

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held September 23, 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, Rodney M. Roberts, Kristen L.K. Weaver, and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

Council Member Silke I. Pope was unable to attend the meeting due to medical reasons.

ALSO PRESENT were Josué Salmerón, City Manager (virtual); Timothy George, Assistant City Manager; Rick Bowers, Police Chief; Brian Townsend, Public Works Assistant Director; Jamarie Spencer, Public Information Producer; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of Eugenia Kalnay, John A. Schaffer, and former resident Frederick Anthony McCarthy.

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

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Bill Orleans, a resident, indicated that he is not satisfied with the response received for his previously stated requests from prior meetings. He noted that future meetings should be advertised as virtual or in-person.

Dr. Lois Rosado, a resident, shared with Council that the Reparations Commission has submitted a financial request to move into phase two of their work, which involves obtaining expertise. Council will review this request. The timeframe for discussion will be held during the next Council meeting.

Frank Fritz, a resident, expressed gratitude for the Capital Bikeshare program and asked Council to ensure that the project for the Metro Station is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.

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

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Work Session, February 2, 2022

Work Session, April 4, 2022

Work Session, July 18, 2022

Work Session, July 20, 2022

Approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advisory Committee on Education Report #24-02 – ACE Grants Final Report: Council accepted this report.

MEETINGS: Council approved the meeting schedule.

STAKEHOLDERS LIST: Council approved the stakeholder list.

Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Contract with SEPCO for Solar Lighting at Bus Shelter: Council authorized the City Manager to execute the contract with SEPCO not to exceed \$40,000.

Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Contract with Tristar Construction for the Construction of Bus Shelters: Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with TriStar for up to \$75,000.

Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Contract with Next Day Concrete for Concrete Work to Support Improvements at Bus Stops: Council authorized the City Manager to execute the contract with Next Day Concrete for up to \$30,000.

Appointment to Advisory Board/Committee: Council appointed Ms. Woodbury to the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability and Mr. Zirkin to the Employee Relations Board for a new term.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Ms. Weaver and seconded by Ms. Pompei that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 6-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan proclaimed the month of October National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in honor of all who lost their lives to breast cancer and to recognize the courageous survivors still fighting their battle with it.

National Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan proclaimed National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15.

Public Hearing – All Resident Voting: A public hearing was held to gather input from residents on the All Resident Voting Initiative. Later in the meeting, Council will have the second reading and adoption of this initiative as part of Legislation. Several members of the public spoke both in favor and in opposition to the legislation.

SPECIAL ORDER: Mayor Jordan moved to special order item #11, 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, as the next item of business. Ms. Pompei seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

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. There was a discussion on the process of voter registration.

Ms. Pompei introduced the ordinance for second reading and adoption. Ms. Knesel seconded.

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

The motion passed 6-0.

The ordinance was declared adopted (Ordinance No. 1395, Book 12).

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 for second reading and adoption. Ms. Weaver seconded.

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

The motion passed 6-0.

The resolution was declared adopted (Resolution No. 2112, Book 8)

A Resolution to Establish a Charter Review Taskforce: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments and introduced the resolution for first reading.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS: None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. Salmerón announced that the City has received the deed for the Armory, and staff is working to secure the site. He also mentioned that the online bill pay system is up and running. The onboarding for the Paycor system is in effect for the first payroll to run in November. Mr. Salmerón provided an update on the DEI audit progress for phase two and noted the State's approval of the WMATA Trail project to move forward with the additional design needed for the work.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Authorization of Engine Replacement or the Purchase of a New Vehicle to Replace Vehicle 607:

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Weaver moved that Council approve the engine replacement and authorize the City Manager to execute the attached proposal from AutoNation, totaling \$14,753.17, to proceed with the required engine replacement for unit 607. Mayor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-1. (Mr. Roberts)

Approval of Upfitting Five Police Vehicles: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Weaver moved that Council approve the upfitting costs for five (5) Dodge Durango Police Vehicles by Frontline Mobile Tech, an approved city vendor, for \$95,145. Ms. McKinney seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

Events between September 10 and September 23, 2024

- 10 September: Maryland Municipal League (MML) Engagement and Outreach Committee meeting (Ms. Weaver)
- 11 September: National League of Cities (NLC) Transportation and Infrastructure Services Committee meeting (Ms. Weaver)
- 11 September: Youth Advisory Committee meeting (Ms. McKinney)
- 11 September: Metro Washington Council of Governments Board Meeting (Mayor Jordan)
- 12 September: Town Hall about Prince George's County Fire Department Summer Staffing Plan (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Knesel, Ms. McKinney, Ms. Pompei, Mr. Roberts, and Ms. Weaver)
- 13 September: NLC Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee meeting (Ms. Pompei)
- 13 September: Metro Washington Council of Governments Human Services Policy Committee meeting (Ms. McKinney)
- 14 September: Greenbelt Blues Festival (Mayor Jordan, Ms. McKinney, Ms. Pompei, and Ms. Weaver)
- 14 September: Peace Month Talk – The Nuclear World (Ms. Pompei and Ms. Weaver)
- 17 September: Community Safety Walk in Charlestowne Village (Ms. Pompei, Ms. Pope, and Ms. Weaver)
- 17 September: NLC Human Development Committee meeting (Ms. McKinney)
- 18 September: Park and Recreation Advisory Board meeting (Ms. Weaver)
- 18 September: Advisory Planning Board meeting (Ms. McKinney)
- 18 September: Employ Prince George's State of the Workforce Presentation (Mayor Jordan)
- 19 September: Franklin Park Town Hall (Mayor Jordan, Ms. McKinney, Ms. Pompei, Ms. Pope, and Ms. Weaver)

- 19 September: Prince George's County Municipal Association meeting (Mayor Jordan and Ms. Pompei)
- 20 September: Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee Annual Forum (Ms. Pompei)
- 21 September: DEI Assessment Community Meeting at Beltway Plaza (Ms. McKinney)
- 21 September: International Peace Day Celebration (Mayor Jordan, Ms. McKinney, Ms. Pompei, and Ms. Weaver)
- 21 September: Peace Month Talk - Peace Around the World (Mayor Jordan and Ms. Weaver)
- 21 September: Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Open Forum (Mayor Jordan, Ms. McKinney, Ms. Pompei, Ms. Pope, and Ms. Weaver)
- 22 September: Green ACES Electric Vehicle Showcase (Mayor Jordan, Ms. Pompei, and Ms. Weaver)
- 22 September: Greenbelt Honk! Situation Fall Parade (Ms. Pompei)
- 22 September: Graduation from Academy for Excellence in Local Governance (Ms. Weaver)

ADJOURNMENT: The Mayor adjourned the Regular Meeting of September 23, 2024, at 9:32 p.m., by roll call vote.

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

The motion passed 5-1.

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 September 23, 2024.



Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor