

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held October 14, 2025.

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

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

Councilmember Danielle P. McKinney was absent due to travel, and Councilmember Silke I. Pope was absent due to illness.

ALSO PRESENT were Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Timothy George, Assistant City Manager; Rick Bowers, Police Chief; Brian Townsend, Assistant Public Works Director; John Mason, Economic Development Manager; Jamarie Spencer, Production Assistant; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of Thomas Foerter and Carltin Bayong; former residents Pridemore Peter “Pete” Fleming and Thomas Beigel; and others, including Retired Sgt. Tommy Justin (1978–1993), Juan Gonzalez, and Mancel Johnson.

Mr. Roberts then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and Mayor Jordan recited the Greenbelt Community Pledge.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Christine Wilkin, resident, requested that the Council take action concerning the incident involving the National Park Police allegedly racially profiling and detaining residents. She also submitted a petition to the Council containing 135 signatures in support of this request.

Thomas LeaMond, resident, requested that Council add to the October 27, 2025, agenda an item titled “Establish a Greenbelt Job Search Cooperative at the Community Center.”

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Ms. Weaver, and seconded by Mayor Jordan, to remove Item 5(c), “Authorization for City Manager to Purchase Mower for the Public Works Department,” and to approve the consent agenda as amended. The motion passed 5–0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

APPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE: Council appointed Annette Davis to the Advisory Committee on Education and Adriaan Passchier to the Advisory Planning Board.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Work Session — January 29, 2025

Work Session — February 5, 2025

Work Session — February 26, 2025

Work Session — March 19, 2025

Work Session — March 26, 2025

Work Session — April 2, 2025

Work Session — April 9, 2025

Work Session — April 16, 2025

Approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advisory Committee on Education — Report #25-4 (Annual Request for Proposals for Grant Request): Council accepted the report.

AUTHORIZATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF HVAC UNIT AT YOUTH CENTER FOR MOM'S MORNING OUT PROGRAM: Council authorized the City Manager to execute the purchase.

MEETINGS: Council approved the meeting schedule.

STAKEHOLDER LIST: Council approved the stakeholder list.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Roberts moved to add Item #15, “ICE Operations – Illegal Detainer and Community Response,” to the agenda. Ms. Knesel seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed 5–0.

SPECIAL ORDER: Ms. Pompi moved to special order Item #15, ICE Operations – Illegal Detainer and Community Response, as the next item of business before “Presentations.” Ms. Knesel seconded. The motion passed 5–0.

ICE Operations – Illegal Detainer and Community Response: Christine Wilkin and neighbors expressed concerns about National Park Police and ICE activities in Greenbelt, including traffic stops and detentions. The Council acknowledged receipt of a petition with 135 signatures and noted the issue had been escalated to Glenn Ivey’s office. They announced an upcoming bystander training on ICE encounters on October 24. Councilmember Pompi delivered a statement opposing federal immigration enforcement actions near Greenbelt, emphasizing community safety and dignity.

The Council discussed prior actions, including citywide Know Your Rights training and red card distribution, and considered potential legislation similar to California’s requiring ICE to unmask. They advised caution on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and encouraged residents to report ICE sightings.

The Council decided against sending a formal letter to the Park Police and instead focused on public statements, training initiatives, and guidance for residents on responding to immigration incidents. They agreed to issue a statement and travel advisory to inform residents and businesses of their rights. They planned to collaborate with local businesses, landlords, and immigrant organizations, including members of Congress, while clarifying the Greenbelt Police

Department's role. Residents expressed concerns about the local impact of immigration enforcement, including economic effects.

PRESENTATIONS:

Maryland Economic Development Week Proclamation: Mayor Jordan proclaimed October 20–24, 2025, as Maryland Economic Development Week. Paul Ricketts and Karen Mulligan were present to accept the proclamation.

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Mayor Jordan announced that Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the "Day of Unity," held in October 1981 and conceived by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The "Day of Unity" soon became a week, and in October 1987, the first National Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. In 1989, Congress passed Public Law 101-112, officially designating October of that year as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Similar legislation has been passed annually since. Chief Bowers was present to accept the proclamation.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Statement of Record - Closed Session, September 10, 2025

Suggested Action: Statement of Record - Closed Session, September 10, 2025

Closed Session of September 10, 2025: Ms. Weaver moved that in accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-06(C)(2) of the *Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland*, the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that the Council met in closed session on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 7:07 p.m., in the Council Chambers. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provision Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Law 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.

The purpose of this meeting: 1) to discuss the City Manager's performance evaluation.

Vote to close session:

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

Staff members present: Josué Salmerón, City Manager (until 7:38, 9:15-10:15 pm); Dawane Martinez, Director of Human Resources (until 7:38, 8:44-10:15 pm)

Action Taken: Agreed on a merit increase for City Manager.

Ms. Pompei 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 REPORTS:

Mr. Salmerón reported on recent City events, noting successful voter outreach during the Salsa y Salsa event, including new youth and non-citizen registrations. He highlighted the ribbon cutting for the upgraded Schrom Hills Park field, which has been fully regraded with irrigation and fencing and is now competition-ready.

He also reported on the removal and pending replacement of the Electric Vehicle charging station at the Municipal Building, stating that two dual-port Level 2 stations have been ordered and are expected to arrive within two to three weeks. He noted progress on the Community Center Library parking lot project, which is nearing final permit issuance.

Mr. Salmerón further mentioned a recent tour of the Pikesville Armory site, with a visit to the Bel Air Armory planned. He added that the City has begun work on the FY 2027 municipal tax differential project and expressed concerns about certain proposed adjustments, particularly those related to Housing and Community Development, while noting support for the newly eligible street-sweeping credit.

SPECIAL ORDER: Mayor Jordan moved to special order item #15, Authorization for City Manager to Purchase Mower for Public Works Department and #11, Authorization for City Manager to Purchase a Public Works Vehicle as the next item of business. Ms. Weaver seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Authorization for City Manager to Purchase Mower for Public Works Department: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Assistant Public Works Director Brian Townsend provided an overview of the request to purchase a mower. Resident Michael Hartman raised concerns about purchasing a Kubota zero-turn mower and suggested further investigation into electric alternatives.

Ms. Weaver moved that Council authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase of the replacement equipment through Sourcewell Contract #31327 for a 2026 Kubota Zero-Turn Mower priced at \$17,588. Ms. Pompei seconded. The motion passed 4–1 (Mr. Roberts).

Authorization for City Manager to Purchase a Public Works Vehicle: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Assistant Public Works Director Brian Townsend provided an overview of the request for Public Works vehicle replacements.

Mayor Jordan moved that Council authorize the City Manager to purchase two replacement vehicles for a total of \$120,562, which is within the \$182,000 budget allocated for vehicle replacements, as follows:

Vehicle #405 – 2012 Ford F-150 Pickup (61,668 miles)

- Replacement: 2026 Ford F-250 with lift gate and snow plow
- Vendor: Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc. (Howard County Contract #4400004546)
- Cost: \$55,182 + \$2,500 (lights/stickering) = \$57,682

Vehicle #152 – 2014 Chevy Cargo Van (124,752 miles)

- Replacement: 2026 Ford EV Transit Cargo Van with shelving and ladder rack
- Vendor: Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc. (Howard County Contract #4400004546)
- Cost: \$60,380 + \$2,500 (lights/stickering) = \$62,880

Total Expenditure: \$120,562.

Ms. Knesel seconded. Mayor Jordan requested that staff provide an updated vehicle replacement schedule, and Mr. Salmerón will provide the documentation to Council. After discussion, Ms. Pompei moved to call the question, seconded by Ms. Knesel. The motion passed 5–0. Mayor Jordan reiterated his original motion, seconded by Ms. Knesel, which passed 4–1 (Mr. Roberts).

LEGISLATION:

An Ordinance To Make A Supplemental Appropriation To The General Fund, Account# 001-60-685-000-525898 -00, For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026, In The Amount Of Twenty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred And One Dollars (\$27,401) For Funding To Cover Expenditures Related To The Grant Received From The Maryland State Arts Council: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Weaver noted that this item would require six members of Council to be present to suspend the rules.

Ms. Pompei moved to introduce the ordinance for first reading. This item will appear on the next meeting agenda for second reading and approval.

Legislation Priority Discussion: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Council discussed and identified Legislative Action Requests (LARs), including Just Cause Evictions, Maryland Data Privacy Act, Juvenile Justice Reform, Streaming Services Supporting Local Media, Permitting Zoning Authority, and Beltway Widening.

Ms. Weaver moved that Council designate Just Cause Eviction as the City's PGCMA priority in the survey and raise the remaining items at the Thursday PGCMA meeting. Ms. Knesel seconded, and the motion passed 5–0.

Council Activities:

Events between September 25 and October 14, 2025

- 25 September: Greenbelt Rotary Club (Weaver)
- 25 September: Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission Municipal Open House (Pompi, Weaver)
- 25 September: New Deal Cafe Member Meeting (Weaver)
- 25 September: Greenbelt Museum – Victory Gardens presentation (McKinney, Pompei, Weaver)
- 26 September: Elected Official Security Workshop (Pompi, Weaver)
- 26 September: Kids vs. Cops Basketball Game (Jordan, McKinney, Pope, Pompei, Weaver)
- 27 September: Public Lands Day Event at Buddy Attick Park (Jordan, McKinney, Pope, Weaver)
- 27 September: Prince George's Common Ownership Luncheon (Jordan)
- 27 September: Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service Luncheon (Pope, Jordan)
- 29 September: Department of Housing and Community Development Municipal Reception (Jordan, Weaver)
- 30 September: Meeting with Darryl Barnes/Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (Jordan, Pompei, Weaver)
- 30 September: Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (Pope)
- 01 October: Maryland Mayors Association Executive Board (Jordan)
- 01 October: Watch Party for Congressman Ivey's Shutdown Webinar (Jordan, Pompei, Weaver)
- 02 October: Greenbelt Rotary Club (Weaver)
- 03 October: Salsa y Salsa Hispanic Heritage Month Event (Jordan, McKinney, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)
- 04 October: New Deal 30th anniversary (Pope, Pompei, McKinney, Knesel, Jordan, Weaver)
- 04 October: 295 Coalition Meeting (Jordan)

- 04 October: Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Crab Feast Fundraiser (Jordan, Pope, Roberts, Weaver)
- 04 October: Pooch Plunge (Jordan, Pompei, Pope)

- 05 October: HUG WALK – Help Unite Greenbelt With A Little Kindness (Weaver, McKinney, Pope, Pompe, Knesel, Jordan)
- 05 October: Advisory Board and Committee Appreciation Dinner (Jordan, Pope, Weaver, McKinney, Pompe, Pope)
- 06 October: Sustainable Maryland Executive Committee (Weaver)
- 06 October: Greenbelt Police Department Briefing and Press Conference (Jordan, Pompe, Weaver)
- 07 October: Greenbelt Homes Inc./Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Tour (Jordan, Weaver)
- 07 October: Greenbelt Alliance for Reproductive Freedom Social (Pompi)
- 08 October: Sustainable Maryland Tour of Laurel (Weaver)
- 09 October: Greenbelt Rotary Club (Weaver)
- 10 October: Pikesville Armory Tour (Jordan, Pompe, Weaver)
- 11 October: Fall Fest/Schrom Hill Fields Ribbon Cutting (Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pompe, Weaver)
- 12 October – 14 October: Maryland Municipal League Fall Conference (Jordan, Knesel, Pompe, Weaver)
- 14 October: Prince George’s County Public Schools Superintendent and School Board Member meeting (Jordan, Knesel, Pompe, Weaver)

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Pompe and seconded by Ms. Knesel. The motion carried 5-0. The Mayor adjourned the regular meeting of October 14, 2025, at 10:14 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 October 14, 2025.

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor