

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held September 9, 2024.

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; Timothy George, Assistant City Manager; Bertha Gaymon, City Treasurer; Lieutenant Michael Parsley; 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 residents Robert Donald McNally, Dana Britton, Maura Caughey Warner, Jeffery Lawrence Patterson, and Bonnie Lou Shields.

Ms. Pope then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Michael Hartman, a resident, spoke to Council on behalf of a resident who expressed frustration that their concerns about drivers not stopping at the stop sign in Roosevelt Center were being ignored. The resident is seeking Council's attention to address the issue and improve compliance with traffic control.

Bill Orleans, a resident, indicated that there is no statute/provision for Council to allocate a bonus for the then Interim City Manager.

CONSENT AGENDA: Ms. Pope moved to approve the consent agenda. Ms. McKinney seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Work Session, July 31, 2024

Approved as presented.

STAKEHOLDERS LIST: Council approved the stakeholder list.

CONTRACT APPROVAL FOR CITY MANAGER PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

SERVICES: Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with GovHR USA for up to \$7,250.

APPROVAL OF NON-PROFIT GRANT FUNDING: GREENBELT NURSERY SCHOOL:

Council approved the ARPA Non-Profit Grant funding for the Greenbelt Nursery School for \$25,000.

RESIGNATION FROM ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE: Council accepted the resignation of Maxine Morrison from the Board of Elections.

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

SPECIAL ORDER: Mayor Jordan moved to special order item #18, "Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contract for Economic Development Marketing and Strategic Plan," before item #9. Ms. Weaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

PEACE Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan declared June as Peace Month. Alexander Barnes, Sr. accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Prince George's Peace and Justice Coalition.

National Public Lands Day Proclamation: Mayor Jordan proclaimed Saturday, September 28, 2024, National Public Lands Day. Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, Environmental Coordinator, accepted the proclamation and provided an update on this event.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Statement for the Record – Closed Session of July 31, 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 Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at 10:19 p.m., in the Council Chambers. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) and (8) of the General Provision Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland 1) 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; and 2) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

The purpose of this meeting is 1) to address personnel matters over which this public body has jurisdiction. 2) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

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			

Staff members present Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Dawane Martinez, Director of Human Resources; Jason DeLoach, City Solicitor (from 10:45).

Other individuals were in attendance: None.

Council took no action during this meeting.

Ms. Knesel 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 August 19, 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, August 19, 2024, at 7:44 p.m., in Council Chambers. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provision Article of the Annotated Code of the 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.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the City Manager's evaluation process.

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			

Staff members present were: Josué Salmerón, City Manager, and Dawane Martinez, Director of Human Resources.

Other individuals were in attendance: None

Council took the following actions: Council directed Director of Human Resources to ask follow-up questions of two preferred firms and provide additional information to Council.

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 August 26, 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, August 26, 2024, at 8:18 p.m., online via Zoom. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1), (8), and (10) of the General Provision Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland 1) 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; 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 to obtain updates on pending litigation and other actions related to the staffing changes in the fire department.

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			

Staff member present: Josué Salmerón, City Manager.

Other individuals were in attendance: None.

Council took the following action to move forward with hosting a public meeting at GVFD on September 12th.

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

Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Economic Development Marketing and Strategic Plan: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Molly McKay from Wilden Financial Services delivered a PowerPoint presentation outlining their methodology and approach. This approach involves an iterative process, consensus-building, and engagement with stakeholders.

Ms. Weaver moved that Council approve the proposal and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Wilden Financial Services, not to exceed \$75,000. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 6-1. (Mr. Roberts)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. Salmerón announced that successful Labor Day celebrations took place over the past weekend. He acknowledged the ongoing efforts related to the \$350K bond bill received for the renovations of the Greenbelt Cinema, making necessary adjustments for the project. Mr. Salmerón provided a status update on Buddy Attick Park and Springhill Lake playgrounds, which are expected to be completed in October. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will then be scheduled. He announced a \$200K Safe Streets for All grant for transportation funding.

SPECIAL ORDER: Mayor Jordan moved to special order item #12, "An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 8, "Elections" Of The Greenbelt City Code, In Order To Amend Section 8-2 "Voter Registration" To Allow Noncitizen Residents Of The City Of Greenbelt To Vote In The City Of Greenbelt Elections" and "A Resolution To Repeal, Re-Enact And Amend City Charter Section 15, "Voters"; Section 18, "Registration For Election; Universal Registration; Section 19, "Registration"; Section 26, "Voter Identity"; Section 33, "Appeals"; To Allow Noncitizen Residents To Vote In Local City Elections."

Ms. Pompei seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 7-0.

LEGISLATION:

An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 8, "Elections" Of The Greenbelt City Code, In Order To Amend Section 8-2 "Voter Registration" To Allow Noncitizen Residents Of The City Of Greenbelt To Vote In The City Of Greenbelt Elections: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Pompei introduced the ordinance for first reading.

A Resolution to Repeal, Re-Enact and Amend City Charter Section 15, "Voters"; Section 18, "Registration For Election; Universal Registration; Section 19, "Registration"; Section 26, "Voter Identity"; Section 33, "Appeals"; to Allow Noncitizen Residents to Vote in Local City Elections: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Pompei introduced the resolution for first reading.

A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein when Total Fiscal Year Purchases from each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Weaver introduced 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 motion passed 7-0.

The resolution was declared adopted (Resolution No. 2111, Book 8).

OTHER BUSINESS:

Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Three-Year Contract with Thomson Reuters for Access to the Law Enforcement CLEAR Investigative Database: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Pope moved that Council authorize the City Manager to execute the three-year contract with Thomson Reuters for access to the Law Enforcement CLEAR Investigative Database at a total cost of \$15,737.28. The cost for Year 1 is \$4,992.00, which has been allocated to the approved FY25 budget. Ms. Pompei seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Support for Enabling Legislation for Municipal Land Use Authority: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mayor Jordan moved that Council support this legislation. Ms. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-1. (Mr. Roberts)

Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the FY25 Street Resurfacing and Miscellaneous Concrete Projects: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Pope moved that Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for road resurfacing and concrete projects as outlined in the enclosed memo. Ms. Knesel seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Approval of ARPA Reallocation: Addendum to CCI Providing \$25,000 of additional ARPA funds: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Pompei moved that Council approve a second allocation of \$25,000 to continue the healthcare voucher program. Ms. Weaver seconded. The motion passed 6-1. (Mayor Jordan)

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Events between August 13 and September 9, 2024

- 15 August: National League of Cities First-Tier Suburbs meeting (Jordan)
- 15 August: Greenbelt Rotary Club meeting (Weaver)
- 15 August: Community Relations Advisory Board meeting (Pompi)
- 16 August: Fire Department update meeting (Jordan)
- 16 August: Franklin Park Back to School Event (Jordan)
- 17 August: Beltway Plaza Hardware Store Reopening Ribbon Cutting (Jordan, Pompei, Weaver)
- 17 August: Memorial Service for Wayne Lewis (Jordan)
- 20 August: Back to School Heath Fair at Springhill Lake Recreation Center (Jordan, Pompei, Weaver)
- 22 August: Greenbelt Rotary Club meeting (Weaver)

- 23 August: Fire Department update meeting (Jordan)
- 25 August: Hand Dance Social (Jordan, Knesel, Weaver)
- 26 August: New Deal Cafe Quarterly Membership meeting (Weaver)
- 27 August: Greenbelt Advisory Committee for Environmental Sustainability meeting (Weaver)
- 27 August: Advisory Committee on Education meeting (Pompi)
- 29 August: Greenbelt Fire Department meeting (Jordan, Knesel, Pope)
- 29 August: Greenbelt Rotary Club meeting (Weaver)
- 30 August to 02 September: Greenbelt Labor Day Festival (Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pompi, Pope, Roberts, Weaver)
- 03 September: Greenbelt Police Department officer swearing-in event (Jordan, Pompi, Weaver)
- 05 September: Lifesaving Award Ceremony for Officer Forney (Jordan, Weaver)
- 05 September: Greenbelt Rotary Club meeting (Weaver)
- 05 September: National League of Cities Energy Environment and Natural Resource meeting (Pompi)
- 06 September: Fire Department update meeting (Jordan)
- 06 September: Meeting with Maryland Municipal League President (Jordan)
- 07 September: Forest Preserve Advisory Board Tour of the Sunrise Tract (Jordan, Pope, Weaver)
- 08 September: Artful Afternoon (Weaver)
- 09 September: Sustainable Maryland Executive Committee meeting (Weaver)

MEETINGS: Council discussed the meeting schedule.

Ms. Weaver moved that Council approve the following modifications to the meeting schedule.

- Monday, November 4: Work session (or regular meeting if needed)
- Wednesday, November 6: No work session - Maryland Municipal League Fall Conference
- Monday, November 11: No meeting – Veteran’s Day Holiday
- Wednesday, November 13: No work session – National League of Cities Conference
- Monday, November 18: Regular Meeting
- Wednesday, November 20: Work session
- Monday, November 25, and Wednesday, November 27: No meetings or work sessions the week of Thanksgiving
- Monday, December 23, and Wednesday, December 25: No meetings or work sessions the week of Christmas

Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Weaver moved that Council schedule the Public Hearing for All Resident Voting Legislation to be held during the September 23 Council meeting. Ms. Pompi seconded. The motion passed 5-2. (Mayor Jordan and Ms. Pope)

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the Meeting was made by Ms. Pompi and seconded by Ms. Pope. The motion carried 7-0. The Mayor adjourned the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2024, at 10:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonita Anderson

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 September 9, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Emmett V. Jordan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "E" and "J".

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor