

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held on July 14, 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, Rodney M. Roberts, Kristen L.K. Weaver, and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

Councilmember Silke I. Pope was absent due to travel.

ALSO PRESENT were Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Rick Bowers, Police Chief; Brian Kim, Public Works Director; Ryan Sigworth, Community Planner; Trevin Green, Community Center Supervisor; Carrie Hannigan, Administrative Assistant; Adam Daelemans, Community Center Coordinator; Ruth Campbell, Administrative Assistant; Chondria Andrews, Public Information Officer; Jamarie Spencer, Public Information Producer; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor Richard (Rick) I. Marcus, Alan Ralph Huff, Henry Haslinger, Mary Emma Hooper, and Katja Pottschmidt

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

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS: There were no formal petitions and requests received requiring immediate Council action.

CONSENT AGENDA: Ms. Weaver moved to approve the Consent Agenda, with the removal of the Work Session minutes for November 29, 2021. Ms. Pompei seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Work Session, December 28, 2020
Work Session, February 1, 2021
Work Session, July 14, 2021
Work Session, August 11, 2021
Work Session, August 23, 2021
Work Session, August 30, 2021
Work Session, September 20, 2021
Work Session, October 4, 2021
Work Session, November 15, 2021
Work Session, December 6, 2021
Work Session, December 8, 2021
Work Session, December 20, 2021
Work Session, January 29, 2024
Regular Meeting, January 13, 2025
Regular Meeting, January 27, 2025

Regular Meeting, February 10, 2025
Approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advisory Planning Board Report #2025-02: Mandatory Referral, 9001 Edmonston Road, Prince George's County, Outpatient Replacement Facility: Council accepted the report.

Authorization for City Manager to Execute Motorola Service Agreement for Police Radio Communications: Council authorized the City Manager to execute the FY26 annual service contract with Motorola Solutions for the maintenance of police radio equipment in the amount of \$27,275.10.

MEETINGS: Council approved the meeting schedule.

STAKEHOLDER LIST: Council approved the stakeholders list.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Parks and Recreation Proclamation: Mayor Jordan proclaimed July 2025 Parks and Recreation Month in Greenbelt. Trevin Green, Community Center Supervisor, along with recreation staff, accepted the proclamation.

New Deal Café New Liquor License: John Campanile provided the Council with an update on the new liquor license request from New Deal Café to upgrade from a Class C to a Class B license, which will be heard by the Prince George's County Liquor Board on July 22nd.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

The minutes of the Work Session on November 29, 2021, were removed from the consent agenda. The city clerk will review and revise the minutes to be placed on the next meeting agenda for approval.

Statement of Record – Closed Session of June 18, 2025: Ms. Weaver moved that in accordance with 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 Council met in closed session on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 9:33 p.m., in the Council Chambers. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1), and (10) of the General Provision 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 discuss

public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including:

- (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and
- (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans.

The purpose of this meeting: 1) to discuss personnel matters and 2) to discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including the development and implementation of emergency plans.

Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Knesel	X			
Ms. McKinney	X			
Ms. Pompei	X			
Ms. Pope				X
Mr. Roberts		X		
Ms. Weaver	X			
Mayor Jordan	X			

Staff member present: Josué Salmerón, City Manager until 10:10 pm.

Other individuals were in attendance: None.

Ms. McKinney seconded.

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

Statement of Record – Closed Session of June 30, 2025: Ms. Weaver moved that in accordance with 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 Council met in closed session on Monday, June 30, 2025, at 9:20 p.m., in the Council Chambers. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(3), and (7) of the General Provision Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland 1) to consider the acquisition of real

property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; and 2) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

The purpose of this meeting: 1) to discuss the acquisition of real estate and 2) to consult with legal counsel.

Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Knesel	X			
Ms. McKinney	X			
Ms. Pompei	X			
Ms. Pope	X			
Mr. Roberts		X		
Ms. Weaver	X			
Mayor Jordan	X			

Staff member present: Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Terri Hruby, Director of Planning; John Mason, Economic Development Manager; Jason De Loach, City Solicitor (virtual).

Ms. Pompei seconded.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

City Manager Salmeron reported on the successful and well-attended Fourth of July celebration, highlighting the coordinated efforts of multiple City departments, and provided updates on recent initiatives, including a successful nonprofit roundtable, resolution of a funding issue for Green Ridge House, progress on construction and infrastructure projects, and the status of the Safe Streets for All Grant agreement, noting delays resulting from federal policy changes.

LEGISLATION:

A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein when Total Fiscal Year Purchases from each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Pompei introduced the resolution for first reading. This legislation will appear on the next meeting agenda for second reading and adoption.

A Resolution to Implement "Save As You Throw" (SAYT) Program and Adjust Solid Waste Collection Fees: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Council discussed the implementation of a Save As You Throw (SAYT) solid waste pilot program, with Dr. Robles introducing an additional proposal, and decided to table the SAYT program for further discussion at the August meeting to allow for additional public input and clarification of the proposed options.

Ms. Weaver moved to table this legislation until the August 11, 2025, council meeting for first reading suspension of the rules, second reading, and adoption. Ms. Pompei seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mandatory Referral, 9001 Edmonston Road, Prince George's County, Outpatient Replacement Facility: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mr. Sigworth presented a proposal to remodel the existing building for medical office use, including accessibility improvements and the addition of EV charging stations, and to conduct a traffic study in response to concerns regarding increased vehicle trips; Council noted that although the project exceeds the vehicle trip threshold, the traffic study scheduled for July 20, with a potential Planning Board review in October, should help determine if the roadways can accommodate the additional traffic, particularly given the nearby schools' impact on traffic patterns.

Mayor Jordan moved that Council transmit a letter with comments on the Mandatory Referral. Ms. Weaver seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

FY26 Roadworks & Miscellaneous Concrete Approval: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mr. Kim presented an overview of the project, outlining the proposed timeline, estimated quantities, and planned improvements to bike lanes, crosswalks, and parking areas; Council concurred with initiating the project after Labor Day to avoid conflicts with the Labor Day Festival and discussed potential modifications to bike lanes and crosswalks in coordination with the Planning Department.

Ms. Weaver moved that Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with VMP Construction to complete resurfacing work on Crescent Road (Lastner Lane to Southway), the Youth Center Maintenance Road, and the parking lots at the Municipal Building and Community Center, with funding allocated in the amount of \$1,000,000 for street resurfacing and \$150,000 for miscellaneous concrete work. Ms. Knesel seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Authorization for City Manager to Purchase Police Vehicle(s): Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Chief Bowers provided to Council a brief overview for the replacement of three vehicles.

Ms. Pompei moved that Council authorize the City Manager to purchase two Ford Police Interceptor Hybrid SUVs and one Chevrolet Blazer EV from Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc., under Howard County Contract No. 4400004546, for a total cost of \$148,045, and to approve vehicle upfitting by Frontline Mobile Tech for all three vehicles at a cost of \$68,076, for a combined total expenditure of \$216,121. Ms. Knesel seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

SPECIAL ORDER: Ms. Weaver moved to special order #19, "Discussion of the Board of Elections memo regarding Charter Amendment language for qualified candidates," as the next item. Mayor Jordan seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Discussion of the Board of Elections memo regarding Charter Amendment language for qualified candidates: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Steve Gilbert, Chair of the Greenbelt Board of Elections, reported a potential inconsistency in the City Charter regarding candidate qualifications for non-citizens. Council discussed the matter following the Board's concerns but, based on legal counsel's advice and timing constraints, agreed to proceed with issuing candidate packets as scheduled on August 18, with the issue to be revisited at a later date if necessary. No action was taken.

SPECIAL ORDER: Mayor Jordan moved to special order #18, "Discussion about Lowering the Minimum Age for Election Workers to 16," as the next item. Ms. McKinney seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Discussion about Lowering the Minimum Age for Election Workers to 16: Mayor Jordan requested this item to be added to the agenda for discussion. Council discussed lowering the minimum age for election workers to 16. Mayor Jordan moved that Council approve lowering the age for election workers to 16. Ms. McKinney seconded. The motion passed 5-1. (Mr. Roberts)

Discussion of Legislative Support Services: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Council discussed legislative support services following the expiration of the contract with Carrington Associates and the Prince George's County Municipal Association's decision to discontinue advocacy services, and agreed to explore a multi-provider model using separate consultants for state and county matters, similar to the City of College Park's approach. Council directed staff to develop a survey to define the scope of work and legislative priorities, consider potential partnerships with other municipalities, and improve the organization and monitoring of legislative activity and advocacy efforts. No action taken.

Discussion to Replace the Senior Lounge Furniture: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Pompei moved that Council approve the replacement of furniture in the Senior Lounge, in an amount not to exceed \$4,000 from Council Miscellaneous Funds, to refurnish the space with ten lounge chairs (including two oversized chairs), four end tables, one coffee table, one area rug, a television monitor, and decorative plants. Ms. Weaver seconded. The motion passed 4-2. (Mayor Jordan and Mr. Roberts)

Discussion to Expand Warming/Cooling Center: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Pompei requested that the City explore opportunities to expand warming and cooling centers, including potential partnerships with local businesses and organizations to increase accessibility citywide. Council acknowledged existing emergency preparedness plans and noted the need to enhance coordination with the County and update emergency planning scenarios.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Events between June 17 and July 14, 2025

- 18 June: Transportation Planning Board (Weaver)
- 18 June: Great Food Transition Project Community Meal (Weaver)
- 18 June: Park and Recreation Advisory Board (Weaver)
- 18 June: Greenbelt Healthcare Business Roundtable (Jordan, Weaver)
- 19 June: County Executive Inauguration (Jordan)
- 21 June: St. Hugh's Rummage Sale (Jordan, Weaver)
- 21 June: Councilmember Ingrid Watson Community Health Fair (Jordan, Pompei, Weaver)
- 21 June: Greenbelt Jazz Festival (Weaver)
- 21 June: Juneteenth/Pride Community Film Screening of "Rustin" (Weaver)
- 21 June: "Loving Kindness" Community Gathering (Weaver)
- 21 June: Greenbelt Grows planning meeting (McKinney)
- 22 June – 25 June: Maryland Municipal League Summer Conference (Jordan, McKinney, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)
- 24 June: Governor Moore briefing on Sanctuary City status (Jordan)
- 24 June: Greenbelt Advisory Committee for Environmental Sustainability (Weaver)
- 24 June: Maryland Black Mayors Association Reception (Jordan)
- 25 June: Councilmember Watson Municipal Breakfast (Jordan, McKinney, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)
- 26 June: Greenbelt Rotary Club (Weaver)
- 26 June: Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting (Jordan)
- 27 June: Little Pink Pantry ribbon cutting (Jordan, McKinney, Weaver)
- 27 June: Councilmember Watson District 4 Business Breakfast (Jordan, Pompei, Weaver)
- 30 June: Agenda Planning meeting with City Manager (Jordan, Weaver)
- 30 June: National League of Cities Finance Committee (Jordan)
- 01 July: Greenbelt Police Department officer swearing-in (Jordan)
- 03 July: Creative Kids Camp performance (Weaver)
- 03 July: Greenbelt Rotary Club (Weaver)
- 04 July: Fourth of July Festivities at Buddy Attick Park, including reading of the Declaration of Independence (Jordan, Knesel, Pope, Weaver)
- 06 July: Greenbelt Collaborative Opportunities for Resilience and Enduring Solutions (CORES) Task Force meeting (Jordan)
- 07 July: Agenda Planning meeting with City Manager (Jordan, Weaver)
- 09 July: Golden Age Club (Weaver)
- 09 July: Berwyn Heights public hearing (Pompi)
- 10 July: Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Alliance meeting (Weaver)

- 10 July: Greenbelt Rotary Club evening presentation series (Weaver)
- 11 July: Meeting with Pastor Cione from Trinity Church (Jordan)
- 11 July: Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee (Pompi)
- 11 July: Metro Washington Council of Governments Human Services Committee (McKinney)
- 12 July: CJ Migrants Soccer Tournament (Jordan)
- 12 July: Peace Cross 100th Anniversary (Jordan)
- 13 July: Greenbelt Farmers Market (Pompi, Weaver)
- 14 July: Sustainable Maryland Executive Committee (Weaver)

COUNCIL REPORTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The Mayor adjourned the regular meeting of July 14, 2025, at 10:14 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 July 14, 2025.

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor