

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held on May 12, 2025

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; Rick Bowers, Police Chief; Terri Hruby, Planning Director; Greg Varda, Recreation Director; Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, Environmental Coordinator; Cary Eure, Grants Coordinator; Jamarie Spencer, Public Information Producer; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of resident June Anne McEvoy, Catherine Dorsch-Beller, former Greenbelter Ronald (Ron) Lynn Kolbe, and Robert “Bob” Musterman Jr., former Greenbelt Police Officer.

Mr. Roberts then led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Ms. Knesel read the Greenbelt Community Pledge.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Lore Rosenthal, a resident, requested that the City send an email to address the longstanding issue of the handicap-accessible exit at the Greenbelt Post Office, which has not been functioning for some time.

Bill Orleans, a resident, reiterated his ongoing concern regarding the statute allowing the allocation of funds during closed sessions, consistent with his comments from prior meetings.

Thomas LeaMond, a resident, followed up on his previous request for the installation of a bike rack at Roosevelt Center.

CONSENT AGENDA: Ms. Pompei moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Knesel seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Work Session, January 29, 2020

Work Session, October 19, 2020

Work Session, November 2, 2020

Work Session, December 21, 2020

Approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board of Elections, Report 2025-01 (Allowing Sixteen-Year-Olds to Serve As Election Day Poll Workers): Council accepted the report.

Board of Elections, Report 2025-02 (Draft Referendum Questions on Proposed Four-Year Council Terms): Council accepted the report.

Board of Elections, Report 2025-03 (Draft Referendum Question on Drawing Districts for Council Elections): Council accepted the report.

STAKEHOLDER LIST: Council approved the stakeholders list.

SPRINGHILL LAKE RECREATION CENTER - TILE FLOOR REPLACEMENT: Council authorized the City Manager to execute contracts for the replacement of the floor tile at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center in the amount of \$15,600.

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CAMERA TRAILER CONTRACT: Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with ECAMSECURE for \$31,090.00 for the replacement unit.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Memorial Day Poppy Presentation

The Mayor presented a proclamation recognizing the American Legion Post 136 Memorial Day commemoration, with officers and members of the American Legion Auxiliary attending the meeting and making a presentation honoring those who died in combat while serving in the armed forces.

Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) Grant Award Presentation

Matthew Peter of the Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) presented a grant award check in the amount of \$4,317 to the Police Department to support attendance at a Use of Force Conference for continued training and professional development.

Mental Health Awareness Month

Mayor Jordan presented a proclamation declaring May as Mental Health Awareness Month, which was accepted by Serina Eckwood, Board President of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Prince George's County.

Jewish American Heritage Month Proclamation

Mayor Jordan presented a proclamation declaring May as Jewish American Heritage Month, which was accepted by community members and Karen Knee, Mishkan Torah representative.

Public Hearing - FY 2026 Proposed Budget

The City Council recessed its Regular Meeting to hold the final Public Hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, presented by the City Manager and reviewed in seven work sessions, during which residents had the opportunity to provide comments, with adoption scheduled for June 2, 2025.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Josué Salmerón provided an update on recent city activities and events, discussed the EV Plan and implementation strategies, gave a brief update on street lighting with PEPCO during the Four Cities meeting, and noted façade improvement grant funding at Roosevelt Center.

LEGISLATION:

A Resolution Affirming the City of Greenbelt's Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Pompei introduced the resolution for first reading. It will appear on the next meeting agenda for second reading and adoption.

A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Professional Design Services and Community Engagement for the Development of a Master Plan for Indian Creek Park from Mahan Rykiel Associates, Inc. At A Cost Not to Exceed \$25,600.00, and an Additional Allowance Not to Exceed \$7,000.00 for Procurement of Engineering Support Services from the City's On-Call Engineer: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Weaver introduced the resolution for first reading. It will appear on the next meeting agenda for second reading and adoption.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Acceptance of Report and Results of 2023 Community Questionnaire: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mr. George presented the 2023 Community Election Survey to Council; Ms. Weaver moved to refer the survey questions to the Community Relations Advisory Board for review, seconded by Ms. Pope. Ms. Pompei moved to accept the survey results, seconded by Ms. Pope. The motion passed 7-0.

Approval of the Buddy Attick Master Plan: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mr. Varda presented the 2025 Buddy Attick Park Master Plan, replacing the 1992 plan. Mayor Jordan moved to approve the Buddy Attick Master Plan. Ms. Pompei seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

FY2026 Program Open Space Annual Program: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Hruby presented the FY2026 Program Open Space Annual Program. Ms. Pompei moved that Council approve the proposed FY 2026 Program Open Space Annual Program, which includes the Greenbelt Station Outdoor Recreation Amenities project and the Greenbelt Youth Center Roof Replacement & Patio Improvement Project, totaling \$1,350,000 in POS funding and a \$150,000 City match. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 6-1. (Mr. Roberts)

Presentation of Fleet and Equipment Electrification Plan: Ms. Weaver moved that this item be tabled until the next meeting. Ms. Pompei seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Authorization for City Manager to Execute Speed Camera Contract: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Chief Bowers presented the Police Department's recommendation to authorize the City Manager to enter into a new contract with Altumint Inc. for the automated speed enforcement program, noting cost-saving measures that reduce the annual program expense from \$235,200 to \$167,952. Ms. Pompei moved that Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a new contract. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 6-1. (Mr. Roberts)

Maryland Municipal League (MML) 2025 Legislative Action Requests (LAR): Council agreed to move this item to the next meeting agenda for discussion.

Council Activities: Events between April 29 and May 12, 2025

- 29 April: Greenbelt Armory Public Engagement Session (Jordan, McKinney, Pompei, Weaver)
- 29 April: Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (Pope)
- 1 May: Greenbelt Rotary Club (Weaver)
- 1 May: May Day Rally (Weaver)
- 1 May: Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority Better Bus Briefing (Jordan)
- 1 May: Lakeland Community Center Rededication Ceremony (Weaver)
- 1 May: Four Cities Meeting (Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)
- 2 May: Maryland Municipal League (MML) Board Meeting (Jordan)
- 3 May: Arthritis Walk (McKinney, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)
- 3 May: Prince George's County Lynching Memorial Project Racial Justice Essay and Creative Arts Contest Awards (Jordan, McKinney, Pompei, Weaver)
- 3 May: Three Sisters Garden Workshop (McKinney, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)
- 3 May: The SPACE Free Comic Book Day/Black Authors Event (Weaver)
- 3 May: Greenbelt-Beltsville Garden Club - Annual Plant Sale (Knesel, McKinney, Pope)
- 3 May: Greenbelt Cinema Tenth Anniversary Celebration (Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)
- 3 May: Berwyn Heights Day Parade (Pope)
- 4 May: Art Studio Open House (Pompi, Weaver)
- 4 May: Greenbelt Access Television Open House (Weaver)
- 4 May: Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Dance Concert (Jordan, McKinney, Pompei, Pope)
- 6 May: Public Safety Advisory Committee (Pope)
- 6 May: MML Conference Planning Committee (Pompi)
- 7 May: Metro Washington Council of Governments Audit Committee (Jordan)
- 7 May: Maryland Mayors Association Executive Board Hearing (Jordan)
- 8 May: Greenbelt Homes Incorporated Annual Meeting (Jordan, Knesel, Pope)
- 8 May: Reparations Commission Virtual Training with African American Redress Network (Jordan, McKinney, Weaver)
- 8 May: Eleanor Roosevelt High School Band Spring Concert (Pompi)
- 10 May: Coffee Chat with School Board Member Briggs (Jordan, Knesel, Pompei, Weaver)
- 10 May: Walk for Wellbeing (Jordan, Pompei)
- 10 May: Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Indoor Yard Sale (Jordan, Weaver)
- 10-11 May: Green Man Festival (Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)

- 11 May: Farmer's Market Opening Day (Jordan, McKinney, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)
- 11 May: Greenbelt Station Tree Caging (Jordan)
- 12 May: National League of Cities Board of Directors meeting (Jordan)

Council Reports: None.

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule. Ms. Weaver moved to approve the meeting schedule. Mayor Jordan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

CLOSED SESSION: Ms. Weaver moved that Council move into closed session in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, in accordance with the General Provisions Article 3-305(b)(7) of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

The purpose of this meeting is 1) Obtain legal advice on an annexation matter

Ms. Pope seconded.

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

Ms. Weaver noted that Council would not return to open session.

Council moved into Closed Session at 10:10 p.m.

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 May 12, 2025.

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor