

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held September 24, 2025.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:31 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 Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Terri Hruby, Planning Director; Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, Environmental Coordinator; Jamarie Spencer, Public Information Producer; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of Carol Edward, Charlie Kirk, and others who passed due to gun violence.

Ms. McKinney then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and Ms. Knesel recited the Greenbelt Community Pledge.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS: None.

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

Council thereby took the following actions:

Authorization to Procure Ammunition for Police-Issued Firearms: Council authorized the City Manager to execute the purchase of departmental ammunition from The Gun Shop for \$11,484.30 for mandatory annual training. Funding is available in the FY26 budget, which includes \$18,500 for firearms and ammunition purchases.

Approval of the Community Questionnaire: Council approved the revised 2025 Community Questionnaire to accompany the upcoming City Council election. The updates reflect comments from the Council and residents provided in the September 8 Regular Council Meeting.

New Picnic Table at Buddy Attick Lake Pavilion: Council authorized the City Manager to execute the proposal with Sparks@Play, 3705 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, Maryland 21117, for a total project cost of \$19,999.70.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

National Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan proclaimed September 15 to October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Public Lands Day Proclamation: Mayor Jordan proclaimed September 27th as National Public Lands Day. Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, Environmental Coordinator, was be present to receive the proclamation and provided an update on the event.

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).

Action taken: Instruct the city manager to continue developing proposals for annexation and get additional legal advice; set a date for the next session regarding the City Manager evaluation.

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

Statement of Record – Closed Session of August 13, 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 Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 10:18 p.m., in the Council Chambers. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1), and (3) 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 consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.

The purpose of this meeting: 1) City Manager Evaluation, and 2) to discuss matters related to the acquisition of real estate and annexation.

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 (until 11:08 pm); and Terri Hruby, Director of Planning and Community Development (until 11:08 pm).

Action Taken: Instructed staff to put forward a contract for annexation surveys at next regular meeting.

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 provided a comprehensive report detailing upcoming recreational initiatives including the seasonal pool opening as well as progress on various public works projects and established legislative priorities. The Council engaged in robust

discussion regarding bond initiatives and ongoing union organizing efforts, followed by a status review of the Charter Review Task Force.

LEGISLATION:

An Ordinance To Make A Supplemental Appropriation To The General Fund, For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026, In The Amount Of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) To Cover Survey Costs And Associated Legal Fees Related To The Annexation Of Certain Real Properties.: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Weaver 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	- No
	Ms. Weaver	- Yes
	Mayor Jordan	- Yes

Ms. Weaver moved to introduce this ordinance for second reading and adoption.

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

The ordinance was declared passed.

Resolution to Repeal and Amend Charter Review Taskforce Resolution 2113: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mayor Jordan moved to introduce this resolution 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 - No
Ms. Weaver - Yes
Mayor Jordan - Yes

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

Ms. Pope seconded.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Knesel - Yes
Ms. McKinney - No
Ms. Pompei - Yes
Ms. Pope - No
Mr. Roberts - No
Ms. Weaver - Yes
Mayor Jordan - Yes

The resolution was declared passed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussion on Potential Annexation of Beltsville Agriculture and Research Center (BARC) and NASA Properties: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Council discussed the potential annexation of 2,215 acres, encompassing both the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) and NASA properties. City Manager Salmerón informed the Council that a comprehensive memorandum and illustrative map detailing the proposed annexation were included in the official Council packet for review. During the presentation, Ms. Hruby used the map to identify and clarify the boundaries of the areas under consideration for annexation.

No action was taken.

Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Charles P. Johnson and Associates in an amount not to exceed \$68,600 for survey services: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Weaver moved that Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Charles P. Johnson and Associates in the amount of \$68,600 to provide survey services in support of the annexation process. Mayor Jordan seconded. The motion passed 6-1. (Mr. Roberts)

Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contract with WasteZero – for the Save As You Throw (SAYT) Program: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Weaver moved that Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract or a substantially similar agreement in a form as reviewed and approved by the City Solicitor. Ms. Pompei seconded. The motion passed 6-1. (Mr. Roberts)

Discussion on Temporary Parliamentary and Robert's Rules of Order: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Pope moved that this item be tabled until the December Council Retreat. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion passed 5-2. (Ms. Pompei and Ms. Weaver)

Discussion on Parking and Zoning at Greenbelt Station: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. McKinney requested that Council schedule a work session to discuss establishing special residential districts in neighborhoods served by City streets with HOAs.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Report from the County Council Qualified Data Center Task Force Meeting: Mayor Pro Tem Weaver provided a report on the County Council Qualified Data Center Task Force Meeting held on September 10, 2025.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Events between September 9 and September 24, 2025

- 11 September: National League of Cities Transportation and Infrastructure Services committee (Weaver)
- 11 September: Greenbelt Rotary Club Presentation: Commemoration of 9/11 (Weaver)
- 13 September: Let's Beat Breast Cancer Rally (Jordan, McKinney, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)
- 13 September: Storytime on Screen – Wanda Hears the Stars (Weaver)
- 14 September: Peace Vigil in Roosevelt Center (Pompi)
- 14 September: Artful Afternoon – Nature Photography (Weaver)
- 15 September: Stop the MAGLEV Celebration (Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)
- 15 September: Agenda Planning meeting with City Manager (Jordan, Weaver)
- 18 September: Reparations Commission Conversation (Pompi)
- 18 September: Greenbelt Rotary Meeting (Weaver)
- 18 September: Prince George's County Municipal Association (Jordan, Pompei, Weaver)
- 19 September: Greenbelt Arts Center Artist Reception (Knesel, McKinney, Pompei, Weaver)
- 20 September: International Peace Day hosted by Greenbelt Rotary (Jordan, Pompei, Weaver)
- 20 September: Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Open Forum (Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)
- 20 September: Community Gathering – Peace Theme (Weaver)
- 21 September: International Peace Day Sing for Unity (Jordan, McKinney, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)
- 22 September: Greenbelt Police Department Promotion Ceremony (Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)
- 22 September: Agenda Planning meeting with City Manager (Jordan, Weaver)
- 23 September: Greenbelt Advisory Committee for Environmental Sustainability (Weaver)
- 24 September: Metro Washington Air Quality Committee (Weaver)
- 24 September: Webinar - State of Play for Congress' Next Transportation Bill (Weaver)

MEETINGS: Council approved the meeting schedule.

Mayor Pro Tem Weaver moved the proposed changes to the meeting schedule:

- **November 24, 2025** – Possibly move the Regular Meeting to **November 17**.
- **November 26, 2025** – No Work Session (Wednesday before Thanksgiving).
- **Saturday, December 6, 2025, or Saturday, December 13, 2025** – Schedule a Council Retreat for the new City Council.
- **Weeks of December 22 and December 29, 2025** – No meetings scheduled

Ms. Pompei seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT: The Mayor adjourned the regular meeting of September 24, 2025, at 9:34 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 September 24, 2025.

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor