

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held October 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 Liz Park, Acting City Manager; Terri Hruby, Planning & Community Development Director; Jamarie Spencer, Production Assistant; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of those who passed since the last meeting. Ms. McKinney 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 a sign that expressed hatred toward the Latino community.

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Weaver to remove “Meetings” and add it to the agenda as item #15, and seconded by Ms. Pope to approve the consent agenda as amended. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting – March 24, 2025

Regular Meeting – April 14, 2025

Regular Meeting – April 28, 2025

Approved as presented.

STAKEHOLDER LIST: Council approved the stakeholder list.

APPROVAL OF STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR ADVISORY

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: Council approved the changes to the application for interest and the reappointment application process, and adopt the SOPs for the Advisory Board and Committee process.

AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE A REEL MOWER: Council to authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase of the replacement equipment, Unit #443 – 2014 Kubota Zero Turn Mower at a cost of \$25,500.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board Report #26-1 — Greenbelt Recognition Group Recommendation: Council accepted this report and grant the Poetry in the Garden Recognition Group status.

Park and Recreation Advisory Board — Report #25-2 - Greenbelt Badminton Club — Request for Recognition Group Status: Council accepted this report and grant the Greenbelt Badminton Club's request for Basic Certification status.

RESIGNATION FROM ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE: Council accepted the resignations of Janet Mirsky and Michael Burchik from the Advisory Committee on Education.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Ms. Pope, seconded by Ms. Knesel, that the agenda be approved. Ms. Pope withdrew the motion, and Ms. Knesel accepted the withdrawal. It was then moved by Ms. Pompei to add “Press Release/Public Comment Draft Letter” as Item #16. Ms. McKinney seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed 7–0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Cooperative Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan designated October as Cooperative Month. Representatives from Greenbelt's seven cooperatives accepted the proclamation. Several of the representatives provided information on cooperative month events scheduled during October.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Statement of Record — Closed Session, October 15, 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, October 15, 2025, at 6:35 p.m., in the Library of the Municipal Building. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(7) of the General Provision Article of the *Annotated Code of the Public General Law of Maryland* (1) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

The purpose of this meeting: 1) To obtain legal advice about a legal matter.

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 members present: Josué Salmerón, City Manager; and Dawane Martinez, Director of Human Resources.

Others present: Stephen Silvestri and Blaine Taylor, legal counsel.

Actions taken: None

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: None.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation to the General Fund for Arts Program Support – Maryland State Arts Council FY26 Grant: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Pompei introduced the ordinance for second reading and moved that it be adopted. 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

The ordinance was declared adopted (Ordinance No. 1407, Filed: City Clerk's SharePoint)

OTHER BUSINESS:

Draft FY 2026-2031 Maryland Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP): Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Terri Hruby, Planning and Community Development Director provided

the Council with an overview of the Draft FY 2026 – 2031 Draft Maryland Department of Transportation Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP). Council asked that Ms. Hruby revise the letter to include a sentence stating concerns about the fees, taxes and surge charges. She indicated that she will make the necessary changes and circulate the draft letter to Council.

Mayor Jordan moved that Council transmit a letter to the Maryland Department of Transportation requesting that the MD 193 Greenbelt Road Streetscape Improvement project be added to the CTP with funding allocated for planning and engineering. In addition, request that funding be programmed for planning and engineering for Segments 1-4 of the Greenbelt East Trail (GET). Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Legislative Proposal: Amendment Requiring HOA/Condominium Approval for Rental License Renewals: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments, noting that he requested this item be included on the agenda for discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Weaver suggested that Council meet with the COAs and HOAs.

SPECIAL ORDER: Ms. Pompi moved to special order item #16, Press Release/Public Comment Draft Letter as the next item of business. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Press Release/Public Comment Draft Letter: Council discussed releasing a public statement expressing concern about recent ICE activities along the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, which have caused fear and uncertainty among community members. The statement emphasizes the city's commitment to protecting residents' rights and dignity, despite having no authority over federal agencies. Council also discussed ongoing efforts to provide Know Your Rights trainings and legal clinics in partnership with CASA, a nonprofit organization that supports immigrants.

Council also addressed recent flyers circulating in the community containing hateful messaging and decided to draft a response statement after further review. Ms. Pompi moved that staff draft a press release concerning recent ICE activities. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS: None.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

Events between October 15 and October 27, 2025

- 15 October: Transportation Planning Board (Weaver)
- 15 October: National League of Cities Transportation and Infrastructure Services Committee (Weaver)
- 16 October: Greenbelt Rotary Club (Weaver)
- 16 October: Greenbelt Police Department Community Meeting (Jordan, Pompi, Weaver)
- 17 October: Pumpkin Carving Roosevelt Center (Jordan, Pompi, Pope, Weaver)
- 17 October: Greenbelt CARES GED Graduation (Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pompi, Weaver)

- 17 October: Greenbelt Business Networking Happy Hour for Hispanic Heritage Month (Jordan, Pompei, Weaver)
- 17-19 October: Utopia Film Festival, including opening reception (Jordan, McKinney, Knesel, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)
- 18 October: Greenbelt Grocery Co-op Annual Meeting (Jordan, Pompei, Weaver)
- 18 October: Greenbelt Homes Incorporated Bicycle Committee Social (Jordan, Weaver)
- 18 October: No Kings Rally (Jordan, McKinney, Pompei, Weaver)
- 18 October: Diwali Celebration in Roosevelt Center (Jordan, McKinney, Pompei, Weaver)
- 18 October: Association of Liberian Journalists Gala (Jordan)
- 18 October: Pumpkin Walk (Knesel, Roberts, Weaver)
- 22 October: Mayors Meeting with Chairman Barnes (Jordan)
- 23 October: Greenbelt Rotary Club (Weaver)
- 23 October: Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition Conference (Jordan)
- 24 October: Wild Rumpus (Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)
- 24 October: Central Coalition of Prince George's County Community Association (Jordan)
- 24 October: Beltway Plaza Trunk or Treat (Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pope, Weaver)
- 24 October: District 22 Bystander Intervention Training (Pompi)
- 25 October: Senator Washington's Special Education Listening Session (Pompi)
- 26 October: Ranked Choice Voting Event (Pompi, Weaver)
- 26 October: Greenbelt Station Halloween in the Park (McKinney, Weaver)

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Pompei and seconded by Ms. Pope. The motion carried 7-0. The Mayor adjourned the regular meeting of October 27, 2025, at 9:14 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 October 27, 2025.

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor