

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held November 17, 2025.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Frankie Santos Fritz, Amy E. Knesel, Danielle P. McKinney, Jenni A. Pompei, Silke I. Pope, Kristen L.K. Weaver, and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

ALSO PRESENT were Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Timothy George, Assistant City Manager; Dawane Martinez, Human Resources Director (virtual); John Mason, Economic Development Manager; Zihan Chen, Economic Development Intern; Luisa Robles, Sustainability Coordinator; Michael Canavan, Public Works Electrician; Jamarie Spencer, Production Assistant; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of Former Greenbelt resident Yvonne Lee Moore Morrison; Greenbelt Residents Ole Hass, Michael Jason Rawley, Boneta “Bonnie” Sue Staughton, Donald “Mac” Wirick, Elizabeth Krystyna Balcer-Kubiczek.

Mayor Pro Tem Weaver then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and Councilmember Knesel recited the Greenbelt Community Pledge.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Trent Leon-Lierman, resident, requested an update regarding the petition unionization of the Public Works Department.

Susan Smithers, resident, expressed concerns about cellular service issues within the City and suggested that Council schedule a public meeting with all carriers.

Bill Orleans, resident, stated that he looks forward to the charter amendment on collective bargaining for the Public Works Department.

Adam Green, resident and member of the Piscataway Indian Nation, requested that Council read the full report submitted to the Assistant City Manager on behalf of the Reparations Commission and take action.

Nick Lianos, resident, noted the need for cell towers in Old Greenbelt, particularly near the elementary school on Ridge Road.

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Weaver to remove “Meetings” and add it to the agenda as item #23, and seconded by Councilmember Knesel to approve the consent agenda as amended. The motion passed 6-0-1. (Councilmember Fritz abstained)

Council thereby took the following actions:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advisory Planning Board Report #2025-03—Traffic Calming Study: Greenbelt Center City: Council accepted this report.

Advisory Planning Board Report #2025-04—Hanover Parkway Traffic Calming Needs: Council accepted this report.

Advisory Committee on Education Report #25-4—Approval of Grant Request: Council accepted this report.

Advisory Committee on Education Report#25-5—Approval of up to \$9,994 Grants for Emergency Food Assistance Programs: Council accepted this report.

APPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE: Council appointed Nicole Brown to the Advisory Planning Board.

EMPLOYEE SPECIAL HOLIDAY: Council approved the floating holiday for city employees.

AUTHORIZATION FOR CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE COMPUTER REPLACEMENT AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASES: Council approved the purchase.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Councilmember Pompei to special order item # 19, “Update on Collective Bargaining Petition by Public Works Employees,” to #11, and seconded by Councilmember Pope to amend the agenda. Councilmember Pompei moved to approve the agenda as amended. Councilmember Fritz seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Municipal Government Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan proclaimed the month of November as Municipal Government Month. Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Timothy George, Assistant City Manager; John Mason, Economic Development Manager; Zihan Chen, Economic Development Intern; Luisa Robles, Sustainability Coordinator; Michael Canavan, Public Works Electrician; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, were present to accept the proclamation.

National American Indian Heritage Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan proclaimed November National American Indian Heritage Month. Adam Green of the Piscataway Indian Nation accepted the proclamation.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. Salmerón reported on the record voter turnout in the recent election, the public safety employee awards ceremony, and the approval of grant funds for emergency food assistance. He also noted the installation of dual-port EV charging stations and stated that software issues are currently being addressed. Mr. Salmerón further discussed rising energy prices and the upcoming need to renew energy contracts. He announced that a six-person crew has been assigned to the

Berwyn Heights Fire Station and that plans are to staff additional stations, including Greenbelt, with new recruits. He also reviewed the recent election results, acknowledged the work of the City Clerk and the Board of Elections, noted the implementation of ranked-choice voting, and suggested mailing all mail-in ballots at once, pending Council direction.

Mr. Salmerón addressed concerns regarding intimidation in the workplace related to a Public Works unionization effort and committed to scheduling a work session to discuss a potential charter amendment on collective bargaining. Council expressed frustration regarding delays in receiving draft charter amendment language and discussed the need for management training in communication and conflict resolution.

LEGISLATION:

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Implement Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Fees and Operating Procedures for EV Charging Stations at the Municipal Building: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mayor Pro Tem Weaver introduced the resolution for first reading. This item will appear on the next meeting agenda for second reading and adoption.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Update on Collective Bargaining Petition by Public Works Employees: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mr. Salmerón provided an update to the Council regarding the petition by Public Works employees for collective bargaining, noting that the attorney is preparing draft legislation for discussion at the next Council meeting on December 8. He also discussed proceeding with the charter amendment process while addressing ongoing management issues, including plans for anti-harassment training and additional action on pending complaints.

Approval of the Economic Development Strategic Plan: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

John Mason, Economic Development Manager, presented a PowerPoint to Council focused on Greenbelt's Strategic Plan, emphasizing economic development, business retention, and branding strategies. Council members and attendees praised the comprehensive and accessible nature of the plan, noting its measurable goals and collaborative approach.

The discussion included business retention initiatives, contractor support, and the establishment of roundtables to promote collaboration among local businesses. Participants also discussed the effectiveness of outreach tools, including email campaigns and the use of a CRM system to strengthen communication and identify business trends.

Mayor Pro Tem Weaver moved that Council approve the economic development strategic plan (EDSP). Mayor Jordan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Parking Regulations for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at the Municipal Building: Mayor read the agenda comments. Mr. Salmerón provided the Council with an update on a draft ordinance regarding parking regulations for electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. He reviewed the proposed regulations for designated EV charging spaces, including enforcement options and

fine amounts, and explained that, while non-EV vehicles parked in EV spaces can be addressed under state law, establishing a city ordinance would allow for additional regulations and generate revenue for the General Fund. The draft ordinance is scheduled for introduction at first reading during the December 8 Council meeting.

Stop Sign Camera Request for Proposal (RFP) Update: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mr. Salmerón provided the Council with an update regarding stop sign cameras. He reported that, after piloting different technologies, including a second pilot with a new vendor, the city will seek competitive proposals through an RFP process due to market changes, with a contract to be presented to the Council in January.

Legislative Support Services Contracts Approval: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Councilmember Pompei moved that the Council authorize the City Manager to execute the contracts with Carrington & Associates, LLC., for state legislation and LA Perez, LLC for Prince George's County legislation. Councilmember Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Legislative Priorities: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mayor Pro Tem Weaver moved that Council approve the following two projects for 2026 Bond Bill consideration: 1) Buddy Attick Park Walking Trail and Stage (\$300,000) and 2) Schrom Hills Park Athletic Field Lights (\$400,000). Councilmember Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Council Liaison Assignments for Advisory Groups: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mayor Jordan moved that the following Councilmembers be assigned as Council liaisons to the City's advisory boards and committees:

- Advisory Committee on Education – Councilmember Pompei
- Advisory Planning Board – Councilmember McKinney
- Arts Advisory Board – Councilmember Fritz
- Community Relations Advisory Board – Councilmember Pompei
- Forest Preserve Advisory Board – Councilmember Knesel
- Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability – Mayor Pro Tem Weaver
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board – Mayor Pro Tem Weaver
- Public Safety Advisory Committee – Councilmember Pope
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee – Councilmember Pope
- Youth Advisory Committee – Councilmember McKinney

Councilmember Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Charter Review Task Force Nominations: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Councilmember Pompei moved that Council nominate the nine applicants in the Council packet to the Charter Review Task Force. Councilmember McKinney seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) Membership Dues: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mayor Pro Tem Weaver moved to table the item until the next Council meeting on December 8. Councilmember Fritz seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Council Letter to PGCPs regarding Community Engagement: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Council directed staff to draft a letter to PGCPs to collaborate with the Council on community engagement efforts, to be presented for approval at the next Council meeting on December 8.

COUNCIL REPORTS: Councilmember Pompe reported that she was nominated by the Council of Governments, with the appointment process taking place this Friday, to chair the Chesapeake Bay Water Policy Committee. She indicated that the appointment will then be forwarded to the board for official approval.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

Events between November 4 and November 17, 2025

- 05 November: Advisory Planning Board Meeting (McKinney)
- 06 November: Greenbelt Rotary Club (Weaver)
- 06 November: Indian Creek Trail Master Planning Meeting (Jordan, McKinney, Pope, Weaver)
- 06 November: Four Cities Meeting (Jordan, McKinney, Pompe, Pope, Weaver)
- 08 November: Emancipation Day Program Part 2: Sankofa Mobile History Museum (Jordan, McKinney, Pompe)
- 11 November: Veterans Day Ceremony (Fritz, Jordan, McKinney, Pompe, Pope, Weaver)
- 13 November: Greenbelt Rotary Club Evening Presentation (Weaver)
- 13 November: Public Safety Town Hall at Springhill Lake Recreation Center (Jordan, McKinney, Pompe)
- 13 November: Prince George's County Municipal Association (Jordan)
- 14 November: 35th Annual Public Safety Officer of the Year Awards Banquet (Fritz, Jordan, McKinney, Pompe, Pope, Weaver)
- 15 November: Dora Kennedy French Immersion School Diabetes 3K/5K Run/Walk (Fritz, Jordan, McKinney, Pompe, Pope, Weaver)
- 15 November: Sen. Washington's Dad's & Daughters Safety Summit (Jordan)
- 15 November: DMV Iron Gym Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting, Greenway Center (Fritz, Jordan, McKinney, Pompe, Pope, Weaver)
- 15 November: Save As You Throw Q&A Webinar (Weaver)
- 15 November: Beltway Plaza Fashion Show (Weaver)
- 15 November: Reparations Commission Town Hall (Fritz, Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pompe, Weaver)
- 16 November: Greenbelt Community Orchestra Concert (Weaver)
- 17 November: Joint Metro Washington Council of Governments/Metro Board Meeting (Jordan)
- 17 November: Agenda Planning (Jordan, Weaver)

MEETING LIST: Council reviewed and approved the revised meeting schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember McKinney and seconded by Councilmember Fritz. The motion carried 7-0. The Mayor adjourned the regular meeting of November 17, 2025, at 10:47 p.m.

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 November 17, 2025.

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor