REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL was held on Monday, June 3, 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. Pompi, Silke I. Pope, Rodney M. Roberts, Kristen L.K. Weaver, and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

ALSO PRESENT were Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Bertha Gaymon, City Treasurer; Brian Kennell, Acting Information Technology Director; Brian Kim, Acting Public Works Director; Jamarie Spencer, Public Information Producer; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of Jerriann Weber King.

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

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Mary Johnson, a resident, requested a response from the City regarding her previous petition at the April and May meetings.

Bill Orleans, a resident, mentioned that he received a response to his request; however, he is seeking information about the statute that allowed the City Council to approve a bonus for the then Interim City Manager.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Jordan moved item #13, "Authorizing City Manager to execute Laserfiche Annual Maintenance Contract," to the consent agenda and was seconded by Ms. Pope. Ms. McKinney moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Work Session – July 12, 2023
Work Session – August 2, 2023
Approved as presented.

Authorizing City Manager to execute Laserfiche Annual Maintenance Contract: Council approved the annual maintenance contract for $13,125.

Meeting: Council approved the meeting list.

Stakeholders: Council approved the stakeholder list.

T-Mobile request for a 110’ Temporary Monopole at Standpipe Property: Council supported the following conditions that staff recommended:

1. NB+C receives approval from the Prince George's County Telecommunications Committee before the issuance of the City's permit; and

2. The City's arborist needs to review and approve tree-trimming operations; and

3. NB+C agrees to restore the site to its original condition and

4. NB+C agrees to a close-out inspection with the City's arborist to ensure the hickory tree located adjacent to the WSSC fence line was not negatively impacted by soil compaction.

Resignation from Advisory Board/Committee: Council accepted the resignation of Chiquita Jackson from the Community Relations Advisory Board and John Ottina from the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

Reappointment to Advisory Board/Committee: Council approved the reappointment of Robert Trumbule to the Advisory Committee on Trees and Rhema Bjorkland to the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Small Cities Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan declared June as Small Cities Month. Council Member Pope was present to accept the proclamation.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Statement for the Record – Closed Session of May 22, 2024: Ms. Weaver moved that by 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 the Council met in closed session on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 8:38 pm, in the Municipal Building Library, and via Zoom. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) and (8) of the General Provisions 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 and legal matters over whom it has jurisdiction and 2) to consult with counsel about pending or potential litigation.

Vote to close the session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. McKinney	X			
Ms. Pompi	X			
Ms. Pope	X			
Mr. Roberts	X			

Ms. Weaver	X			
Mayor Jordan	X			

The following staff member was in attendance: Josué Salmerón, City Manager.

The Council took the following action during this session: Council agreed to hold a formal evaluation for the City Manager in mid-September and decided to seek quotes for an outside consultant to assist with the evaluation process.

Ms. Pope seconded.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. Salmerón highlighted several successful events in the City. These events included raising the Pride flag on Friday to mark the beginning of Greenbelt Day weekend, which received significant participation from our residents. He also informed us that the City's Information Technology team is exploring a State and local cybersecurity grant program to enhance our network security measures. Mr. Salmerón mentioned that staff is working to utilize state funding available in 2026 to acquire technology for early detection of network infiltration and to provide training for our team. Furthermore, plans are to enhance our environmental ecosystem and SharePoint systems to operate more effectively and securely. As part of our security enhancements, council members should have encountered multi-factor authentication prompts when logging onto the network. Mr. Salmerón also mentioned that staff is pleased to announce that Senators Cardin and Van Hollen have extended their support for our police radios request, resulting in $362,000 in Federal funding. This support brings us closer to acquiring all the police radios we need.

LEGISLATION:

FY 2025 Budget Adoption: The Mayor read the agenda comments. Council deliberated and discussed an amendment to increase the Public Art fund by $5,000, which was not initially included in the budget. This amount was then reflected in the total General Fund expenditure.

Ms. Weaver moved the following changes to **General Fund Revenues**. Ms. Pope seconded; the motion passed 7-0.

General Fund Revenues

Revenue	**Description**	**From**	**To**	**Change**
411200	Reduce Abatements – Current Year – will increase total revenue amount	$500,000	$425,000	$75,000
Total General Fund Revenue		**$37,956,200**	**$38,031,200**	**$75,000**

General Fund Expenditures

Ms. Weaver moved the following changes to **General Fund Expenditures – General Government**. Ms. Pope seconded; the motion passed 7-0.

General Government

Expenditures	Description	**From**	**To**	**Change**
110	Council	$229,700	$229,700	$0
120	Administration	1,249,800	1,249,800	0
125	Economic Development	219,100	219,100	0
130	Election	0	0	0
135	Human Resources	545,200	545,200	0
140	Finance	956,300	956,300	0
145	Information Technology	1,001,200	1,001,200	0
150	Legal Services	185,000	185,000	0
180	Municipal Building	167,300	167,300	0
190	Community Promotions	483,300	483,300	0
195	Public Officers Association	71,700	71,700	0
Total General Government		**$5,108,600**	**$5,108,600**	**$0**

Ms. Weaver moved the following changes to **Planning – Community Development**. Ms. Pope

seconded; the motion passed 7-0.

Planning – Community Development				
	Description	**From**	**To**	**Change**
210	Animal Control	$565,400	$565,400	$0
220	Community Development	827,700	827,700	0
Total Planning – Community Development		**$1,393,100**	**$1,393,100**	**$0**

Ms. Weaver moved the following changes to **General Fund Expenditures – Public Safety**. Mayor Jordan seconded; the motion passed 7-0.

Public Safety				
310	Police	**From**	**To**	**Change**
330	Animal Control	$11,765,000	$11,825,000	$60,000
340	Fire 7 Rescue Service	317,800	278,200	(39,600)
Total Public Safety				**$20,400**

Ms. Weaver moved the following changes to **General Fund Expenditures – Public Works**. Ms. Pompi seconded; the motion passed 6-1. (Mr. Roberts)

Public Works				
410	Administration	**From**	**To**	**Change**
440	Street Maintenance	427,600	416,600	(11,000)
Total Public Works				**($11,000)**

Ms. Weaver moved the following changes to **General Fund Expenditures – Greenbelt CARES**. Ms. Pope seconded; the motion passed 7-0.

Greenbelt CARES				
510	**Youth Service Bureau**	**From**	**To**	**Change**
530	Service Coordinator Program	541,600	561,600	20,000
Total Greenbelt CARES				**$20,000**

Ms. Weaver moved the following changes to **General Fund Expenditures – Recreation and**

Parks. Ms. Knesel seconded; the motion passed 7-0.

Recreation and Parks				
Description				
610	Recreation Administration	**From**	**To**	**Change**
660	Community Center	1,590,100	1,562,000	**(28,100)**
670	Therapeutic Recreation	733,600	809,600	76,000
Total Recreation and Parks				**$47,900**

Ms. Weaver moved the following changes to **General Fund Expenditures – Miscellaneous – Grants & Contributions**. Ms. Pope seconded; the motion passed 7-0.

Miscellaneous - Grants & Contributions				
910	Grants & Contributions	**From**	**To**	**Change**
920	Greenbelt Connection	$221,300	$223,300	$2,000
Total Grants & Contributions				**$2,000**

Ms. Weaver moved the following changes to **General Fund Expenditures – Non-Departmental**. Ms. Pope seconded; the motion passed 7-0.

Non-Departmental				
		From	**To**	**Change**
72	Unallocated Appropriations	67,000	92,000	25,000
Total Non-Departmental				**$25,000**

Ms. Weaver moved the following changes to **General Fund Expenditures – Total General Fund Expenditures**. Ms. Pope seconded; the motion passed 6-1. (Mr. Roberts)

Total General Fund Expenditures	$37,906,700	$38,016,000	**$109,300**

An Ordinance to Adopt the General Fund, Building Capital Reserve Fund, Cemetery Fund, Debt Service Fund, Replacement Fund, Special Project Fund, Green Ridge House Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Community Development Block Grant Fund, and Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund Budgets for the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to Appropriate Funds and Establish Real Estate and Personal Property Tax

Rates for the Fiscal Year 2025 Beginning July 1, 2024, and including June 30, 2025: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Weaver introduced the ordinance for first reading and moved suspension of the rules in order to allow second reading and passage of the ordinance tonight. Ms. Pope seconded the motion.

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

Ms. Weaver introduced the ordinance for second reading and moved that it be adopted. Ms. Pope seconded.

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

The ordinance was declared adopted (Ordinance No. 1393, Book 12).

Council thanked the City Manager, staff, and residents for their contributions during the budget process. They acknowledged the City Manager for presenting a well-crafted budget that does not raise property taxes for City residents.

Mr. Salmerón thanked Council for their engagement and commitment throughout the budget process.

Presentation of Comcast Franchise Agreement: Council discussed the proposed 10-year renewal agreement with Comcast, aiming to secure a robust franchise that benefits municipalities and local media programming. Concerns were raised about the decreasing subscriber base for cable services and the potential impact on local media, with regulatory actions being considered to reinvest revenue from online streaming services. No action was taken. The agreement is pending the Mayor's signature.

Authorizing the City Manager to Redistribute Capital Funds and Authorized Concrete Projects in the Greenspring Communities: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mayor Jordan moved that Council authorize the City Manager to approve the redistribution of funds from the Street Survey Project to Miscellaneous Concrete and utilize approximately $200,000.00 to address concrete remediation work in and around Greenspring I/II. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: The Council briefly reviewed its list of activities.

Events between May 14 and May 29, 2024

May 14: MML Lunch and Learn: MML Digital Library (Weaver)
May 15: Coffee With a Cop (Weaver)
May 15: Transportation Planning Board meeting (Weaver
May 16: Prince George's County Municipal Association meeting (Jordan, Weaver)
May 17: Bike to Work Day (Jordan, McKinney, Pompi, Pope, Weaver)
May 17: Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee meeting (Pompi)
May 17: Choreography Club Showcase (McKinney, Pompi, Weaver)
May 19: Arts Advisory Board Happy Hour (Jordan, Pompi, Weaver)
May 19: Connecting Across Greenbelt - Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers (Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pompi, Weaver)
May 19: St. Hugh's Afternoon Tea (Jordan, Pope)
May 19: Mishkan Torah Open House (Pompi, Weaver)
May 20: PGCMA Legislative Committee meeting (Jordan, Pompi)
May 21: "The City" Screening and Greenbelt Community Orchestra performance (Knesel, Pompi, Pope, Weaver)
May 22: Metro Washington Air Quality Committee meeting (Weaver)
May 23: Greenbelt Business Alliance Happy Hour (Jordan, Pompi)
May 23: MNCPPC Historic Preservation Reception (Jordan)
May 23: Maryland Black Mayors Association meeting (Jordan)
May 25: Invasives Removal - Bush Honeysuckle (Pompi)
May 25: Greenbelt Animal Shelter Public Open Hours (Pompi)
May 25: American Legion Picnic (Pope)
May 27: American Legion Memorial Day Ceremony (Jordan, Pompi, Pope, Roberts)
May 28: Greenbelt Advisory Committee for Environmental Sustainability meeting (Weaver)

COUNCIL REPORTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The Mayor adjourned the Regular Meeting on June 3, 2024, at 8:48 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 3, 2024.

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor