

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL was held on Monday, April 22, 2024.

Mayor Jordan called the Meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

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

ALSO PRESENT were Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Jason DeLoach, City Solicitor; Bertha Gaymon, City Treasurer (virtual); Richard Bowers, Police Chief; Timothy White, Deputy Chief; Greg Varda, Recreation Director; Tyra Smith, Diversity Equity and Inclusion Coordinator; Jamarie Spencer, Public Information Producer; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of Linda Edwards, Marie Christy, Alanna Rall, and Aphrodite Theoni Matsakis.

Mr. Roberts then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Mary Johnson, a resident, re-stated her concern for a recent Administration Dept. restructuring stating that 1) only the City Council can restructure a classified position and, to her knowledge, City Council was not involved in the process nor was authorization given. She alleges that this Council violated the City Code. 2) the employee was not given any notice of the restructuring, also a violation of the City Code.

Renard Brown noted that his mother, a long-time Greenbelt resident, passed away a year ago. He wanted to thank CARES staff for being good to her over the years.

CONSENT AGENDA: Ms. Pompei moved to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Weaver seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability Report #2024-02 Biofuels for City Vehicles: Council accepted this report.

Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) Report 2024-001 (Citizen Request – Installation of Welcome Signs in 10 Different Languages at Buddy Attick Lake Park and Schrom Hills Park: Council accepted this report.

Stakeholders: Council approved the stakeholder list.

Ratifying Contract for Fuel Management System for City Vehicles: Council authorized the City Manager to execute the contract with Spatco, totaling \$26,462.05.

Appointment to Advisory Board/Committee: Council approved Leon Schachter's appointment to the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. McKinney requested that item #14, “DEI Report Recommendations and Action Plan,” follow the presentations. Ms. Knesel moved to approve the amended agenda. Ms. Pompei seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Public Hearing: At 7:41, Mayor Jordan moved to adjourn the meeting to convene a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2025 budget. Ms. Weaver seconded. The motion passed 6-0. There were no comments from the public. The Council meeting was called back to order by Mayor Jordan at 7:47 p.m.

Maryland Coalition for Responsible Transit Presentation: Susan McCutchen, MCRT Board Member, provided Council with a report on MCRT’s efforts and the status of the Northeast Maglev.

DEI Report Recommendations and Action Plan: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Tyra Smith, Diversity Equity and Inclusion Coordinator, presented the recommendations and action plan to Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. Salmerón highlighted successes and updates on community activities, including the Arbor Day celebration, Little League Baseball Opening Day, and NLC Road Show City Tour. Chief Bowers gave Council a brief update on the Schrom Hills Park shooting incident.

LEGISLATION:

Resolution to Permit Concurrent Membership on Multiple Advisory Boards and Committee Volunteers: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments and introduced the resolution for second reading and adoption. Ms. Knesel seconded.

Roll Call: Ms. Knesel – Yes
 Ms. McKinney – No
 Ms. Pompei – Yes
 Ms. Pope – Absent
 Mr. Roberts – No
 Ms. Weaver – Yes
 Mayor Jordan – Yes

The motion passed 4-2.

The resolution was declared adopted (Resolution No. 2110, Book 8)

An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, Authorizing the Acquisition by Negotiated Purchase of Certain Real Property Known as Parcel 84 (TAX ID NO. 2397727), Containing 22.09 Acres, at a Purchase Price of One Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Dollars (\$196,000), Plus Incidental Costs, for a Public Purpose: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Weaver introduced the ordinance for first reading.

Community Center Dance Studio Annex (Room 12) - Award of Contract Recommendation: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mayor Jordan moved that Council approve the contract to CMG Flooring, the sole certified installer for the preferred flooring product from Stagesstep Flooring Solutions, for \$64,080.30. The motion passed 6-0.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: The Council briefly viewed their list of activities.

Events between April 09 and April 22, 2024

- 11 April: NLC Transportation and Infrastructure Services Committee meeting (Weaver)
- 13 April: Arbor Day tree planting (Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Weaver, Pope)
- 13 April: CHEARS Seed Swap Soiree and Kite Flying (McKinney, Weaver)
- 14 April: Artful Afternoon at Springhill Rec Center (McKinney, Weaver)
- 14 April: Poetry in the Garden/Clubhouse (McKinney, Weaver)
- 17 April: Transportation Planning Board meeting (Weaver)
- 17 April: Park and Recreation Advisory Board meeting (Weaver)
- 18 April: Prince George's County Municipal Association meeting (Jordan – in-person; McKinney, Weaver – virtual)
- 19 April: Springhill Lake Earth Day event/stream clean-up (Pope, Pompei, McKinney)
- 20 April: Earth Day Pull and Plant Event at Buddy Attick Park (Jordan, Knesel, Weaver, McKinney, Pompei, Pope)
- 20 April: Greenbelt Youth Baseball Little League Opening Day (Jordan, Weaver, McKinney, Pompei, Knesel, Pope)
- 20 April: Greenbelt Concert Band performance (Weaver, McKinney, Pope)
- 20 April: District 22 Legislative Briefing (Pompi)
- 20 April: Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary 68th Annual Banquet (Jordan, Weaver, McKinney, Pompei, Pope)
- 21 April: Mary Lou Williamson's Garden Party (Jordan, Pompei, Knesel, McKinney, Pope)
- 21 April: Girl Scout Service Unit 22-5 World Thinking Day Event (Jordan, Knesel, Weaver)

COUNCIL REPORTS: None.

MEETINGS:

Closed Session: Ms. Weaver moved that the City Council go into a closed session in accordance with Section 3-305(b) (10)(ii) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the 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 the development and implementation of emergency plans.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss public security, including the development and implementation of emergency plans.

Ms. Pompei seconded.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Knesel – Yes
Ms. McKinney - Yes
Ms. Pompei - Yes
Ms. Pope - Absent
Mr. Roberts - No
Ms. Weaver - Yes
Mayor Jordan - Yes

ADJOURNMENT: The Mayor adjourned the Regular Meeting on April 22, 2024, at 10:20 pm.

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 22, 2024.



Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor