

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held January 28, 2026.

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

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Frankie S. Fritz (7:31 p.m.), Amy E. Knesel, Danielle P. McKinney, Jenni A. Pompei (7:31 p.m.), Silke I. Pope (7:33 p.m. via Zoom), Kristen L.K. Weaver, and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

ALSO PRESENT were Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Chief Richard Bowers, Greenbelt Police Department; and Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of Heleni Pedersoli. Councilmember Pompei then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and Mayor Pro Tem Weaver recited the Greenbelt Community Pledge.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Robert Goldberg-Strassler, Greenbelt resident, requested that the requirements for snow removal on sidewalk clearing be suspended.

Bill Orleans, Greenbelt resident, requested to see the directive by the City Manager regarding the prohibition of anti-union activities in the City.

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Councilmember Pompei and seconded by Councilmember Knesel to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advisory Planning Board Report #2026-01 – (Draft Prince George’s County Master Plan of Transportation): Council accepted this report.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

COG DMV Moves Presentation: Tom Harrington, COG Multimodal Program Planning Director, provided Council with a PowerPoint presentation on Building Bridges for a Stronger DMV Region. There was discussion among the Council, Mr. Harrington, Mr. Salmerón, and the residents regarding the PowerPoint presentation.

Black History Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan proclaimed February Black History Month. Members of the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee were present to accept the proclamation and Dr. Lois Rosado gave an overview of this year’s Black History Month events.

International Holocaust Remembrance Day Proclamation: Mayor Jordan proclaimed January 27<sup>th</sup> as International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Mr. Robert Goldberg-Strassler was present to accept the proclamation and recited a prayer.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Mr. Salmerón reported on the FY2027 budget process, the Economic Development Manager vacancy, the Chick-A-Licious ribbon cutting, the Resource Fair, and a Verizon meeting. The City received approval to proceed with the Community Center elevator project, expected to be completed by July or August, and secured a permit for EV charging stations. The Save-As-You-Throw Program has led to fewer violations. Mr. Salmerón updated the Council on the recent snowstorm and the possibility of more snow this weekend. Appreciation was expressed to Public Works, the Police Department, and the Communications Team. Councilmember McKinney asked for bus stops and sidewalks on Greenbelt Road near Greenbelt Station to be cleared, while Mayor Jordan requested that both sides near Greenbelt Shopping Center be addressed. Councilmember Pompei requested a congratulatory letter and an invitation to the new County Councilmember and Councilmember Fritz noted the extension of the WSSC water advisory.

## LEGISLATION

Resolution to Endorse the COG DMV Moves Funding Proposal: Mayor Jordan read the agenda Comments. Mayor Pro Tem Weaver introduced the resolution for the first reading.

## OTHER BUSINESS:

Authorization for City Manager to Approve the Stop Sign Contract: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. There was discussion. Councilmember Pompei moved to authorize the City Manager to approve the Stop Sign Contract. Councilmember Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Discussion on Legislative Bills to Support at the State Level: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. There was discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Weaver moved that the Council support Senate Bill SB342 – Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program. Councilmember Pompei seconded the motion/ The motion passed 7-0.

Discussion and Acceptance of the Report of the Council Retreat: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. There was discussion. Councilmember Pompei moved to accept the Greenbelt Council Retreat Final Report with an amendment regarding the spelling of Mayor Pro Tem Weaver's name. Mayor Jordan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Meetings: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. There was discussion. Mayor Jordan moved that Council adopt the proposed meeting schedule as a framework. Councilmember Pope seconded. There was discussion. Councilmember Fritz moved to amend the motion to remove the written questions and deadline from the proposed meeting schedule, then move to vote on the proposed meeting date separately. Mayor Jordan seconded the motion. There was additional discussion. The motion failed 2-5 (Mayor Pro Tem Weaver, Councilmembers Knesel, McKinney, Pompei, and Pope) to remove the written questions and deadline from the proposed meeting schedule. Mayor Jordan moved to amend his original motion to accept the Proposed Meeting Schedule as presented.

Councilmember Pope accepted the amendment. The motion passed 7-0. Mayor Jordan moved to accept the amended calendar. Councilmember Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

#### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

Events between January 13 and January 28, 2026

- 13 January: Sustainable Maryland Executive Committee (Weaver)
- 14 January: General Assembly Opening Reception hosted by Maryland Municipal League (Fritz, Jordan, McKinney, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)
- 14 January: Memorial Gathering for Corporal Christine Peters (Jordan, McKinney, Pompei, Weaver)
- 14 January: Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Board of Directors meeting (Jordan)
- 15 January: Prince George's County Municipal Association (Jordan – in person; Pope, Weaver – virtual)
- 15 January: Greenbelt Rotary Club (Weaver)
- 16 January: "The Mountaineer" at the Greenbelt Arts Center (Weaver)
- 17 January: Greenbelt MakerSpace Repair Cafe (Jordan, Weaver)
- 17 January: Chick-a-licious Ribbon Cutting (Fritz, Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pope, Weaver)
- 18 January: Fresh Start Fair (Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pompei, Weaver)
- 18 January: Senator Rosapepe Brunch (Jordan)
- 19 January: Four Cities meeting (Fritz, Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pompei, Weaver)
- 19 January: Alpha Kappa Alpha Prince George's County Chapter Day of Service (Jordan)
- 19 January: Senator Washington Food Distribution (Jordan)
- 19 January: General Assembly District 22 Night (Fritz, Jordan, McKinney, Pompei)
- 20 January: Agenda Planning (Jordan, Weaver)
- 20 January: Reparations Commission Meeting (McKinney)
- 21 January: Transportation Planning Board (Weaver)
- 22 January: Eleanor Roosevelt High School Social Studies Induction (Jordan)
- 22 January: Greenbelt Business Alliance Networking Event (Jordan, McKinney, Pompei, Weaver)
- 23 January: Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee (Pompi)
- 23 January: Greenbelt Legislative Tag-up (Jordan, Pompei)
- 23 January: Artist Reception at Greenbelt Arts Center (Jordan, Weaver)
- 27 January: Agenda Planning (Jordan, Weaver)
- 27 January: Advisory Committee on Education Principal's Meeting (Pompi, McKinney)
- 27 January: Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (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 January 28, 2026, at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Shaniya Lashley-Mullen*

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Deputy 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 28, 2026.

Emmett V. Jordan  
Mayor