

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL was held on Monday, May 13, 2024.

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

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Amy E. Knesel (virtual), 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; Terri Hruby, Planning Director; Brian Kim, Acting Public Works Director; Anne Oudemans, Assistant Recreation Director; Chris Cherry, Performing Arts Coordinator; Jamarie Spencer, Public Information Producer; Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Deputy City Clerk and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of L. Ben “Pappy” Guiffre, Mary Lou Fisher, and former resident John Ward.

Ms. McKinney then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Betty Timer, a resident, petitioned for a new bus and enhanced bus service for seniors programming.

Pastor Cole provided information on his church, its activities, and groups it hosts and invited all to come by.

Bob Rand, a resident, requested that Council increase the City's food pantry support from \$5,000/month to \$10,000/month using ARPA funds and more clearly show support for DEI and DEI initiatives through Council Goals and its planning framework.

Bill Orleans, a resident, reminded Council that the Army Corps comment period for the BEP project is open, with 15 days remaining. He requested the City Solicitor's attendance at a Council meeting to address his concerns regarding the response to his "Apology" petition, as it did not meet his expectations. Additionally, he requested that Council play the recording of the 2023 Franklin Park meeting relative to the discussion at an open Council meeting. Lastly, he asked for information and clarity on Council's closed meeting to authorize a bonus to the former Interim City Manager.

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Mayor Jordan to remove item #24, Award of Contract – Parcel 84 Boundary Survey and Legal Description, seconded by Ms. Weaver.

Ms. McKinney moved to add #16, Introduction of Proposed Council Goals/Draft City Council Planning Framework, to the consent agenda for a future work session, seconded by Ms. Pope. Mayor Jordan moved that the consent agenda be approved as amended. Ms. Weaver seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Budget Work Session – March 29, 2023

Budget Work Session – May 1, 2023

Budget Work Session – May 10, 2023

Budget Work Session – May 15, 2023

Work Session – June 12, 2023

Work Session – June 21, 2023

Approved as presented.

Stakeholders: Council approved the stakeholder list.

Resignation from Advisory Board/Committee: Council accepted the resignation of Josh Hamlin from the Reparations Commission and Ethel Dutky from the Advisory Committee on Trees.

Reappointment to Advisory Board/Committee: Council approved the reappointment of Iona King to the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

Approval of Letter to District Delegates and the Maryland Insurance Administration Expressing Concern Over Unsustainable and Unjustifiable Increases in Homeowner Insurance Rates: Council accepted this letter to be sent to the delegation.

GAFC Structural Remediation Project - Outdoor Equipment Room Change Order: Council accepted the change order for this project.

ARPA Non-Profit Grants: Council accepted the ARPA Non-Profit Grants.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Mayor Jordan and seconded by Ms. Pope that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

SPECIAL ORDER: Mayor Jordan moved to special order Memorial Day Poppy Presentation as the next item of business. Ms. Pompei seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Memorial Day Poppy Presentation: The American Legion 136 Auxiliary presented a tribute in honor of the annual remembrances of those who have lost their lives in combat while serving in the armed forces. Sandy Dutton read a background on the poppy presentation.

Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation: Mayor Jordan recognized May 6-10 as Municipal Clerks Week. Ms. Anderson and Ms. Lashley-Mullen were present to accept the proclamation.

Asian American Pacific Islander American Heritage Month: Mayor Jordan declared May as Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Rose Qi was present to accept the proclamation.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Statement for the Record – Closed Session of April 8, 2024: Ms. Weaver moved that in accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-06(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 Monday, April 8, 2024, at 9:29 pm, in Council Chambers and via Zoom. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(3) of the General Provisions Article 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.

The purpose of this meeting was to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.

Vote to close the session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Knesel	X			
Ms. McKinney	X			
Ms. Pompei	X			
Ms. Pope	X			
Mr. Roberts		X		
Ms. Weaver	X			
Mayor Jordan	X			

The following staff members were in attendance: Josué Salmerón, City Manager and Terri Hruby, Director of Planning.

Council took the following actions during this session: None.

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

Statement for the Record – Closed Session of April 22, 2024: Ms. Weaver moved that in accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3--06(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 Monday, April 22, 20254, at 10:19 p.m., in Council Chambers. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(10)(ii) of the General Provision 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 was to discuss public security, including the development and implementation of emergency plans.

Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. McKinney	X			
Ms. Pompei	X			
Ms. Pope				X
Mr. Roberts		X		
Ms. Weaver	X			
Mayor Jordan	X			

Staff members in attendance: Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Rick Bowers, Police Chief; Tim White, Deputy Police Chief; Johnny Guy, Police Sergeant; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Other individuals in attendance: None.

Council took no action during this session.

Ms. Pope seconded.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Knesel	-Yes
	Ms. McKinney	- Yes
	Ms. Pompei	- Yes
	Ms. Pope	- Abstain
	Mr. Roberts	- Yes
	Ms. Weaver	- Yes
	Mayor Jordan	- Yes

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. Salmerón highlighted the success of the Police-Citizen Academy class graduation. He reminded Council and residents about the upcoming Bike-to-Work Week. Mr. Salmerón provided an update on the Pepco Street Light Project. The City has received its inventory survey data, which has been reviewed and submitted to Pepco. He will follow up with a presentation in the near future. He mentioned his work with Chief Bowers on the recommendations of the Public Safety Advisory Committee and stated that he would report to Council once adjustments are made to the recommendations. Mr. Salmerón also announced the kickoff of summer camp in June.

LEGISLATION:

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 second reading and adoption.

Ms. Pope seconded.

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

The motion passed 6-1.

The ordinance was declared adopted (Ordinance No. 1391, Book 12).

An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland to make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund in the amount of Two Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000) for the Acquisition of Certain Real Property Known as Parcel 84 (Tax Id No. 2397727), Greenbelt, Maryland and related costs: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Weaver introduced the ordinance for first reading and suspension of the rules.

Ms. Pompei seconded.

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

Ms. Weaver introduced the ordinance for second reading and adoption.

Ms. Pope seconded.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Knesel	-	Yes
	Ms. McKinney	-	Yes
	Ms. Pompei	-	Yes
	Ms. Pope	-	Yes
	Mr. Roberts	-	No
	Ms. Weaver	-	Yes

Mayor Jordan - Yes

The motion passed 6-1.

The ordinance was declared adopted (Ordinance No. 1392, Book 12).

Mobile Security Unit (MSU) - Number 2: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Pope moved that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute the contracts with ECAMSECURE, totaling \$30,390.00. The funding source is ARPA funds designated by Council for this purpose. Mayor Jordan seconded. The motion passed 6-1. (Ms. Weaver)

Visualize 2050: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Weaver requested Council guidance on her vote against the list of projects solicited for the Visualize 2050 National Capital Region Transportation Plan and the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which is scheduled to be finalized at the May 15, 2024, meeting of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB). This work effort addresses requirements associated with attainment of the ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Volatile organic compounds (VOC) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) are ozone precursor pollutants. No action was taken.

Authorize City Manager to Purchase a Shuttle Bus: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Pope moved that Council authorize the City Manager to purchase a second City Passenger Bus for approximately \$125,000.00. Ms. Pompei seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

SPECIAL ORDER: Mayor Jordan moved to special order Award of Contract – Parcel 84 Boundary Survey and Legal Description as the next item of business. Ms. Weaver seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Award of Contract – Parcel 84 Boundary Survey and Legal Description: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mayor Jordan moved that Council approve contracting with Charles P. Johnson and Associates to complete a boundary survey and legal description of Parcel 84 at a lump sum cost of \$23,800. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Council briefly reviewed their list of activities.

Events between April 23 and May 13, 2024

- 23 April: Connecting Across Greenbelt planning meeting (Weaver)
- 23 April: Green ACES meeting (Weaver)
- 25 April: "Changes" Art Exhibition Reception at Greenbelt Arts Center (Weaver)
- 25 April: Citizens Police Academy (Knesel, Pompei)
- 26 April: Cookies at the Bridge (Pompi, Pope, Weaver)
- 27 April: PGCPs Transportation Information Session (Pompi)
- 27 April: Rotary Club/Venture Crew Schrom Hills Clean up (Pompi)
- 29 April: PGCMA Legislative Committee weekly call (Jordan, Pompei)
- 29 April: Greenbelt Police Department Press Conference (Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pompei, Weaver)
- 29 April: NLC Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources meeting (Pompi)
- 30 April: Advisory Committee on Education meeting (Pompi)

- 01 May: MWCOG Board of Directors (Jordan)
- 02 May: Four Cities meeting (Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)
- 03 May: Composting Facility Ribbon Cutting (Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pompei, Weaver)
- 04 May: Greenbelt Station HOA Tree Caging (McKinney, Weaver)
- 04 May: Berwyn Heights Day Pancake Breakfast (Jordan, McKinney, Pompei, Weaver)
- 04 May: Berwyn Heights Day Parade (Jordan, Pope)
- 04 May: Greenbelt Nursery School Yard Sale (Jordan, Knesel, Pompei, Pope)
- 04 May: Greenbelt - Beltsville Garden Club Plant Sale (Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)
- 04 May: Women in World War II presentation (Jordan, Knesel, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)
- 04 May: PGC Arthritis Foundation Walk (Jordan, Pope)
- 04 May: Social Justice Coalition meeting (Knesel, McKinney, Weaver)
- 05 May: Artful Afternoon (Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pompei, Weaver)
- 05 May: Art Studio Open House (Knesel, McKinney, Pompei, Weaver)
- 05 May: Chinese Dance Performance (Knesel, McKinney, Pompei, Weaver)
- 05 May: CROP Hunger Walk (Jordan, McKinney)
- 05 May: GATe Open House (Knesel, McKinney, Pompei, Pope)
- 07 May: Sustainable Maryland Executive Committee meeting (Weaver)
- 09 May: Citizens Police Academy Graduation (Pompi)
- 09 May: Community Relations Advisory Board meeting (Pompi)
- 10 May: COG Human Services Policy Committee (McKinney)
- 10 May: Hank Irving's memorial service (Pope)
- 10 May: Friends of the Greenbelt East Trail stakeholders meeting (Jordan, Weaver)
- 11 May: Green Man Festival (Jordan, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)
- 12 May: Farmers Market opening day (Jordan, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)
- 12 May: Artful Afternoon (Weaver, Pope)
- 13 May: NLC Board of Directors meeting (Jordan)
- 13 May: MDOT Transportation Planning Board preparation meeting (Weaver)

COUNCIL REPORTS: None.

MEETINGS: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Weaver moved that Council reschedule the May 28 Regular Meeting to May 29.

Ms. McKinney seconded.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Knesel - Yes
 Ms. McKinney - Yes
 Ms. Pompei - Yes
 Ms. Pope - Yes
 Mr. Roberts - Yes
 Ms. Weaver - Yes
 Mayor Jordan - Yes

ADJOURNMENT: The Mayor adjourned the Regular Meeting on May 13, 2024, at 10:06 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 May 13, 2024.

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor