

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held on May 27, 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; Terri Hruby, Planning Director; Jaime Fearer, Community Planner; Gizelle Alvarez, Constituent Services Coordinator; Jamarie Spencer, Public Information Producer; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of residents Sandra “Sandy” Lee Zambreny, Margaret Warner, and Svend “Sven” Robert Schmidt, Jr.

Ms. McKinney then led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Ms. Weaver read the Greenbelt Community Pledge.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Bill Orleans, a resident, inquired about the accuracy of the Greenbelt News Review article regarding the amendment to the City Charter that addresses increased Council compensation.

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

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Work Session, June 15, 2020

Work Session, June 17, 2020

Work Session, June 27, 2020

Work Session, November 5, 2020

Work Session, November 30, 2020

Regular Meeting, October 14, 2024

Approved as presented.

STAKEHOLDER LIST: Council approved the stakeholders list.

Authorization for the City Manager to Approve Payment to Greenbelt Homes Inc. for Playground Maintenance: Council approved funding payment to GHI in the amount of \$28,388 for playground maintenance costs.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Older Americans Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan proclaimed May as Older Americans Month. The theme for 2025 is “Flip the Script on Aging.”

National Gun Violence Awareness Week Proclamation: Mayor Jordan proclaimed June 6–12, 2025, as National Gun Violence Awareness Week in the City of Greenbelt.

Administrative Reports:

City Manager Josué Salmerón provided updates on ongoing improvements in city services and community outreach, reminded the Council of the upcoming website upgrade, and highlighted emergency preparedness and staff coordination efforts.

LEGISLATION:

A Resolution Affirming the City of Greenbelt’s Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Resolution No. 2118): Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Pompei introduced the resolution for second reading and adoption. Ms. Knesel seconded. There was discussion.

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

The resolution was declared passed.

A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Design Services for Indian Creek Park Master Plan (Resolution No. 2119): Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Weaver introduced the resolution for second reading and adoption. Ms. Pompei seconded. There was discussion.

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

The resolution was declared passed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Briefing on Prince George's County Transit Vision Plan: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Fearer was present to provide Council with an update on the transit vision plan. Ms. Weaver moved that Council submit a comment letter summarizing feedback. Mayor Jordan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Expedited Installation of Bicycle Rack at Roosevelt Center: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. McKinney suggested that the Advisory Planning Board recommend other sites within the city for installing bicycle racks. Ms. Hruby noted that the 2019 Bike Study was completed and that the Roosevelt Center was identified. Mayor Jordan moved that Council authorize the expedited installation of a hoop-style bicycle rack. Ms. Pompei seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Maryland Municipal League 2025 Legislative Action Requests (LAR): Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Council reviewed and discussed potential 2026 LARs for submission. Mayor Jordan moved that Council submit the following showing interest in 1 through 3 listed on the memo:

- Funding for Juvenile Justice Reform – Appropriation and Socio-Economic Support;
- Regulating Online Streaming Services for Sustainable Local Media Funding; and
- Taxing Social Media Companies to Fund Youth Mental Health.

Ms. Pompei seconded the motion and suggested that Council reaffirm its opposition to the proposed MAGLEV project by resolution. The motion passed 7-0.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Events between May 13 and May 27, 2025

- 13 May: Greenbelt Access Television Animation Showcase (Pompi)
- 15 May: Bike to Work Day (Jordan, Weaver)
- 15 May: Maryland Municipal League Engagement and Outreach committee (Weaver)
- 16 May: County Councilmember Ingrid Watson Senior Luncheon, (Jordan, Knesel, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)
- 16 May: Ladies Auxiliary Shrimp Feast Fundraiser, Am. Legion #136 (Pope)
- 17 May: Greenbelt Job Fair (Pompi)
- 17 May: St. Jerome Institute Spring Gala, St. Hughs School (Jordan, Pope)
- 17 May: Greenbelt Police Department Wellness Walk (Jordan, Knesel, Pope, Pompei, Weaver)
- 18 May: Ladies of Charity Memorial Tea at St. Hughs (Jordan, Pope)
- 18 May: Mishkan Torah Lag B'Omer Fun and Field Day (Pompi, Weaver)
- 18 May: Greenbelt Collaborative Opportunities for Resilience and Enduring Solutions (CORES) Task Force Meeting (Jordan, Pompei)
- 19 May: Greenbelt Middle School Fundraiser, Chipotle (Pope)
- 19 May: Maryland Department of Transportation, Transportation Planning Board prep meeting (Weaver)
- 21 May: Transportation Planning Board (Weaver)
- 21 May: Great Food Transition Project/Universal Meals Dinner (Knesel, McKinney, Weaver)
- 22 May: Springhill Lake Elementary School International Night (Pompi, Pope, Weaver)
- 22 May: Prince George's County Municipal Association Board Meeting (Pompi, Weaver)
- 22 May: Prince George's County Municipal Association monthly meeting (Pompi, Pope, Weaver)

- 23 May: Asian American and Pacific Islander Artist Reception (Jordan, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)
- 23 May: Choreography Club performance (Jordan, McKinney, Weaver)
- 23 May: Eagle Scout Court of Honor (Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)
- 26 May: Memorial Day Ceremony (Jordan, Pompei, Pope, Roberts, Weaver)

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Transportation Planning Board meeting on May 21, 2025 (Report submitted by Ms. Weaver).

MEETINGS: Council approved the meetings schedule.

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. Knesel 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 9:13 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 27, 2025.

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor