

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held August 11, 2025.

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

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Amy E. Knesel, Danielle P. McKinney, Jennifer A. Pompei, Silke I. Pope, Rodney M. Roberts, Kristen L.K. Weaver, and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

ALSO PRESENT were Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Terri Hruby, Planning Director; Brian Kim, Public Works Director; Brian Townsend, Public Works Assistant Director; Dr. Luisa Robles, Sustainability Coordinator; Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, Environmental Coordinator; Andrew Phalen, Recreation Assistant Director; Stephen Pasrk, GAFC Supervisor; Jamarie Spencer, Public Information Producer; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of residents James K. Giese, former City Manager; Ian Bennett Tuckman; William Askew; Douglas Michael Johnson; Gerald (Jerry) Roper, Sr.; Dr. Bernice Bloom Kastner; Marguerite Kincius; Patrick Carroll; and Pamela Lambird.

Ms. Pope then led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Mayor Jordan read the Greenbelt Community Pledge.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Michael Hartman, a resident, requested that sidewalk and walkway accessibility for residents with mobility challenges be incorporated into the current curb improvement work along Crescent Road.

Christine Wilkin, a resident, expressed concern regarding the Federal Administration's Mass Deportation Policy and formally requested that the City take a supportive stance in opposition to the policy.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Roberts requested that item (I), Approval of Campaign Signs on City Property, be removed and moved to the agenda as item #27 for discussion. It was moved by Ms. Pope and seconded by Ms. Pompei that the consent agenda be approved as amended. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

APPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE: Council appointed Joe Parks to the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB).

RESIGNATION FROM ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE: Council accepted Stephenie Arcido resignation from the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE).

REPLACEMENT OF VANDALIZED PLAYGROUND SLIDE: Council approved the purchase of a replacement slide from GameTime in the amount of \$17,731.35, with Windsor Green contributing \$4,432.84 in accordance with the City's MOU, and a claim has been submitted to LGIT for reimbursement.

NEW RECOGNITION GROUP BASIC CERTIFICATION REQUEST- GREENBELT BADMINTON CLUB: Council accepted PRAB's recommendation for approving the Greenbelt Badminton Club's request for Basic Certification status.

FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD REPORT #2025-02 - COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLANNING: Council accepted the report.

Board of Elections Report #2025-05 (Draft Referendum Questions: Four-Year Council Terms, Council Districts, Ranked Choice Voting): Council accepted the report and discussed it later with the chair Steven Gilbert later during this meeting.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

Work Session, February 5, 2024
Work Session, March 18, 2024
Work Session, April 17, 2024
Work Session, May 1, 2024
Work Session, May 6, 2024
Special Meeting, June 27, 2024
Special Meeting, July 8, 2024
Special Meeting, July 29, 2024
Work Session, July 29, 2024
Special Meeting, August 26, 2024
Work Session, October 7, 2024
Work Session, October 21, 2024
Work Session, November 29, 2024
Work Session, December 11, 2024
Work Session, December 16, 2024
Approved as presented.

ACCEPTANCE OF RECOMMENDATION FOR REMOVAL OF MEMBERS OF REPARATIONS COMMISSION: Council accepted the recommendation of the members of Reparations Commission to remove Yahshua Ford and Chelsea Barnes from the commission.

AUTHORIZATION FOR CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CLEAR BALLOT CONTRACT: Council authorized the city manager to execute an agreement with Clear Ballot Group, Inc. to provide ballot scanners, tabulation services, and ADA-compliant ballot marking devices for the November 4, 2025, City Election in an amount not to exceed \$24,000.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Knesel moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Update on Greenbelt Square/7010 Greenbelt Road Development Project: Jason Iannotti of Brunoclay and Angela Dimidis of NVR presented an overview of the proposed development

project at 7010 Greenbelt Road (Greenbelt Square). Their presentation covered key project details and the anticipated development timeline.

National Civility Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan presented a proclamation declaring August as National Civility Month.

Statement of Record – Closed Session of August 4, 2025: Mayor Pro Tem 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, that the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that the Council met in closed session on Monday, August 4, 2025, at 10:09 p.m., in the Council Chambers. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1), (3), (7) and (8) 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; 2) to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; and 3) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter; and 4) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

The purpose of this meeting: to discuss with staff and legal counsel about annexation; updates on personnel and legal issues; planning for city manager evaluation.

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 (until 10:47); Dawane Martinez, Director of Human Resources; Todd Pounds, City Solicitor (until 10:47).

No action taken.

Ms. Knesel seconded.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

City Manager Salmerón announced upcoming City events and activities, including the Labor Day Parade. He reported on the status of the Buddy Attick Park Picnic Area project and highlighted recent community engagement efforts, including National Night Out (NNO) events and the Save As You Throw Town Hall. He also thanked staff for their participation in the CCI Block Party and the voter engagement event.

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 this resolution for second reading and adoption.

Ms. Pope seconded.

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

A Resolution to Implement "Save As You Throw" (SAYT) Program and Adjust Solid Waste Collection Fees: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Weaver moved to introduce this resolution for first reading.

An Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Capital Projects Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, in the amount of one hundred thirty thousand eight hundred and forty-seven dollars (\$130,847) for additional Capital Projects Fund expenditures over the FY2026 appropriated amount: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Pompei moved to introduce this ordinance for first reading and suspension of the rules.

Mayor Jordan 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. Pompei moved to introduce this ordinance for second reading and suspension of the rules.

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

An Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Building Capital Reserve Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026, in the amount of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) for Emergency Re-Roofing of the Municipal Building, to be Funded from the City's General Fund Unassigned Cash Reserves: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Pompei moved to introduce this ordinance for first reading and suspension of the rules.

Ms. Pope seconded.

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

Ms. Pompei moved to introduce this ordinance for second reading and suspension of the rules.

Ms. Pope seconded.

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

Authorization for City Manager to Purchase New Fitness Equipment for the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Pope moved that Council authorize the City Manager to purchase new Matrix fitness equipment from Johnson Health Tech North America, Inc. at a price of \$46,999.50. Mayor Jordan seconded. During the discussion, concerns were raised regarding accessibility for people with disabilities. Ms. Weaver suggested tabling the item until the September 8 Council meeting.

Mayor Jordan moved to table the item, and Ms. Weaver seconded. The motion passed 6-1. (Ms. Pope)

Authorize City Manager to Execute Contract for 90% Engineering Design Plans for Hanover Parkway Bicycle Facility: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Hruby provided a brief update on this item. Mayor Jordan moved that Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for 90% engineering design plans for the Hanover Parkway Bicycle Facility with Brudis & Associates, Inc. (BAI) at a cost not to exceed \$374,194. Ms. Weaver seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Authorization for the City Manager to Purchase a New Refuse Truck to Replace the Public Works Case Freightliner with 25-Cubic-Yard Packer: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mr. Carpenter-Driscoll provided a brief overview of the purchase request. Ms. Weaver moved that Council authorize the City Manager to purchase one (1) 2026 Mack LR64 BE fully electric refuse truck from Potomac Truck Center, 3371 Kenilworth Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20781, using Sourcewell contract at a purchase price of \$692,529.00, plus an additional \$5,000 for warning lights and city stickering, for a total cost of \$697,529.00. Ms. Pompei seconded. The motion passed 6-1. (Mr. Roberts)

Authorization for the City Manager to Purchase a New Public Works Case Loader: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mr. Townsend provided a brief overview of the purchase request. Ms. Pompei moved that Council authorize the City Manager to purchase one (1) 2026 Case Loader 721G from GT Mid Atlantic, LLC, 6300 Crain Hwy, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772, using Sourcewell contract at a purchase price of \$279,157.75, including warning lights and city stickering at \$500, for a total of \$279,657.75. Ms. Knesel seconded. The motion passed 6-1. (Mr. Roberts)

Authorization for City Manager to Approve the Repair of Municipal Building Roof: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Knesel moved that Council authorize the City Manager to approve and execute the re-roof project, for an amount not to exceed \$34,650.00. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

SPECIAL ORDER: Ms. Pompei moved to special order #23, "Discussion on USDA Public Comment Period on Proposed Department Reorganization Plan" as the next item of business. Ms. Knesel seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Discussion on USDA Public Comment Period on Proposed Department Reorganization Plan: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Pompei moved that staff send comments on behalf of the Council. Mayor Jordan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Discussion of Referendum Questions for the 2025 City Council Election: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Steven Gilbert, chair of the Board of Elections, provided Council with an overview of draft referendum questions for Council's review concerning potential Charter amendments.

Ms. Weaver moved that Council approve the question of ranked choice voting to be added to the ballot as a referendum question. Ms. Pompei seconded. The motion passed 5-2. (Ms. Pope and Mr. Roberts)

Ms. Pope moved that Council approve adding the question of changing Council terms from two years to four years to the ballot as a referendum. Ms. McKinney seconded. The motion passed 4-3. (Ms. Knesel, Ms. Pompei, and Mr. Roberts)

Discussion on the Continuation of Curbside Food Scraps Collection and Local Compost Processing: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. City Manager Salmerón provided Council with an overview of the proposed options for resident participation in the City’s residential composting program.

Ms. Knesel moved that Council approve option 3, a \$10 monthly fee for residential participant contribution. Mayor Jordan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Knesel left the meeting at 11:38 pm.

Discussion on National Park Designation for Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, Patuxent Wildlife Refuge, and NASA Goddard Properties: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mr. Roberts requested that Council direct staff to draft a letter requesting consideration of designating these areas as a national park. Ms. Pompei seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS: None.

MEETINGS: Council approved the meetings schedule.

Council Activities: Events between July 15 and August 11, 2025

- 15 July: Tree Dedication at Buddy Attick for Kap Kapistan (Weaver)
- 16 July: National League of Cities Summer Leadership Meeting (Jordan, Weaver)
- 17 July: Community Relations Advisory Board (Pompi)
- 17 July: City Manager Check-in (Pompi)
- 19 July: Emerald City Pride (Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pompei)
- 19 July: “As You Like It” at Greenbelt Arts Center (Pompi)
- 20 July: Pride Community Potluck (Jordan, Pompei)

- 22 July: Share Our Strength, together gathering (Pompi)
- 22 July: Greenbelt Advisory Committee for Environmental Sustainability (Weaver)
- 24 July: Four Cities meeting (Jordan, Knesel, Pompei)
- 26 July: Community Meeting about the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (Jordan, McKinney, Pompei, Roberts)
- 26 July: Greenbelt Swim Team Banquet (Jordan, McKinney, Pompei)
- 29 July: Maryland Municipal League webinar (Pompi)
- 30 July: Medicaid Anniversary Town Hall (Jordan, Pompei)
- 30 July: Federal Contractors Town Hall (Jordan)
- 30 July: Maryland Black Mayors Meeting (Jordan)
- 30 July: Shifting Ground: Changes in Public Land Policies webinar (McKinney)
- 31 July: Greenbelt Museum Virtual Lecture about Lenore Thomas (Pompi, Weaver)
- 01 August: Maryland Municipal League Summer Symposium (McKinney, Pompei)
- 01 August: National League of Cities Transportation and Infrastructure Services committee (Weaver)
- 03 August: Artful Afternoon – Braden Field Sculpture Mosaic Tile Workshop (McKinney, Pompei)

- 04 August: Agenda Planning with City Manager (Jordan, Weaver)
- 04 August: African American Redress Network Interview (McKinney)
- 05 August: National Night Out (Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pompei, Weaver)
- 06 August: Greenbelt Business Alliance Coffee Connection (Jordan)
- 07 August: Mayors/City Managers meeting with Acting State's Attorney Tara Jackson (Jordan)
- 07 August: Police Officer's Oath of Office (Jordan)
- 07 August: Greenbelt Rotary Club (Weaver)
- 07 August: Save as You Throw Town Hall (Jordan, Pompei, Weaver)
- 08 August: Friends of the Greenbelt East Trail (Jordan, Weaver)
- 09 August: CCI Block Party (Jordan, Pompei, Weaver)
- 09 August: Greenbelt Elementary School Labor Day Festival Book Sale collection (Jordan, Pompei)
- 10 August: Motiva Public Sculpture Dedication (Jordan, Knesel, Pompei, Weaver)
- 10 August: Artful Afternoon – Braden Field Sculpture Mosaic Tile Workshop (Jordan, Knesel, Weaver)
- 11 August: Springhill Lake Elementary School & Dora Kennedy French Immersion School Meet & Greet/Building Tour (Jordan, McKinney, Pompei, Weaver)

Approval of Campaign Signs on City Property: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mayor Jordan moved that Council authorize the placement of campaign signs on designated public property locations for City Council elections. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 5-1. (Mr. Roberts)

ADJOURNMENT: The Mayor adjourned the regular meeting of August 11, 2025, at 11:49 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 August 11, 2025.

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor