

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, January 8, 2018.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Leta M. Mach, Colin A. Byrd, Rodney M. Roberts, and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan. Ms. Judith F. Davis was out of the country. Ms. Silke I. Pope and Mr. Edward V. J. Putens were unable to attend.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Nicole Ard, City Manager, Karen Ruff, City Solicitor, and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of Greenbelt residents Jacob La Rue Warner, George G. Brunatti, Bruce MacEwen and Robert O'Bryhim. Ms. Mach then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – Ms. Mach requested the minutes of the interview meeting of November 20, 2017, be removed from the consent agenda and move the minutes under #8. With this change, it was moved by Ms. Mach and seconded by Mr. Byrd that the consent agenda be approved. The motion carried 4-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Minutes:

Interview, October 2, 2017

Interview, November 1, 2017

Regular Meeting, August 14, 2017

Approved as presented.

Council thereby took the following actions:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – It was moved by Mr. Byrd and seconded by Ms. Mach that the agenda be approved. The motion carried 4-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Ms. Mach moved that the Interview, November 20, 2017, minutes reflect she wasn't in attendance (she was on travel) and seconded by Mr. Byrd. Motion carried 4-0.

Statement for the Record - Closed Session of December 18, 2017: Mr. Byrd moved that the minutes of the executive session of the City Council held on Monday, December 18, 2017, at 7:05 p.m. in the City Council Room of the Municipal Building. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(10) of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland*, 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.

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			

Mr. Putens arrived at 7:05 pm and Mr. Roberts arrived at 7:35 pm.

The following staff members were in attendance: Nicole Ard, City Manager, David Moran, Assistant City Manager, Devin Williams, William Beal, George Mathews and Tom Kemp, Acting Police Chief. Council took no actions during this session.

Seconded by Ms. Mach.

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

Statement for the Record - Closed Session of January 3, 2018: Mr. Byrd moved that the minutes of the executive session of the City Council held on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at 7:01 p.m. in the Room 201 of the Community Center. 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: Nicole Ard, City Manager, Karen Ruff, City Solicitor and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk. Also in attendance: Jason DeLoach. Council took no actions during this session.

Seconded by Ms. Mach.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Jordan mentioned on behalf of a concerned citizen on the delayed opening of the Aquatic Center. Ms. Ard explained the City follows the County Government for weather related closures and delays. Ms. Mach mentioned the weather hotline for citizens to call and get updates on opening and closing for various facilities.

Mr. Byrd had a conversation with Dr. Orlando about her request for the implementation of speed hump/bumps on Ridge Road. Dr. Orlando is not satisfied with the resolution. Mr. Byrd raised this matter of awareness to the Council.

Mayor Jordan acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Greenbelt East Advisory Collision (GEAC) in reference to the intersection of Mandan Road and Greenbelt Road. The Council will take it into consideration. Ms. Mach suggested referring the matter to the State Highway Administration.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

LEGISLATION

A Resolution of the Council of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Title 4, Subtitle 3 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 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 Services Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Amending Sections 12, 15, 16 and 20 to Change the Voting Age for City Elections to Those 16 Years Old and Older and to Clarify that Those Who Serve on the Employee Relations Board, Board of Elections and City Council must be at least 18 years old: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Mach introduced Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2017-1 for the second reading and adoption. Mr. Byrd seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Consent to Appointment of City Solicitor: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. It was moved by Mr. Byrd to consent to the appointment of the City Solicitor and seconded by Ms. Mach. Motion carried 4-0.

Modifications to Police Non-Emergency Line: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Acting Chief Kemp and Capt. Pracht did a demonstration of how the new system will work, which is currently in a testing phase only. The line will go live upon approval of the Council.

It was moved by Mr. Byrd to block the implementation for the modifications to the Police Non-Emergency Line and seconded by Mr. Roberts. Motion failed (2-2). Mayor Jordan and Ms. Mach

It was moved by Mayor Jordan to implement the line on a trial basis. Motion failed (2-2). Mr. Byrd and Mr. Roberts

Acceptance of Stream Valley Trail (Greenbelt West): Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. It was moved by Mr. Roberts to accept the maintenance bond for the trail and seconded by Ms. Mach. Motion carried (3-1). Mr. Byrd

Appointment of Council Members to City Boards and Committees: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. It was moved by Mr. Roberts to approve the appointments and seconded by Ms. Mach. Motion carried 4-0.

Appointment of Council Members to Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Boards and Committees: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. It was moved by Ms. Mach to approve the appointments and seconded by Mr. Byrd. Motion carried 4-0.

Letter to State Delegation Requesting Opposition to MAGLEV: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. It was moved by Mr. Byrd to direct staff to draft a letter addressed to all State Delegation to lobby against the MAGLEV project and seconded by Mr. Roberts. Motion carried 4-0.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Councilmembers commented on their attendance at the following events.

- Employee Holiday Party (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Pope, Ms. Mach, Mr. Byrd and Mr. Putens)
- Meals on Wheels Appreciation Holiday Luncheon (Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis)
- MWCOC Annual Meeting (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach and former Councilmember Herling)
- Knott Commission 21st Century Schools, Annapolis, MD (Ms. Davis)
- The New Deal Nut: A Greenbelt Nutcracker (Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis)
- The Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee conference call (Ms. Mach)
- Cookies at the bridge (Ms. Davis and Ms. Mach)
- Transportation Planning Board (Mr. Roberts and former Council Member Herling)

COUNCIL REPORTS: None.

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Mach moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Byrd seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Jordan adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, January 8, 2018, at 10:14 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 January 8, 2018.

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor