

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL was held on Monday, June 17, 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, 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; Ryan Sigworth, City Planner; Dawane Martinez, Human Resources Director; Jamarie Spencer, Public Information Producer; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence to honor residents Joyce Magnum, Barbara Smith, Rachel Mertz, Wanda Ann Opsasnick, Pamela A. Brown, Mame Ellis, Juanita Wilmer, and former resident George William “Bill” Marshall, Sr. He then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Robert Snyder, a resident, urged Council not to consider Dr. Rosado's report on behalf of the Reparations Commission.

Bill Orleans, a resident, indicated that there is no statute or provision allowing Council to allocate a bonus to the then interim City Manager.

Michael Hartman, a resident, extended his gratitude to City staff and Council for the success of the Pride Month activities and festivities.

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Ms. Pompei and seconded by Ms. Pope that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Work Session – September 6, 2023
Regular Meeting, September 11, 2023
Work Session – September 13, 2023
Work Session – September 20, 2023
Regular Meeting – September 26, 2023
Regular Meeting – October 9, 2023
Regular Meeting – October 23, 2023
Approved as presented.

STAKEHOLDERS: Council approved the Stakeholder list.

APPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE: Council appointed Kathy Reynolds to the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

REAPPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY GROUPS: Council approved the reappointment of Stephenie Arcido to the Advisory Committee on Education.

RESIGNATIONS FROM ADVISORY GROUPS: Council removed Mark Wilson from the Community Relations Advisory Board.

RECLASSIFICATIONS: Council approved the reclassification of a full-time Community Mental Health Counselor I position.

AUTHORIZATION FOR AUCTION OF SURPLUS VEHICLES: Council approved the sale of surplus vehicles for \$5,050.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Knesel moved and Ms. Pope seconded that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

National Pollinator Week Proclamation: Mayor Jordan proclaimed the week of June 17-25, 2024, as Pollinator Week. Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, Environmental Coordinator, accepted the proclamation and gave an overview of the events taking place this year.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Mr. Salmerón announced the success of the Pride Event and Job Fair at Beltway Plaza and anticipated a great event on July 4. He noted the kickoff of summer camp. Mr. Salmerón indicated the removal of the career firefighters from the Greenbelt Station, which was discussed at a town hall at the station with all the volunteer firefighters in the county. He noted that this is a top priority to come up with solutions for the community's safety.

LEGISLATION:

An Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Greenbelt West Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024, in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for Additional Greenbelt West Fund Expenditures Over the Appropriated Amount: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Pope introduced the ordinance for first reading.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Human Resources Information System Contract: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Pope moved that Council authorize the City Manager to execute the contract with Paycor HRIS for \$72,000. Ms. McKinney seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

FY 2025 Proposed Program Open Space Projects and Overview of Program Changes: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Council discussed the FY 2025 proposed program for open space projects, highlighting a 35% reduction in funding, down to \$4.7 million. They noted that the County has met its parkland level of service goals and proposed changes to how Program Open Space funding is allocated. Council recommended supporting two development projects and discussed changes in Prince George County's open space program. They also emphasized the importance of community feedback, the need for more focus on climate change, and the importance of accessibility for people with disabilities in future planning. Council expressed strong dissatisfaction with the current usage of the Program Open Space funds and anticipated receiving funding by the end of June for approved projects. No action was taken.

ARPA Bus Stop Safety and Accessibility Improvements - Proposed Project List: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Pope moved that Council approve this proposed list of bus stop improvements. Mayor Jordan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Recodification, Supplementation, and Online Code Hosting Services Contract: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Pompei moved that Council approve the authorization for the City Manager to execute the contract with Municode for \$18,454.97 to recodify the municipal code. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Charter Review Contract: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Pompei moved that Council approve the authorization for the City Manager to encumber funds and make payments for services to the City Solicitor not to exceed \$15,000 for the Charter review. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Rent Stabilization Discussion: Mayor Jordan reviewed the agenda comments. Ms. Pompei requested discussion on County Bill 55-2024, which aims to implement permanent rent stabilization measures in Prince George's County. Concerns were raised over the lack of tenant protections and the potential impact on the current housing shortage. Council requested more detailed information on the bill's implications for Greenbelt and suggested the need for regular updates from Darryl Carrington & Associates. Ms. Weaver moved for Council to communicate with County Council members Watson and Hawkins to delay action on this bill so that the City would have more time to discuss it. Ms. Pompei seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

Events between June 4 and June 17, 2024

- 5 June: Greenbelt Middle School International Festival (Jordan, Knesel, Weaver)
- 7 June: Teen Takeover Summer Bash (Pompi)
- 7 June: Springhill Lake Elementary School Promotion Ceremony (Jordan, Pope)
- 7 June: Impact Day at The SPACE (Jordan, Weaver)
- 8 June: African Women's Cancer Awareness Association Health Fair (Jordan, McKinney, Pompi, Weaver)
- 8 June: Greenbelt Job Fair (Jordan, Knesel, Pompi, Weaver)

- 8 June: Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week Invasive Removal (McKinney, Weaver)
- 9 June: Artful Afternoon at Springhill Lake Recreation Center (Knesel, McKinney, Weaver)
- 11-13 June: National League of Cities Summer Board and Leadership Meeting (Jordan – Board of Directors, Weaver – Transportation and Infrastructure Services Committee)
- 11 June: Fire/EMS Summer Staffing Discussion (Jordan, Pompei, Pope)
- 12 June: CARES Volunteer Appreciation Brunch (Pompi)
- 12 June: Prince George's County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association monthly meeting (McKinney, Pompei, Pope, Roberts)
- 14 June: School's Out & Summer's In Kick-Off Celebration (McKinney, Pompei, Weaver)
- 14 June: MWCOC Food and Agriculture Regional Member Policy Committee meeting (McKinney)
- 15 June: Greenbelt Pride Parade and Festival (Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)
- 15 June: Prince George's County Memorial Lynching Project Racial Justice Essay and Creative Arts Student Award Ceremony (Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pompei, Weaver)
- 16 June: Greenbelt Farmers Market (Jordan, Knesel, Weaver)
- 17 June: MDOT Transportation Planning Board Pre-Meeting (Weaver)

MEETINGS:

Closed Session: Ms. Weaver moved that the City Council go into closed session, 1) to discuss the appointment, 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; 2) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation; and 3) 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;

The purpose of this meeting is 1) to address personnel matters over which this public body has jurisdiction; 2) to consult with staff about pending or potential litigation; and 3) to discuss the deployment of fire staff.

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

ADJOURNMENT: The Mayor adjourned the regular meeting of June 17, 2024, at 10:20 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 June 17, 2024.

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor