



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MARCH 23, 2026
7:30 PM

Join Meeting:

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I. ORGANIZATION - 15 minutes (7:30 - 7:45 p.m.)

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Suggested Action: **Reading of the Greenbelt Community Pledge: The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together, all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe, and fair.**

4. Petitions and Requests
5. Consent Agenda

Suggested Action: Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by Council and staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

- a. *Council Meeting Minutes

Suggested Action:

- * Work Session, February 11, 2026
- * Regular Meeting, February 23, 2026
- * Work Session, March 2, 2026
- * Regular Meeting, March 9, 2026
- * Interviews, March 11, 2026
- * Special Meeting, March 11, 2026

- b. * Committee Reports

Suggested Action:

- * Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Report #26-2 (PGCMLS Story Walk Removal)

Suggested Action: It is recommended that Council accept this report. This item will appear later in the agenda for discussion.

- c. * Appointment to Advisory Board/Committee

Suggested Action: The City Council interviewed Charlotte Hoffman on March 11, 2026, for the appointment to the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) and Farinaz Firouzi to the Charter Review Task Force. Approval of this item on the consent agenda will confirm the Council's intent to appoint Ms. Hoffman to the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) and Ms. Firouzi to the Charter Review Task Force.

d. * Acceptance of Recommendation for Removal of Advisory Board/Committee Members

Suggested Action: The Arts Advisory Board has requested the removal of Mr. John Drago, due to repeated absences, and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has requested that the Council not renew Bukola Pinheiro membership due to repeated absences.

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate the Council's intent to remove Mr. Drago and not renew Ms. Pinheiro from their board.

e. * Reappointment to Advisory Board/Committee

Suggested Action: The following advisory board/committee members have expressed their willingness to continue their service to the City. Approval of this item confirms the City Council's intent to reappoint these individuals to new terms on their respective boards and committees:

- Arts Advisory Board (AAB): Tatiana Ausema
- Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB): Chalya Lar
- Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES): Ronald Bjorkland
- Advisory Committee Advancing Public Safety (ACAPS): Eunice Pierre and Peggy Higgins
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC): Martha Galvin and Monica Huber

f. * Resignation from Advisory Board/Committee

Suggested Action: Sudhanshu Sinha has submitted his resignation from the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB), and Donald Matin has submitted his resignation from the Board of Appeals (BoA).

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate the Council's intent to accept their resignation with regret.

6. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS - 60 minutes (7:45 - 8:45 p.m.)

7. Presentations

a. Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Suggested Action: Mayor Jordan will present a proclamation declaring March as National Colorectal Awareness Month. Ms. Ify Nwabukwu, Executive Director of the African Women's Cancer Awareness Association, will be present to accept the proclamation.

b. Proposed FY 2027 City Budget

Suggested Action: The City Manager will present his proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2027, which begins July 1, 2026, and ends June 30, 2027.

8. Minutes

a. Statement of Record - Closed Session, March 6, 2026

Suggested Action: Statement of Record — Closed Session, March 6, 2026

Closed Session of March 6, 2026: The following is needed: In accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-06(c)(2) of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland. I move that the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that the Council met in closed session on Friday, March 6, 2026, at 5:35 p.m., via Zoom. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 3-305(3) and (7) of the General Provision Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland 1) to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; and 2) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

The purpose of this meeting is 1) to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; and 2) to consult with counsel on a 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; Terri Hruby, Director of Planning and Community Development; Todd Pounds, City Solicitor

Other individuals in attendance: None

Action taken: instructed City Manager to proceed with the annexation survey.

b. Statement of Record - Closed Session, March 9, 2026

Suggested Action: Statement of Record — Closed Session of March 9, 2026

Closed Session of March 9, 2026: The following motion is needed: In accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-06(C)(2) of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland. I move that the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that the Council met in closed session on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 9:46 p.m., in the Council Chambers. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 3-305(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.

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; Dawane Martinez, Human Resources Director, and Jason DeLoach, City Solicitor.

Other individuals in attendance: None

Action taken: Direct City Manager to explore further legal options.

c. Statement of Record - Closed Session, March 11, 2026

Suggested Action: Statement of Record — Closed Session of March 11, 2026

Closed Session of March 11, 2026: The following motion is needed in accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-06(C)(2) of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland. I moved that the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that the Council met in closed session on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 9:17 p.m., via Zoom. 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 1) to discuss personnel matters and appointments to advisory board and committees.

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 (until 10:34 pm); and Dawane Martinez, Director of Human Resources (until 10:33 pm)

Other individuals in attendance: None

Action taken: Agreed to move forward with new appointments for vacancies, pending completion of final requirements by applicants; agreed to move forward with most reappointments (two will be held pending needed clarifications).

9. Administrative Reports

- a. Preliminary results on Questionnaire Questions regarding the redevelopment of the Greenbelt Armory

Suggested Action: Included in Council packet is a memorandum outlining the preliminary results on questionnaire questions regarding the redevelopment of the Greenbelt Armory. Feedback from Council is requested as the team plans for FY2027. The current budget only includes funding for basic maintenance of the Armory.

III. LEGISLATION - 15 minutes (8:45 - 9:00 p.m.)

10. A Resolution to Repeal and Reenact with Amendment Resolution Number 2109 to Adopt Standing Rules for the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland
- 1st Reading

Suggested Action: Council reviewed the Standing Rules document at several meetings. The resolution included in Council's packet reflects the results of that discussion.

It is recommended that this resolution be introduced for first reading.

11. Resolution Recognizing March 31st as Transgender Day of Visibility
- 1st Reading and Suspension of the Rules
- 2nd Reading and Adoption

Suggested Action: Enclosed in the Council packet is a resolution recognizing March 31st as Transgender Day of Visibility. Resolution is proposed by Councilmember Pompei.

It is recommended that this resolution be introduced for first reading, suspension of the rules and adoption at tonight's meeting.

Note: *Per Council's Standing Rules, six (6) votes in the affirmative are needed in order to suspend the rules.*

IV. OTHER BUSINESS - 90 minutes (9:00 - 10:30 p.m.)

12. Authorization for City Manager to Approve Contract with VMP

Suggested Action: Included in the Council packet is a memorandum outlining the request and proposal for approval. Staff recommends Council authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase of roadworks improvement at Cherrywood Lane to VMP Co., Inc. at 9635 Annapolis Road, Lanham, Maryland 20706 for a total project cost of \$226,394.00 to be funded from a reimbursable CDBG Grant.

13. Legislative Review: County Bills

Suggested Action: We are requesting a quick review of each report this evening to ensure all legislation of concern to Council or staff has been included on the reports. Detailed discussions of the legislation listed in the attached reports, including needed Council actions going forward and other legislative activities, will be take place during Wednesday work session.

14. Discussion: State Budget, Legislative Bond Bills, and Grant Opportunities in Relation to Capital Project Priorities

Suggested Action: Staff is pursuing grant opportunities via the State budget, including requests submitted through the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (BRFA), legislative bond bill initiatives, and federal Congressionally Directed Spending (earmarks).

As part of the State budget process, the City recently submitted two requests directly to the State for funding through BRFA:

1. Greenbelt Community Center Elevator #2 Replacement and Modernization
2. Greenbelt Museum Renovation Project

In addition, the City has advanced two projects for consideration through the State's legislative bond bill program:

1. Buddy Attick Park Path and Performance Venue
2. Schrom Hills Park Soccer Field Lighting Project

At the federal level, the City has submitted the following projects for Congressionally Directed Spending (earmarks):

1. Greenbelt Cemetery Master Plan Implementation Project
2. Indian Creek Community Park and Garden Project
3. Buddy Attick Park Improvements (Amphitheater and Dock Project)

This discussion will provide Council with an opportunity to review these funding efforts in the context of the City's broader capital improvement priorities, assess alignment with Council goals, and provide direction on prioritization and future grant-seeking strategies. Included are the survey results on Council prioritization of unfunded capital projects.

15. Council Discussion on Revising the Planning Framework

Suggested Action: Councilmember McKinney requested this item be added to the agenda. The Planning Framework has been updated by incorporating feedback from Councilmember Pompei and Mayor Pro Tem Weaver.

16. Discussion of PGCMLS Story Walk Removal

Suggested Action: Enclosed in the Council's packet is a recommendation from the Park and Recreation Advisory Board to remove the PGCML Story Walk for discussion.

17. Discussion: Sending a letter to the County Councilmembers Requesting They Maintain Funding for the Chinese Immersion Program at Greenbelt Middle School

Suggested Action:

Councilmember Pompei requested this item be added to the agenda for Council discussion regarding sending a letter to the Prince George's County Council requesting reconsideration of the proposed cuts to the Chinese language immersion program at Greenbelt Middle School.

18. Council Reports

19. Council Activities

20. Meetings

Suggested Action:

a. Special Meeting/Closed Session — Personnel

Suggested Action: Tonight, the City Council will hold a closed session, immediately following the Council's Regular Meeting, in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, to discuss personnel matters. The following motion is required to move into closed session: I move the Council to go into closed session in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) and (8) of the General Provisions 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 this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; and 2) to consult with staff, consultants or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

The purpose of this meeting will be 1) to discuss personnel matters; and 2) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.