

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held January 12, 2026.

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 (virtual), Jenni A. Pompei, Silke I. Pope, Kristen L.K. Weaver, and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

ALSO PRESENT were Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Michael Canavan, Public Works Electrician; James Wisniewski, Acting Public Information Officer; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of Nancy L. Birner, Martina Darragh, and Jeff Warner.

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

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Alexander Barnes, Jr., a resident, requests the removal of a parking space near Westway that obstructs the view of drivers and pedestrians crossing the roadway.

Brian Ottems, a resident, read a letter to Council expressing concerns about the timing of the proposed legislation, the Public Works Bargaining Rights Amendment to the Charter.

Susan Smithers, a resident, read a letter advocating for the Public Works Bargaining Rights Amendment to the Charter and urging the city to terminate its agreement with the law firm Jackson Lewis.

Bill Orleans, a resident, expressed concerns about the technical issues with the council room studio and the conduct of a closed meeting held on December 8, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA: Ms. Weaver moved to approve the Consent Agenda, with the removal of the Work Session minutes for May 7, 2025. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Work Session, March 31, 2025

Work Session, May 5, 2025

Approved as presented.

Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract for the purchase of a cold storage trailer for food recovery programs: Council authorize the city manager to purchase the trailer.

Authorization for City Manager to Approve Contract with Power DMS: Council authorized the City Manager to execute the payment for the departmental annual subscription for PowerPolicy and PowerReady, provided by PowerDMS Inc. in the amount of \$13,762.13.

Authorization for City Manager to Approve Collision Repair Services for Police Vehicle(s): Council authorized the City Manager to execute payment to Advanced Collision Center for repairs to Police Vehicle 627 in the amount of \$14,175.22.

Authorization for City Manager to Execute Payment for the Police Department Annual Versaterm Subscription: Council authorized the City Manager to execute payment for the departmental annual subscription for IAPro and BlueTeam software, provided by Versaterm Public Safety US Inc., in the amount of \$11,591.60.

Authorization for City Manager to Approve Standpipe Paint Selection: Council authorized the City Manager to convey to WSSC the City's preference for the Light Blue paint scheme.

Acceptance of Recommendation for Removal of Members of Community Relations Advisory Board: Council accepted CRAB's recommendation to remove Rev. Raysor from the board.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation by State's Attorney Office - Tara Jackson: Ms. Jackson was unavailable to attend the meeting.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Proclamation: Mayor Jordan issued a proclamation in recognition of a Day of Service.

Statement of Record – Closed Session of December 8, 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, December 8, 2025, at 10:54 p.m., in the Council Chambers. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1), 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 consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter; and 3) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

The purpose of this meeting is 1) to discuss personnel matters; 2) to obtain legal advice on a

legal matter; and 3) to update on a pending or potential legal matter.

Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilmember Fritz	X			
Councilmember Knesel	X			
Councilmember McKinney	X			
Councilmember Pompei	X			
Councilmember Pope	X			
Mayor Pro Tem Weaver	X			
Mayor Jordan	X			

Staff members present: Josué Salmerón, City Manager, and Jason DeLoach, City Solicitor.

Other individuals in attendance: None

Action taken: Voted to remove a member of an advisory board (6-0-1, Jordan abstaining); gave direction to legal counsel related to open meetings act violation; gave direction to city manager related to pending legal case.

Councilmember Pope seconded.

ROLL CALL: Councilmember Fritz - Yes
Councilmember Knesel - Yes
Councilmember McKinney - Yes
Councilmember Pompei - Yes
Councilmember Pope - Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Weaver - Yes
Mayor Jordan - Yes

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

City Manager Salmerón provided updates on several initiatives, including a new business ribbon-cutting for Chickalicious, the Fresh Start Resource Fair, and the kickoff of the Charter Review Task Force. She reported that the Save As You Throw program is underway, with 500 stickers sold, and that the City's EV chargers are seeing strong usage despite the implementation of a fee-for-service system. The City Manager also raised concerns regarding citywide power fluctuations, which have caused equipment failures and heating issues at community centers, and noted that staff are following up with PEPCO for a formal response.

LEGISLATION:

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 2025-03 RESOLUTION NUMBER 2124

A Charter Amendment Resolution of the Council of the City of Greenbelt to Amend §3-22 “Powers” of the City Charter to Authorize the City of Greenbelt to Engage in Collective Bargaining with a Representative of Public Works Employees by Following Procedures in Amended Article VIII of Chapter 13 of the City Code.: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Councilmember Pompi moved to introduce, for second reading and adoption, Charter Amendment Resolution 2025-03, Resolution Number 2124.

Councilmember Knesel seconded.

ROLL CALL: Councilmember Fritz	- Yes
Councilmember Knesel	- Yes
Councilmember McKinney	- Yes
Councilmember Pompi	- Yes
Councilmember Pope	- Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Weaver	- Yes
Mayor Jordan	- Yes

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1408

An Ordinance To Amend The City Of Greenbelt Code To Authorize The Regulation Of Plug-In Parking Within The Corporate Limits Of The City: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Weaver moved to introduce Ordinance Number 1408 for second reading and adoption.

Councilmember Pompi seconded.

ROLL CALL: Councilmember Fritz	- Yes
Councilmember Knesel	- Yes
Councilmember McKinney	- Yes
Councilmember Pompi	- Yes
Councilmember Pope	- Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Weaver	- Yes
Mayor Jordan	- Yes

Resolution for Annexation Beltsville Agriculture Research Center (BARC) Area 1: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Councilmember Pope moved to introduce the resolution for first reading.

Resolution for Annexation Beltsville Agriculture Research Center (BARC) Area 2: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Councilmember Pompei moved to introduce the resolution for first reading.

Resolution for Annexation Beltsville Agriculture Research Center (BARC)/NASA Area 3: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments and introduced the resolution for first reading.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Authorization for City Manager to Approve Red-Light Camera Agreement with Verra Mobility: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Councilmember Pompei moved that Council authorize the City Manager to execute the red-light camera contract extension agreement. Mayor Jordan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Authorization for the City Manager to Approve the Contract with Schindler for the Community Center Elevator: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Councilmember Pope moved that Council approve a contract with Schindler for \$222,271 to modernize the community center elevator, funded through a state bond bill and the capital budget, with work expected to begin in June and be completed by mid-September. Councilmember Fritz seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Report from Transportation Planning Board Meeting on December 17, 2025: Mayor Pro Tem Weaver provided a brief update on the report from the TPB meeting.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

Events between December 9, 2025, and January 12, 2026

- 09 December: City of Greenbelt Holiday Party (Jordan, Knesel, Pompei, Pope Weaver)
- 09 December: Fully Promoted Ribbon Cutting (Knesel, Pompei)
- 10 December: Community Relations Advisory Board (Pompei)
- 11 December: Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Alliance Meeting (Jordan)
- 11 December: Greenbelt Rotary Club Evening Presentation (Weaver)
- 11 December: Greenbelt Homes Incorporated Annual Meeting and Save As You Throw Q&A (Weaver)
- 11 December: Prince George's County Municipal Association Legislative Reception (Jordan)
- 13 December: Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service Meeting & Holiday Potluck (Pope, Jordan, Knesel)
- 13 December: Prince George's County Backpack Giveaway & Holiday Party at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (Jordan, Pope)
- 13 December: Franklin Park Christmas and Things event: (Jordan, Fritz, Pope, Weaver)
- 14 December: Cardinal McElroy visit to St. Hugh's Church (Jordan, Pope)

- 16 December: CCI Health Services Food Pantry Ribbon Cutting (Jordan, Pompei)
- 17 December: Transportation Planning Board (Weaver)
- 18 December: Holiday Food Distribution (Pompi)
- 20 December: Chesapeake Education Arts and Research Society Solstice Celebration (Jordan, Weaver)
- 20 December: Greenbelt Police Department Shop with a Cop (Pope, Jordan)
- 29 December: Agenda Planning (Jordan, Weaver)
- 30 December: Save As You Throw Court Liaison Info Session (Weaver)
- 05 January: Agenda Planning (Jordan, Weaver)
- 05 January: Wala Blegay Swearing-In to County Council (Jordan)
- 06 January: Charter Review Task Force (Fritz, Weaver)
- 06 January: MNCPPC Formula 2040 update (Jordan)
- 07 January: Golden Age Club Officers Swearing-in (Jordan)
- 07 January: Advisory Planning Board Meeting (McKinney)
- 08 January: Community Relations Advisory Board (Pompi)
- 11 January: Vigil for ICE Deaths at Municipal Building (Fritz, Pompei, Weaver)
- 11 January: Artful Afternoon at Springhill Lake Recreation Center (Fritz, Weaver)
- 11 January: Greenbelt Resistance Network event (Fritz, Weaver)
- 12 January: Agenda Planning (Jordan, Weaver)
- 14 January: MML Legislative reception (Jordan, Weaver, Pompei, Pope, McKinney, Fritz)
- 15 January: Chickalicious Ribbon Cutting, BWP (Jordan, Pope, Weaver, Knesel, Fritz, McKinney, Pompei)

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

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Pope and seconded by Councilmember Knesel. The motion carried 7-0. The Mayor adjourned the regular meeting of January 12, 2026, at 9:35 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 January 12, 2026.

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor