends having a teacher monitor the students' discussion to make sure meaningful discussions are had.

5) A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words. GES. Recommended funding: \$550.00 (partial funding).

Summary: This proposal would fund picture dictionaries for kindergarten students.

Strengths: Picture dictionaries will greatly help the kindergarteners, especially the English language learners, tying visual representations to the words.

Weaknesses: The \$600 request did not match the budget for 110 dictionaries x \$5 each = \$550. ACE recommends funding at the level justified in the budget.

6) Apple Tree Gifts. GES. Recommended funding: \$600 (full funding).

Summary: This proposal will fund a professional puppet show, "The Apple Tree" by Beech Tree Puppets, and then allow the students to make their own puppets, sing songs and engage in a small painting project. This will be part of the Kindergarten units in Earth Science on study of plants and trees, as well as a unit on "The Five Senses."

Strengths: As part of the arts integration program, this project will combine the arts with STEM concepts.

Weaknesses: none.

7) I Can Build Simple Words. GES. Recommended funding: \$120 (partial funding).

Summary: This project will purchase word-building kits for kindergarten classrooms. Students will be able to match letters to cards to form words. This will reinforce their emerging literacy skills.

Strengths: The materials allow students of multiple levels to practice their early literacy skills in a simple and engaging way. The materials can be used for multiple years and are appropriate for both group and individual practice.

Weaknesses: While the grant requests \$180, the budget only accounts for \$120 of that amount. ACE recommends funding based on the budget given.

8) Learning with Letters. GES. Recommended funding: \$149.97 (full funding).

Summary: This proposal would enable English Language Learners to use magnetic letters to learn how to form words and break them apart to form other words. This teaches the students how English words work.

Strengths: The magnetic letters used will allow the students to be hands-on while becoming more proficient in English.

Weaknesses: None.

9) 5th Grade Maker Space. GES. Recommended funding: \$0 (no funding).

Summary: This proposal would enable the purchase of STEM-related materials to be put into a maker space in the 5th grade classroom.

Strengths: The materials would benefit the students who use that classroom.

Weaknesses: This grant application is a verbatim copy of another grant application for the same purchase. ACE does not recommend additional funding for duplicate proposals.

10) Harlem Renaissance Poetic Showcase. GES. Recommended funding: \$520 (full funding).

Summary: Fourth-grade students will learn the components of storytelling through poetry of the Harlem Renaissance. They will participate in a variety of mediums that explore the use of author voice and historical context in their writing and will be encouraged to perform their own writing at the end of the unit. The proposal will fund 10 copies each of 3 books and a spoken word/slam poetry performance and workshop by Femi the DriFish.

Strengths: Students will learn to perform their own writing and participate in variety of mediums.

Weaknesses: No weaknesses.

11) Plant & Pottery Club Supplies and Materials. GES. Recommended funding: \$593.75 (full funding).

Summary: This proposal would fund a potter's wheel and pottery supplies (clay and glaze). In and after-school program, children will make pots and use them to grow plants, combining arts and STEM.

Strengths: Develops spatial learning, organizational skills, visual memory, and emotional development in after school club and art classes. The potter's wheel will enhance the use of the school's kiln.

Weaknesses: None.

12) Technology for Flexible Math Groups. GES. Recommended funding: \$0 (no funding).

Summary: This proposal will purchase Amazon Fire Tablet computers to run math software programs such as Freckle and MobyMax for use in small groups in the 3rd grade classroom.

Strengths: This would enhance STEM instruction in small groups.

Weaknesses: The school system provides a budget for purchasing this type of technology.

13) STEM in the Classroom. GES. Recommended funding: \$600 (full funding).

Summary: This proposal would purchase a variety of hands-on STEM materials for fourth-grade classroom use. Materials would be used for both science and math activities, and include fraction tiles and STEM silly straw challenge kits.

Strengths: The materials chosen are varied and can be used for whole class, group and individual instruction. As they are durable, they can be reused in future years. Budget is detailed and well-documented.

Weaknesses: None.

14) Learning about the Life Cycle of the Plant through Dance. GES. Recommended funding: \$600 (full funding).

Summary: This proposal would fund a professional dance teacher to visit the 2nd grade classes at GES during their unit on the life cycle of a plant. The teacher will utilize the elements of dance – time, space and energy – to encourage the active participation of students while learning about the five basic elements needed by plants for germination and pollination.

Strengths: The students will combine artistic dance with science content to help students demonstrate their understanding of the concepts. This enhances the arts integration at the school.

Weaknesses: None.

15) Fairy Tales Problem Solving. GES. Recommended funding: \$0 (no funding).

Summary: This proposal would purchase four sets of Fairy Tales Problem Solving STEM kits for use by 1st graders.

Strengths: STEM activities are beneficial to all students.

Weaknesses: The proposal was short and lacked detail or description. There was no explanation provided as to what “Fairy Tales” had to do with STEM, nor was there any information provided as to what materials are contained in each kit, or what the activities would be.

16) Number Worlds Math Intervention. GES. Recommended funding: \$600 (full funding).

Summary: Number Worlds helps struggling learners in response to Intervention Tiers 2 and 3 achieve math success and quickly brings them up to grade level by intensively targeting the most important standards. This will train the students of 4th and 5th grades.

Strengths: The activity relates to math capability strengthening and will benefit the students of specified grades. The kit include a 6-year subscription for support.

Weaknesses: No weaknesses.

17) Organized Play to Support Community-Building. GES. Recommended funding: \$572.00 (full funding).

Summary: This proposal would fund recess equipment (alphabet bean bags, jump ropes, balls, board games) selected to engage the students in group activities. When there are more organized and engaging activities and items, there are fewer disagreements and misunderstandings between students.

Strengths: Develops students' physical abilities, interpersonal skills, friendships, teamwork, optimism in working through challenges, etc. The proposal includes items for both outdoor and indoor recess, some of which were selected to replace existing items that have worn out.

Weaknesses: None.

18) Mini Magnetic Write and Wipe Boards. GES. Recommended funding: \$435 (full funding).

Summary: This proposal will purchase 150 mini white boards for individual use in the primary classrooms.

Strengths: The mini white boards will allow for small group individualized and differentiated instruction. Students can make and break words as well as solve math problems.

Weaknesses: none.

19) Maryland State Gifted Conference for Primary Teachers. GES. Recommended Funding: \$375 (full funding).

Summary: This proposal would pay for registration for five teachers in grades 2 and 3 to attend the Maryland State Gifted Conference on the instructional needs of gifted learners, social-emotional needs of gifted learners and underrepresented populations in gifted education.

Strengths: This conference offers various presentations by experts in both the social and emotional needs of gifted learners. The strategies discussed can be used to develop lesson plans that will engage high potential students but can also be scaffolded for use with a diverse range of learners.

Weaknesses: Three nearly identical grants were submitted by GES to send staff to this conference. ACE chose to fund registrations for the primary grade levels since it was felt these were the most beneficial to support.

20) Maryland State Gifted Conference for Intermediate Teachers. GES. Recommended Funding: \$0 (no funding).

Summary: This proposal would enable four teachers in grades 4 and 5 to attend a conference on the instructional needs of gifted learners, social-emotional needs of gifted learners and underrepresented populations in gifted education.

Strengths: This conference offers various presentations by experts in order to help increase achievement for gifted learners. The information later shared by the attendees would enhance the instructional strategies used at GES for gifted learners as well as for teachers of other diverse learners.

Weaknesses: Three nearly identical grants were submitted by GES to send staff to this conference. ACE chose to fund registrations for the primary grade levels since it was felt these were the most beneficial to support.

21) State of Maryland Literacy Association Annual Conference. GES. Recommended Funding: \$400 (full funding).

Summary: This proposal would enable two teachers to attend a conference on literacy.

Strengths: This conference offers various presentations by experts in literacy instruction. The information later shared by the attendees would enhance the reading program of the entire school, particularly for teachers of students with diverse learning styles.

Weaknesses: None.

22) Maryland State Gifted Conference for the administrative team. GES. Recommended Funding: \$0 (no funding).

Summary: This proposal would enable five school administrators to attend a conference on the instructional needs of gifted learners, social-emotional needs of gifted learners and underrepresented populations in gifted education.

Strengths: This conference offers various presentations by experts in order to help increase achievement for gifted learners. The information later shared by the attendees would enhance the instructional strategies used at GES for gifted learners as well as for teachers of other diverse learners.

Weaknesses: Three nearly identical grants were submitted by GES to send staff to this conference. ACE chose to fund registrations for the primary grade levels since it was felt these were the most beneficial to support.

23) Education & Arts Integration SXSW PD Education Conference. GES. Recommended Funding: \$0 (no funding)

Summary: This proposal would partially fund registration for one third-grade teacher to attend the SXSW Education conference in Austin, TX, in March of 2020.

Strengths: The SXSW Education Conference will provide a wide-range of speakers, workshops and film screenings pertaining to elementary instruction.

Weaknesses: ACE grant funds will not be released in time for attendees to preregister with the funds. The registration price quoted in the grant (\$430) is for the November 2019 deadline. ACE grants are not given for reimbursement of already purchased items. The registration fee is a small part of the costs of traveling to Texas to attend the conference, and the committee felt that supporting attendance at conferences closer to home would be a better use of the City funding. There were three nearly identical proposals submitted for this conference.

24) Education & Arts Integration SXSW PD Education Conference. GES. Recommended Funding: \$0 (no funding)

Summary: This proposal would partially fund registration for one third-grade teacher to attend the SXSW Education conference in Austin, TX, in March of 2020.

Strengths: The SXSW Education Conference will provide a wide-range of speakers, workshops and film screenings pertaining to elementary instruction.

Weaknesses: ACE grant funds will not be released in time for attendees to preregister with the funds. The registration price quoted in the grant (\$430) is for the November 2019 deadline. ACE grants are not given for reimbursement of already purchased items. The registration fee is a small part of the costs of traveling to Texas to attend the conference, and the committee felt that supporting attendance at conferences closer to home would be a better use of the City funding. There were three nearly identical proposals submitted for this conference.

25) Education & Arts Integration SXSW PD Education Conference. GES. Recommended Funding: \$0 (no funding)

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Strengths: The SXSW Education Conference will provide a wide-range of speakers, workshops and film screenings pertaining to elementary instruction.

Weaknesses: ACE grant funds will not be released in time for attendees to preregister with the funds. The registration price quoted in the grant (\$430) is for the November 2019 deadline. ACE grants are not given for reimbursement of already purchased items. The registration fee is a small part of the costs of traveling to Texas to attend the conference, and the committee felt that supporting attendance at conferences closer to home would be a better use of the City funding. There were three nearly identical proposals submitted for this conference.

26) GMS PTA Presents: Middle School Talks. GMS. Recommended Funding: \$600 (full funding)

Summary: This proposal would provide a setting where the students of GMS are able to come and listen to opinions, views and gain knowledge and information presented by panel guests and staff. Some of the topics to be discussed include: self-esteem, bullying, mental health and college/military options. There will also be a portion where students are able to share their experiences and participate in a Q & A session.

Strengths: The forum will meet once a month at GMS after school hours and will be offered to all students.

Weaknesses: None.

27) Let's Get Moving. MES. Recommended Funding: \$580.76 (full funding)

Summary: This proposal would provide flexible seating options to be used within the classroom, as well as yoga mats students could use in the morning "Let's Get Moving" program to promote mindfulness. The items include fidget bands, chair balls, lap desks and kid's sofas.

Strengths: There is abundant research to show that flexible seating promotes student engagement, as well as mindfulness' ability to reduce stress.

Weaknesses: None.

28) Magnolia Stage Curtains. MES. Recommended funding: \$600 (full funding).

Summary: The project is to purchase new stage curtains for Magnolia Elementary School to replace current curtains that are over 20 years old. The current curtains are an eyesore and are very worn out.

Strengths: It will give new look to the stage and performers will be enthusiastic performing on this stage.

Weaknesses: At just over \$6000 total, this is an expensive project. The school has identified the other sources of funding, and the ACE grant is needed to complete the total. If the other sources of funding fall through, then the committee recommends that the school return the ACE funding.

29) Sensory Room. SHLES. Recommended funding: \$600.00 (full funding).

Summary: This proposal would fund a sensory room with various lights and materials of different textures for use by special needs and other students.

Strengths: A sensory room is a specially designed room which combines a range of stimuli to help individuals develop and engage their senses. There is a space inside the Crisis room that they will turn into sensory room. Of particular benefit to the Special Education students, the room will calm students in distress and engage different areas of the brain. The room will also be available for the general education students.

Weaknesses: None.

30) SHL Garden Club Ongoing Project. SHLES. Recommended funding: \$600 (full funding).

Summary: This proposal will provide continuing funds for the SHL Garden Club; the project for this year is to develop a sensory garden. Students in grades 3 through 5 will nurture flowers, grasses, thorny plants, herbs, vegetables and fruits to engage the five senses.

Strengths: The after-school garden club teaches responsibility, independence, capacity for collaboration and environmentalism, while beautifying the school environment.

Weaknesses: none.

31) Teacher Development: Reading Specialist Certification. SHLES. Recommended Funding: \$0 (no funding).

Summary: This proposal would pay for Praxis testing and tuition reimbursement to support the completion of a master's degree in literacy education and reading specialist certification.

Strengths: Reading specialists are valuable members of the PGCPs staff.

Weaknesses: There are a variety of programs to provide tuition support for teachers furthering their education. Because these other programs are available, ACE felt that this proposal was not a good use of city funds.

32) Enriching/Differentiating Instruction During Small Groups. SHLES. Recommended Funding: \$594.27 (full funding).

Summary: This proposal would purchase a variety of items for enriching and differentiating experiences for students at SHLES. The goal of the materials, to be used in small groups, is to build fluency, language and engagement and also to increase math fluency and letter recognition.

Strengths: The students utilizing the materials should be able to work more independently.

Weaknesses: None.

33) Animal Adaptation Assembly. SHLES. Recommended Funding: \$500 (full funding).

Summary: This proposal would provide the cost for the Echoes of Nature presentation on Animal Adaptation. There will be three programs with live animals given, so that the entire fifth grade (135 students) will have access to see them in shifts.

Strengths: This presentation is closely tied to the Life Cycle curriculum that the SHLES students will be studying. The opportunity to see live animals is also very valuable to students in a school with significant minority enrollment.

Weaknesses: None.

RECOMMENDATION: This is the 11th year that ACE has solicited grant proposals. The ACE grants to schools program has been highly successful. The final grant reports received from the schools document the positive impact on education in Greenbelt that the program has had. The continued interest of the schools and the creativity of the proposed projects are a testament to the success of the program. In this report, ACE recommends that the City Council approve funding for 24 proposals, totaling \$12,507.89 with the following distribution per school:

School	Requested	Submitted	Recommended	Approved	Rejected
DKFIS	\$ 600.00	1	\$ 600.00	1	0
ERHS	\$ 1,200.00	2	\$ 1,200.00	2	0
GES	\$ 10,378.45	22	\$ 6,632.86	14	8
GMS	\$ 600.00	1	\$ 600.00	1	0
MES	\$ 1,180.76	2	\$ 1,180.76	2	0
SHLES	\$ 2,694.27	5	\$ 2,294.27	4	1
DKFIS	\$ 600.00	1	\$ 600.00	1	0
Totals	\$ 16,653.48	33	\$ 12,507.89	24	9

This year ACE budgeted \$12,500 for ACE grants, and recommends grants totaling \$12,507.89. ACE is satisfied with the recommended programs and does not request additional funding for the grants that were not approved.

Approved by ACE on 12/3/2019 with a vote of 6-0 with three members absent.

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 13, 2020

Submitted by: David Moran

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: LEGISLATION

Agenda Section:

Subject:

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.

Attachments:

[Forest_Preserve_Advisory_Board_Ordinance.pdf](#)

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

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1st Reading:
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ORDINANCE NUMBER XXXX

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

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve Advisory Board has recommended revisions to this section of the City Code which more accurately reflect their current functions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a Work Session on September 25, 2019 with the Forest Preserve Advisory Board and others to review these proposed changes; and

WHEREAS, Council indicated support for these changes. NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, that Section 12-143 of Chapter 12 of the City Code is hereby amended as follows.

Chapter 12

PARKS AND RECREATION

ARTICLE VIII.

FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD

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Sec. 12-143. Functions.

(a) The purpose of the forest preserve advisory board shall be to provide advisory guidance to the city council on the formulation of policy related to the ~~management and maintenance~~ stewardship of the forest preserve, the designation of forest preserve areas, and any other matters as directed by the city council.

(b) The duties of the forest preserve advisory board shall be as follows:

(1) ~~On an annual basis, r~~Report to the city council on the health and condition of the forest preserve.

- (2) ~~As needed, m~~Monitor the health and condition of the forest preserve, as well as activities within the forest preserve, and report to the city council any circumstances indicating that intervention, consistent with the approved ~~management and maintenance~~ stewardship guidelines, is required.
- (3) ~~As needed, r~~Review, interpret, and make recommendations to the city council on the ~~management and maintenance~~ stewardship guidelines and on the forest preserve article of this chapter.
- (4) Advise the city council on the designation of forest preserve areas.
- (5) Sponsor educational, interpretative, maintenance, or other programs, as appropriate and consistent with the forest preserve article and the ~~management and maintenance~~ stewardship guidelines, for the purpose of furthering the city's objectives of protecting the forest preserve areas.
- (6) Ensure coordination between the forest preserve advisory board and other city advisory boards and committees by reporting to the city council and to the appropriate advisory groups should any matter before the board impact areas of interest and responsibility of those advisory groups, ~~including but not limited to issues and matters related to forest health and the management and treatment of invasive plant species.~~

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PASSED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, at its regular meeting of _____, 2020.

Colin A. Byrd, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Acting City Clerk

Key:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

~~Overstriking~~ indicates language deleted from existing law.

Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.

SUBJECT: Updates to the Forest Preserve Stewardship Guidelines

DATE: November 21, 2019

BACKGROUND: FPAB received comments on our update to the Stewardship Guidelines from the Advisory Board on Trees (ACT) on August 31, 2019, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) on September 19, 2019, and from Council and residents at the September 25, 2019 Council Work Session.

DISCUSSION: The Forest Preserve Advisory Board has made the following changes to the Stewardship Guidelines in response to the comments submitted by ACT, PRAB, City Council and residents:

- Removed references to exotic species and replaced with non-native species in Ecosystem Health (p. 10);
- Deleted the reference to a controlled burn in Ecosystem Health in response to a suggestion from ACT (p. 12);
- Added a concern for public safety to the approach to trail maintenance to the Trails chapter (p. 13);
- Added language about the use of volunteers in trail maintenance to the Trails chapter (p. 13);
- Added an example of biological control in the Invasive Species chapter (p. 24);
- Added a map of waterways to the Wetlands chapter (p. 26);
- Added captions to all maps and figures in the document and added references to these maps in the text;
- Added Appendix B which summarizes legal protections for the Preserve;
- Defined the term “forbs” in the glossary; and
- Corrected several typos.

RECOMMENDATION: FPAB recommends that Council accept the edited guidelines. We again request that an independent technical writer be hired to review the Guidelines. Many people have worked on these new Stewardship Guidelines; a fresh look from an outside editor could unify the language and style and find discrepancies or contradictions that we have missed.

Attachment: edited version of the Forest Preserve Stewardship Guidelines, edited November 2019, approved by FPAB on November 21, 2019

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 13, 2020

Submitted by: David Moran

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: LEGISLATION

Agenda Section:

Subject:

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.

Attachments:

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

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve Advisory Board has recommended revisions to this Article of the City Code, and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a Work Session on September 25, 2019 with the Forest Preserve Advisory Board and others to review these proposed changes; and

WHEREAS, as required by Section 12-163 of the City Code, the Forest Preserve Advisory Board has reviewed the proposed changes and the City Council held a Public Hearing on this proposed Ordinance. NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, that Article IX of Chapter 12 of the City Code is hereby amended as follows.

Chapter 12

PARKS AND RECREATION

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ARTICLE IX.

FOREST PRESERVE

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Sec. 12-150. Intent.

In order to protect, manage, and administer certain designated areas for the present and future use and enjoyment of the citizens of Greenbelt by protecting them from the impacts of a growing population, expanding growth, and growing mechanization, thus preserving these lands as an enduring natural resource.

(Ord. No. 1243, 10-27-03; Ord. No. 1279, 5-29-07)

Sec. 12-151. Forest preserve defined.

Forest preserve areas shall be considered those parcels and lots, or portions thereof, and areas owned by the City of Greenbelt, characterized as predominantly ~~undisturbed~~ natural and wooded, which are to be protected and conserved in their existing natural state for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations, by restricting uses to those consistent with the goals of protection and conservation and by setting forth procedures for stewardship management and maintenance ~~that are consistent with the goals of protection and conservation.~~
(Ord. No. 1243, 10-27-03; Ord. No. 1279, 5-29-07)

Sec. 12-152. Designated forest preserve areas.

(a) The North Preserve shall be defined as that area held in ownership by the City of Greenbelt and located north of Northway, west of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, south of the corporate city limits, and east of Ridge Road, comprised of legal parcels described as Map 27, Grid A2, Parcel 10, consisting of 102.5869 acres; Map 27, Grid B2, Parcel 17, consisting of 13.90 acres; Map 27, Grid A1, Parcel 19, consisting of 24.3363 acres; Map 27, Grid B3, Parcel 20, consisting of 4.079 acres; and Map 27, Grid A3, Parcel 12, consisting of 10.6427 acres; excluding those areas designated for location of the observatory and appurtenance improvements, and a yard waste collection location and described as follows: Beginning at the southwest property corner and extending east for a distance of 1,025 feet, then extending north at a 90-degree angle for a distance of 275 feet, then extending east at a 90-degree angle for a distance of 450 feet, then extending south at a 90-degree angle for a distance of approximately 275 feet to its intersection with the southern property line.

(b) The South Preserve shall be defined as that area held in ownership by the City of Greenbelt and located south of Northway, west of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, and east of Ridge Road, comprised of legal parcels described as Map 27, Grid A3, Parcel 6, consisting of 20.4667 acres; Map 27, Grid A3, Parcel 7, consisting of 17.1919 acres; Map 27, Grid A3, Parcel 8, consisting of 11.8707 acres; Map 27, Grid A4, Parcel 9, consisting of 11.8707 acres; Map 27, Grid A4, Parcel 11, consisting of 9.34 acres; and Map 27, Grid A4, Parcel 21, consisting of 10.1552 acres.

(c) The Boxwood Preserve shall be defined as that area held in ownership by the City of Greenbelt and located north of Crescent Road, west of Lastner Lane, south of Ivy Lane, and east of Ridge Road, comprised of the legal parcel described as Map 26, Grid D3, Parcel 56, consisting of 8.81 acres; excluding those areas improved for active use and recreation, and described as follows:

- (1) The basketball court area located in the northwest corner of the Boxwood Preserve, consisting of .69 acres, and extending from the property corner at the point of intersection of Ridge Road and Ivy Lane, east along the Ivy Lane property line for a distance of 200 feet; and then extending south at a 90-degree angle for a distance of 150 feet; and then extending west at a 90-degree angle to the property line along Ridge Road for a distance of 200 feet; and then extending north along the Ridge Road property line for a distance of 150 feet to the point of

origin.

- (2) The playground and picnic area, located in the northeast to north central quadrant of the Boxwood Preserve, consisting of 2.2 acres, more or less, and extending from the property corner at the point of intersection of Ivy Lane and Lastner Lane, and extending south along the Lastner Lane property line for a distance of 430 feet; and then extending northwest at a 70-degree angle for a distance of 350 feet; and then extending north for a distance of 110 feet; and then extending northeast to the point of origin.

(d) The Belle Point Preserve shall be defined as that area held in ownership by the City of Greenbelt and located south of the Greenbelt Lake; adjacent to Map 26, Parcel 81; northwest of Vanity Fair Drive; and east of I-495, comprised of the legal parcel described as Map 26, Parcel 59, consisting of 10.0 acres; except that an area located adjacent to the Belle Point subdivision, adequate in size and dimension to accommodate playground, picnic or similar neighborhood recreation amenities, as designated by the city council, shall be considered excluded from the area included in the forest preserve and shall not be regulated by the provisions of this chapter.

(e) The Sunrise Preserve shall be defined as that area held in ownership by the City of Greenbelt and located northwest of the Capital Beltway, Route I-495, north of Parcel B held in ownership by the City of Greenbelt, south of the Maryland Trade Center Parcel B, and southwest of the terminus of Hanover Drive, comprised of the legal parcel described as Tax Map 34, Grid E2, Parcel A and consisting of 9.9591 acres, more or less; and an analysis of the existing condition of the proposed forest preserve area including potential maintenance activities which may be required.

(Ord. No. 1243, 10-27-03; Ord. No. 1279, 5-29-07; Ord. No. 1282, 6-18-07; Ord. No. 1283, 6-18-07; Ord. No. 1284, 6-18-07; Ord. No. 1285, 6-18-07)

Sec. 12-153. Designation of or addition to forest preserve areas.

(a) Any designation of or addition to a forest preserve area shall be accomplished by ordinance adopted by the city council.

(b) Prior to the introduction of any ordinance to designate or add to a forest preserve area, the city council shall cause to be prepared a report that includes but is not limited to: a description of the area proposed as a forest preserve, including its unique characteristics and its existing and potential uses and users; ~~and~~ a map indicating the location and boundaries of the proposed forest preserve area.

(Ord. No. 1243, 10-27-03; Ord. No. 1279, 5-29-07)

Sec. 12-154. Removal of forest preserve designation.

(a) Removal of any lands, in whole or in part, from the forest preserve designation as set forth in section 12-152 shall be by ordinance of the city council, following a public hearing which shall be held not less than two (2) weeks preceding first reading of the ordinance.

(b) Approval of any ordinance to remove lands from the forest preserve designation shall be by supermajority vote of the city council.

(c) No ordinance passed by the city council to delete or reduce a forest preserve area may become effective until approved by the voters of the City of Greenbelt, by way of a question placed on the ballot of the next regularly scheduled general city election, in accord with the city Charter.

(Ord. No. 1243, 10-27-03; Ord. No. 1279, 5-29-07)

Sec. 12-155. ~~Management and maintenance~~ Stewardship guidelines.

(a) Forest preserve areas as defined in this article shall be managed to provide for and protect the natural character of these lands and to allow for the use of these lands in a manner that does not ~~alter or degrade them~~ the essential natural character of these lands.

(b) The city council shall adopt ~~management and maintenance~~ stewardship guidelines, which shall set forth policy on permissible, required, and prohibited management and maintenance activities. Such guidelines shall be subject to the limitation that any ~~maintenance stewardship activity proposed is the minimum necessary to preserve and protect the natural resource~~ be minimized to the extent practical to protect and conserve the forest

(Ord. No. 1243, 10-27-03; Ord. No. 1279, 5-29-07)

Sec. 12-156. Prohibited activities.

(a) ~~Except as otherwise provided in this article and~~ Subject to any existing rights, no commercial enterprise or permanent road, except for fire roads or temporary road required in emergencies involving the health and safety of persons and/or the area and its environs, shall be permitted within an area designated under this article as a forest preserve area.

(b) Prohibited activities shall ~~also~~ include the use of motorized vehicles, except for maintenance and public safety vehicles operated in conformance with the ~~management and maintenance~~ stewardship guidelines; landing aircraft; or other forms of mechanical transport except for that authorized subject to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

(~~b~~c) The grading of any area shall be prohibited, except as provided ~~in~~ by the adopted ~~management and maintenance~~ stewardship guidelines. Grading shall be considered the alteration of natural and existing grade by any means other than natural forces.

(~~e~~d) Except as provided in the ~~management and maintenance~~ stewardship guidelines, the construction of bridges, shelters, culverts, levees, dams, dikes, or other manmade structures

shall be prohibited, unless required by a state or federal agency whose authority supersedes that of the city, subject to approval by the city council.

(de) The construction, either permanent or temporary, of any structure, or the installation of any public facilities or utilities shall be prohibited.

(ef) No action shall be taken to alter or modify the natural course of any water course or body, even if such body is only seasonal or intermittent in nature, except as provided by the stewardship guidelines unless required by a state or federal agency whose authority supersedes that of the city, subject to approval by the city council.

(fg) Hunting, trapping, fishing, driving, harassing or otherwise capturing or harming wildlife shall be prohibited, except as provided in the stewardship guidelines.

(gh) All forms of biking shall be prohibited.

(hi) The introduction of any ~~exotic~~ non-native or invasive species is prohibited.

(ij) No trail maintenance shall be permitted except as provided in by the management and maintenance stewardship guidelines.

(jk) The creation of trails or the widening, grading, or change of surface materials of any existing trail shall be prohibited except as provided ~~in by the management and maintenance~~ stewardship guidelines or as set forth in an adopted trails plan.

(kl) Dumping or depositing of soil, trash, yard waste, garbage, or other offensive material shall be prohibited.

(lm) The addition, extension of, or modification to any utility, except as otherwise provided in this article, shall be prohibited.

(mn) ~~Clearing, poaching collecting, harvesting, removing or and pruning~~ of vegetation shall not be permitted, unless for the benefit of the land and consistent with the ~~management and maintenance~~ stewardship guidelines.

(no) Camping, grilling, cooking, or creation of any fire, regardless of purpose, mechanism of combustion, type of fuel, or type of containment, is prohibited except as provided in the stewardship guidelines.

(Ord. No. 1243, 10-27-03; Ord. No. 1279, 5-29-07)

Sec. 12-157. Resource protection.

(a) Natural resources within a forest preserve area are considered protected and may not be harmed, damaged, killed, relocated or removed, except as related to ~~exotic and/or non-native species~~ non-native invasive that may be recommended for removal or as otherwise provided in the ~~management and maintenance~~ stewardship guidelines.

(b) Resources of the forest preserve area shall include all trees, indigenous plants and flora, all forms and species of wildlife, including fish, amphibians, reptiles, insects, soil, mold, fungi and birds.

~~(c) Violation of this section shall be considered a misdemeanor.~~
(Ord. No. 1243, 10-27-03; Ord. No. 1279, 5-29-07)

Sec. 12-158. Permitted activities.

(a) Any activities intended to and conducted so as to result in the ~~non-destructive~~ passive experience of the forest preserve and its essential natural qualities are considered consistent with the intent of this article and are permitted activities.

(b) ~~Maintenance~~ Stewardship activities as set forth in the approved ~~management and maintenance~~ stewardship guidelines are permitted.

~~(c) Other uses and activities may be permitted subject to the stewardship guidelines.~~

(Ord. No. 1243, 10-27-03; Ord. No. 1279, 5-29-07)

Sec. 12-159. ~~Management and maintenance~~ Stewardship activities.

(a) The upgrading or expansion of any electrical transmission line, distribution line, telephone line, natural gas line, or other aboveground or underground line is permitted, if the person or entity responsible for the line had the right, subject to any required approvals, to upgrade or expand the line in the forest preserve area prior to the designation of the area as a forest preserve.

(b) Normal maintenance of utility lines and related easement areas is permitted, such that the activities are consistent with the right-of-way and/or easement, and such that the utility line, easement, or right-of-way existed prior to the date that the forest preserve was so designated.

(c) Any activity related to the management and maintenance of existing public drainage within a forest preserve area is permitted, provided that such maintenance does not increase the impervious area of coverage and does not widen, extend, or modify the drainage channel such that it would increase volume, velocity, or rates of discharge of natural or stormwater flows.

(d) Maintenance improvements to existing roads and parking areas within forest preserve areas, or within ~~twenty-five (25)~~ ten (10) feet of the edge of the existing road or parking areas, are permitted so long as such maintenance improvements do not alter the existing surface material, do not expand or extend the area of the improvement, and do nothing to increase impervious surfaces, unless provided in the stewardship guidelines.

(Ord. No. 1243, 10-27-03; Ord. No. 1279, 5-29-07)

Sec. 12-160. Special events.

The city will not sponsor or permit special events to be conducted in forest preserve areas if those events might be inconsistent with the intent of this article. Special events that are principally commercial in nature or activities involving animal, foot or watercraft races, physical endurance of a person or animal, organized survival exercises, war games, or similar exercises shall be considered inconsistent with the intent of this article.

(Ord. No. 1243, 10-27-03; Ord. No. 1279, 5-29-07)

Sec. 12-161. Preexisting improvements.

Improvements existing within designated forest preserve areas as of the day of designation shall be considered preexisting improvements and may be continued and maintained, but may not be expanded in size, area, or character of the improvement or related use, unless provided in the stewardship guidelines.

(Ord. No. 1243, 10-27-03; Ord. No. 1279, 5-29-07)

Sec. 12-162. Enforcement and violations.

Violations of this article shall be considered a municipal infraction and may be punishable with a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each violation, ~~except as provided in section 12-157 of this article.~~

(Ord. No. 1243, 10-27-03; Ord. No. 1279, 5-29-07)

Sec. 12-163. Changes to article.

(a) Prior to the consideration of any ordinance to amend this article, except for revisions to forest preserve boundaries as set forth in sections 12-152 through 12-154, the city council shall make a mandatory referral of the ordinance for review and comment to the forest preserve advisory board, in addition to any other city council advisory boards or committees, or other groups as determined by the city council.

(b) Prior to the consideration of any ordinance to amend this article, the city council shall schedule and hold a public hearing.

(c) Any ordinance that provides for an addition to, amendment of, or deletion from this article, except for revisions to forest preserve boundaries as set forth in sections 12-152 through 12-154, may be placed on the ballot as a referendum question as provided in the city charter.

(d) Any ballot question shall be placed on the ballot of the next regularly scheduled city election, in accord with the city charter.

(Ord. No. 1243, 10-27-03; Ord. No. 1279, 5-29-07)

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PASSED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, at its regular meeting of _____, 2020.

Colin A. Byrd, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Acting City Clerk

Key:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

~~Overstriking~~ indicates language deleted from existing law.

Asterisks ***** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.

SUBJECT: Updates to the Forest Preserve Stewardship Guidelines

DATE: November 21, 2019

BACKGROUND: FPAB received comments on our update to the Stewardship Guidelines from the Advisory Board on Trees (ACT) on August 31, 2019, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) on September 19, 2019, and from Council and residents at the September 25, 2019 Council Work Session.

DISCUSSION: The Forest Preserve Advisory Board has made the following changes to the Stewardship Guidelines in response to the comments submitted by ACT, PRAB, City Council and residents:

- Removed references to exotic species and replaced with non-native species in Ecosystem Health (p. 10);
- Deleted the reference to a controlled burn in Ecosystem Health in response to a suggestion from ACT (p. 12);
- Added a concern for public safety to the approach to trail maintenance to the Trails chapter (p. 13);
- Added language about the use of volunteers in trail maintenance to the Trails chapter (p. 13);
- Added an example of biological control in the Invasive Species chapter (p. 24);
- Added a map of waterways to the Wetlands chapter (p. 26);
- Added captions to all maps and figures in the document and added references to these maps in the text;
- Added Appendix B which summarizes legal protections for the Preserve;
- Defined the term “forbs” in the glossary; and
- Corrected several typos.

RECOMMENDATION: FPAB recommends that Council accept the edited guidelines. We again request that an independent technical writer be hired to review the Guidelines. Many people have worked on these new Stewardship Guidelines; a fresh look from an outside editor could unify the language and style and find discrepancies or contradictions that we have missed.

Attachment: edited version of the Forest Preserve Stewardship Guidelines, edited November 2019, approved by FPAB on November 21, 2019

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 13, 2020

Submitted by: David Moran

Submitting Department: Information Technology

Item Type: OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda Section:

Subject:

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.

Attachments:

[Phone System Replacement memo.pdf](#)

[Delta Quote 28352.pdf](#)

[Delta Quote 28353.pdf](#)

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

City of Greenbelt

Date: 1/7/20
To: Nicole Ard
From: Dale Worley
Re: Phone System

Our current phone system is at end of life. The system has been in place for 18-20 years and had a major upgrade approximately 9 years ago. We had intended on including replacing that system in the FY2021 budget request. However, this fall certain events have escalated our need to replace the system now. We have a number of extensions that randomly dropped connection to our system. This fall that accelerated to a level that made those extensions unusable. We have worked with our vendor and cannot find a cause or a permanent solution to this issue. It appears that the phone switch is starting to fail. We feel that a replacement is required and should be urgent before the system does in fact fail and we are left without phone service to half of the City offices.

Given this situation, we requested proposals from several vendors to provide a phone solution for Greenbelt. We reviewed premise-based solutions as well as cloud-based solutions. We recognized that the nature of work is changing and moving towards a more mobile work force. We therefore tried to be forward looking and gave some focus to features and functionality that would enable a more mobile workforce. We looked at costs to implement as well as total costs over the next 5 and 10 years. In reviewing the proposed solutions, we determined that given our size, the cost of a cloud-based solution was significantly higher than a premise-based solution. We also determined that changing vendor platforms would also mean changing phones on desks, which is also a significant cost. During our review, we found that all of the proposed solutions offered nearly the same features and functionality and will position Greenbelt to facilitate mobility on whatever scale we choose. Proposals for initial capital expenditure (and subscriptions for cloud based) ranged from a high of \$118K to a low of \$53K.

We would like to request approval to purchase an Avaya phone system, including installation and training, through our vendor Delta Telephone, for a cost of \$52,918. This pricing is based on GSA contract pricing. Delta Telephone is already on our Negotiated Purchase list and has a good service history with us. They are located in Crofton and have been responsive when we have needed them. The system includes a 1-year manufacturer's warranty and subsequent maintenance costs would be \$3,000/year, down from \$7,100/year now. We anticipate minimal downtime to convert to a new system.

**Delta Telephone & Cabling,
Inc.**

Phone: 410-793-3824 Fax: 410-721-4136
2131 Espey Court, Suite 16
Crofton, MD 21114



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Quote

No.: **28352**

Date: 10/16/2019

Prepared for:

City of Greenbelt / Police Dept.
550 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770 U.S.A.

Prepared by: David P. Lanzi

Account No.: 13991
Phone: (240) 542-2021
Fax: (301) 441-8248

Qty.	Description	UOM	Sell	Total
Quote is for Avaya IP Office with 95 Seat licenses. Assumes we will re-use customer's phones.				
1	Avaya- IP Office IP500 Version 2 Control Unit	EA	\$435.41	\$435.41
1	Avaya- IP Office IP500 V2 System SD Card MU-LAW	EA	\$33.79	\$33.79
1	Avaya IP Office Power Lead	EA	\$12.11	\$12.11
1	Avaya- IP Office 500 Rack Mount Kit	EA	\$40.16	\$40.16
1	Avaya - IP Office R11 Essential Edition License	EA	\$336.60	\$336.60
8	Avaya - IP Office r10 IP500 T1 Additional 2 Channels PLDS License	EA	\$124.95	\$999.60
6	Avaya-ip Office R10 IP500 Voice Net. 4 PLDS License Only	EA	\$457.72	\$2,746.32
1	IP Office IP500 V2 Combo Card ATM V2	EA	\$402.26	\$402.26
1	Avaya- IP500 Trnk PRI UnvrsI Sngl/ 8 Channel	EA	\$636.86	\$636.86
95	Avaya - IP Office r10 Avaya IP Endpoint 1 PLDS License	EA	\$47.81	\$4,541.95
10	IPO R11 Power User 1 License	EA	\$111.56	\$1,115.60
1	IP Office VCM64 Voice Coding Module V2	EA	\$253.00	\$253.00
1	IP Office, Avaya Remote Tech Supt, 8X5, Co-Delivery, 1YPP	EA	\$289.69	\$289.69
1	IP500 Analog Extension Phone 2 Card	EA	\$157.80	\$157.80
1.00	Labor for Installation	HR	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00
			Item Total:	\$21,501.15
			Sales Tax at 0.000%:	\$0.00
			Total:	\$21,501.15

Prices are firm until 11/15/2019

Terms: Due upon Receipt.

Quoted by: David P. Lanzi, dlanzi@deltaintellicom.com

Date: 10/16/2019

Accepted by: _____

Date: _____

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Quote**No.: 28353****Date: 10/16/2019**

Prepared for:

City of Greenbelt / City Hall
25 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Prepared by: David P. Lanzi

Account No.: 13997

Phone: (240) 542-2021

Qty.	Description	UOM	Sell	Total
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1	Avaya- IP Office IP500 Version 2 Control Unit	EA	\$435.41	\$435.41
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1	Avaya - IP Office R11 Essential Edition License	EA	\$336.60	\$336.60
1	Avaya IP Office R11 Preferred Voicemail Pro Lic: DS	EA	\$1,287.75	\$1,287.75
8	Avaya - IP Office r10 IP500 T1 Additional 2 Channels PLDS License	EA	\$124.95	\$999.60
1	Dell - Server/PowerEdge R230	EA	\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00
6	Avaya-ip Office R10 IP500 Voice Net. 4 PLDS License Only	EA	\$457.72	\$2,746.32
4	IPO R10 VM Pro Add 2 Channels PLDS	EA	\$1,182.56	\$4,730.24
1	IP Office IP500 V2 Combo Card ATM V2	EA	\$402.26	\$402.26
1	Avaya- IP500 Trnk PRI UnvrsI Sngl/ 8 Channel	EA	\$636.86	\$636.86
95	Avaya - IP Office r10 Avaya IP Endpoint 1 PLDS License	EA	\$47.81	\$4,541.95
10	Avaya-Power User R10 1 PLDS LIC CU License Only	EA	\$111.56	\$1,115.60
5	IPO R11 Power User 1 License	EA	\$111.56	\$557.80
1	IP Office VCM64 Voice Coding Module V2	EA	\$253.00	\$253.00
1	IP Office, Avaya Remote Tech Supt, 8X5, Co-Delivery, 1YPP	EA	\$289.69	\$289.69
4	J100 24 Button Phone Expansion Module	EA	\$183.94	\$735.76
4	J179 IP Phone - No Power Supply	EA	\$283.71	\$1,134.84
1	IP500 Analog Extension Phone 2 Card	EA	\$157.80	\$157.80
1	Algo 8301 paging interface	EA	\$345.00	\$345.00
1.00	Labor for Installation	HR	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00

Item Total:	\$31,417.54
Sales Tax at 0.000%:	\$0.101
Total:	\$31,417.54

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Quoted by: David P. Lanzi, dlanzi@deltaintellicom.com

Date: 10/16/2019

Accepted by: _____

Date: _____

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City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 13, 2020

Submitted by: David Moran

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda Section:

Subject:

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.

Attachments:

[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](#)

David Moran

From: Privacy Policy Update <jfintakdavis@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 4:04 PM
To: David Moran; Nicole Ard
Subject: Fwd: Say YES to Highways for Monarch Butterflies

David, I would like you to look at this proposed legislation. I would like for the Council to support this and send a letter to our Congressional delegation, if you think it is appropriate. J

-----Original Message-----

From: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund <info@nwfactionfund.org>
To: jfintakdavis <jfintakdavis@aol.com>
Sent: Sat, Jan 4, 2020 11:08 am
Subject: Say YES to Highways for Monarch Butterflies



TAKE

ACTION



Judith,

There's a simple step we can take along roads and highways in your state to help struggling monarch butterflies—and all our native bees, butterflies, and birds: fill the green spaces adjacent to the miles and miles of these roads with native flowers and grasses to provide crucial habitat!

A new bill in Congress will help states establish and maintain wildlife-friendly habitats along state-maintained roadways. Please tell your senators to step up for monarch butterflies, bees, and birds by supporting the Monarch and Pollinator Highway Act.

TAKE ACTION FOR MONARCHS

Monarch butterflies and so many of our native bee species have experienced alarming declines over the past few decades. Western U.S. monarch butterfly populations alone hit a record low in 2018, with a researcher describing the drop as “potentially catastrophic.” And our bees are in trouble. One bumble bee species has been pummeled so hard by habitat loss, disease, and the widespread overuse of bee-toxic pesticides that it has disappeared from

almost 90 percent of its historic range over the last two decades.

Friends of wildlife like you can help TODAY by sending a message to senators about the urgent need to establish and protect safe habitat for butterflies, bees, and birds along our roadways.

The Monarch and Pollinator Highway Act will jump start native habitat along roadways in your state and across the country by providing grants and assistance to communities for help with:

- planting and seeding of native, locally-appropriate grasses, wildflowers, and milkweed along roadways
- reducing mowing in roadway areas to limit disturbance of needed nesting/overwintering and sustenance habitat
- cutting the use of herbicides and pesticides

Thank you for taking action in support of meaningful, innovative steps towards building up wildlife habitats along our nation's roads and highways—and helping to save monarch butterflies, native bees, and birds.



With appreciation,
Julie Sibbing
Senior Advisor, Land Conservation
National Wildlife Federation Action Fund



Patrick Fitzgerald
Advisor, Community Wildlife
National Wildlife Federation Action Fund

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116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2918

To amend title 23, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Transportation to establish a program to provide grants to carry out activities to benefit pollinators on roadsides and highway rights-of-way, including the planting and seeding of native, locally-appropriate grasses and wildflowers, including milkweed, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 20, 2019

Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. ROUNDS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

To amend title 23, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Transportation to establish a program to provide grants to carry out activities to benefit pollinators on roadsides and highway rights-of-way, including the planting and seeding of native, locally-appropriate grasses and wildflowers, including milkweed, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Monarch and Polli-
3 nator Highway Act of 2019” or the “MPH Act of 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY PRACTICES ON ROADSIDES**
5 **AND HIGHWAY RIGHTS-OF-WAY.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 23, United
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing:

9 **“§ 331. Pollinator-friendly practices on roadsides and**
10 **highway rights-of-way**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a
12 program to provide grants to eligible entities to carry out
13 activities to benefit pollinators on roadsides and highway
14 rights-of-way, including the planting and seeding of na-
15 tive, locally-appropriate grasses and wildflowers, including
16 milkweed.

17 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—An entity eligible to re-
18 ceive a grant under this section is—

19 “(1) a State department of transportation;

20 “(2) an Indian tribe; or

21 “(3) a Federal land management agency.

22 “(c) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant
23 under this section, an eligible entity shall submit to the
24 Secretary an application at such time, in such manner,
25 and containing such information as the Secretary may re-

1 quire, including a pollinator-friendly practices plan de-
 2 scribed in subsection (d).

3 “(d) POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY PRACTICES PLAN.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity shall in-
 5 clude in the application under subsection (c) a plan
 6 that describes the pollinator-friendly practices that
 7 the eligible entity has implemented or plans to im-
 8 plement, including—

9 “(A) practices relating to mowing strate-
 10 gies that promote early successional vegetation
 11 and limit disturbance during periods of highest
 12 use by target pollinator species on roadsides
 13 and highway rights-of-way, such as—

14 “(i) reducing the mowing swath out-
 15 side of the State-designated safety zone;

16 “(ii) increasing the mowing height;

17 “(iii) reducing the mowing frequency;

18 “(iv) refraining from mowing monarch
 19 and other pollinator habitat during periods
 20 in which monarchs or other pollinators are
 21 present;

22 “(v) use of a flushing bar and cutting
 23 at reduced speeds to reduce pollinator
 24 deaths due to mowing; or

1 “(vi) reducing raking along roadsides
2 and highway rights-of-way;

3 “(B) implementation of an integrated vege-
4 tation management plan that includes ap-
5 proaches such as mechanical tree and brush re-
6 moval, targeted and judicious use of herbicides,
7 and mowing, to address weed issues on road-
8 sides and highway rights-of-way;

9 “(C) planting or seeding of native, locally-
10 appropriate grasses and wildflowers, including
11 milkweed, on roadsides and highway rights-of-
12 way to enhance pollinator habitat, including lar-
13 val host plants;

14 “(D) removing nonnative grasses from
15 planting and seeding mixes, except for use as
16 nurse or cover crops; or

17 “(E) any other pollinator-friendly practices
18 the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

19 “(2) COORDINATION.—In developing a plan
20 under paragraph (1), an eligible entity that is a
21 State department of transportation or a Federal
22 land management agency shall coordinate with appli-
23 cable State agencies, including State agencies with
24 jurisdiction over agriculture and fish and wildlife.

1 “(3) CONSULTATION.—In developing a plan
2 under paragraph (1)—

3 “(A) an eligible entity that is a State de-
4 partment of transportation or a Federal land
5 management agency shall consult with affected
6 or interested Indian tribes; and

7 “(B) any eligible entity may consult with
8 nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher
9 education, metropolitan planning organizations,
10 and any other relevant entities.

11 “(e) AWARD OF GRANTS.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide
13 a grant to each eligible entity that submits an appli-
14 cation under subsection (c), including a plan under
15 subsection (d), that the Secretary determines to be
16 satisfactory.

17 “(2) AMOUNT OF GRANTS.—The amount of a
18 grant under this section—

19 “(A) shall be based on the number of polli-
20 nator-friendly practices the eligible entity has
21 implemented or plans to implement; and

22 “(B) shall not exceed \$150,000.

23 “(f) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity that receives
24 a grant under this section shall use the funds for the im-

1 plementation, improvement, or further development of the
 2 plan under subsection (d).

3 “(g) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the
 4 cost of an activity carried out with a grant under this sec-
 5 tion shall be 100 percent.

6 “(h) BEST PRACTICES.—The Secretary shall develop
 7 and make available to eligible entities best practices for,
 8 and a priority ranking of, pollinator-friendly practices on
 9 roadsides and highway rights-of-way.

10 “(i) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—On request of an eli-
 11 gible entity that receives a grant under this section, the
 12 Secretary shall provide technical assistance with the imple-
 13 mentation, improvement, or further development of a plan
 14 under subsection (d).

15 “(j) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—For each fiscal year,
 16 the Secretary may use not more than 2 percent of the
 17 amounts made available to carry out this section for the
 18 administrative costs of carrying out this section.

19 “(k) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
 20 on which the first grant is provided under this section,
 21 the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Environ-
 22 ment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee
 23 on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
 24 Representatives a report on the implementation of the pro-
 25 gram under this section.

1 “(l) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
3 appropriated to carry out this section \$5,000,000 for
4 each of fiscal years 2020 through 2026.

5 “(2) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts made available
6 under this section shall remain available for a period
7 of 3 years after the last day of the fiscal year for
8 which the funds are authorized.”.

9 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
10 ter 3 of title 23, United States Code, is amended by add-
11 ing at the end the following:

“331. Pollinator-friendly practices on roadsides and highway rights-of-way.”.

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NRTA National Advocacy Conference Lobbying

MRSPA Legislative Aide Virginia Crespo and Executive Director Wanda Twigg attended the National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA) National Advocacy Conference held at the Key Bridge Marriott in Arlington, Virginia in late October. State leaders from across the country attended to hear and share information on federal and state legislative priorities.

In addition to listening to many interesting presenters on retiree issues and advocacy, Virginia and Wanda visited with staff for Senators Van Hollen and Cardin and for Congressmen Hoyer and Brown. They also spoke briefly with Congressman Brown himself. Our MRSPA Legislative Priorities and information about defined benefit pensions and their impact on the economy were shared with the staffers. A newly created MRSPA Fact Sheet was also shared to shed light on MRSPA.

MRSPA lobbying centered on HR 3 the Lower Drug Costs Now Act of 2019, which will decrease prescription costs by \$345 billion dollars over the next 10 years, if passed. This bill allows the federal government to negotiate prescription costs for Medicare recipients, which is forbidden under current law. HR 3 has passed the House, but has not been brought up in the Senate.

SB 2543 is the The Prescription Drug Pricing Reduction Act. This bipartisan legislation would

lower prescription drug prices, premiums and out-of-pocket costs and save billions of dollars for tax payers. This legislation has passed Senate Committees, but has not been brought to a vote in the full Senate.

Both pieces of legislation show that legislators in Washington do understand that prescription medications do not work if you cannot afford them and that you should never have to choose between buying food, paying rent, or buying your medication. The staff of the four congressmen we lobbied said the legislators are supportive of both pieces of legislation, and they are working to bring them to votes. They are hopeful that something can be done before the end of the calendar year, even in the current adversarial climate.

Virginia and Wanda also discussed the Kirwan Commission and concerns about funding the recommendations with the staffers. They asked that Congress fully fund IDEA and Title I as specified in the original laws to help offset some of the current burden on the state and local school systems. This would possibly free up money for Kirwan recommendations while ensuring that retiree health insurance is fully maintained.



Membership on the March!

Thanks to each and every one of you for the work you are doing to **recruit, retain** and **regain** members. Your state Membership Committee met on Thursday, October 10 and was invigorated by the many stories reported about your efforts.

Of particular note, 10 of our 22 locals are holding their own or are in positive territory for membership gains! You have gained 455 members since March 1, 2019. Congratulations!

MRSPA membership committee members are taking your recommendations to heart and are busy putting final touches on our action plan. We have ideas we'll soon run past you. By the way, we have representation from Anne Arundel, Dorchester, Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George's, Washington and Wicomico Counties and Baltimore City on the committee. We would love to have additional counties represented! We welcome more than one representative from jurisdictions as well. If you have an interest in helping at the state level, we encourage you to join us.

Ruth Clendaniel

MRSPA Membership Committee Chair

MRSPA Takes a Bite of the Big Apple!



Although having "an apple for the teacher" is considered somewhat standard, the "apple" that was made available to Maryland Retired School Personnel through its travel program was not at all standard! On Tuesday, November 5, 2019, 32 MRSPA members and friends gathered bright and early to begin their 3-day, 2-night experience in *THE BIG APPLE*! Traveling by Eyre Coach, and picking up passengers at four stops, they arrived in NYC in the early afternoon, ready to check into the hotel and set out to explore the city. Having vouchers for free entry into popular sites and some unstructured time allowed group members to visit places of individual interest such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the American Museum of Natural History, or Top of the Rock, or to take a harbor cruise.

Attending the matinee performance of the musical *Come from Away* was a highlight of the trip for many. *Come from Away* is the story of the townspeople of Gander, Newfoundland and their generous response to the airline passengers who were stranded there when American airspace was shut down on 9/11. This production was poignant, yet also incorporated humor and wonderful music to tell a very inspirational story of the goodness of humankind in the midst of tragedy.

A family-style group dinner at *Carmine's Italian Restaurant* following the theater was fabulously delicious and afforded time to relax and get to know fellow travelers. No one went away hungry!

A pre-arranged "step-on" guide met the group on Thursday morning to accompany them to the *9/11 Memorial and Museum* and to tour Lower Manhattan. A "taste of the pace" of lunchtime in NYC was experienced at the Hudson Food Court in the Winter Garden Atrium, before continuing the bus tour and then departing for home.



A group of tired and happy travelers, eager for the next adventure

The content of this tour was planned by MRSPA's Travel Committee, chaired by Judy Reiff, in conjunction with *When and Where Travel, Inc.* of Olney, MD. Please check the back of this newsletter and the MRSPA Website Travel Section for information about upcoming trips.

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PALMS & PEAKS TRAVEL

GOT VACATION PLANS?

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H.R.3 - Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act

116th Congress (2019-2020) | [Get alerts](#)

Sponsor: [Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. \[D-NJ-6\]](#) (Introduced 09/19/2019)
Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means; Education and Labor
Committee Meetings: [10/22/19 9:30AM](#) [10/17/19 10:15AM](#)
Committee Reports: [H. Rept. 116-324,Part 1](#); [H. Rept. 116-324,Part 2](#); [H. Rept. 116-324,Part 3](#)
Latest Action: Senate - 12/16/2019 Received in the Senate. ([All Actions](#))
Roll Call Votes: There have been [7 roll call votes](#)
Notes: [A page containing a Rules Committee print](#) dated December 6, 2019, and comparisons to each of the reporting committees' documents is available.
Tracker: Introduced **Passed House** Passed Senate To President Became Law

[Summary\(1\)](#) [Text\(3\)](#) [Actions\(79\)](#) [Titles\(7\)](#) [Amendments\(12\)](#) [Cosponsors\(106\)](#) [Committees\(3\)](#) [Related Bills\(25\)](#)

There is one summary for H.R.3. [Bill summaries](#) are authored by [CRS](#).

Shown Here:

Introduced in House (09/19/2019)

Lower Drug Costs Now Act of 2019

This bill establishes several programs and requirements relating to the prices of prescription drugs.

In particular, the bill requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to negotiate prices for certain drugs (current law prohibits the CMS from doing so). Specifically, the CMS must negotiate maximum prices for (1) insulin products; and (2) at least 25 single source, brand-name drugs that do not have generic competition and that are among the 125 drugs that account for the greatest national spending or the 125 drugs that account for the greatest spending under the Medicare prescription drug benefit and Medicare Advantage (MA). The negotiated prices must be offered under Medicare and MA, and may also be offered under private health insurance unless the insurer opts out.

The negotiated maximum price may not exceed (1) 120% of the average price in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, and the United Kingdom; or (2) if such information is not available, 85% of the U.S. average manufacturer price. Drug manufacturers that fail to comply with the bill's negotiation requirements are subject to civil and tax penalties.

The bill also makes a series of additional changes to Medicare prescription drug coverage and pricing. Among other things, the bill (1) requires drug manufacturers to issue rebates to the CMS for covered drugs that cost \$100 or more and for which the average manufacturer price increases faster than inflation; and (2) reduces the annual out-of-pocket spending threshold, and eliminates beneficiary cost-sharing above this threshold, under the Medicare prescription drug benefit.

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Grassley Statement on House Prescription Drug Bill CBO Score

Oct 11, 2019

Congressional Effort to Lower Prescription Drug Costs Must Be Bipartisan

Washington – Senate Finance Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) today released the following statement regarding the Congressional Budget Office's (CBO) analysis of Speaker Nancy Pelosi's (D-Calif.) legislation to lower prescription drug prices.

"I'm glad the House of Representative is working on prescription drug legislation. Lowering costs for patients and taxpayers while protecting American medical innovation should be the goal. Any bill must also be bipartisan so it can pass both chambers of Congress and be signed into law by President Trump. As chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the legislation I authored with Ranking Member Wyden strikes that balance and would achieve real progress for Americans. To date, it's the only significant, bipartisan legislation to lower prescription drug prices that's passed a congressional committee. I urge my colleagues in the House and the Senate to get to work to lower costs while ensuring life-saving treatments can continue to be developed right here in America," **Grassley said.**

The Grassley/Wyden *Prescription Drug Pricing Reduction Act (PDPRA)*, S. 2543, passed out of the Senate Finance Committee this July with a broad, bipartisan 19-9 vote. It would save taxpayers more than \$100 billion and save beneficiaries more than \$30 billion in out-of-pocket costs.

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City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 13, 2020

Submitted by: David Moran

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda Section:

Subject:

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.

Attachments:

[Bond Bill Page.pdf](#)

[Bond Initiative Request Form.pdf](#)

BOND BILL FOR RECREATION AMENITIES AT GREENBELT STATION

RECOMMENDATION

Provide a State Bond Bill for recreational amenities at Greenbelt Station.

BACKGROUND

The City seeks your advice about pursuing a bond bill for Greenbelt Station recreation amenities during the 2020 Session.

The City is still planning to build a trail which will provide a safe pedestrian/bicycle connection between this new community and the Greenbelt Metro Station. This trail is now estimated to cost \$2.1 Million. The General Assembly provided \$75,000 during the 2018 Session and the City's FY 2020 Budget includes an additional \$1,775,000, but more funding is needed.

Additional discussion with the Greenbelt Station community is needed, but other potential amenities requested by individual residents include the following. (Cost estimates are very preliminary.)

- a clubhouse/community building w/restrooms, multi-purpose space, etc. (\$750K);
- an outdoor fitness area/pavilion with fitness machines, bicycle accommodations, picnic area, etc. (\$300K);
- a splash pad (\$300K); or
- a dog park (\$200K).

Maryland General Assembly Legislative Bond Initiative Request Form

Project Name:

Amount Requested:

Contact Person

Project Location: *SELECT*

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Legal Name of Recipient (If a corporation, please give name exactly as it appears in the Articles of Incorporation as registered with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation):

Legal Status of Recipient (e.g., corporation, local government):

If the recipient is a non-governmental entity, is it governed by:

☐

Board of Directors

☐

Board of Trustees

☐

Other. If other, please explain:

Address of Project and Recipient (If project and recipient have different address, include both)

Briefly describe the purpose and reason for the project:

Amount of Matching Fund:

☐

Equal match (this also includes an amount higher than that of the bond requested)

☐

Unequal match (less than the amount of the bond requested)

Amount of unequal match:

☐

No match

Type of Matching Fund:

☐

Money

☐

In kind (e.g., donated services)

☐

Real property

☐

Funds expended before June 1

Does the project or recipient have any religious affiliation or involvement?

☐

Yes

☐

No

Please list the year of any previous bond bills or initiatives.

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 13, 2020

Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda Section:

Subject:

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.

Attachments:

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 13, 2020

Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: MEETINGS

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Meetings

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

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

[meetings.pdf](#)

Motion to Schedule a Closed Session

I move that Council hold a Closed Session on _____ (date) at _____ pm in accordance with the General Provisions Article 3-305 (b) (3) of the *Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland*, to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.

Need second, roll call vote.

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1/10/2020 12:41 PM



City Council Meetings & Work Sessions January – February

Advisory Board Interview	Mon.	01/13	7:20 pm
Regular Meeting, (MB)	Mon.	01/13	8:00 pm
Work Session – National Park Service Greenbelt Park, (CC)	Wed.	01/15	8:00 pm
No Meeting – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Mon.	01/20	
Work Session – WMATA Metro Station, (CC)	Wed.	01/22	8:00 pm
Art Exhibit Reception	Mon.	01/27	7-8 pm
Regular Meeting, (MB)	Mon.	01/27	8:00 pm
Work Session – City Manager Update, (CC)	Wed.	01/29	8:00 pm
Four Cities – (College Park)	Thurs.	01/30	7:30 pm
Work Session – Hanover Parkway Bikeway Facility Feasibility Study, (MB)	Mon.	02/03	8:00 pm
Work Session – TBD, (CC)	Wed.	02/05	8:00 pm
Regular Meeting, (MB)	Mon.	02/10	8:00 pm
Work Session – TBD, (CC)	Wed.	02/12	8:00 pm
No Meeting – President's Day	Mon.	02/17	
Work Session – Verizon, (CC)	Wed.	02/19	8:00 pm
PGCMA Meeting, (MB)	Thurs.	02/20	7:00 pm
Regular Meeting, (MB)	Mon.	02/24	8:00 pm
Work Session – Friends of Greenbelt Museum, (CC)	Wed.	02/26	8:00 pm

- Councilmembers will present reports on conferences, meetings and events as the last item of business at Monday Work Sessions.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation, call 301-474-8000. Regular and Special meetings and Work Sessions are open to the public. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-3870 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail banderson@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk. Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building (MB) at 25 Crescent Rd. Meetings marked "CC" will be held in the Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd., "Greenbriar" will be held in the Terrace Room at 7600 Hanover Parkway, "SHL" will be held in the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, Green Ridge House will be held at 22 Ridge Road, "GHI" will be held at 1 Hamilton Place and "Verde" will be held at 8010 Greenbelt Station Parkway.

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

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Ready to be scheduled:

Review of Council's Standing Rules
BARC/BEP Meeting (include: Beltsville &
Vansville Associations, FAR-B, Congressman
Hoyer, etc.)
Roosevelt Center Owner
WMATA Metro Station/ MARC Train Service/
MDOT
GHI – NCOZ/Arts & Entertainment District
Potential Bond Referendum/Capital Financing
Greenbelt Postmaster
Cemetery Plans
Forest Preserve/Community Gardens
WSSC
Small Cell Procedures and Policy Review
Memorial Wall Piece
Beltway Plaza (stakeholder)
State Highway Administration
Teleconferencing
~~Verizon~~
Pepco

For later scheduling:

Zoning Enforcement
Parkway Apartment Owners/GHI (parking)
Northway Fields Master Plan
City Manager Updates (Jan, Pre-budget; July &
Sept/Oct)
Meeting with County on Transportation Plan
Hotels
PRAB – Buddy Attick Park Master Plan
University of Maryland (2020)
Department of Permitting, Inspections &
Enforcement (DPIE)
Museum Plan
Wrap Meeting with Board of Election
Apartments
City Council Work Plan
Board of Education – Facility Needs

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 13, 2020

Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: MEETINGS

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Stakeholders

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[Stakeholder Schedule.pdf](#)

Annual														
Advisory Group Chairs	3/16	2/17	7/18	7/19										
Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station Mgmt.	8/16	11/17	12/18	12/19										
Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition	3/16	7/17	3/19											
Greenbelt Homes, Inc.	6/16	7/17	7/18	7/19										
County Executive/ County Council	12/13	9/16	1/19											
Biennial														
Roosevelt Center Merchants	11/16	1/18	1/20											
Beltsville Ag. Research Center/ NPS Greenbelt Park	03/14	7/16	8/18											
	7/15	1/18												
Beltway Plaza	9/14	3/17												
Greenway Center	7/14	12/16	2/19											
Civic Associations	8/14	2/18												
NASA/GSFC	3/15	3/17	9/19											
PG Co. Economic Development Corp.	8/14	4/17	7/19											
School Board	2/16	5/17	10/18	3/19										
State Highway Administration	6/15	10/17												
Every Three Years														
Apartments	2/18													
Religious/Spiritual Organizations	3/13	6/15	6/19											
Greenbelt Watershed Groups	8/14	10/16	10/19											
Hotels														
University of Maryland	3/13	4/15												
Every Three Years or Major Issue														
Comcast	9/13	11/17												
Verizon														
PEPCO	9/14	1/17												
WSSC	12/12	9/16												
WGL														
Capital Office Park	12/12	1/16	9/19											
Other Business Parks:														
Maryland Trade Center														
Golden Triangle														
Hanover Parkway														
Belle Point														
Edmonston Road														
Hanover Parkway														
Roosevelt Center Owner	9/15													

WMATA/PGDPW&T (Semi-Annual)	11/16	9/17	11/18											
Other/As Needed														
M-NCPPC/Planning Board (Major Issue)	6/06	7/14	10/19											
Business Coffee (Every Four Months)	10/17	2/18	8/18	11/18	2/19	5/19	8/19	12/19						
State's Attorney (4 years)	2/11	4/15	9/19											

(Rev. January 6, 2020)

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2918

To amend title 23, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Transportation to establish a program to provide grants to carry out activities to benefit pollinators on roadsides and highway rights-of-way, including the planting and seeding of native, locally-appropriate grasses and wildflowers, including milkweed, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 20, 2019

Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. ROUNDS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Monarch and Polli-
3 nator Highway Act of 2019” or the “MPH Act of 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY PRACTICES ON ROADSIDES**
5 **AND HIGHWAY RIGHTS-OF-WAY.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 23, United
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing:

9 **“§ 331. Pollinator-friendly practices on roadsides and**
10 **highway rights-of-way**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a
12 program to provide grants to eligible entities to carry out
13 activities to benefit pollinators on roadsides and highway
14 rights-of-way, including the planting and seeding of na-
15 tive, locally-appropriate grasses and wildflowers, including
16 milkweed.

17 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—An entity eligible to re-
18 ceive a grant under this section is—

19 “(1) a State department of transportation;

20 “(2) an Indian tribe; or

21 “(3) a Federal land management agency.

22 “(c) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant
23 under this section, an eligible entity shall submit to the
24 Secretary an application at such time, in such manner,
25 and containing such information as the Secretary may re-

1 quire, including a pollinator-friendly practices plan de-
 2 scribed in subsection (d).

3 “(d) POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY PRACTICES PLAN.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity shall in-
 5 clude in the application under subsection (c) a plan
 6 that describes the pollinator-friendly practices that
 7 the eligible entity has implemented or plans to im-
 8 plement, including—

9 “(A) practices relating to mowing strate-
 10 gies that promote early successional vegetation
 11 and limit disturbance during periods of highest
 12 use by target pollinator species on roadsides
 13 and highway rights-of-way, such as—

14 “(i) reducing the mowing swath out-
 15 side of the State-designated safety zone;

16 “(ii) increasing the mowing height;

17 “(iii) reducing the mowing frequency;

18 “(iv) refraining from mowing monarch
 19 and other pollinator habitat during periods
 20 in which monarchs or other pollinators are
 21 present;

22 “(v) use of a flushing bar and cutting
 23 at reduced speeds to reduce pollinator
 24 deaths due to mowing; or

1 “(vi) reducing raking along roadsides
2 and highway rights-of-way;

3 “(B) implementation of an integrated vege-
4 tation management plan that includes ap-
5 proaches such as mechanical tree and brush re-
6 moval, targeted and judicious use of herbicides,
7 and mowing, to address weed issues on road-
8 sides and highway rights-of-way;

9 “(C) planting or seeding of native, locally-
10 appropriate grasses and wildflowers, including
11 milkweed, on roadsides and highway rights-of-
12 way to enhance pollinator habitat, including lar-
13 val host plants;

14 “(D) removing nonnative grasses from
15 planting and seeding mixes, except for use as
16 nurse or cover crops; or

17 “(E) any other pollinator-friendly practices
18 the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

19 “(2) COORDINATION.—In developing a plan
20 under paragraph (1), an eligible entity that is a
21 State department of transportation or a Federal
22 land management agency shall coordinate with appli-
23 cable State agencies, including State agencies with
24 jurisdiction over agriculture and fish and wildlife.

1 “(3) CONSULTATION.—In developing a plan
2 under paragraph (1)—

3 “(A) an eligible entity that is a State de-
4 partment of transportation or a Federal land
5 management agency shall consult with affected
6 or interested Indian tribes; and

7 “(B) any eligible entity may consult with
8 nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher
9 education, metropolitan planning organizations,
10 and any other relevant entities.

11 “(e) AWARD OF GRANTS.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide
13 a grant to each eligible entity that submits an appli-
14 cation under subsection (c), including a plan under
15 subsection (d), that the Secretary determines to be
16 satisfactory.

17 “(2) AMOUNT OF GRANTS.—The amount of a
18 grant under this section—

19 “(A) shall be based on the number of polli-
20 nator-friendly practices the eligible entity has
21 implemented or plans to implement; and

22 “(B) shall not exceed \$150,000.

23 “(f) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity that receives
24 a grant under this section shall use the funds for the im-

1 plementation, improvement, or further development of the
 2 plan under subsection (d).

3 “(g) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the
 4 cost of an activity carried out with a grant under this sec-
 5 tion shall be 100 percent.

6 “(h) BEST PRACTICES.—The Secretary shall develop
 7 and make available to eligible entities best practices for,
 8 and a priority ranking of, pollinator-friendly practices on
 9 roadsides and highway rights-of-way.

10 “(i) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—On request of an eli-
 11 gible entity that receives a grant under this section, the
 12 Secretary shall provide technical assistance with the imple-
 13 mentation, improvement, or further development of a plan
 14 under subsection (d).

15 “(j) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—For each fiscal year,
 16 the Secretary may use not more than 2 percent of the
 17 amounts made available to carry out this section for the
 18 administrative costs of carrying out this section.

19 “(k) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
 20 on which the first grant is provided under this section,
 21 the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Environ-
 22 ment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee
 23 on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
 24 Representatives a report on the implementation of the pro-
 25 gram under this section.

1 “(l) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
3 appropriated to carry out this section \$5,000,000 for
4 each of fiscal years 2020 through 2026.

5 “(2) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts made available
6 under this section shall remain available for a period
7 of 3 years after the last day of the fiscal year for
8 which the funds are authorized.”.

9 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
10 ter 3 of title 23, United States Code, is amended by add-
11 ing at the end the following:

“331. Pollinator-friendly practices on roadsides and highway rights-of-way.”.

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