

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held on April 14, 2025.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Amy E. Knesel, Danielle P. McKinney, Jenni A. Pompei, Silke I. Pope, Rodney M. Roberts, Kristen L.K. Weaver, and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

ALSO PRESENT were Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Rick Bowers, Police Chief; Dawane Martinez, Human Resources Director; Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, Environmental Coordinator; Jamarie Spencer, Public Information Producer; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of Alice Octavia Cobb White, Haven McKinney, and Neil Williamson.

Mr. Roberts then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Ms. McKinney read the Greenbelt Community Pledge.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Michael Zeliff, a resident, gave the Council an update about the Celandine outbreak in Greenbelt and invited them to join him and others next week for a walk starting from 5 Court and moving into Stream Valley Park.

Bill Orleans, a resident, asked for information about the statue, which would help the Council allocate funding during a closed session. It was also specified that the verbal statement provided by Mr. Salmeron should be submitted in written form.

Thomas LeaMond, a resident, requested the installation of more bike racks in Roosevelt Center near the Co-Op.

CONSENT AGENDA: Ms. Pompei moved to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Knesel seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Regular Meeting, August 12, 2024
Regular Meeting, September 9, 2024
Regular Meeting, September 23, 2024
Regular Meeting, November 18, 2024
Approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) Report #25-1: Grant Interim Report to Council 2025: Council accepted the report.

AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE THE SALE OF SURPLUS POLICE RADIOS: Council authorized the City Manager to sign a contract with Radiowell for the disposal and sale of surplus police radios for \$25,500.

AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE THE SALE OF TOW TRUCK: Council approved the sale of unit 112 via competitive auction.

MEETINGS: Council approved the meetings list.

STAKEHOLDERS LIST: Council approved the stakeholders list.

REAPPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE: Council approved the reappointment to a new term of the following:

Mary Sciannella	Employee Relations Board (ERB)
Thomas Doggett	Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB)
Patrick Carroll	Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)
Lisa Behuncik	Employee Relations Board (ERB)
Marc Siegel	Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB)

RESIGNATION FROM ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE: Council accepted the resignation of Owen Kelley from the Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB).

AWARD OF PURCHASE - WATER STORAGE TANK REPLACEMENT - COMMUNITY CENTER: Council authorized the City Manager to approve the purchase of the replacement water storage tank in the mechanical room at the Community Center from Densel Company for \$16,748.00.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Weaver requested to move Item #29, "Letter to Governor," to the meeting agenda. Ms. Pope seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0. Mr. Roberts requested that #17, "City Employees Retirement Plan Manager," be removed and scheduled for a closed session. Ms. Knesel seconded. The motion failed 3-4. (Ms. Pompei, Ms. Pope, Ms. Weaver, and Mayor Jordan). Mayor Jordan requested that item #19, "Appointment of Members to the Charter Review Taskforce," be discussed. Ms. Weaver seconded. Ms. Knesel moved that the Council approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Pompei seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Telecommunications Week Proclamation: Mayor Jordan declared the second week of April as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week to highlight the vital role of communication

personnel in police and safety departments. Chief Bowers was there to accept the proclamation on behalf of the Communication Unit.

Earth Day Proclamation: Mayor Jordan issued a proclamation celebrating the 55th Anniversary of Earth Day, with this year's theme for Earth Day 2025 being "Our Power, Our Planet." Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, Environmental Coordinator, attended to accept the proclamation and share updates on upcoming events.

Autism Awareness & Acceptance Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan issued a proclamation declaring April Autism Awareness & Acceptance Month, with the theme for 2025 being "Celebrate Differences." Anne Oudemans, Assistant Director of Recreation Programs, was there to accept the proclamation.

Animal Control Appreciation Week: Mayor Jordan proclaimed the week of April 13th - 19th as Animal Control Appreciation Week.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS: None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. Salmerón provided updates on several ongoing projects, including the EV charging stations at Schrom Hills Park and Springhill Lake Recreation Center, which are switching to a new platform called Switch to improve reliability. He also discussed the pool project, which is on schedule, and the cell phone transition from Verizon to T-Mobile to enhance service and pricing. Mr. Salmerón also addressed the outdoor pool's opening, aiming for May 5th, pending clearance from the Department of Health.

LEGISLATION:

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 16 of the City of Greenbelt Code to Codify General Orders 675: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Pompei introduced the ordinance for second reading and adoption. Ms. Weaver seconded.

Roll Call:	Ms. Knesel	–	Yes
	Ms. McKinney	–	Yes
	Ms. Pompei	–	Yes
	Ms. Pope	–	Yes
	Mr. Roberts	–	Yes
	Ms. Weaver	–	Yes
	Mayor Jordan	–	Yes

The ordinance was declared adopted (Ordinance No. 1401, Book 12)

An Ordinance to Amend the City of Greenbelt Code to Authorize the Operation of Sign Monitoring Systems in School Zones, Establish Associated Fines and Fees, and Provide for the

Enforcement of Violations: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Pope introduced the ordinance for second reading and adoption. Mayor Jordan seconded.

Roll Call:	Ms. Knesel	–	Yes
	Ms. McKinney	–	Yes
	Ms. Pompei	–	Yes
	Ms. Pope	–	Yes
	Mr. Roberts	–	Yes
	Ms. Weaver	–	Yes
	Mayor Jordan	–	Yes

The ordinance was declared adopted (Ordinance No. 1402, Book 12)

A Resolution to Establish School Zones on Municipal Roads in the City to Implement an Automated Stop Sign Enforcement Program Within the Established School Zones: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Pompei introduced the resolution for second reading and adoption. Ms. Pope seconded.

Roll Call:	Ms. Knesel	–	Yes
	Ms. McKinney	–	Yes
	Ms. Pompei	–	Yes
	Ms. Pope	–	Yes
	Mr. Roberts	–	Yes
	Ms. Weaver	–	Yes
	Mayor Jordan	–	Yes

The ordinance was declared adopted (Resolution No. 2117, Book 12)

SPECIAL ORDER: Mayor Jordan moved to special order #17, City Employees Retirement Plan Manager. Ms. Pompei seconded. The motion passed 6-1. (Mr. Roberts)

City Employees Retirement Plan Manager: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Dawane Martinez, Human Resources Director, presented to the Council the proposal to switch the City's employee 401(a) and 457(b) retirement plans from ICMA-Mission Square to Nationwide. He stated, as outlined in the memorandum, that this change aims to resolve ongoing customer service issues and significantly lower employee fees, allowing them to keep more of their retirement savings. National Financial Partners (NFP) is a financial services consulting firm that coordinated the Request for Proposals (RFP) for this project. Several retirees and current employees voiced concerns about the transition. Mr. Salmerón provided the Council with an overview of the process. Ms. Weaver moved that the Council approve the staff recommendation to move from ICMA-Mission Square to Nationwide. Ms. Pompei seconded. The motion passed 6-1. (Mr. Roberts)

A Resolution to Amend Resolution No. 2113 to Modify the Number of Residents Representing Each Area of the City for the Charter Review Task Force: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Tabled until the end of June 2025.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Pompei moved that Council table items # 16, Proposal for Use of Space at the Armory Site for Composting, and #18, Discussion on Legislative Priorities and Actions, for discussion at the April 28 Council meeting. The motion passed 7-0.

Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contract for the Versaterm Contract Renewal: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Pompei moved that the Council authorize the City Manager to renew the Versaterm contract for the Public Portal cloud hosting and the Blue Team NextGen cloud-hosted annual maintenance, including all software upgrades, related materials, and technical support via phone and email, for \$10,833.27. Ms. Pope seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Council Activities: Events between March 25 and April 14, 2025

- 25 March: Advisory Committee on Education (Pompi)
- 25 March: Prince George's County Master Transportation Plan Open House (Jordan)
- 27 March: Tenant Rights Town Hall (Jordan, Pompei, Weaver)
- 28 March: Cookies at the Bridge (Jordan, Weaver)
- 29 March: Learn 2 Earn Graduation Ceremony (Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pompei, Weaver)
- 29 March: Beltway Plaza Resource Fair (Jordan, McKinney, Pope, Pompei, Weaver)
- 31 March: City Manager/Agenda Planning Meeting (Jordan)
- 01 April: Public Safety Advisory Committee (Pope)
- 02 April: Maryland Municipal League Mayors Association Executive Board (Jordan)
- 03 April: Greenbelt Business Conference Breakfast (Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pompei, Weaver)
- 03 April: Greenbelt Elementary School Career Day (Jordan)
- 04 April: Abrego Garcia Hearing at Greenbelt District Courthouse (Pompi)
- 05 April: University of Maryland College of Information and Center for Archival Futures Co-op Presentation (Jordan)
- 05 April: Reparations Commission Town Hall (Jordan, McKinney)
- 05 April: Hands Off! In Greenbelt Rally (Weaver)
- 06 April: Artful Afternoon – Community Center (Pompi)
- 06 April: Greenbelt Museum Open House (McKinney)
- 07 April: Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) Legislative Committee (Pompi)
- 07 April: City Manager/Agenda Planning Meeting (Jordan)
- 07 April: National League of Cities Transportation and Infrastructure Services Committee (Weaver)
- 08 April: Greenbelt Armory Public Engagement Meeting (Jordan, Pompei, Weaver)
- 09 April: Bibliophiles Community Book Club (Weaver)
- 09 April: Metro Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) Board of Directors Meeting (Jordan)

- 10 April: Community Relations Advisory Board (Pompi)
- 10 April: Greenbelt Rotary Club (Weaver)
- 10 April: MWCOG Capital Caucus Reception (Jordan, Weaver)
- 11 April: Greenbelt Collaborative Opportunities for Resilience and Enduring Solutions (CORES) Task Force Meeting (Knesel, Pompi)
- 11 April: MWCOG Food and Agriculture Region Member Policy Committee (McKinney)
- 12 April: North End Walking Tour (Pompi)
- 12 April: Arbor Day Tree Planting and Service Project (Jordan, Pope, Weaver)
- 12 April: Greenbelt News Review Open House (Weaver)
- 12 April: Community Shredding Event (Pope)
- 13 April: Greenbelt American Legion Easter Egg Hunt (Pompi, Pope, Weaver)
- 13 April: Artful Afternoon – Springhill Lake Rec Center (Knesel, Weaver)
- 14 April: Maryland Department of Transportation Planning Board Prep Meeting (Weaver)
- 14 April: Sustainable Maryland Executive Committee (Weaver)
- 14 April: PGCMA Policy Committee (Weaver)
- 14 April: City Manager/Agenda Planning Meeting (Jordan)

Letter to Governor: Ms. Weaver moved that the Council send an opposition letter to Governor Moore regarding the proposed Maglev project, including photos, and request that he tour the area. Ms. Pompi seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Council Reports: None.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Weaver and seconded by Ms. Pope. The motion passed 7-0. The Mayor adjourned the regular meeting of April 14, 2025, at 10:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonita Anderson

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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 April 14, 2025.

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor