



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MARCH 23, 2026
7:30 PM

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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.

WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held on February 11, 2026

DISCUSSION: City Manager Quarterly Update

Mayor Jordan started the meeting at 7:30 pm in Council Chambers via Zoom.

In attendance were: Councilmembers Frankie Santos Fritz, Amy E. Knesel, Danielle P. McKinney (virtual), Jenni A. Pompei, Silke I. Pope, Kristen L.K. Weaver, and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

City Staff: Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Timothy George, Assistant City Manager; Rick Bowers, Police Chief (virtual); Dawane Martinez, Human Resources Director (virtual); Brian Kim, Public Works Director; Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, Environmental Coordinator; Dr. Luisa Robles, Sustainability Coordinator; Desmond McCallment, Facility Maintenance Manager; Richard Sorzano, Building Maintenance Supervisor; Harris Moo Young, Mechanic Supervisor; Michael Barnes, Refuse/Recycling Supervisor; Frank Kellaher, Street Maintenance Supervisor; Zach Patton, Acting Horticulture Supervisor, and Gizelle Alvarez, Constituent Services Coordinator.

Others present included Bill Orleans, Robert Goldberg-Strassler, and others.

The Greenbelt City Council held a work session to receive a quarterly update from the Department of Public Works, highlighting their achievements and ongoing projects. The Public Works team presented their efforts in snow removal, infrastructure maintenance, and various initiatives such as the Save As You Throw program and EV charging stations. Council members expressed appreciation for the department's work, particularly during the recent ice storm.

Public Works Quarterly Performance Review

The Greenbelt City Council held a work session to receive a quarterly update from the Department of Public Works, highlighting achievements and ongoing projects. The Public Works team demonstrated exceptional performance during recent snow and ice events. Key accomplishments discussed included increased voter turnout (21%), completion of the Economic Development Strategic Plan, launch of the Save As You Throw program with high compliance rates, and progress on EV infrastructure initiatives. The council also reviewed financial updates, with revenue collection at 74.5% and spending at 54.7% of the approved budget. Challenges discussed included staffing for fire and EMS services, ongoing annexation activities, and the need for additional funding for elevator repairs at the community center.

DPW Leadership and Sustainability Initiatives

The meeting introduced the leadership team of the Department of Public Works (DPW), including Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, who discussed administrative roles, and Brendi and Chrissy, who handle public inquiries and customer service. Dr. Luisa Robles, the Sustainability Coordinator, highlighted ongoing projects such as the solar farm, food scraps collection, and the Save As You Throw program, while also mentioning the need for interdepartmental cooperation for the Sustainable Maryland recertification. Harris Moo Young, the mechanic supervisor, shared his experience and role in maintaining the city's fleet.

City Department Maintenance Overview

The meeting featured presentations from three city department heads: Council, Desmond McCallment, and Richard Sorzano. Council described their role overseeing vehicle maintenance, including heavy-duty equipment and police vehicles, while managing inspections, parts inventory, and snow removal

operations. Desmond outlined his responsibilities as facility maintenance manager, overseeing a team of three employees who maintain nine city buildings, including HVAC systems, security lights, and fire suppression systems. Richard presented on his role as building maintenance supervisor, overseeing a crew of 23 for sidewalk maintenance and coordinating cleaning contracts for municipal buildings.

Public Works Department Operations Overview

Frank Kellaher, supervisor of the street maintenance and special details crew in Greenbelt, outlined the Public Works Department's responsibilities, including street maintenance, traffic control, snow emergency operations, and street sweeping coordination with neighboring municipalities. Lori Field, a maintenance worker on the Parks Crew, described their seasonal duties, which include grass maintenance, leaf collection, playground inspections, and vegetation management, while also assisting with snow removal and special events. Zach Patton, the Acting Horticulture Supervisor, briefly introduced himself to the council.

City Employees Share Their Roles

The meeting featured presentations from three City of Greenbelt employees highlighting their roles and responsibilities. The first speaker described their work as a tree technician overseeing a crew of six and managing landscape maintenance and tree care services. Brian Abbott, with 37 years of city service, detailed his supervision of ball field maintenance and oversight of various specialty projects, including recent field renovations. Michael Barnes, the Refuse and Recycling Supervisor, explained his management of a seven-person crew providing waste and recycling services to over 2,300 homes and businesses. Councilmember Pope ended the conversation by expressing gratitude for the department's work during recent challenging weather conditions and highlighted an instance of exceptional customer service by Brian Abbott.

Recycling Event and Infrastructure Updates

The meeting focused on rescheduling a recycling event to March 7th, 9 am to 12 noon, and discussing the Save-As-You-Throw program's progress despite initial challenges and recent weather disruptions. Council members expressed appreciation for the Public Works team's extensive experience and efforts, highlighting their significant contributions to maintaining the city's quality of life. Concerns were raised about the budget for salt and ice, as well as potential potholes and storm drain issues, but the city manager assured that adjustments could be made within the current budget year, and preparations for addressing potholes were confirmed. Additionally, the phased approach to replacing Brantford pear trees was discussed, with plans for further assessments and replacements in the fall.

Public Works Snow Response Review

The meeting focused on the Public Works Department's response to recent snow and ice storms. Council members and residents expressed gratitude for the department's quick action in clearing bus stops and roads. The discussion included suggestions for improving snow removal efficiency, such as parking on specific sides of the street and considering smaller machines for sidewalk clearing. There was also a call for establishing a "Snow Hero" program to encourage residents to help each other during storms. The conversation ended with a reminder of the important role Public Works plays as first responders in various emergencies.

City Petitions and Requests Review

The meeting focused on reviewing the city's petitions and requests list, which tracks community concerns and ongoing administrative actions. Staff reported progress on various items, including

sidewalk maintenance, parking adjustments, and pedestrian safety improvements. The council discussed the status of several pending requests, such as Mr. Robert Goldberg-Strassler's request regarding sidewalk clearing requirements. The administration also provided updates on the charter amendment for collective bargaining and the ongoing review of the Independence Day fireworks display. Councilmember Pompei inquired about the timeline for implementing ranked choice voting, and staff explained that the Board of Elections would be addressing this issue after completing their review of the November election.

City Projects Tracking Sheet Updates

The council discussed updates to their tracking sheet for city projects and issues, with Mr. Salmerón suggesting the addition of resolution dates to improve transparency. They reviewed the status of various matters, including the Verizon town hall scheduled for March 10th and the need for a work session to review amendments to the bargaining ordinance.

CLOSED SESSION: Mayor Pro Tem Weaver moved that Council move into closed session in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 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, 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; 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.

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Councilmember Pope seconded.

ROLL CALL: Councilmember Fritz	- Yes
Councilmember Knesel	- Yes
Councilmember McKinney	- Yes
Councilmember Pompei	- Yes
Councilmember Pope	- Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Weaver	- Yes
Mayor Jordan	- Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Weaver noted that Council would not return to open session.

Council moved into Closed Session at 9:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonita Anderson
City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held February 23, 2026.

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

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Frankie Santos Fritz, Amy E. Knesel, Danielle P. McKinney, Jenni A. Pompei, Silke I. Pope, and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Kristen L.K. Weaver, due to travel.

ALSO PRESENT were Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Ryan Sigworth, Community Planner; Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, Environmental Coordinator; Jamarie Spencer, Production Assistant; and Gizelle Alvarez, Constituent Services Coordinator.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of Suzanne (Sue) J. Krofchik, Hatsumi Whitehead, Beth Mary Ball Norden, Linda Lee Holien, and Jacqueline (Jackie) Brock Magness.

Councilmember Pope then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and Councilmember Fritz recited the Greenbelt Community Pledge.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Bill Orleans, a Greenbelt resident, requested a written explanation as to why the public was excluded from the Administrative Session following the Advisory Board/Committee interviews on February 18.

CONSENT AGENDA: Councilmember Pompei moved to remove the meetings from the consent agenda and place them on the agenda as Item 18 for discussion. Councilmember Knesel seconded. The motion passed, 6-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Work Session, May 7, 2025
Regular Meeting, September 8, 2025
Work Session, September 15, 2025
Regular Meeting, September 24, 2025
Work Session, October 29, 2025
Approved as presented.

Appointment to Advisory Board/Committee: Council appointed Michael Hartman, Edith Beauchamp, and Kathleen Collin to the Board of Elections, and Amy Rappole to the Green Team.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Councilmember Pope and seconded by Councilmember Fritz that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

American Heart Health Month: Mayor Jordan presented a proclamation proclaiming February as American Heart Health Month.

Greenbelt Middle School Student Essay Contest Winners Recognition: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. The Council recognized the winners of the Greenbelt Middle School/Greenbelt Black History & Culture Committee Essay Contest winners; Lisa-Bell Tagne, Geo Robles, and Nathanbryel Fomo.

Prince George's County District 4 Councilmember: Councilman Timothy Adams, former Mayor of Bowie, addressed the council to discuss his priorities for collaboration between the county and city, including public safety, economic development, and environmental preservation. Councilmember Fritz highlighted the need for a Capital Bikeshare station at the Greenbelt Metro, which has been delayed for years.

Japanese American Day of Remembrance: Mayor Jordan recognized that February 19th commemorates the Executive Order 9066, that President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed, which initiated the forced removal and incarceration of over 120,000 Japanese Americans during the WWII.

Statement of Record – Closed Session of February 11, 2026: Councilmember Pompi moved that in accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-06(C)(2) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland. I move that the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that the Council met in closed session on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 9:46 p.m., in the Council Chambers. 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, 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; 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.

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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			

Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Dawane Martinez, Director of Human Resources, and Jason DeLoach, City Solicitor.

Action Taken: None.

Councilmember McKinney seconded

ROLL CALL: Councilmember Fritz - Yes
Councilmember Knesel - Yes
Councilmember McKinney - Yes
Councilmember Pompei - Yes
Councilmember Pope - Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Weaver - Absent
Mayor Jordan - Yes

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

City Manager Salmerón provided updates on recent snow preparations, upcoming meetings with the federal delegation, the City Council meet and greet, and plans for a town hall with cell phone carriers. He noted that a balanced budget will be presented to the Council on March 23rd.

LEGISLATION:

Resolution to change the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) name to the Advisory Committee Advancing Public Safety (ACAPS): Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Councilmember Pope moved to introduce, for second reading and adoption, to rename the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) to the Advisory Committee Advancing Public Safety (ACAPS).

Councilmember Fritz seconded the motion. There was discussion.

ROLL CALL: Councilmember Fritz - Yes
Councilmember Knesel - Yes
Councilmember McKinney - Yes
Councilmember Pompei - Yes
Councilmember Pope - Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Weaver - Absent
Mayor Jordan - Yes

The motion passed 6-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

LimnoTech Project Update for the Community Flood Resiliency Plan: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mr. Carpenter-Driscoll and representatives from LimnoTech presented an update on their assessment of flooding in Greenbelt, focusing on Central Greenbelt due to severe flooding issues. They discussed modeling interior flooding, riverine flooding from Indian Creek, and potential solutions, emphasizing the need for combination of techniques to mitigate flooding impacts.

Mandatory Referral MRF-2023-012 Springhill Lake Elementary School, 6060 Springhill Drive: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mr. Sigworth provided a PowerPoint presentation. There was discussion. It was moved by Councilmember Pope and seconded by Councilmember Knesel that the Council transmit a letter to M-NCPPC with comments regarding the reconstruction of Springhill Lake Elementary School. The motion passed 6-0.

Go! Prince George's Countywide Master Plan of Transportation, City of Greenbelt Comments: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mr. Sigworth provided a PowerPoint presentation. There was discussion. It was moved by Mayor Jordan and seconded by Councilmember Pompei to authorize staff to transmit the letter to the M-NCPPC as amended. The motion passed 6-0.

Council Policy Discussion on Collective Bargaining Decisions for Code and Charter Amendments: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. The Council discussed structuring the collective bargaining units, the eligibility of part-time staff, and whether the Council should retain the final authority on bargaining unit determination. Councilmember Pompei noted that tonight's discussion will help guide the discussion for Monday's work session and for legal counsel. Then each Councilmember expressed their perspective on collective bargaining for Code and Charter amendments.

Legislative Review: State and County Bills: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Council reviewed and discussed several state and county bills for Council to support.

It was moved by Mayor Jordan and seconded by Councilmember Fritz that Council support HB0950 – Public Utilities – Street Lighting Equipment – Acquisition and Reporting (County and Municipal Street Lighting Investment Act). The motion passed 6-0.

The Council discussed monitor/track HB1223 – Farmers Markets – Street Food Vending Zones – Requirements PG 411-26.

It was moved by Councilmember Pope and seconded by Councilmember Pompei that Council support HB1227 – Prince George's County – Crosswalk Monitoring Systems – Authorization PG 323-26. The motion passed 6-0.

Council Reports: Mayor Pro Tem Weaver submitted two reports; Report on Transportation Planning Board and NLC TIS Meetings in January and February; and Sustainable Maryland Executive Committee Meeting that she attended.

Council Activities:

- 10 February: New Deal Café Member Meeting (Weaver)
- 12 February: Greenbelt Rotary Monthly Presentation – Greenbelt CARES (Weaver)
- 16 February: Scout Troop 214 Chili Supper (Jordan, Pompei, Weaver)
- 16 February: Reel & Meal - Black Power Mix Tape 1957-1975 (Fritz, Jordan, Weaver)
- 17 February: Community Meeting – Indian Creek Master Plan (Fritz, Jordan, McKinney, Pompei, Weaver)
- 18 February: Greenbelt Business Alliance networking event (Jordan, Weaver)
- 18 February: Transportation Planning Board (Weaver)
- 18 February: Park and Recreation Advisory Board (Weaver)
- 19 February: Greenbelt Rotary Club (Weaver)
- 19 February: Meeting with NASA Goddard Center Director (Jordan, Pompei, Weaver)
- 21 February: SITY Stars Jump Legacy (Knesel, McKinney, Pompei)
- 21 February: Greenbelt Black History & Culture Committee Program (Jordan, Fritz, Pompei, McKinney)

Meeting List: The Council reviewed the upcoming meeting list. Councilmember Pompei and Mr. Salmerón noted the addition of two Special Meetings/Closed Sessions regarding personnel matters on March 9 and March 11, as well as the postponement of the work session with the Board of Elections. Mayor Jordan and Councilmember Fritz noted that an additional Special Meeting/Closed Session regarding personnel matters would follow the May 4 Budget Work Session with Green Ridge House, and that the Work Session for Collective Bargaining and the Meet and Greet had been rescheduled. Councilmember McKinney requested that an upcoming Budget Work Session be held at a location outside of Center City. Mayor Jordan moved, and Councilmember Pope seconded, to adopt the Council Meeting List as amended. The motion passed, 6–0.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Knesel and seconded by Councilmember Pompei. The motion carried 6-0. The Mayor adjourned the regular meeting of February 23, 2026, at 10:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shaniya Lashley-Mullen
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 February 23, 2026.

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor

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WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held on Monday, March 2, 2026

DISCUSSION: Establishment of Unified Collective Bargaining Protocols

Mayor Jordan started the meeting at 7:30 pm in Council Chambers via Zoom.

In attendance were: Councilmembers Frankie Santos Fritz, Amy E. Knesel, Danielle P. McKinney, Jenni A. Pompei, Silke I. Pope, Kristen L.K. Weaver, and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

City Staff: Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Jamarie Spencer, Production Assistant; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Others present included Jackson Lewis, Legal counsel Steve Silvestri, and Blaine Taylor; Michael Hartman, Bill Orleans, Trent Leon-Lierman

The Greenbelt City Council held a work session to discuss expanding collective bargaining rights to city employees beyond the existing FOP contract with the police department. The council considered establishing up to three bargaining units: police, public works, and a residual unit for other employees, while debating the process for union recognition and certification. Key concerns included managing multiple bargaining units, maintaining competitive compensation across departments, and ensuring fair representation for seasonal and part-time employees. The council also discussed the potential impact of strikes and intimidation tactics in union elections, with some members expressing concerns about management's role in the union certification process.

Expanding Employee Bargaining Rights

The Greenbelt City Council held a work session to discuss expanding collective bargaining rights to employees beyond the Fraternal Order of Police, which currently represents police officers. Legal counsel Steve Silvestri and Blaine Taylor presented options for either creating a single unified bargaining unit or allowing separate units, explaining that the decision should ultimately rest with employees through election processes. The council is considering changes to both the city code and charter to enable these expanded bargaining rights, with the goal of reaching consensus to allow the city solicitor to finalize a draft for formal introduction.

Bargaining Units Election Process Review

The council discussed the election process for bargaining units, considering whether the City Council should be the final determinant or if an external labor expert should be involved. They reviewed the current language in the code regarding bargaining units, which allows for multiple units organized by functional departments or job classifications. The council also noted that the last update to the charter and code for collective bargaining was to allow the FOP to create a union, and they aimed to move forward with codifying outstanding points.

Union Recognition Process Resolution

The council discussed the process for recognizing union units, considering both voluntary city recognition and labor commissioner certification. They identified a conflict in the language regarding collective bargaining agreements, particularly between Section 213-232 and Section 237, and proposed a solution to allow for voluntary recognition while ensuring the validity of collective bargaining agreements. The council agreed to reserve the right to voluntarily recognize

units, similar to their previous action with the Fraternal Order of Police, while ensuring that any such agreements would be valid.

Labor Commissioner Selection and Bargaining Units

The council discussed the process of selecting a labor commissioner and the possibility of allowing multiple bargaining units for city employees. They reviewed the unusual nature of widespread collective bargaining for all employees, which would require significant staff preparation and financial resources. Councilmember Pompi reminded the group that they had already discussed these topics in a previous meeting and supported having multiple units with a third-party arbiter. The council considered potential challenges and costs associated with implementing such a system, and discussed the possibility of including public works, police, and a third unit for other city employees.

Employee Bargaining Units Discussion

The council discussed the advantages and disadvantages of having priority units versus smaller units for employee negotiations. They noted the potential for conflicts in skills and markets when dealing with residual units, and the need for market-based compensation. The council also considered the impact of police raises on other employees and the financial sustainability of having multiple bargaining units. They suggested extending collective bargaining rights to all employees while keeping the number of units manageable, possibly through legislative means.

Public Works Union Representation Discussion

The council discussed employee representation rights and collective bargaining units, focusing on the Department of Public Works. They explored the possibility of voluntary union recognition and the process for secret ballot elections. The discussion touched on the challenges of defining appropriate bargaining units based on community of interest and management structure. Trent Leon-Lierman explained that while his organization could represent various units, the Public Works employees were the ones who initially expressed interest in forming a union. The council also considered the potential for other unions, such as AFSCME, to represent the employees.

Municipal Employee Union Restructuring

The council discussed union representation for municipal employees, focusing on limiting bargaining units to three: the FOP, Public Works, and a residual unit for all other employees. They emphasized that while employees have the right to choose their union, the council would not restrict their options. The council also expressed concerns about the financial implications of multiple bargaining units and the authority of the labor commissioner to designate subunits. They agreed to move forward with a small change to the current draft that would make it easier to implement their proposed approach.

Bargaining Rights for Part-Time Employees

The council discussed the definition and eligibility of employees for collective bargaining representation, focusing on part-time, seasonal, and temporary workers. They agreed that regular part-time employees should be included in bargaining units, but temporary or occasional workers should not. The council also considered the implications of including seasonal workers, noting that union membership requirements typically begin after a probationary period. They identified

the need to revise the code's definition section to clarify these distinctions and align with state pension requirements for employees working over 500 hours in a year.

Employee Classification and Union Eligibility

The council discussed employee classification and union eligibility, with a focus on distinguishing between full-time, seasonal, and part-time workers. They noted that while year-round employees number around 54 sworn officers, the total employee count including seasonal and part-time workers exceeds 250. The council emphasized their goal to make cost-of-living adjustments analogous across employee categories, particularly for seasonal workers like lifeguards who require competitive compensation to ensure recruitment and retention. Michael Hartman raised a question about the exact number of employees eligible for union membership, which the council acknowledged as an ongoing determination. Bill Orleans requested access to the full executive summary of redline changes to the Greenbelt City Code, beyond the three pages already provided.

Competitive Wages and Market Alignment

The council discussed the challenges of maintaining competitive wages across different positions, particularly in light of fluctuating market demands. They emphasized the importance of regular compensation studies, suggesting every three years as a suitable interval, to ensure alignment with market rates. Concerns were raised about the risk of losing trained employees to other jurisdictions due to higher pay scales elsewhere, particularly in fields like IT and law enforcement. The council also highlighted the potential for increased public hearings and decision-making if more bargaining units are established, while noting that once collective bargaining agreements are in place, they tend to remain stable with minimal changes from year to year.

City Budget and Union Relations

The council discussed the city's budget challenges, noting that costs have been outpacing revenues in recent years, leading to staff reductions. They explored the possibility of maintaining competitive wages for city employees, particularly in comparison to neighboring counties, while emphasizing the importance of partnerships with unions. Council members agreed on the need for cautious budget planning, considering the long-term implications of contracts and potential deficits. They also debated the process for union certification and voluntary recognition, with some suggesting cost-saving measures, but others emphasized the importance of ensuring fair and transparent processes.

Public Sector Union Rights Expansion

The Council discussed the expansion of strike bans from public safety employees to all city employees, noting the contrast between private and public sector labor rights. Council members expressed concerns about union intimidation tactics and management interference in union elections, with Trent Leon-Lierman sharing specific examples of illegal behavior by management during union organizing efforts. The Council emphasized that while they would not tolerate intimidation by either side, employees should have the right to choose union representation through a secret ballot election, with the understanding that workers would not be required to pay dues until after ratifying a contract.

Union Recognition and Worker Protections

The council discussed the timeline for reviewing a union recognition proposal, agreeing to keep May as a flexible deadline to allow for potential election if needed. They addressed concerns about worker intimidation, with the city manager confirming a zero-tolerance policy for harassment and established reporting channels through HR and the Employee Relations Board.

Informational items were discussed.

The meeting ended at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonita Anderson
City Clerk

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held March 9, 2026.

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

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Frankie Santos Fritz, Amy E. Knesel, Danielle P. McKinney, Jenni A. Pompei, Silke I. Pope, Kristen L.K. Weaver, and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

ALSO PRESENT were Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Terri Hruby, Planning and Community Development Director; James Wisniewski, Public Information Officer; Bryce Rusk, Communications Specialist; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of Ann Louise (McCord) Quirante.

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

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Christine Wilkin, a resident of the Greenbelt Resistance Network, raised concerns about the security camera data collection and access, prompting the council to refer the matter to the city manager for further investigation.

Bill Orleans, a resident, requested more information on closed sessions regarding annexation and raised questions about the RTA contract, which the council agreed to pull from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Laura Rosenthal, a resident, emphasized the importance of addressing the 11 questions from the Greenbelt Resistance Network and suggested designating a person to provide detailed answers.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Pro Tem Weaver moved that Council approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Knesel seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Work Session, February 21, 2024
Work Session, January 5, 2026
Work Session, January 7, 2026
Regular Meeting, January 28, 2026
Work Session, February 2, 2026
Work Session, February 4, 2026
Regular Meeting, February 9, 2026
Interviews, February 18, 2026
Approved as presented.

Appointment to Advisory Board/Committee: Council appointed Charlotte Fritts to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

Resignation from Advisory Board/Committee: Council accepted Dea Zugby's resignation from the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB).

COMMITTEE REPORTS: No reports were submitted for Council to accept.

AUTHORIZATION FOR CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH RTA:
Council authorized the City Manager to execute the contract with RTA.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilmember Pompei requested to remove the following from the agenda: Resolution for Annexation Beltsville Agriculture Research Center (BARC) Area 1 and Resolution for Annexation Beltsville Agriculture Research Center (BARC) Area 2. Mayor Pro Tem Weaver seconded. Councilmember McKinney moved to approve the agenda as amended. Councilmember Knesel seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Women's History Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan declared March as Women's History Month. This year's theme is "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future." This theme recognizes the women making significant progress in environmental stewardship, economic justice, education, community resilience, and social equity. Members of the City Council accepted the proclamation.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

City Manager Salmerón announced that the Council received a \$1.8 million check for federal grants, with \$250,000 allocated for the Springhill Lake Recreation Center expansion and \$1.5 million for the youth center roof replacement. He noted that the proposed FY 2027 budget is on track for presentation on March 23. Mr. Salmerón mentioned the successful Council Meet and Greet with 25 participants, and construction of EV charging stations has begun, with a target completion date of June 30 to qualify for an EV tax credit. The Council also discussed ongoing projects, including GIS mapping planning with ESRI and a partnership with Senator Washington for a Pet Resource Fair. Councilmember Knesel raised concerns regarding eviction proceedings, noting that although two property managers had notified the City of evictions, there is no formal enforcement process in place absent complaints.

LEGISLATION:

Resolution for Annexation Beltsville Agriculture Research Center (BARC)/NASA Area 3: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. The City Council discussed the annexation of 1,196 acres of federal land, including NASA property, into Greenbelt's city limits. The annexation process, which began in 2025, was completed after following state laws and receiving written comments from the Maryland Department of Planning.

Mayor Pro Tem Weaver moved to introduce, for second reading and adoption, a resolution for Annexation Beltsville Agriculture Research Center (BARC)/NASA Area 3.

Councilmember Pope seconded.

ROLL CALL: Councilmember Fritz	- Yes
Councilmember Knesel	- Yes
Councilmember McKinney	- Yes
Councilmember Pompei	- Yes
Councilmember Pope	- Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Weaver	- Yes
Mayor Jordan	- Yes

Council members discussed the importance of educating the public about annexation and the need for further communication regarding future annexation plans. The resolution passed with a 7-0 vote, marking the first time the city's boundaries have expanded in a long time.

The resolution was declared passed.

Resolution of the City Council of the City of Greenbelt in Support of HB 1142 / SB, Establishing the Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Sources: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Councilmember Pompei explained that the bill was discussed at the Maryland Municipal League Advocacy Day, and the council's support is needed to encourage the Senate to pass the legislation before crossover. Councilmember Fritz emphasized the importance of modernizing revenue sources and discussed the need for progressive taxation.

Councilmember Pompei introduced the resolution for first reading and suspension of the rules.

Councilmember Pope seconded.

ROLL CALL: Councilmember Fritz	- Yes
Councilmember Knesel	- Yes
Councilmember McKinney	- Yes
Councilmember Pompei	- Yes
Councilmember Pope	- Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Weaver	- Yes
Mayor Jordan	- Yes

Councilmember Pompei introduced the resolution for second reading and adoption.

Councilmember Pope seconded.

ROLL CALL: Councilmember Fritz	- Yes
Councilmember Knesel	- Yes
Councilmember McKinney	- Yes
Councilmember Pompei	- Yes
Councilmember Pope	- Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Weaver	- Yes

The resolution was declared passed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussion and Modification of the Council's Standing Rules: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. The council reviewed proposed updates to the standing rules, which include a two-hour limit for regular meetings and formalized protocols for public comment and council working groups.

Mayor Pro Tem Weaver presented a revised PowerPoint presentation with suggested changes to the Standing Rules as follows:

Section I Council Meetings Subsection 9 Meetings of Council Open to the Public (previously labeled section 8) Slide 8

The council discussed implementing a sign-in process for public comments at meetings. They agreed to use comment cards instead of requiring signatures, allowing residents to indicate if they want to speak on specific agenda items. The council decided to make this optional during work sessions and public hearings, while making it mandatory for regular council meetings. Councilmember Knesel expressed concerns about requiring public sign-ins, while others saw it as a way to manage meeting time and track public input. The council acknowledged this would be an iterative process and agreed to further discuss implementation details before finalizing the policy. Mayor Pro Tem Weaver moved that Council implement the use of comment cards for public meetings. Councilmember Fritz seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Section VI Duties and Privileges of Members Subsection 9 Councilmember Behavior and Conduct Outside of Public Meetings (new subsection) Slide 14

Mayor Pro Tem Weaver withdrew a proposed amendment regarding council member behavior outside meetings due to the need for further definition of "unbecoming behavior."

Section IX Ordinances and Resolutions Subsection 1 Introduction Slide 18

The council discussed amending the rules regarding the number of readings required for resolutions, particularly focusing on contract resolutions, which could be handled at the first reading. Council members debated whether to maintain the current two-read requirement for most resolutions, with some arguing that it provides necessary time for public review and allows for modifications between readings, while others suggested making it optional unless there is unanimous support. The discussion highlighted that the current requirement for a second reading with a supermajority (6 votes) provides an important safeguard, especially for controversial measures or when not all council members are present.

Councilmember Pompi moved that Council amend the standing rules regarding the number of readings required for resolutions to one. Mayor Pro Tem Weaver seconded. The motion failed 3-4. (Councilmembers Fritz, McKinney, Pope, and Mayor Jordan)

Legislative Review: State and County Bills: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Council reviewed and took a position on several legislative bills.

STATE LEGISLATION

H.R. 7437 Bridges and Safety Infrastructure for Community Success Act (BASICS Act)

(federal). The National League of Cities is prioritizing the BASICS Act at the upcoming Congressional Cities Conferences as one of their top advocacy asks, and would like the support of municipalities in ensuring that municipal and other local entities get access to federal transportation funding. The BASICS Act streamlines more federal funding to locally selected priority transportation projects-especially bridge and safety projects-in every state, while bolstering planning resources to increase capacity for regions large and small. Mayor Pro Tem Weaver moved that Council approve support and send a letter. Mayor Jordan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

HB1066/SB0727, Municipal Elections - Qualified Electronic Transmission Systems -

Authorization for Use. Authorizing a municipality to conduct a municipal election through the use of a qualified electronic transmission system; and prohibiting a municipality from using information received from a voter using a qualified electronic transmission system for certain purposes. Councilmember Fritz moved that Council support and send a letter. Mayor Pro Tem Weaver seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

SB0023/HB0695, Green and Renewable Energy Efficiency for Nonprofits (GREEN) Loan

Program and Fund – Establishment. Establishing the Green and Renewable Energy Efficiency for Nonprofits Loan Program in the Maryland Clean Energy Center to provide financial assistance in the form of no-interest loans to nonprofit organizations for the planning, purchase, and installation of qualifying energy systems and for actions that improve energy efficiency; establishing the Green and Renewable Energy Efficiency for Nonprofits Loan Fund; authorizing the Governor to include \$5,000,000 in the fiscal year 2028 budget for the Fund. Mayor Jordan moved that Council support and send a letter. Councilmember Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

SB0281/HB0386. Metro Funding Modification Act of 2026. Requiring the Governor to withhold 35% of the annual appropriation for grants to the Washington Suburban Transit District under certain circumstances; altering the calculation of the amount that the Governor is required to include in the annual budget each year to provide grants to the Washington Suburban Transit District to pay the capital costs of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; making the Act contingent on enactment of certain legislation by the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia; etc. Councilmember Pompei moved that Council support and send a letter. Mayor Jordan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

HB0711/SB0504 Data Privacy - Consumer Data, Public Records, and Message Switching

System (Data Privacy Act). Prohibiting a certain controller from selling the personal data of a consumer to a purchaser who seeks to use the data for immigration enforcement; requiring a custodian of a public record to take reasonable steps to determine whether a public record is accessed for enforcing immigration law; requiring an entity that operates a certain message

switching system to take certain actions regarding system access; requiring certain procedures of certain governmental entities to account for data containing sensitive attributes. Councilmember Pompei moved that Council support and send a letter. Mayor Jordan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

HB1575/SB0791. Correctional Services and Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement - Prohibitions (Community Trust Act). Prohibiting employees and agents of State and local correctional facilities from taking certain actions related to immigration enforcement, subject to certain exceptions; and prohibiting law enforcement agents from taking certain actions related to immigration enforcement, subject to certain exceptions. Councilmember Pompei moved that Council support and send a letter. Mayor Jordan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

COUNTY LEGISLATION

CR-014-2026 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY’S STREAMLINING DEVELOPMENT REVIEW WORKGROUP: Purpose of establishing a workgroup to recommend policies and practices to the County Council and County Executive to improve efficiency, reduce redundancy, and implement best practices in the land development review process without reducing substantive public input. Mayor Jordan moved that Council support and send a letter. Councilmember Knesel seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

CR-005-2026 – Common Ownership Communities Summary update: County Council Members are concerned with 1) information getting out to COC members in a timely manner; 2) members can't get copies of by-laws; 3) Many times an officer doesn't live in the community; 4) Issues about depleted reserves and COC members not being told about this. Mayor Jordan moved that Council support and send a letter. Councilmember Knesel seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

HB0350/SB0255, Voting Rights Act of 2026 – Counties and Municipal Corporations: Councilmember Fritz requested that staff track this bill.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Events between February 10 and March 07, 2026

- 10 February: New Deal Café Member Meeting (Weaver)
- 12 February: Greenbelt Rotary Monthly Presentation – Greenbelt CARES (Weaver)
- 16 February: Scout Troop 214 Chili Supper (Jordan, Pompei, Weaver)
- 16 February: Reel & Meal - Black Power Mix Tape 1957-1975 (Fritz, Jordan, Weaver)
- 17 February: Community Meeting – Indian Creek Master Plan (Fritz, Jordan, McKinney, Pompei, Weaver)
- 18 February: Greenbelt Business Alliance networking event (Jordan, Weaver)
- 18 February: Transportation Planning Board (Weaver)
- 18 February: Park and Recreation Advisory Board (Weaver)
- 19 February: Greenbelt Rotary Club (Weaver)

- 19 February: Meeting with NASA Goddard Center Director (Jordan, Pompei, Weaver)
- 21 February: SITY Stars Jump Legacy (Knesel, McKinney, Pompei)
- 21 February: Greenbelt Black History & Culture Committee Program (Jordan, Fritz, Pompei, McKinney)
- March 03: PSAC meeting
- March 07: Senator Washington's Pet event, Schrom Hills Park

MEETING LIST: Council reviewed and approved the revised meeting schedule.

CLOSED SESSION: Mayor Pro Tem Weaver moved that Council move into closed session in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, in accordance with the General Provisions Article 3-305(b)(1)(7) 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; 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.

Councilmember Pope seconded.

ROLL CALL: Councilmember Fritz	- Yes
Councilmember Knesel	- Yes
Councilmember McKinney	- Yes
Councilmember Pompei	- Yes
Councilmember Pope	- Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Weaver	- Yes
Mayor Jordan	- Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Weaver noted that Council would not return to open session.

Council moved into Closed Session at 9:13 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 March 9, 2026.

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor

WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, for the purpose of interviewing candidates for a City Advisory Group.

The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Frankie S. Fritz, Amy E. Knesel, Danielle P. McKinney, Jenni A. Pompei, Silke I. Pope, Mayor Pro Tem Kristen L.K. Weaver, and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Deputy City Clerk.

OTHERS PRESENT WERE: Bill Orleans.

Farinaz Firouzi was interviewed for appointment to the Charter Review Task Force.

Divine Anamara was interviewed for appointment to the Youth Advisory Committee and the Arts Advisory Board.

Venus Tchabong was interviewed for appointment to the Advisory Committee on Education.

Emily Frias was interviewed for appointment to the Employee Relations Board.

Charlotte Hoffman was interviewed for appointment to the Community Relations Advisory Board.

Informational Items:

Mayor Jordan informed the Council that he has received an invitation to attend a press conference at the County Executive Office in Largo, which he will be attending. He also stated that Mr. Salmerón sent a letter of support for the Lutheran Social Services' funding request to Senator Van Hollen. There was a brief discussion regarding the upcoming snow event tomorrow.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shaniya Lashley-Mullen
Deputy City Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING/CLOSED SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, to discuss Personnel Matters.

Mayor Jordan started the meeting at 9:15 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, and virtually via Zoom.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Frankie S. Fritz, Amy E. Knesel, Danielle P. McKinney, Jenni A. Pompei, Silke I. Pope, Mayor Pro Tem Kristen L.K. Weaver, and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Dawane Martinez, Human Resources Director; and Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Deputy City Clerk.

OTHERS PRESENT WERE: Bill Orleans.

Informational Items Discussed: None.

Mayor Pro Tem Weaver moved that the Council move into a Closed Session in accordance with the General Provisions Article 3-305(b)(1)(7) and (8) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland 1) to discuss the appointment, performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individual; 2) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter; and 3) consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

Councilmember Knesel seconded.

ROLL CALL: Councilmember Fritz	-	Yes
Councilmember Knesel	-	Yes
Councilmember McKinney	-	Yes
Councilmember Pompei	-	Yes
Councilmember Pope	-	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Weaver	-	Yes
Mayor Jordan	-	Yes

The motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Weaver announced that the Council will not return to the open session after the closed session.

Council adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shaniya Lashley-Mullen
Deputy City Clerk

To: Greenbelt City Council

From: Matt Sickle - Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Date: March 16, 2026

Subject: PGCMLS StoryWalk Removal

Dear Members of City Council,

On behalf of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, I am writing to recommend removal of the StoryWalk installation between Braden Field and the Greenbelt Museum playground. This matter was discussed at our most recent meeting where the board voted to recommend that the installation be removed.

While the concept was well intentioned, the installation has not been maintained as originally proposed. The frames do not appear to be waterproof, and the stories have been updated only four or five times rather than on the monthly schedule that was initially described. Additionally, many pages are no longer secured in the frames, and the materials have become soaked, faded, and deteriorated.

Several times, the stories have been left out to weather for months. In that state, the installation detracts from the experience of the trail and playground and gives an appearance of neglect in a well-used public space. For these reasons, the board recommends that the StoryWalk be removed.

Thank you for your attention and for your continued support of Greenbelt's parks.

Respectfully,



Matt Sickle
Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
City of Greenbelt

PROCLAMATION

***WHEREAS**, colorectal cancer is the third-leading cause of cancer deaths in the U.S. among men and women combined; and*

***WHEREAS**, one in twenty-five men and one in twenty-six women will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in their lifetimes; and*

***WHEREAS**, this year, the 2026 theme is “Uniting for Equity Across the CRC Continuum,” emphasizing equity, screening access, proactive health, and focuses on closing screening gaps and reducing disparities; and*

***WHEREAS**, it’s critical that all people of all ages know the signs and symptoms of the disease; and*

***WHEREAS**, observing a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March provides a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening.*

***NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Emmett V. Jordan, by the authority vested in me by the residents and City Council of Greenbelt, do hereby proclaim the month of March designated as*

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Greenbelt and urge all residents to learn more about this disease and to take advantage of local screening opportunities.

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to be affixed this 23rd day of March 2026.*

*EMMETT V. JORDAN
Mayor*

**WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING
OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL**

Date: 3/6/2026 Time: 5:35 Location: Zoom

Motion to close meeting made by: Weaver Seconded by: Fritz

Members voting to close meeting:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilmember Fritz	X			
Councilmember Knesel	X			
Councilmember McKinney				X
Councilmember Pompi	X			
Councilmember Pope				X
Mayor Pro Tem Weaver	X			
Mayor Jordan	x			

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION (check all that apply):
This meeting will be closed under General Provisions Article, §3-305(b) only:**

- (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 protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business;
- (3) ☒ To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto;
- (4) ☐ To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State;
- (5) ☐ To consider the investment of public funds;
- (6) ☐ To consider the marketing of public securities;
- (7) ☒ To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter;
- (8) ☐ To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation;
- (9) ☐ To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations;

- (10) [] To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including:
- (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and
 - (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans;
- (11) [] To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination;
- (12) [] To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct;
- (13) [] To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter;
- (14) [] Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

FOR EACH CITATION CHECKED ABOVE, THE REASONS FOR CLOSING AND TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

§3-305(b) (3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.

§3-305(b) (7) To consult with counsel on a legal matter

§3-305(b) () _____

This statement is made by _____
Emmett V. Jordan (Signature of Presiding Officer)

**WORKSHEET FOR USE IN CLOSED SESSION (CHECKLIST OF DISCLOSURES TO BE
MADE IN MINUTES OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING-NOT A PART OF THE CLOSING STATEMENT)**

OFFICIALS ATTENDING CLOSED SESSION: ☒ FRITZ; ☒ JORDAN; ☒ KNESEL;
☒ MCKINNEY (from 5:47); ☒ POMPI; ☒ POPE (from 6:05); ☒ WEAVER

STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT:

Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Todd Pounds, City Solicitor; Terri Hruby, Director of
Planning and Community Development

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

Annexation actions and opportunities

ACTION(S) TAKEN (IF ANY) AND RECORDED VOTES: Instructed city manager to proceed with
annexation survey

TIME CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNED: 6:33

PLACE OF CLOSED SESSION: Zoom

PURPOSE OF CLOSED SESSION: TO DISCUSS ANNEXATION OPPORTUNITIES AND OBTAIN LEGAL ADVICE
ON THE SAME.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THE CLOSED SESSION: §3-305(b) (3); (7); To consider the
acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; and to
consult with counsel on a legal matter.

MEMBERS WHO VOTED TO CLOSE: ☒ FRITZ; ☒ JORDAN; ☒ KNESEL; ☐ MCKINNEY;
☒ POMPI; ☐ POPE; ☒ WEAVER

SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING OFFICER: _____

Form Revised: 02/11/2026

Date 3/6/2026

Begin in open session

Note time Open Special Meeting Began 5:32

Members of Public in Attendance: none

Note any informational items discussed:

none

TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move that Council go into Closed Session in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(3) and (7) of the General Provisions Article of the *Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland*, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Friday, March 6, 2026, at 5:30 pm, virtually on Zoom: 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 discuss Real Estate and 2) To obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

Note that the Council **WILL NOT RETURN TO OPEN SESSION** following this closed session.

Need second, roll call vote. (On Executive Session Form)

**WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING
OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL**

Date: 3/9/2026 Time: 9:46 Location: Council Chamber

Motion to close meeting made by: Weaver Seconded by: Pope

Members voting to close meeting:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilmember Fritz	X			
Councilmember Knesel	X			
Councilmember McKinney	X			
Councilmember Pompi	X			
Councilmember Pope	X			
Mayor Pro Tem Weaver	X			
Mayor Jordan	X			

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION (check all that apply):
This meeting will be closed under General Provisions Article, §3-305(b) only:**

- (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 protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business;
- (3) ☐ To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto;
- (4) ☐ To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State;
- (5) ☐ To consider the investment of public funds;
- (6) ☐ To consider the marketing of public securities;
- (7) ☒ To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter;
- (8) ☒ To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation;
- (9) ☐ To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations;

- (10) [] To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including:
- (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and
 - (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans;
- (11) [] To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination;
- (12) [] To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct;
- (13) [] To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter;
- (14) [] Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

FOR EACH CITATION CHECKED ABOVE, THE REASONS FOR CLOSING AND TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

§3-305(b) (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;

§3-305(b) (7) To consult with counsel on a legal matter;

§3-305(b) (8) To consult with staff, consultants or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

This statement is made by _____
Emmett V. Jordan (Signature of Presiding Officer)

**WORKSHEET FOR USE IN CLOSED SESSION (CHECKLIST OF DISCLOSURES TO BE
MADE IN MINUTES OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING-NOT A PART OF THE CLOSING STATEMENT)**

OFFICIALS ATTENDING CLOSED SESSION: ☒ FRITZ; ☒ JORDAN; ☒ KNESEL;
☒ MCKINNEY; ☒ POMPI; ☒ POPE; ☒ WEAVER

STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT:

Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Jason DeLoach, City Solicitor; Dawane Martinez, Human
Resources Director

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

Personnel issues related to a specific individual and hearing legal advice on the
matter

ACTION(S) TAKEN (IF ANY) AND RECORDED VOTES: Directed city manager to explore further
legal options

TIME CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNED: 11:07

PLACE OF CLOSED SESSION: Council Chambers

PURPOSE OF CLOSED SESSION: 1) TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS; 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.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THE CLOSED SESSION: §3-305(b) (11); (7); (8) 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; 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.

MEMBERS WHO VOTED TO CLOSE: ☒ FRITZ; ☒ JORDAN; ☒ KNESEL; ☒ MCKINNEY;
☒ POMPI; ☒ POPE; ☒ WEAVER

SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING OFFICER: _____

Date 3/9/2026

Begin in open session

Note time Open Special Meeting Began n/a (after regular meeting)

Members of Public in Attendance: Bill Orleans

Note any informational items discussed: none

TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move that Council go into Closed Session in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1), (7) and (8) of the General Provisions 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 this public body has jurisdiction; 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 will be 1) to discuss personnel matters; 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.

Note that the Council **WILL NOT RETURN TO OPEN SESSION** following this closed session.

Need second, roll call vote. (On Executive Session Form)

**WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING
OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL**

Date: 3/11/2026 Time: 9:17 Location: Zoom

Motion to close meeting made by: Weaver Seconded by: Knesel

Members voting to close meeting:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilmember Fritz	X			
Councilmember Knesel	X			
Councilmember McKinney	X			
Councilmember Pompi	X			
Councilmember Pope	X			
Mayor Pro Tem Weaver	X			
Mayor Jordan	x			

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION (check all that apply):
This meeting will be closed under General Provisions Article, §3-305(b) only:**

- (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 protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business;
- (3) ☐ To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto;
- (4) ☐ To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State;
- (5) ☐ To consider the investment of public funds;
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- (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and
 - (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans;
- (11) [] To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination;
- (12) [] To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct;
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- (14) [] Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

FOR EACH CITATION CHECKED ABOVE, THE REASONS FOR CLOSING AND TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

§3-305(b) (1) To discuss potential personnel changes and appointments

§3-305(b) (7) To consult with counsel on a legal matter; (justification not utilized as legal counsel was not deemed necessary for the discussion)

§3-305(b) (8) To consult with staff about potential litigation

This statement is made by _____
Emmett V. Jordan (Signature of Presiding Officer)

**WORKSHEET FOR USE IN CLOSED SESSION (CHECKLIST OF DISCLOSURES TO BE
MADE IN MINUTES OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING-NOT A PART OF THE CLOSING STATEMENT)**

OFFICIALS ATTENDING CLOSED SESSION: [x] FRITZ; [x] JORDAN; [x] KNESEL;
[x] MCKINNEY; [x] POMPI; [x] POPE; [x] WEAVER

STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT:

Josue Salmeron, City Manager (until 10:34); Dawane Martinez, Director of Human
Resources (until 10:33)

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

Potential personnel changes; Appointments and reappointments to advisory boards
and committees

ACTION(S) TAKEN (IF ANY) AND RECORDED VOTES: 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)

TIME CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNED: 11:03

PLACE OF CLOSED SESSION: Zoom

PURPOSE OF CLOSED SESSION: TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS AND APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY
BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THE CLOSED SESSION: §3-305(b) (1); (7); (8) 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; 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.

MEMBERS WHO VOTED TO CLOSE: [x] FRITZ; [x] JORDAN; [x] KNESEL; [x] MCKINNEY;
[x] POMPI; [x] POPE; [x] WEAVER

SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING OFFICER: _____

Date 3/11/2026

Begin in open session

Note time Open Special Meeting Began 9:15

Members of Public in Attendance: Bill Orleans

Note any informational items discussed: Press conference for the county executive to release budget is happening tomorrow; request for letter of support for a grant application by Lutheran Social Services was submitted by the city manager; snow flurries in the forecast, but not likely to stick given the temperature

TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move that Council go into Closed Session in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1)(7) and (8) of the General Provisions Article of the *Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland*, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, immediately following the Council Work Session – Advisory Board Interviews, virtually on Zoom: 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 is: 1) to discuss personnel matters; 2) to obtain legal advice on a legal matter; and 3) to consult with staff.

Note that the Council **WILL NOT RETURN TO OPEN SESSION** following this closed session.

Need second, roll call vote. (On Executive Session Form)

CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

25 CRESCENT ROAD, GREENBELT, MD. 20770



TO: City Council

From: Josué Salmerón, City Manager
Tim George, Assistant City Manager

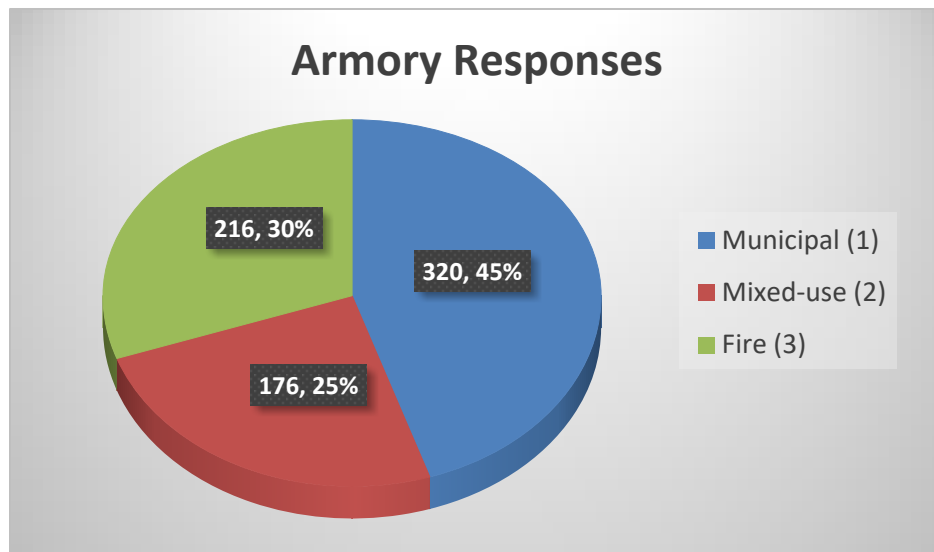
Date: March 9, 2026

RE: 2025 Community Questionnaire: Armory Current Question Summary

The Current Questions for the 2025 Community Questionnaire included a question to gauge the resident's preference on the future development of the Greenbelt Armory site. Specifically, the question asked:

1. Which of the three options for the development of the Armory site do you prefer: ____1) Municipal center/mixed-use ____2) Residential/mixed-use; ____3) Fire/EMS station.

We received a total of 819 Community Questionnaires, of which 515 were completed in-person/mailed in and 304 were completed on-line. With respect to the Armory question, we received 712 responses. The option that received the most responses was #1, Municipal center/mixed-use with 320 responses. Fire/EMS station (#2) received the second most responses (216 responses) followed by #3 Residential/mixed-use (216 responses).



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Other Interesting Findings

- Municipal (1) is the leading option (44.9%), followed by Fire (3) (30.3%) and Mixed-use (2) (24.7%).
- Center residents represent 70.7% of responses; East 21.3%; West 8.0%.
- Older respondents (61–74, 75+) are most supportive of Municipal (1).
- Ages 45–60 show comparatively higher Mixed-use interest.
- Mail-in respondents lean toward Fire (3), while in-person and online respondents lean Municipal (1).

When looking only at the three primary options:

Mode	Municipal (1) %	Mixed-use (2) %	Fire (3) %
In-person	48.8	23.5	27.7
Online	44.1	25.7	30.2
Mail	23.5	27.9	48.5

Residency distribution (counts and % of responses):

Residency	Count	Share (%)
Center	558	70.7
East	168	21.3
West	63	8.0

Age distribution (counts):

Age group	Count
Under 18	18
18-29	61
30-44	242
45-60	285
61-74	363
75+	139

Race (self-reported) – share of all responses:

Race	Share (%)
White	62.4
Black or African American	23.2
Multiracial	4.7
Asian	3.9
Latino/Hispanic	1.5
Other	1.6

Note: The total counts and percentages in the tables above may differ as all respondent did not answer every question.

Introduced: March 23, 2026

1st Reading:

Passed:

Posted:

Effective:

RESOLUTION NUMBER XXXX

A RESOLUTION TO REPEAL AND REENACT WITH AMENDMENTS RESOLUTION NUMBER 2109 TO ADOPT REVISED STANDING RULES FOR THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, that the Standing Rules of the City Council, as adopted by Resolution Number 2109, are hereby repealed and reenacted with amendments to read as follows:

(modification to existing language; deletions and additions denoted by **gray highlight**)

STANDING RULES FOR THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

March xx, 2026

I. Council Meetings

1. Regular Council Meetings

- a. In accordance with the City Charter, which prescribes that the City Council shall meet not less frequently than once each month, the following schedule is hereby established for Council to meet in regular session: Regular meetings shall be held on the second and fourth Mondays, except for the months of July, August, and December when Council shall meet on the second Monday only. When any regularly scheduled meeting falls on a declared city or religious holiday the meeting shall be held on the following Tuesday at the same hour unless otherwise provided by motion of the City Council. By agreement of a majority, the Council may dispense with or reschedule any regular meeting provided that at least one meeting of Council shall be held in each calendar month. Such action shall be taken by motion at a regular meeting preceding the one to be changed where time permits.
- b. Regular meetings of the Council shall be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building unless Council, by motion, designates

another time or another public place within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt.

- c. Regular meetings shall have a time limit of two hours, and if the meeting is to go beyond that point, there must be a vote of the majority of Council to extend the meeting in half-hour segments.

2. **First Meeting Following Council Election**

- a. At 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday following a regular Council election or run-off election, the Council shall meet at the usual place for holding its meetings, and the newly elected members shall, upon taking the oath of office, assume the duties of office. If an emergency meeting needs to be held between the election and the first meeting, the newly elected members shall take the oath of office at this meeting, and assume the duties of the office.
- b. At the organizational meeting following a Council election, the newly elected members shall, before entering upon the duties of their office, take or subscribe to the oath or affirmation prescribed by City Charter. Such oaths or affirmations shall be made before a retiring Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem if they will no longer be serving on Council, or before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County or one of the Clerk's sworn deputies. After selection by Council, the Mayor shall take the oath again, specifically naming that office, before the Clerk of the Circuit Court or designated sworn deputy.
- c. At the organizational meeting following a regular Council election, a majority of the members of Council shall choose one of its members as Mayor and shall also choose one of its members as Mayor Pro Tem. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Mayor, or in case of the Mayor's absence or disability, the Mayor Pro Tem shall act as Mayor for the unexpired term or during the continuance of the absence or disability of the Mayor.

3. **Committee-of-the-Whole Meetings (Work Sessions)**

Committee-of-the-whole meetings (work sessions) of the City Council may be held for the purpose of receiving and discussing information on such matters as deemed desirable and to request staff to obtain such other information as Council may request, provided that no formal actions shall be taken at such meetings and provided further that such meetings shall be open to the public. Work sessions are scheduled at convenient times based upon availability of Councilmembers. Work sessions should not be scheduled for times when Councilmembers have Advisory Board or Committee meetings. A portion of the work sessions on the first and third Monday of each month should be reserved for agenda and schedule review (preferably at the beginning of the session) and prioritized as work sessions for upcoming legislation or action items. Informational items to be discussed at a work session shall be identified at the beginning of the meeting. Councilmembers may report such informational items at the end of the meeting. These informational items shall be recorded in the

minutes under Other Business. In general, work sessions should be kept to a length of not longer than two hours, unless a longer time is needed for a specific purpose and agreed to by Council.

To better clarify the purposes of various types of work sessions, the following types are defined:

- **Standard Work Sessions:** Council meeting with staff or other experts on one or more topics, often in preparation for action to be taken at a future council meeting. These should have a clearly defined agenda and outcomes. Minutes and preparation packets are required for standard work sessions.
- **Public Hearings:** Held in accordance with legal requirements for the budget, charter amendments, etc. These are formal opportunities for the public to weigh in on a particular topic, but are not interactive. Comments are noted but not required to be responded to by Council at the time. Public hearings take place as part of a regular meeting or as a special meeting of Council.
- **Town Halls:** Informational sessions focused on a particular topic or issue of interest to the community, often with a panel of experts. While Council may attend, these are likely to be more staff-driven. Presentation materials may be provided, but formal minutes are not taken at town halls.
- **Listening Sessions:** Opportunities for Council to interact with the public in a format less formal than a Public Hearing, but which may be focused on getting feedback on a particular topic. These are especially intended to be held outside of the council chambers in various parts of the city. Listening sessions are formal meetings of council and will have minutes taken.
- **Council Meet and Greets:** Informal gatherings without a formal program, but also intended to be an opportunity to interact with the public in a fluid, mingling sense. While residents may bring up topics related to business of the City, council members should not discuss such business with more than three in a grouping. Formal minutes are not taken at meet and greets.
- **Stakeholder Meetings:** Scheduled with groups such as Greenbelt Homes Incorporated, homeowner's associations, Advisory Board and Committee chairs, etc. Held either on a regular cadence or if an issue comes up, these sessions are focused on the interaction between Council and the stakeholder group. A clear purpose for the stakeholder meeting should be defined ahead of time, including questions or topics from Council to the stakeholder(s), and ideally the same from the stakeholder(s) for Council. Stakeholder meetings should help advance Council strategic priorities. Stakeholder meetings shall have formal minutes taken.
- **Retreats:** Opportunities for Council to discuss legislative priorities, set goals for the council term, etc. Especially at the beginning of a new term, these are longer sessions and may have an outside facilitator. While

these are still open to the public, the focus is on council members interacting with each other, and may not be broadcast or recorded. Because of the nature of the discussion, in place of minutes, a report of the outcomes of the retreat will be created.

4. Topical Working Groups

The Council shall, as needed, set up topical working groups consisting of no more than three council members and appropriate members of staff or others with required expertise. The working groups may be created to conduct research and prepare legislation or other proposals on a particular topic, to be able to more agilely handle an area of concern, or to work on a special project on an ad hoc and timebound basis. The working group shall regularly provide written (preferably) or verbal reports back to the full Council, and bring any items requiring a decision for a vote of the full Council. If work sessions are held on the topic of the working group, the Mayor shall open the meeting and delegate to a designated group member to prepare the agenda, lead the meeting, and prepare a list of action items after the meeting.

5. Closed Sessions

The Council shall have the right to meet in closed sessions, which shall be closed to the public, to consider items of a sensitive nature. Such meetings shall be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of the General Provisions Article, Section 3-305 of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland*. Closed sessions shall be called by the City Clerk upon the written request of the Mayor, the City Manager, or four members of Council.

6. Special Meetings

Special meetings shall be called by the City Clerk upon the written request of the Mayor, the City Manager, or four members of Council. The City Clerk shall prepare a notice of the special meeting, stating the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be considered at the special meeting. No subjects other than stated in the notice shall be considered at the special meeting, except by unanimous consent of all members of Council. Notices of special meetings shall be served upon each member of Council and the City Manager, or left at their usual places of residence, at least two hours before the time of the meeting. It shall also be the duty of the City Clerk, immediately upon receipt of a written request for a special meeting, to make diligent effort to notify each member of Council and the City Manager, by email, text, telephone or otherwise, of such special meeting.

7. Attendance at Meetings

Members shall attend all regular and special meetings, and work sessions of the Council. If a Councilmember cannot attend a regular or special meeting of the Council because of illness or other unavoidable circumstance, the Council shall be so advised. The Council shall have the power to compel the attendance of

any absent member by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting.

In the event that a councilmember is unable to physically attend the meeting and desires to participate in the meeting (including voting) by electronic means (telephone, computer, etc.), the councilmember may do so with the approval of a majority of the Councilmembers physically present providing:

- a. The councilmember has all the materials for the meeting in his/her possession;
- b. The councilmember can be clearly heard and understood by all those present at the meeting; and
- c. The councilmember can clearly hear and understand all those present at the meeting.
- d. If the meeting is a closed session, participation must be done in a private and confidential manner.

8. **Notice of Meetings of the Council**

Written notice of all public meetings of the City Council shall be posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building, listed on the city's cable television access channels, listed on the city Website, and shared to the City's Social Media showing the date, time, place, and topic(s) of such meetings. Notice of regular meetings of the Council, public hearings and, insofar as possible, work sessions and special meetings shall be published in the *Greenbelt News Review* the week preceding the Council meeting and shall include a preliminary agenda or, in the case of work sessions, the topic(s) to be considered.

9. **Meetings of Council Open to the Public**

All meetings of the Council, with the exception of closed sessions authorized by applicable state law, shall be open to the public. Residents of the city and others shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard on any matter being considered at the meeting. This should be read at the beginning of each meeting and added to the top of each agenda.

Persons desiring to speak on a matter being considered by the Council at a regular meeting may sign in or fill in a comment card and indicate the item(s) they wish to comment on, or if they are planning to deliver a general petition or request. During work sessions or public hearings, a sign-in sheet may be used, or at the discretion of Council, persons wishing to speak shall raise their hands, physically or virtually, or if not able to do so, otherwise indicate their wish to speak in an alternate fashion. Comments may also be sent to Council via email (questions@greenbeltnmd.gov), Zoom Q&A or via postal mail to be read into the record. All comments should follow the posted Public Comment Policy.

After being recognized by the presiding officer, the speaker shall identify themselves and their place of residence. Speakers shall confine themselves to the question under debate, avoid personalities, and refrain from impugning the motives of any Councilmember's argument or vote or the statements of any other

resident or person. Residents of Greenbelt shall have precedence over others in being recognized. No person shall speak more than once upon any one subject and no person shall speak for longer than three minutes.

II. Presiding Officer

1. Presiding Officer

The Mayor or, in the Mayor's absence, the Mayor Pro Tem shall preside at all regular or special meetings of the Council. At the hour appointed for the Council to meet, the Mayor or, in the Mayor's absence, the Mayor Pro Tem shall take the chair and immediately call the members to order. At all regular meetings of Council, the roll shall be called by the City Clerk. The City Clerk shall enter in the minutes of all meetings the names of the members present. For work sessions related to the topic of a designated working group, the Mayor shall preside over the meeting and delegate relevant agenda items to a designated member of the working group. Town halls shall be presided over by the relevant staff member or other expert, as appropriate.

2. Temporary Chair

In case of the absence of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem at a meeting of Council, the City Clerk shall call the Council to order. If a quorum is found to be present, the Council shall proceed to elect, by majority vote of those present, a Chair of the meeting who shall preside until the arrival of the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem. The temporary Chair shall not preside beyond the adjournment of the meeting for which he or she was elected.

III. Quorum

A majority of the members elected to the Council shall constitute a quorum to conduct business. However, any number of members present may convene to compel the attendance of absent members.

IV. City Manager and Members of Staff

The City Manager shall have the right to take part in the discussion of all matters coming before the Council, and other members of staff shall be entitled to take part in discussions of the Council relating to their respective offices.

V. Minutes

1. Minutes of Meetings

The proceedings of the Council shall be briefly and accurately stated in the minutes. Titles of all ordinances and resolutions with their designated numbers shall be entered in the minutes and shall be preserved in a book for that purpose. The City Clerk shall keep minutes of all meetings, including special meetings, work sessions and closed sessions, and not less than three days before a

regular meeting shall furnish each member of Council and the City Manager with copies of minutes of preceding meetings. Minutes of regular meetings should be presented for Council's approval within 30 days, unless there are mitigating circumstances reported to Council.

Under the General Provisions Article 3-306(B)(2)(i) of State Law which states that minutes of meetings are not required if live and archived video is available, the video of Council meetings will serve as meeting minutes until the written minutes of the meetings are approved by Council.

2. Minutes Open to Public Review

Minutes of regular meetings, special meetings, public hearings, public meetings, and work sessions shall be available for review in the City Clerk's office during regular office hours. However, minutes shall not be available until approved by the Council in regular meeting. Approved minutes are also posted on the City website. Minutes of closed sessions of the Council held in accordance with applicable state law shall not be open to public inspection.

3. List of Action Items

Following each work session, a list of action items shall be prepared and provided to Council. A thank-you letter should be sent out after all stakeholder meetings listing the three top action items that were discussed.

VI. Duties and Privileges of Members

1. Seating Arrangement

Members shall occupy the respective seats at the Council table as determined at the organizational (Charter) meeting. Any two or more members may exchange seats by joining in a written notice to the rest of Council to that effect.

2. Right to Floor

- a. Before speaking on any matter, a member shall seek the floor by addressing the presiding officer and, once recognized by the chair, shall confine comments to the question under debate, avoid personalities, and refrain from impugning the motives of any other member's argument or vote. No member of Council shall interrupt another without that member's consent. To obtain such consent, the member shall first address the presiding officer.
- b. Members of Council shall not raise personnel matters pertaining to alleged improper performance or conduct of any city employee(s) or Council appointee(s) at a public Council meeting. Any concerns about the conduct or performance of any city employee(s) or Council appointee(s) shall be brought to the attention of the City Manager, or a closed session of Council may be requested to discuss the personnel matter.
- c. As a practice City Council sets policy and budget priorities within the scope

of its local jurisdictional authority and on matters directly related to its local sphere of influence. As a body, City Council shall not generally take positions on foreign, national, or regional issues that do not directly affect the conduct of the City's business.

3. **Right of Appeal**

Any member may appeal to the Council for a ruling on a decision of the presiding officer. The member making the appeal may briefly state the reason for the appeal, and the presiding officer may explain the ruling. However, there shall be no debate on the appeal. The presiding officer shall put the question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" If a majority of the members present vote "yes," the ruling of the Chair is sustained; otherwise, it is overruled.

4. **Limitation of Debate**

Any member can speak to a motion when recognized by the chair, up to two times. A member can only speak a second time after all members who wish to speak on that motion have had their first opportunity. No member shall speak for a longer time than five minutes without a majority vote of Council. Any member can call for a motion to extend the debate, allowing for longer speeches or more turns to speak, requiring a majority of Council to pass.

5. **Voting**

a. When a question is put, every member present or attending remotely by electronic means shall vote either in the affirmative, the negative or abstain. Any member shall be entitled to abstain so long as such member gives a reason for abstaining and such reason falls within one of the following:

- When to vote would or could be considered improper pursuant to the City and State Ethics Laws.
- When to vote could or may show bias for or against a person, organization or business that the member has a close personal relationship with thus reflecting poorly on the member and the office such member holds.
- When for any other reason a member is not comfortable voting and has given the Chair a reason for requesting to abstain so long as excused by the Chair or Council by vote as provided for herein below.

Application to be excused from voting shall be made to the Chair before the votes are called for. After the member has briefly stated the reason for the request to be excused, the decision thereon shall be made by a super-majority of councilmembers present without debate.

Except as provided in the City Charter or these rules, all voting shall be by voice vote or by such other method as a majority of the Council shall decide for any particular vote.

- b. The “yeas” and “nays” (i.e., a vote by roll call) shall be taken upon the passage of all ordinances and resolutions and upon demand of any member made before the negative vote has been called for. Each Councilmember’s name shall be called in alphabetical order, except that the presiding officer shall be called to vote last. It shall not be in order for members to explain or comment upon their votes during roll call. A record of the “yeas” and “nays” and not voting on any roll call vote shall be entered upon the minutes of the proceedings of the Council.

6. **Personal Privilege**

The right of a member to address the Council on a question of personal privilege shall be limited to cases in which his or her integrity, character, or motives are assailed, questioned, or impugned.

7. **Dissents and Protests**

Any member shall have the right to express dissent from or protest against any ordinance, resolution, or act of Council and have the reason therefor entered upon the minutes. Such dissent or protest must be filed in writing, couched in respectful language, and presented to Council no later than the next regular meeting following the date of passage of the ordinance or resolution or action objected to.

8. **Disorderly Conduct or Violation of Rules**

During a meeting, a member of Council indulging in any language or conduct unbecoming a Councilmember, or failing to follow the Standing Rules, the following progressive actions may be taken:

- a. **Request for Order:** If the breach is slight, the presiding officer shall rap the gavel and ask the offending member to follow the rules of order and good conduct. If the Mayor is the individual whose actions are being challenged, then the matter should be referred to the Mayor Pro Tem.
- b. **Call to Order:** If the offense is more serious, such as when a Councilmember:
 - Repeatedly interrupts or disrupts the meeting, whether verbally or otherwise
 - Questions the motives of or attacks with accusatory comments other Councilmembers, City employee or meeting participant
 - Persists in speaking out of turn or on an irrelevant matter during discussion on an agenda item
 - Makes comments to or converses with another Councilmember while not having the floor
 - Uses disrespectful, coarse, or profane language, tone, or gestures unbecoming toward another Councilmember, City employee, or any

other meeting participant

Then in such instance, the offender shall be called to order by the presiding officer and warned that such conduct is in breach of order. With or without such warning, the presiding officer, or any other Councilmember may call the offender to order by stating at any time, "Point of Order" and explaining how the offender's behavior breaches the rules. If the presiding officer finds the point well-taken they shall declare the offender out of order and request cessation of the unacceptable behavior immediately with a reminder of further consequences should the offender's behavior continues. In such case, the offending member shall lose the floor and shall not proceed without the approval of a majority of members present.

- c. **Recess for a Short Period:** The presiding officer or another Councilmember shall move for a short recess to allow order to be restored.
- d. **Recording the Offense in the Minutes:** If the disruptive conduct continues, despite the ruling of the presiding officer that the behavior is out of order, the fact and the specific offensive conduct should be recorded in the official minutes.
- e. **Censure:** If the disruption continues, any member may move to censure the offending member for disrupting a lawful meeting of the Council. Such censure motion shall be adopted on the affirming vote of a majority of the remaining Councilmembers, excluding the offending member. The censure may be put forth to encompass only the discussion at hand, or, if the offending behavior is more serious, the Councilmember may be censured for the remainder of that meeting or all subsequent future meetings. The offending Councilmember shall remain silent throughout the remainder of the discussion or meeting, and shall not disrupt the meeting verbally or with other physical distractions, such as gestures or facial expressions.
- f. **Expulsion From Meeting:** If the member continues such offending behavior, the Council may, by a vote of not fewer than six members, expel a member from a meeting for disorderly conduct or the violation of Council rules. If the offending member refuses to leave after a motion for expulsion has passed, City police officers may carry out the expulsion at the direction of the presiding officer.
- g. **Recess to Another Time:** When disruptive conduct by a Councilmember continues, the presiding officer at their discretion, may at any stage call for a motion to immediately recess the meeting to reconvene at a fixed time and place, which shall be publicly posted.

9. Demonstration or Disorder Among Bystanders

If any confusion, demonstration or disorder arises in the Council chamber, the presiding officer may, upon his or her initiative or upon the request of any member, enforce order. If the offending person or persons be a spectator, such person or persons may be ejected from the chamber. If any member of Council shall object to the ruling of the presiding officer, such member shall have the right

to appeal to the Council.

VII. Council Procedure

1. Order of Business

The business of all regular meetings of Council shall be transacted in the following order, with items under “Other Business” to be listed in the order of greatest public interest. For the printed agenda, such determination shall be made by the City Manager, provided that, as an organizational matter, the order of business may be modified at the meeting by the presiding officer, with the consent of Council or by a motion of Council.

2. Agenda

a. Organization

Call to Order

Roll Call

Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Reading of the
Greenbelt Community Pledge

Petitions and Requests

Consent Agenda – Council and Staff Recommendations

Approval of Agenda and Additions

b. Communications

Presentations

Public Hearings

Minutes of Council Meetings

Administrative Reports

Committee Reports

c. Legislation

Ordinances – Second Reading

Resolutions – Second Reading

Ordinances – First Reading

Resolutions – First Reading

d. Other Business

Council Activities *

Council Reports *

Meetings *

* Council Reports and Council Activities shall be shared at the regular meeting only if time allows. Council Reports and Council Activities may also be shared at any work session.

* The discussion of scheduling Meetings, including a formal “ready to be scheduled” list with prioritization, will be held at a Work Session preceding the next Regular Meeting, preferably the Monday at least one week prior to the regular meeting. If a change in Work Session schedule is needed in between Regular Meetings without the chance for discussion, concurrence to the change shall be sought by the City Manager from a majority of Council.

VIII. Agenda

1. The Printed Agenda

- a. The City Manager shall include on the agenda any item at the request of any member of Council, provided that the member of Council shall have furnished to the City Manager a proposal in writing of the item for Council to enact or take other action on, and all relevant background and supporting documents to be shared with City Council and members of the public in time for inclusion with the printed agenda. The City Manager shall notify Council of this addition.
- b. At least two days before each regular meeting, the City Manager shall provide each member of Council **via email** a copy of the agenda for the forthcoming meeting, together with copies of all ordinances, resolutions, and background material of matters to be considered at the meeting.
- c. Copies of the agenda and agenda comments shall be posted on the City website and on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building the Friday prior to each regular meeting. A reasonable number of copies of the agenda and agenda comments shall be available to the public at the Council meeting or earlier upon request, as available. If requested by candidates, printed copies of the agenda packet—less any material of a confidential nature but including the agenda, agenda comments, minutes of previous meetings, and background and briefing materials—shall be provided to certified candidates

2. Approval of Agenda; Consent Agenda

- a. As an item of business under Section I, Organization, the Council shall review the agenda and the consent agenda. Any member of Council or the City Manager may request the addition of an item to the agenda, or may request the removal of an item from the consent agenda so that it may be considered as a separate item of business. A request for the addition of an item to the agenda, or the removal of an item from the consent agenda, shall be a matter of consideration and shall be voted upon at the time the Council considers approval of the agenda or consent

agenda, and Council action shall be reflected in the minutes of the meeting.

- b. Any member of Council who will be absent from a meeting may request that an agenda item or consent agenda item be postponed. Such a request for deferral, giving the reasons for the request, shall be submitted in writing, email or by telephone to the City Clerk, City Manager and Council. A request for deferral shall be a matter of consideration and shall be voted upon at the time the Council considers approval of the agenda or consent agenda, and Council action shall be reflected in the minutes of the meeting.
- c. The consent agenda shall be used for the group disposition of routine and minor items of business, such as approval of minutes, acceptance of board/committee reports, and such other items as designated by the City Manager. Consent agenda items will be specially identified as such. For each item of the consent agenda, Council will receive a written staff recommendation.
- d. Ordinances and resolutions, matters requiring a roll call vote or the consent of six members of Council, and items added to the agenda at the meeting shall not be placed on the consent agenda.
- e. Unless an item set forth in the consent agenda is requested to be considered separately by any member of Council or is postponed (see above), the Council, by a single motion, shall adopt the recommendations of the City Manager as set forth in writing for each item included in the consent agenda. The approved recommendations for each consent agenda item, however, shall be set forth separately in the minutes of the meeting.

3. **Minutes**

Reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting shall not be required unless so requested by a member of Council or unless written copies have not been provided each member of Council.

4. **Petitions and Requests**

Petitions and requests are defined to include any communication addressed to the City, City Manager, Council (as a body) or all individual members of Council, making any specific or general request requiring Council action. Written communications shall be first received by the Council, after which the Council shall receive petitions and requests from residents of the City present physically or virtually at the meeting. Such petitions and requests shall be heard by the Council as communications and shall not be subject to consideration or deliberations at that time. Each petitioner shall be allowed five minutes in which to state the nature of the petition and may submit such additional written information as the petitioner deems appropriate. The petitioner may be granted additional time with the consent of the Council. Where more than one person is

present on behalf of the same petition, one person shall be designated principal spokesperson, and other persons shall be recognized only for the purpose of clarifying the request being made. Upon a petition or request being presented, the Council shall take one of the following actions:

- Refer to city staff for handling and disposition. The petitioner and Council shall be apprised of the disposition made within 90 days if possible.
- Refer to city staff or to an advisory board or committee for investigation, evaluation, and report to the Council at a future meeting.
- Add to the agenda of a subsequent meeting.
- By motion duly adopted, place the matter on the agenda of the current meeting.

A listing of Petitions and their status shall be posted on the City website.

5. Communications Not Requiring Council Action

If a written communication addressed to the Council does not require Council action, the City Clerk shall send copies to the members of Council, together with copies of any replies made to the communication, and the matter shall not be placed on the agenda unless a member of the Council or the City Manager requests that it be considered.

6. Anonymous Communications

Anonymous communications shall not be considered by the Council.

IX. Ordinances and Resolutions

1. Introduction

- a. Ordinances and resolutions shall be introduced in the Council only in printed or in written form. All ordinances—except ordinances making appropriations and ordinances codifying or rearranging existing ordinances or enacting a code of ordinances—shall be confined to one subject, and the subject or subjects of all ordinances shall be clearly expressed in the title. An ordinance or resolution may be introduced for first reading by the reading of its title by any member of Council and a second is not required. Resolutions are used to set forth legal decisions and official positions of the City Council, to approve contracts, to set policy and to implement programs.
- b. Ordinances are used to update the City Code and Charter and to adopt measures as required by State law.

2. Distribution of Copies

Copies of all ordinances and resolutions shall be prepared for distribution to all members of Council, the City Manager, and the City Clerk at the meeting at which

the ordinance or resolution is introduced. Whenever any member of the Council is absent from such meeting, the City Clerk shall arrange to have copies delivered.

3. First Reading

The first reading of an ordinance or resolution shall be for information. If there is no objection, the proposed ordinance or resolution shall go on the calendar for the next meeting of Council. There will generally be no public debate or testimony on the first reading of an ordinance or resolution. Council may ask questions or for clarification as to intent.

4. Review and Referral

- a. All proposed ordinances and resolutions shall be reviewed by the City Manager and/or City Solicitor before being presented for second reading and adoption. The City Manager shall provide a brief digest of the provisions thereof, and, where it is proposed to amend an existing ordinance or resolution, such digest shall indicate the changes sought to be made.
- b. If the Council so desires, any pending ordinance or resolution may be referred to any standing or special committee for study and recommendation or to the City Manager for study, recommendations, redrafting, etc.

5. Amendments

When a proposed ordinance or resolution is substantively amended upon either its first or second reading, the amended ordinance or resolution shall be considered to have had its first reading only and must be read on a second day, unless the requirement for reading it on two separate days shall be dispensed with by a vote of not fewer than six members of Council, as prescribed by the City Charter (see 8 b.).

6. Appropriation Ordinances

Ordinances making appropriations shall be confined to the subject of appropriations. Each proposed ordinance providing for an appropriation shall show fully the purpose of the appropriation and the source from which the funds are to be derived. The City Manager shall submit a written recommendation on each appropriation ordinance showing what effect the ordinance would have on the annual budget.

7. Ordinance to Issue Bonds

Ordinances to issue bonds shall meet all the requirements of the City Charter and applicable statutes.

8. Adoption

- a. Second Reading: After an ordinance or resolution has received a first

reading, it shall be placed on the agenda for second reading at the next meeting of Council. When a proposed ordinance or resolution comes up for second reading, it may be deferred for further study, deferred to a future meeting of Council, amended, or adopted. No ordinance or resolution shall be adopted until it has been read on two separate days, unless the requirement for reading it on two separate days shall be dispensed with by a vote of not fewer than six members of Council. The final reading of each ordinance and resolution shall be in full unless a written or printed copy thereof shall have been furnished to each member of Council prior to such reading. The "yeas" and "nays" shall be taken upon the adoption of all ordinances and resolutions and entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the Council.

- b. Dispensing of Reading on Separate Days: A roll call of the "yeas" and "nays" shall be taken on a motion to dispense with the requirement of reading an ordinance or resolution on two separate days (Charter ref. Sec. 9). When a motion to suspend the rules to dispense with the requirement for reading of an ordinance or resolution on two separate days fails to receive an affirmative vote of six members, the ordinance or resolution shall go over to the next regular meeting of the Council.
- c. Vote on Ordinances Revising Appropriations and Resolutions to Transfer Funds: As required by Maryland law, ordinances revising appropriations and resolutions transferring funds shall require a vote of not fewer than six members of Council.

9. Enacting Clauses

The enacting clause of all ordinances shall be "Be It Ordained by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland." The enacting clause of all resolutions shall be "Be It Resolved by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland."

10. Effective Date

All ordinances and resolutions passed by the Council shall take effect at the time indicated therein, but not less than ten days after the date of their adoption, except ordinances and resolutions of an urgent nature, which may by direction of Council become effective on date of adoption.

11. Authentication and Publication

Upon its adoption, each ordinance or resolution shall be authenticated by the signature of the Mayor and the City Clerk and shall be recorded upon a book kept for that purpose.

Each ordinance and resolution shall be published as soon as possible after its adoption by posting it in a public place or places for ten days or, when required, by publishing it once within ten days in a newspaper of general circulation in the city, or both.

X. Rules of Order

1. Precedence of Motions

When a question is before the Council, motions shall have the following precedence and no motion of lesser precedence may be addressed until the motion of higher precedence is voted upon. The order from highest to lowest precedence is: a) to adjourn which is not debatable; b) to fix the hour of adjournment; c) to lay the question or issue on the table indefinitely or to a time certain; d) to call for the previous question; e) to refer; f) to amend. All motions noted herein shall be addressed to the Mayor (or Chairperson of the meeting if the Mayor is absent) and shall be voted upon by the Council after discussion by the Council and interested members of the public. Comments by the public regarding the above motions (except a motion to adjourn) shall be limited to **three (3)** minutes.

2. Motions to Be Stated by Chair

When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Chair before debate. Any member may demand that it be put in writing.

3. Withdrawal of Motion

A motion may not be withdrawn by the mover without the consent of the member seconding it.

4. Motions Made Out of Order

The Chair may, at any time, with the approval of at least six members of Council permit a member to introduce an ordinance, resolution, or motion out of the regular order.

5. Motion to Adjourn - When Not in Order - Not Debatable

A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time, except as follows: a) when repeated without intervening business or discussion; b) when made as an interruption of a member while speaking; c) when the previous question has been ordered; and d) while a vote is being taken. A motion to adjourn is not debatable.

6. Motion to Lay on the Table

A motion to lay on the table shall preclude all amendments or debate on the subject under consideration. If the motion shall prevail, the consideration of the subject may be resumed at any time by a majority vote under other business, at the same or at a subsequent meeting. A motion to table is not debatable.

7. Call the Question

Any member of Council may at any time Call the Question on a motion previously made which has had any number of proposed amendments thereto so long as such motion receives a second. Once a second to this motion is received all

debate shall cease regarding any proposed amendments and the Council shall vote on the Call the Question motion without debate. If approved by a majority of a quorum of the Council, then Council shall immediately and without debate or public comment vote on only the motion previously made with the last amendment. All other amendments shall be considered as failed. If such vote passes by a majority, the Council shall move to the next item on its agenda. If the main motion fails, the secondary motion and all subsequent amendments will again be before the Council for debate and possible action. Any motions still pending at this time will be deemed lost.

8. Division of Question

If a question contains two or more divisible propositions, the presiding officer, upon request of a member, may divide the same.

9. Amend - Strike Out, etc.

On an amendment to "strike out and insert," the words to be struck out and those to be inserted shall be read, and finally the sentence or paragraph, as it would stand if so amended, shall be read.

10. Amend an Amendment

A motion to amend an amendment shall be in order, but one to amend an amendment to an amendment shall not be introduced. An amendment modifying the intention of a motion shall be in order, but an amendment relating to a different matter shall not be in order.

11. Motion to Postpone

All motions to postpone to a certain time, excepting a motion to postpone indefinitely, may only be amended as to time. If a motion to postpone indefinitely is carried, the principal question shall be declared lost.

12. Reconsideration

After the decision on any question, any member who voted with the prevailing side may move a reconsideration of any action at the same or the next meeting. A motion to reconsider shall require the approval of at least four members of Council. After a motion for reconsideration has once been acted on, no other motion for reconsideration thereof shall be made without unanimous consent of all members of Council.

13. Suspension of Rules

Any provisions of these rules not governed by the Charter, state law, or ordinance may be temporarily suspended at any meeting of the Council by a vote of not fewer than six members of Council. The vote on any question to suspend the rules shall be by "yeas" and "nays" and shall be entered in the minutes.

A motion to suspend the rule requiring two readings on separate days shall be

debatable and, upon such motion, the main question shall be open for debate.

14. **Procedure in Absence of Rule**

In the absence of a rule to govern a point of procedure, reference shall be had to the approved practice in parliamentary bodies.

15. **Special Order**

To make any subject a special order of business shall require the consent of the majority of members of Council present.

16. **Tie Vote**

In case of a tie in the vote on any proposal, the proposal shall be considered lost.

17. **Special Committees**

- a. **Creation:** From time to time, the Council may set up Special Committees to act on special occasions or to perform other duties. Special committees may be created only by adoption of a resolution, which resolution shall clearly outline the function, authority, and responsibility of the committee, the number of persons to be on the committee, method of selection or appointment of members of the committee, reports to be required of committee, expiration date of committee, and any other pertinent information necessary for the proper functioning of the committee. Such Special Committees may also be called Task Forces.
- b. **Powers:** No committee of any kind shall have the power of employing any person for, or on behalf of, the city or incurring any expense without prior authorization of the City Manager. The committee may request the City Manager to furnish information and assistance which may be granted, provided it is pertinent to the matter before the committee and is not in violation of provisions of the Charter or policies established by the Council.
- c. **Report of Committees:** Committees shall submit reports from time to time as requested by the Council or the City Manager. All reports shall be in writing, and sufficient copies shall be made available for each member of Council, the City Manager, and the City Clerk.

XI. Miscellaneous

1. **To Amend Rules**

These rules may be amended or new rules adopted in the same manner as any other resolution is passed, except that the requirement for reading may not be waived except by unanimous consent, with a recorded vote of all members.

2. **Request for Meetings by Other Parties**

The Mayor and members of Council often encounter requests for meetings related to City business either with the Mayor, a member of Council, or more than one member of Council from outside parties (developers, stakeholders, elected officials, etc.). Such requests should be made known to the entire Council prior to any meeting taking place.

Notification of such a request can be at a scheduled work session or meeting of the City Council or, in the case of an emergency, by direct communication from the Mayor or member of Council who was requested to meet. Unless agreed upon by a majority of Council, all members of Council may attend any such requested meeting. Further, any such meeting including four or more members of Council shall be publicized and open to the public unless a Closed Session has been properly requested.

Nothing herein shall apply to contacts made by outside parties with members of Council at a political or social function. It is understood that contacts of this type need not be reported to the entire City Council at the next regularly scheduled meeting or work session unless a request is made by such party that requires Council action.

3. **Council Recognitions**

Council may issue Proclamations or Letters in recognition of certain events or causes with local implications, etc. It will be the decision of the Mayor whether to issue a Proclamation or a Letter.

Generally, proclamations are official (formal) declarations by City Council and letters are official recognitions by City Council.

Council may also issue Certificates or Public Service Citations honoring awards and exceptional achievements such as scholarships, distinctions or other recognitions. Recommendations for these certificates may come from advisory boards and committees, staff, or individual council members. Recognitions may be approved by Council as part of a list of council-recognized achievements or individually as special cases arise.

4. **Virtual Council Meetings**

Members of Council are required to be visible for the majority of the meeting, barring technical constraints or physical illness.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, at its Regular Meeting of _____ 2026.

Emmett V. Jordan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

STANDING RULES FOR THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

March xx, 2026

I. Council Meetings

1. Regular Council Meetings

- a. In accordance with the City Charter, which prescribes that the City Council shall meet not less frequently than once each month, the following schedule is hereby established for Council to meet in regular session: Regular meetings shall be held on the second and fourth Mondays, except for the months of July, August, and December when Council shall meet on the second Monday only. When any regularly scheduled meeting falls on a declared city or religious holiday the meeting shall be held on the following Tuesday at the same hour unless otherwise provided by motion of the City Council. By agreement of a majority, the Council may dispense with or reschedule any regular meeting provided that at least one meeting of Council shall be held in each calendar month. Such action shall be taken by motion at a regular meeting preceding the one to be changed where time permits.
- b. Regular meetings of the Council shall be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building unless Council, by motion, designates another time or another public place within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt.
- c. Regular meetings shall have a time limit of two hours, and if the meeting is to go beyond that point, there must be a vote of the majority of Council to extend the meeting in half-hour segments.

2. First Meeting Following Council Election

- a. At 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday following a regular Council election or run-off election, the Council shall meet at the usual place for holding its meetings, and the newly elected members shall, upon taking the oath of office, assume the duties of office. If an emergency meeting needs to be held between the election and the first meeting, the newly elected members shall take the oath of office at this meeting, and assume the duties of the office.
- b. At the organizational meeting following a Council election, the newly elected members shall, before entering upon the duties of their office, take or subscribe to the oath or affirmation prescribed by City Charter. Such oaths or affirmations shall be made before a retiring Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem if they will no longer be serving on Council, or before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County or one of the Clerk's sworn deputies. After selection by Council, the Mayor shall take the oath again, specifically naming that office, before the Clerk of the Circuit Court or designated sworn

deputy.

- c. At the organizational meeting following a regular Council election, a majority of the members of Council shall choose one of its members as Mayor and shall also choose one of its members as Mayor Pro Tem. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Mayor, or in case of the Mayor's absence or disability, the Mayor Pro Tem shall act as Mayor for the unexpired term or during the continuance of the absence or disability of the Mayor.

3. **Committee-of-the-Whole Meetings (Work Sessions)**

Committee-of-the-whole meetings (work sessions) of the City Council may be held for the purpose of receiving and discussing information on such matters as deemed desirable and to request staff to obtain such other information as Council may request, provided that no formal actions shall be taken at such meetings and provided further that such meetings shall be open to the public. Work sessions are scheduled at convenient times based upon availability of Councilmembers. Work sessions should not be scheduled for times when Councilmembers have Advisory Board or Committee meetings. A portion of the work sessions on the first and third Monday of each month should be reserved for agenda and schedule review (preferably at the beginning of the session) and prioritized as work sessions for upcoming legislation or action items.

Informational items to be discussed at a work session shall be identified at the beginning of the meeting. Councilmembers may report such informational items at the end of the meeting. These informational items shall be recorded in the minutes under Other Business. In general, work sessions should be kept to a length of not longer than two hours, unless a longer time is needed for a specific purpose and agreed to by Council.

To better clarify the purposes of various types of work sessions, the following types are defined:

- **Standard Work Sessions:** Council meeting with staff or other experts on one or more topics, often in preparation for action to be taken a future council meeting. These should have a clearly defined agenda and outcomes. Minutes and preparation packets are required for standard work sessions.
- **Public Hearings:** Held in accordance with legal requirements for the budget, charter amendments, etc. These are formal opportunities for the public to weigh in on a particular topic, but are not interactive. Comments are noted but not required to be responded to by Council at the time. Public hearings take place as part of a regular meeting or as a special meeting of Council.
- **Town Halls:** Informational sessions focused on a particular topic or issue of interest to the community, often with a panel of experts. While Council may attend, these are likely to be more staff-driven. Presentation materials may be provided, but formal minutes are not taken at town halls.
- **Listening Sessions:** Opportunities for Council to interact with the public in a format less formal than a Public Hearing, but which may be focused on

getting feedback on a particular topic. These are especially intended to be held outside of the council chambers in various parts of the city. Listening sessions are formal meetings of council and will have minutes taken.

- Council Meet and Greets: Informal gatherings without a formal program, but also intended to be an opportunity to interact with the public in a fluid, mingling sense. While residents may bring up topics related to business of the City, council members should not discuss such business with more than three in a grouping. Formal minutes are not taken at meet and greets.
- Stakeholder Meetings: Scheduled with groups such as Greenbelt Homes Incorporated, homeowner's associations, Advisory Board and Committee chairs, etc. Held either on a regular cadence or if an issue comes up, these sessions are focused on the interaction between Council and the stakeholder group. A clear purpose for the stakeholder meeting should be defined ahead of time, including questions or topics from Council to the stakeholder(s), and ideally the same from the stakeholder(s) for Council. Stakeholder meetings should help advance Council strategic priorities. Stakeholder meetings shall have formal minutes taken.
- Retreats: Opportunities for Council to discuss legislative priorities, set goals for the council term, etc. Especially at the beginning of a new term, these are longer sessions and may have an outside facilitator. While these are still open to the public, the focus is on council members interacting with each other, and may not be broadcast or recorded. Because of the nature of the discussion, in place of minutes, a report of the outcomes of the retreat will be created.

4. Topical Working Groups

The Council shall, as needed, set up topical working groups consisting of no more than three council members and appropriate members of staff or others with required expertise. The working groups may be created to conduct research and prepare legislation or other proposals on a particular topic, to be able to more agilely handle an area of concern, or to work on a special project on an ad hoc and timebound basis. The working group shall regularly provide written (preferably) or verbal reports back to the full Council, and bring any items requiring a decision for a vote of the full Council. If work sessions are held on the topic of the working group, the Mayor shall open the meeting and delegate to a designated group member to prepare the agenda, lead the meeting, and prepare a list of action items after the meeting.

5. Closed Sessions

The Council shall have the right to meet in closed sessions, which shall be closed to the public, to consider items of a sensitive nature. Such meetings shall be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of the General Provisions Article, Section 3-305 of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland*. Closed sessions shall be called by the City Clerk upon the written request of the Mayor, the City Manager, or four members of Council.

6. Special Meetings

Special meetings shall be called by the City Clerk upon the written request of the Mayor, the City Manager, or four members of Council. The City Clerk shall prepare a notice of the special meeting, stating the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be considered at the special meeting. No subjects other than stated in the notice shall be considered at the special meeting, except by unanimous consent of all members of Council. Notices of special meetings shall be served upon each member of Council and the City Manager, or left at their usual places of residence, at least two hours before the time of the meeting. It shall also be the duty of the City Clerk, immediately upon receipt of a written request for a special meeting, to make diligent effort to notify each member of Council and the City Manager, by email, text, telephone or otherwise, of such special meeting.

7. Attendance at Meetings

Members shall attend all regular and special meetings, and work sessions of the Council. If a Councilmember cannot attend a regular or special meeting of the Council because of illness or other unavoidable circumstance, the Council shall be so advised. The Council shall have the power to compel the attendance of any absent member by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting.

In the event that a councilmember is unable to physically attend the meeting and desires to participate in the meeting (including voting) by electronic means (telephone, computer, etc.), the councilmember may do so with the approval of a majority of the Councilmembers physically present providing:

- a. The councilmember has all the materials for the meeting in his/her possession;
- b. The councilmember can be clearly heard and understood by all those present at the meeting; and
- c. The councilmember can clearly hear and understand all those present at the meeting.
- d. If the meeting is a closed session, participation must be done in a private and confidential manner.

8. Notice of Meetings of the Council

Written notice of all public meetings of the City Council shall be posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building, listed on the city's cable television access channels, listed on the city Website, and shared to the City's Social Media showing the date, time, place, and topic(s) of such meetings. Notice of regular meetings of the Council, public hearings and, insofar as possible, work sessions and special meetings shall be published in the *Greenbelt News Review* the week preceding the Council meeting and shall include a preliminary agenda or, in the case of work sessions, the topic(s) to be considered.

9. Meetings of Council Open to the Public

All meetings of the Council, with the exception of closed sessions authorized by applicable state law, shall be open to the public. Residents of the city and others shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard on any matter being considered at the meeting. This should be read at the beginning of each meeting and added to the top of each agenda.

Persons desiring to speak on a matter being considered by the Council at a regular meeting may sign in or fill in a comment card and indicate the item(s) they wish to comment on, or if they are planning to deliver a general petition or request. During work sessions or public hearings, a sign-in sheet may be used, or at the discretion of Council, persons wishing to speak shall raise their hands, physically or virtually, or if not able to do so, otherwise indicate their wish to speak in an alternate fashion. Comments may also be sent to Council via email (questions@greenbeltmd.gov), Zoom Q&A or via postal mail to be read into the record. All comments should follow the posted Public Comment Policy.

After being recognized by the presiding officer, the speaker shall identify themselves and their place of residence. Speakers shall confine themselves to the question under debate, avoid personalities, and refrain from impugning the motives of any Councilmember's argument or vote or the statements of any other resident or person. Residents of Greenbelt shall have precedence over others in being recognized. No person shall speak more than once upon any one subject and no person shall speak for longer than three minutes.

II. Presiding Officer

1. Presiding Officer

The Mayor or, in the Mayor's absence, the Mayor Pro Tem shall preside at all regular or special meetings of the Council. At the hour appointed for the Council to meet, the Mayor or, in the Mayor's absence, the Mayor Pro Tem shall take the chair and immediately call the members to order. At all regular meetings of Council, the roll shall be called by the City Clerk. The City Clerk shall enter in the minutes of all meetings the names of the members present. For work sessions related to the topic of a designated working group, the Mayor shall preside over the meeting and delegate relevant agenda items to a designated member of the working group. Town halls shall be presided over by the relevant staff member or other expert, as appropriate.

2. Temporary Chair

In case of the absence of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem at a meeting of Council, the City Clerk shall call the Council to order. If a quorum is found to be present, the Council shall proceed to elect, by majority vote of those present, a Chair of the meeting who shall preside until the arrival of the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem. The temporary Chair shall not preside beyond the adjournment of the meeting for which he or she was elected.

III. Quorum

A majority of the members elected to the Council shall constitute a quorum to

conduct business. However, any number of members present may convene to compel the attendance of absent members.

IV. City Manager and Members of Staff

The City Manager shall have the right to take part in the discussion of all matters coming before the Council, and other members of staff shall be entitled to take part in discussions of the Council relating to their respective offices.

V. Minutes

1. Minutes of Meetings

The proceedings of the Council shall be briefly and accurately stated in the minutes. Titles of all ordinances and resolutions with their designated numbers shall be entered in the minutes and shall be preserved in a book for that purpose. The City Clerk shall keep minutes of all meetings, including special meetings, work sessions and closed sessions, and not less than three days before a regular meeting shall furnish each member of Council and the City Manager with copies of minutes of preceding meetings. Minutes of regular meetings should be presented for Council's approval within 30 days, unless there are mitigating circumstances reported to Council.

Under the General Provisions Article 3-306(B)(2)(i) of State Law which states that minutes of meetings are not required if live and archived video is available, the video of Council meetings will serve as meeting minutes until the written minutes of the meetings are approved by Council.

2. Minutes Open to Public Review

Minutes of regular meetings, special meetings, public hearings, public meetings, and work sessions shall be available for review in the City Clerk's office during regular office hours. However, minutes shall not be available until approved by the Council in regular meeting. Approved minutes are also posted on the City website. Minutes of closed sessions of the Council held in accordance with applicable state law shall not be open to public inspection.

3. List of Action Items

Following each work session, a list of action items shall be prepared and provided to Council. A thank-you letter should be sent out after all stakeholder meetings listing the three top action items that were discussed.

VI. Duties and Privileges of Members

1. Seating Arrangement

Members shall occupy the respective seats at the Council table as determined at the organizational (Charter) meeting. Any two or more members may exchange seats by joining in a written notice to the rest of Council to that effect.

2. Right to Floor

- a. Before speaking on any matter, a member shall seek the floor by addressing the presiding officer and, once recognized by the chair, shall confine comments to the question under debate, avoid personalities, and refrain from impugning the motives of any other member's argument or vote. No member of Council shall interrupt another without that member's consent. To obtain such consent, the member shall first address the presiding officer.
- b. Members of Council shall not raise personnel matters pertaining to alleged improper performance or conduct of any city employee(s) or Council appointee(s) at a public Council meeting. Any concerns about the conduct or performance of any city employee(s) or Council appointee(s) shall be brought to the attention of the City Manager, or a closed session of Council may be requested to discuss the personnel matter.
- c. As a practice City Council sets policy and budget priorities within the scope of its local jurisdictional authority and on matters directly related to its local sphere of influence. As a body, City Council shall not generally take positions on foreign, national, or regional issues that do not directly affect the conduct of the City's business.

3. Right of Appeal

Any member may appeal to the Council for a ruling on a decision of the presiding officer. The member making the appeal may briefly state the reason for the appeal, and the presiding officer may explain the ruling. However, there shall be no debate on the appeal. The presiding officer shall put the question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" If a majority of the members present vote "yes," the ruling of the Chair is sustained; otherwise, it is overruled.

4. Limitation of Debate

Any member can speak to a motion when recognized by the chair, up to two times. A member can only speak a second time after all members who wish to speak on that motion have had their first opportunity. No member shall speak for a longer time than five minutes without a majority vote of Council. Any member can call for a motion to extend the debate, allowing for longer speeches or more turns to speak, requiring a majority of Council to pass.

5. Voting

- a. When a question is put, every member present or attending remotely by electronic means shall vote either in the affirmative, the negative or abstain. Any member shall be entitled to abstain so long as such member gives a reason for abstaining and such reason falls within one of the following:
 - When to vote would or could be considered improper pursuant to the City and State Ethics Laws.
 - When to vote could or may show bias for or against a person, organization or business that the member has a close personal

relationship with thus reflecting poorly on the member and the office such member holds.

- When for any other reason a member is not comfortable voting and has given the Chair a reason for requesting to abstain so long as excused by the Chair or Council by vote as provided for herein below.

Application to be excused from voting shall be made to the Chair before the votes are called for. After the member has briefly stated the reason for the request to be excused, the decision thereon shall be made by a super-majority of councilmembers present without debate.

Except as provided in the City Charter or these rules, all voting shall be by voice vote or by such other method as a majority of the Council shall decide for any particular vote.

- b. The “yeas” and “nays” (i.e., a vote by roll call) shall be taken upon the passage of all ordinances and resolutions and upon demand of any member made before the negative vote has been called for. Each Councilmember’s name shall be called in alphabetical order, except that the presiding officer shall be called to vote last. It shall not be in order for members to explain or comment upon their votes during roll call. A record of the “yeas” and “nays” and not voting on any roll call vote shall be entered upon the minutes of the proceedings of the Council.

6. **Personal Privilege**

The right of a member to address the Council on a question of personal privilege shall be limited to cases in which his or her integrity, character, or motives are assailed, questioned, or impugned.

7. **Dissents and Protests**

Any member shall have the right to express dissent from or protest against any ordinance, resolution, or act of Council and have the reason therefor entered upon the minutes. Such dissent or protest must be filed in writing, couched in respectful language, and presented to Council no later than the next regular meeting following the date of passage of the ordinance or resolution or action objected to.

8. **Disorderly Conduct or Violation of Rules**

During a meeting, a member of Council indulging in any language or conduct unbecoming a Councilmember, or failing to follow the Standing Rules, the following progressive actions may be taken:

- a. **Request for Order:** If the breach is slight, the presiding officer shall rap the gavel and ask the offending member to follow the rules of order and good conduct. If the Mayor is the individual whose actions are being challenged, then the matter should be referred to the Mayor Pro Tem.
- b. **Call to Order:** If the offense is more serious, such as when a

Councilmember:

- Repeatedly interrupts or disrupts the meeting, whether verbally or otherwise
- Questions the motives of or attacks with accusatory comments other Councilmembers, City employee or meeting participant
- Persists in speaking out of turn or on an irrelevant matter during discussion on an agenda item
- Makes comments to or converses with another Councilmember while not having the floor
- Uses disrespectful, coarse, or profane language, tone, or gestures unbecoming toward another Councilmember, City employee, or any other meeting participant

Then in such instance, the offender shall be called to order by the presiding officer and warned that such conduct is in breach of order. With or without such warning, the presiding officer, or any other Councilmember may call the offender to order by stating at any time, "Point of Order" and explaining how the offender's behavior breaches the rules. If the presiding officer finds the point well-taken they shall declare the offender out of order and request cessation of the unacceptable behavior immediately with a reminder of further consequences should the offender's behavior continues. In such case, the offending member shall lose the floor and shall not proceed without the approval of a majority of members present.

- c. **Recess for a Short Period:** The presiding officer or another Councilmember shall move for a short recess to allow order to be restored.
- d. **Recording the Offense in the Minutes:** If the disruptive conduct continues, despite the ruling of the presiding officer that the behavior is out of order, the fact and the specific offensive conduct should be recorded in the official minutes.
- e. **Censure:** If the disruption continues, any member may move to censure the offending member for disrupting a lawful meeting of the Council. Such censure motion shall be adopted on the affirming vote of a majority of the remaining Councilmembers, excluding the offending member. The censure may be put forth to encompass only the discussion at hand, or, if the offending behavior is more serious, the Councilmember may be censured for the remainder of that meeting or all subsequent future meetings. The offending Councilmember shall remain silent throughout the remainder of the discussion or meeting, and shall not disrupt the meeting verbally or with other physical distractions, such as gestures or facial expressions.
- f. **Expulsion From Meeting:** If the member continues such offending behavior, the Council may, by a vote of not fewer than six members, expel a member from a meeting for disorderly conduct or the violation of Council rules. If the offending member refuses to leave after a motion for expulsion has passed, City police officers may carry out the expulsion at the direction of the presiding officer.

- g. **Recess to Another Time:** When disruptive conduct by a Councilmember continues, the presiding officer at their discretion, may at any stage call for a motion to immediately recess the meeting to reconvene at a fixed time and place, which shall be publicly posted.

9. **Demonstration or Disorder Among Bystanders**

If any confusion, demonstration or disorder arises in the Council chamber, the presiding officer may, upon his or her initiative or upon the request of any member, enforce order. If the offending person or persons be a spectator, such person or persons may be ejected from the chamber. If any member of Council shall object to the ruling of the presiding officer, such member shall have the right to appeal to the Council.

VII. Council Procedure

1. **Order of Business**

The business of all regular meetings of Council shall be transacted in the following order, with items under “Other Business” to be listed in the order of greatest public interest. For the printed agenda, such determination shall be made by the City Manager, provided that, as an organizational matter, the order of business may be modified at the meeting by the presiding officer, with the consent of Council or by a motion of Council.

2. **Agenda**

a. *Organization*

Call to Order

Roll Call

Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Reading of the
Greenbelt Community Pledge

Petitions and Requests

Consent Agenda – Council and Staff Recommendations

Approval of Agenda and Additions

b. *Communications*

Presentations

Public Hearings

Minutes of Council Meetings

Administrative Reports

Committee Reports

c. *Legislation*

Ordinances – Second Reading

Resolutions – Second Reading

Ordinances – First Reading

Resolutions – First Reading

d. Other Business

Council Activities *

Council Reports *

Meetings *

* Council Reports and Council Activities shall be shared at the regular meeting only if time allows. Council Reports and Council Activities may also be shared at any work session.

* The discussion of scheduling Meetings, including a formal “ready to be scheduled” list with prioritization, will be held at a Work Session preceding the next Regular Meeting, preferably the Monday at least one week prior to the regular meeting. If a change in Work Session schedule is needed in between Regular Meetings without the chance for discussion, concurrence to the change shall be sought by the City Manager from a majority of Council.

VIII. Agenda

1. The Printed Agenda

- a. The City Manager shall include on the agenda any item at the request of any member of Council, provided that the member of Council shall have furnished to the City Manager a proposal in writing of the item for Council to enact or take other action on, and all relevant background and supporting documents to be shared with City Council and members of the public in time for inclusion with the printed agenda. The City Manager shall notify Council of this addition.
- b. At least two days before each regular meeting, the City Manager shall provide each member of Council via email a copy of the agenda for the forthcoming meeting, together with copies of all ordinances, resolutions, and background material of matters to be considered at the meeting.
- c. Copies of the agenda and agenda comments shall be posted on the City website and on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building the Friday prior to each regular meeting. A reasonable number of copies of the agenda and agenda comments shall be available to the public at the Council meeting or earlier upon request, as available. If requested by candidates, printed copies of the agenda packet—less any material of a confidential nature but including the agenda, agenda comments, minutes of previous meetings, and background and briefing materials—shall be provided to certified candidates

2. Approval of Agenda; Consent Agenda

- a. As an item of business under Section I, Organization, the Council shall review the agenda and the consent agenda. Any member of Council or the City Manager may request the addition of an item to the agenda, or may request the removal of an item from the consent agenda so that it may be considered as a separate item of business. A request for the addition of an item to the agenda, or the removal of an item from the consent agenda, shall be a matter of consideration and shall be voted upon at the time the Council considers approval of the agenda or consent agenda, and Council action shall be reflected in the minutes of the meeting.
- b. Any member of Council who will be absent from a meeting may request that an agenda item or consent agenda item be postponed. Such a request for deferral, giving the reasons for the request, shall be submitted in writing, email or by telephone to the City Clerk, City Manager and Council. A request for deferral shall be a matter of consideration and shall be voted upon at the time the Council considers approval of the agenda or consent agenda, and Council action shall be reflected in the minutes of the meeting.
- c. The consent agenda shall be used for the group disposition of routine and minor items of business, such as approval of minutes, acceptance of board/committee reports, and such other items as designated by the City Manager. Consent agenda items will be specially identified as such. For each item of the consent agenda, Council will receive a written staff recommendation.
- d. Ordinances and resolutions, matters requiring a roll call vote or the consent of six members of Council, and items added to the agenda at the meeting shall not be placed on the consent agenda.
- e. Unless an item set forth in the consent agenda is requested to be considered separately by any member of Council or is postponed (see above), the Council, by a single motion, shall adopt the recommendations of the City Manager as set forth in writing for each item included in the consent agenda. The approved recommendations for each consent agenda item, however, shall be set forth separately in the minutes of the meeting.

3. Minutes

Reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting shall not be required unless so requested by a member of Council or unless written copies have not been provided each member of Council.

4. Petitions and Requests

Petitions and requests are defined to include any communication addressed to the City, City Manager, Council (as a body) or all individual members of Council, making any specific or general request requiring Council action. Written

communications shall be first received by the Council, after which the Council shall receive petitions and requests from residents of the City present physically or virtually at the meeting. Such petitions and requests shall be heard by the Council as communications and shall not be subject to consideration or deliberations at that time. Each petitioner shall be allowed five minutes in which to state the nature of the petition and may submit such additional written information as the petitioner deems appropriate. The petitioner may be granted additional time with the consent of the Council. Where more than one person is present on behalf of the same petition, one person shall be designated principal spokesperson, and other persons shall be recognized only for the purpose of clarifying the request being made. Upon a petition or request being presented, the Council shall take one of the following actions:

- Refer to city staff for handling and disposition. The petitioner and Council shall be apprised of the disposition made within 90 days if possible.
- Refer to city staff or to an advisory board or committee for investigation, evaluation, and report to the Council at a future meeting.
- Add to the agenda of a subsequent meeting.
- By motion duly adopted, place the matter on the agenda of the current meeting.

A listing of Petitions and their status shall be posted on the City website.

5. Communications Not Requiring Council Action

If a written communication addressed to the Council does not require Council action, the City Clerk shall send copies to the members of Council, together with copies of any replies made to the communication, and the matter shall not be placed on the agenda unless a member of the Council or the City Manager requests that it be considered.

6. Anonymous Communications

Anonymous communications shall not be considered by the Council.

IX. Ordinances and Resolutions

1. Introduction

- a. Ordinances and resolutions shall be introduced in the Council only in printed or in written form. All ordinances—except ordinances making appropriations and ordinances codifying or rearranging existing ordinances or enacting a code of ordinances—shall be confined to one subject, and the subject or subjects of all ordinances shall be clearly expressed in the title. An ordinance or resolution may be introduced for first reading by the reading of its title by any member of Council and a second is not required. Resolutions are used to set forth legal decisions and official positions of the City Council, to approve contracts, to set policy and to implement programs.

- b. Ordinances are used to update the City Code and Charter and to adopt measures as required by State law.

2. Distribution of Copies

Copies of all ordinances and resolutions shall be prepared for distribution to all members of Council, the City Manager, and the City Clerk at the meeting at which the ordinance or resolution is introduced. Whenever any member of the Council is absent from such meeting, the City Clerk shall arrange to have copies delivered.

3. First Reading

The first reading of an ordinance or resolution shall be for information. If there is no objection, the proposed ordinance or resolution shall go on the calendar for the next meeting of Council. There will generally be no public debate or testimony on the first reading of an ordinance or resolution. Council may ask questions or for clarification as to intent.

4. Review and Referral

- a. All proposed ordinances and resolutions shall be reviewed by the City Manager and/or City Solicitor before being presented for second reading and adoption. The City Manager shall provide a brief digest of the provisions thereof, and, where it is proposed to amend an existing ordinance or resolution, such digest shall indicate the changes sought to be made.
- b. If the Council so desires, any pending ordinance or resolution may be referred to any standing or special committee for study and recommendation or to the City Manager for study, recommendations, redrafting, etc.

5. Amendments

When a proposed ordinance or resolution is substantively amended upon either its first or second reading, the amended ordinance or resolution shall be considered to have had its first reading only and must be read on a second day, unless the requirement for reading it on two separate days shall be dispensed with by a vote of not fewer than six members of Council, as prescribed by the City Charter (see 8 b.).

6. Appropriation Ordinances

Ordinances making appropriations shall be confined to the subject of appropriations. Each proposed ordinance providing for an appropriation shall show fully the purpose of the appropriation and the source from which the funds are to be derived. The City Manager shall submit a written recommendation on each appropriation ordinance showing what effect the ordinance would have on the annual budget.

7. Ordinance to Issue Bonds

Ordinances to issue bonds shall meet all the requirements of the City Charter and applicable statutes.

8. Adoption

- a. **Second Reading:** After an ordinance or resolution has received a first reading, it shall be placed on the agenda for second reading at the next meeting of Council. When a proposed ordinance or resolution comes up for second reading, it may be deferred for further study, deferred to a future meeting of Council, amended, or adopted. No ordinance or resolution shall be adopted until it has been read on two separate days, unless the requirement for reading it on two separate days shall be dispensed with by a vote of not fewer than six members of Council. The final reading of each ordinance and resolution shall be in full unless a written or printed copy thereof shall have been furnished to each member of Council prior to such reading. The "yeas" and "nays" shall be taken upon the adoption of all ordinances and resolutions and entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the Council.
- b. **Dispensing of Reading on Separate Days:** A roll call of the "yeas" and "nays" shall be taken on a motion to dispense with the requirement of reading an ordinance or resolution on two separate days (Charter ref. Sec. 9). When a motion to suspend the rules to dispense with the requirement for reading of an ordinance or resolution on two separate days fails to receive an affirmative vote of six members, the ordinance or resolution shall go over to the next regular meeting of the Council.
- c. **Vote on Ordinances Revising Appropriations and Resolutions to Transfer Funds:** As required by Maryland law, ordinances revising appropriations and resolutions transferring funds shall require a vote of not fewer than six members of Council.

9. Enacting Clauses

The enacting clause of all ordinances shall be "Be It Ordained by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland." The enacting clause of all resolutions shall be "Be It Resolved by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland."

10. Effective Date

All ordinances and resolutions passed by the Council shall take effect at the time indicated therein, but not less than ten days after the date of their adoption, except ordinances and resolutions of an urgent nature, which may by direction of Council become effective on date of adoption.

11. Authentication and Publication

Upon its adoption, each ordinance or resolution shall be authenticated by the signature of the Mayor and the City Clerk and shall be recorded upon a book kept for that purpose.

Each ordinance and resolution shall be published as soon as possible after its

adoption by posting it in a public place or places for ten days or, when required, by publishing it once within ten days in a newspaper of general circulation in the city, or both.

X. Rules of Order

1. Precedence of Motions

When a question is before the Council, motions shall have the following precedence and no motion of lesser precedence may be addressed until the motion of higher precedence is voted upon. The order from highest to lowest precedence is: a) to adjourn which is not debatable; b) to fix the hour of adjournment; c) to lay the question or issue on the table indefinitely or to a time certain; d) to call for the previous question; e) to refer; f) to amend. All motions noted herein shall be addressed to the Mayor (or Chairperson of the meeting if the Mayor is absent) and shall be voted upon by the Council after discussion by the Council and interested members of the public. Comments by the public regarding the above motions (except a motion to adjourn) shall be limited to three (3) minutes.

2. Motions to Be Stated by Chair

When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Chair before debate. Any member may demand that it be put in writing.

3. Withdrawal of Motion

A motion may not be withdrawn by the mover without the consent of the member seconding it.

4. Motions Made Out of Order

The Chair may, at any time, with the approval of at least six members of Council permit a member to introduce an ordinance, resolution, or motion out of the regular order.

5. Motion to Adjourn - When Not in Order - Not Debatable

A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time, except as follows: a) when repeated without intervening business or discussion; b) when made as an interruption of a member while speaking; c) when the previous question has been ordered; and d) while a vote is being taken. A motion to adjourn is not debatable.

6. Motion to Lay on the Table

A motion to lay on the table shall preclude all amendments or debate on the subject under consideration. If the motion shall prevail, the consideration of the subject may be resumed at any time by a majority vote under other business, at the same or at a subsequent meeting. A motion to table is not debatable.

7. Call the Question

Any member of Council may at any time Call the Question on a motion previously made which has had any number of proposed amendments thereto so long as such motion receives a second. Once a second to this motion is received all debate shall cease regarding any proposed amendments and the Council shall vote on the Call the Question motion without debate. If approved by a majority of a quorum of the Council, then Council shall immediately and without debate or public comment vote on only the motion previously made with the last amendment. All other amendments shall be considered as failed. If such vote passes by a majority, the Council shall move to the next item on its agenda. If the main motion fails, the secondary motion and all subsequent amendments will again be before the Council for debate and possible action. Any motions still pending at this time will be deemed lost.

8. Division of Question

If a question contains two or more divisible propositions, the presiding officer, upon request of a member, may divide the same.

9. Amend - Strike Out, etc.

On an amendment to "strike out and insert," the words to be struck out and those to be inserted shall be read, and finally the sentence or paragraph, as it would stand if so amended, shall be read.

10. Amend an Amendment

A motion to amend an amendment shall be in order, but one to amend an amendment to an amendment shall not be introduced. An amendment modifying the intention of a motion shall be in order, but an amendment relating to a different matter shall not be in order.

11. Motion to Postpone

All motions to postpone to a certain time, excepting a motion to postpone indefinitely, may only be amended as to time. If a motion to postpone indefinitely is carried, the principal question shall be declared lost.

12. Reconsideration

After the decision on any question, any member who voted with the prevailing side may move a reconsideration of any action at the same or the next meeting. A motion to reconsider shall require the approval of at least four members of Council. After a motion for reconsideration has once been acted on, no other motion for reconsideration thereof shall be made without unanimous consent of all members of Council.

13. Suspension of Rules

Any provisions of these rules not governed by the Charter, state law, or ordinance may be temporarily suspended at any meeting of the Council by a vote of not fewer than six members of Council. The vote on any question to suspend the rules shall be by "yeas" and "nays" and shall be entered in the minutes.

A motion to suspend the rule requiring two readings on separate days shall be debatable and, upon such motion, the main question shall be open for debate.

14. **Procedure in Absence of Rule**

In the absence of a rule to govern a point of procedure, reference shall be had to the approved practice in parliamentary bodies.

15. **Special Order**

To make any subject a special order of business shall require the consent of the majority of members of Council present.

16. **Tie Vote**

In case of a tie in the vote on any proposal, the proposal shall be considered lost.

17. **Special Committees**

- a. **Creation:** From time to time, the Council may set up Special Committees to act on special occasions or to perform other duties. Special committees may be created only by adoption of a resolution, which resolution shall clearly outline the function, authority, and responsibility of the committee, the number of persons to be on the committee, method of selection or appointment of members of the committee, reports to be required of committee, expiration date of committee, and any other pertinent information necessary for the proper functioning of the committee. Such Special Committees may also be called Task Forces.
- b. **Powers:** No committee of any kind shall have the power of employing any person for, or on behalf of, the city or incurring any expense without prior authorization of the City Manager. The committee may request the City Manager to furnish information and assistance which may be granted, provided it is pertinent to the matter before the committee and is not in violation of provisions of the Charter or policies established by the Council.
- c. **Report of Committees:** Committees shall submit reports from time to time as requested by the Council or the City Manager. All reports shall be in writing, and sufficient copies shall be made available for each member of Council, the City Manager, and the City Clerk.

XI. Miscellaneous

1. **To Amend Rules**

These rules may be amended or new rules adopted in the same manner as any other resolution is passed, except that the requirement for reading may not be waived except by unanimous consent, with a recorded vote of all members.

2. **Request for Meetings by Other Parties**

The Mayor and members of Council often encounter requests for meetings related to City business either with the Mayor, a member of Council, or more than one member of Council from outside parties (developers, stakeholders, elected officials, etc.). Such requests should be made known to the entire Council prior to any meeting taking place.

Notification of such a request can be at a scheduled work session or meeting of the City Council or, in the case of an emergency, by direct communication from the Mayor or member of Council who was requested to meet. Unless agreed upon by a majority of Council, all members of Council may attend any such requested meeting. Further, any such meeting including four or more members of Council shall be publicized and open to the public unless a Closed Session has been properly requested.

Nothing herein shall apply to contacts made by outside parties with members of Council at a political or social function. It is understood that contacts of this type need not be reported to the entire City Council at the next regularly scheduled meeting or work session unless a request is made by such party that requires Council action.

3. Council Recognitions

Council may issue Proclamations or Letters in recognition of certain events or causes with local implications, etc. It will be the decision of the Mayor whether to issue a Proclamation or a Letter.

Generally, proclamations are official (formal) declarations by City Council and letters are official recognitions by City Council.

Council may also issue Certificates or Public Service Citations honoring awards and exceptional achievements such as scholarships, distinctions or other recognitions. Recommendations for these certificates may come from advisory boards and committees, staff, or individual council members. Recognitions may be approved by Council as part of a list of council-recognized achievements or individually as special cases arise.

4. Virtual Council Meetings

Members of Council are required to be visible for the majority of the meeting, barring technical constraints or physical illness.

Introduced:
1st Reading:
Passed:
Posted:
Effective:

RESOLUTION NUMBER XXXX

A Resolution Recognizing March 31, 2026, As Transgender Day of Visibility in the City of
Greenbelt

WHEREAS, the City of Greenbelt is committed to fostering an inclusive, equitable, and welcoming community for all residents, regardless of gender identity or expression; and

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Visibility, observed annually on March 31, celebrates the lives, contributions, and resilience of transgender and gender nonconforming people while raising awareness of the discrimination and challenges they continue to face; and

WHEREAS, transgender individuals are valued members of the Greenbelt community who contribute to the cultural, civic, and economic vitality of the City; and

WHEREAS, despite progress toward equality, transgender people continue to experience disproportionately high rates of discrimination, violence, and barriers to healthcare, employment, and housing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Greenbelt affirms its support for policies and practices that protect the rights, dignity, and safety of transgender and gender nonconforming individuals; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Transgender Day of Visibility promotes education, understanding, and respect, and helps build a more inclusive and supportive community for all residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, hereby recognizes March 31, 2026, as Transgender Day of Visibility in the City of Greenbelt; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council encourages all residents to join in acknowledging the contributions of transgender individuals, to stand against discrimination, and to work toward a community in which all people are treated with dignity and respect.

ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, at a regular meeting on this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Emmett V. Jordan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk



MEMORANDUM

Brian Kim
Director of Public Works
bkim@greenbeltmd.gov

Date: 18-March-2026

To: Mr. Josué Salmerón, City Manager

From: Brian Kim, Director of Public Works

Re: **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year (PY 51)**

SUBJ.: **Cherrywood Lane Improvements – Breezewood Drive to Cherrywood Court**

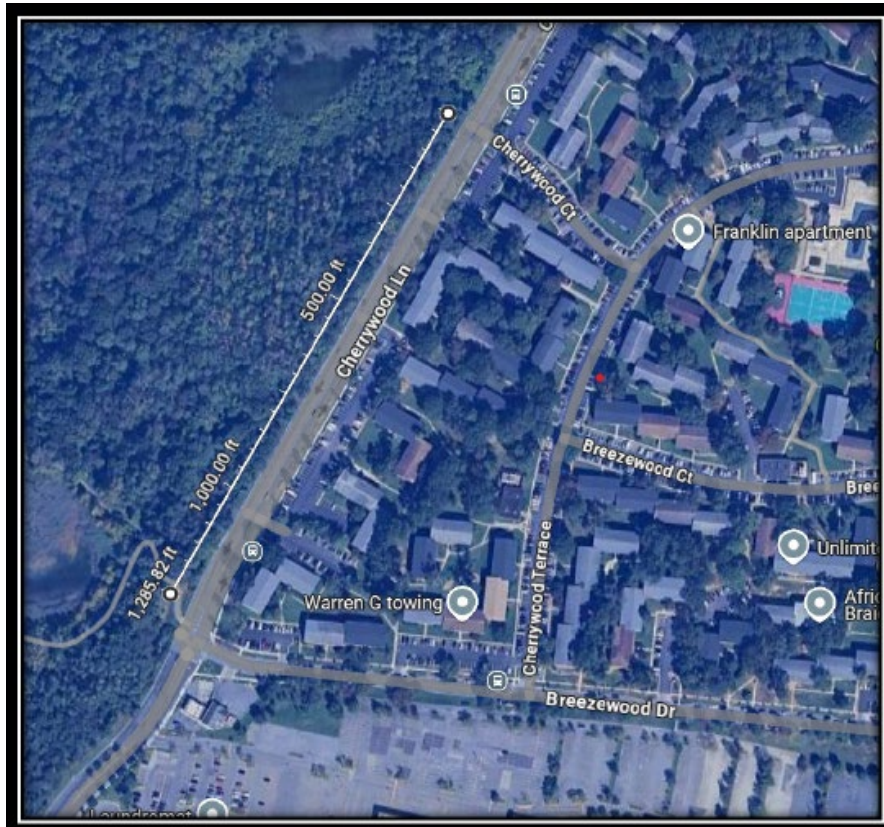
Summary:

In accordance with the CDBG Contract Award Letter dated 13-July-2025 and the most recent pre-construction meeting held on 18-February-2026, the City of Greenbelt has received the fully executed Operating Agreement for CDBG PY51 from the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development. This agreement has awarded the City **\$226,394.00** for improvements to Cherrywood Lane, extending from Breezewood Drive to Cherrywood Court.

Project Details:

The project includes milling, asphalt overlay, base repair, and concrete works to include but not limited to sidewalks, curb, gutter, and aprons. Limits of construction are located on Cherrywood Lane from Breezewood Drive to Cherrywood Court.

Public Works has identified VMP Construction Co. Inc., as best value. They located in PG County and have been successful with competitively bidding county/state-based contracts. Most recently PG County Roadworks Contract 952-H (D)/A. Please also note, grant total is expected to address all costs associated with this contract.



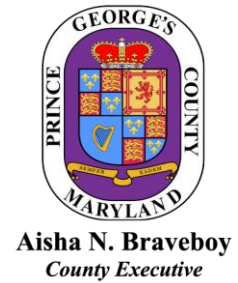
Attachments:

- <PF-5-8-51 Greenbelt, City of Award Lettert>: CDBG Contract Award
- <VMP Short Contract_PY51_DRAFT>: Draft Contract, City and VMP

CONTRACTOR	PROPOSAL PRICE	NOTES
VMP Construction	\$226,394.00	
TOTAL:	\$226,394.00	Expected 100% Grant Refund Amount

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council approve 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



July 16, 2025

Mr. Josue Salmeron
City Manager
City of Greenbelt
25 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

RE: Proposed CDBG Project – Cherrywood Lane Improvements: Breezewood Drive to Cherrywood Court

Dear Mr. Salmeron:

The City of Greenbelt's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for the above-referenced project has been recommended for funding for Program Year (PY) 51 in the amount of \$226,394.00. This recommended amount is contingent upon the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) approval of the Prince George's County Fiscal Year (CFY) 2026 Annual Action Plan (AAP).

In preparation of the CDBG Operating Agreement, your Agency must submit the enclosed Project Revision form to include the following:

- Scope¹ Budget²
- Activity Schedule
- Certificate of Liability or Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT); and
- Worker's Compensation Insurance

Please note that the above-referenced forms must be submitted to the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) **no later than Monday, July 28, 2025.**

For your convenience, an electronic version of the Project Revision form is enclosed.

¹ The Project scope as identified in the Sub-Recipient's CDBG application cannot be changed. However, the scope can be reduced (ex. Reducing the number of persons to be served) based on the funding level.

² The budget must only include eligible expenses and cannot exceed the CDBG award amount.



Once your Project Revision form has been received, DHCD will proceed with the next steps, which is drafting a CDBG Operating Agreement for your review and signature. Please be advised that the CDBG Operating Agreement must be executed by all required parties, including Prince George's County, before your Agency can begin to receive reimbursements for eligible activities undertaken after July 1, 2025.

Additionally, reimbursements are contingent upon the completion of an environmental review with findings satisfactory to the Director. Please note that for a federally assisted project, you may not expend any funds, whether from a private, County, State or Federal source, prior to approval of the environmental review or release of funds by HUD, if necessary. Further, the above-referenced funding recommendation and any subsequent reimbursement are contingent upon the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s approval of the County's Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Annual Action Plan. Lastly, DHCD reserves the right to modify your Agency's proposed budget to ensure that all itemized costs are allowable under applicable CDBG regulations.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (301) 883-6511 or Lorraine Curtis, CDBG Contract Administrator, DHCD at (301) 883-5572 or via email at lecurtis@co.pg.md.us. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Hager Franklin
Senior Advisor to the Director, DHCD

Enclosures

cc: Ashley Johnson-Hare, Deputy Director, DHCD
LeShann Murphy, CDBG Program Manager, DHCD
Adedamola George, Esq., Senior Compliance Officer, DHCD
Lorraine Curtis, CDBG Contract Administrator, DHCD



**Prince George's County, Maryland
Department of Housing and Community Development
Community Development Block Grant
Program Year 51
Project Revision Form**

Name of Submitting Organization: _____

Project Title: _____

Revised Project Description (Scope of Services):

NOTE: If this project involves construction activity, the Operating Agency (O/A) will contact their CDBG Project Manager prior to beginning the bid process. The O/A may not begin project activity until a pre-construction conference is held with the appropriate CDBG staff person.



Revised Project Budget:

Line Item	CDBG Cost \$	Name of Non-CDBG Funding Sources	Type of Non-CDBG Funding Sources (Example: Federal, State, Local, Private and/or Other) ³	Non- CDBG Funds \$
Total CDBG Costs:				
Total Other Non-federal Funds:				
Total Project Budget:				

³Please note that this information related to the name of the source, type and dollar amount of matching funds has been requested by HUD and is necessary in order to proceed with the submission and approval of your proposed activity in HUD's Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS).



Revised Estimated Activities Schedule:

ACTIVITY	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE
	July 1, 2025	September 30, 2025
	October 1, 2025	December 31, 2025
	January 1, 2026	March 30, 2026
	April 1, 2026	June 30, 2026
	July 1, 2026	September 30, 2026
	October 1, 2026	December 31, 2026

Projected Quarterly Drawdown Schedule

Fiscal Year	1 st Quarter Jul – Sept	2 nd Quarter Oct – Dec	3 rd Quarter Jan – Mar	4 th Quarter Apr - Jun
2024 - 2025	\$	\$	\$	\$
2025 - 2026				

Signature of Executive Director, Chief Executive Officer or Municipal Official authorizing these revisions:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____



CONTRACT

This CONTRACT is made this ____ day of March, 2026, by and between the City of Greenbelt, a public body corporate of the State Maryland, located at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770, hereinafter called the “City”, and VMP Construction Company, a Maryland corporation, located at 9635 Annapolis Road, Lanham, Maryland 20706, hereinafter called the “Contractor”.

WHEREAS, the City was awarded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the amount of \$191,221.00 for PY 50 to perform the Cherrywood Lane (Greenbelt Road to Breezewood Drive) Improvements project, and

WHEREAS, The City Council adopted Resolution **TBD** authorizing the City to negotiate the purchase of street construction work from the Contractor, and

WHEREAS, one of the conditions of the CDBG award is that a formal contract be executed by and between the Contractor and the City.

NOW THEREFORE, THIS CONTRACT WITNESSETH, in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants and agreements herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, it is hereby agreed as follows:

1. **Performance.** The Contractor does hereby covenant and agree with the City that it will well and faithfully perform the Work as set forth herein at a sum not to exceed Two Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars and Zero Cents (\$226,394.00).
2. **Work.** The Work is described as Reconstruction of a portion of Cherrywood Lane: Breezewood Drive to Cherrywood Court. This project will include curb and gutter repair, base repair, milling, resurfacing, sidewalk and driveway apron replacement, handicapped access ramps, landscape improvements, tree trimming and traffic calming as appropriate and directed by the City.
3. **Clean-Up** The Contractor shall keep the premises and surrounding area free from accumulation of waste materials or rubbish on a daily basis. At completion of the Work, the contractor shall remove from the project site all waste materials, rubbish, tools, equipment, machinery and surplus materials. The Contractor shall be responsible for restoring and/or repairing any areas damaged through actions of the Contractor and the Contractor’s agents, subcontractors, or employees. If the Contractor fails to clean up, and/or restore any damaged areas, the City may deduct the cost thereof from any payment due the Contractor.
4. **Payment** The City shall the pay the contractor a fee not to exceed Two Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars and Zero Cents (\$226,394.00), in the form of progress payments based upon the percentage of satisfactorily completed work or services rendered under this contract. The progress payments shall be paid upon submission of an invoice by the Contractor and acceptance of same by the City. Certified payroll documentation must be submitted weekly and for the period being invoiced. Invoices lacking complete certified payroll documentation will not be approved/accepted by the City.

5. **Commencement.** The Contractor shall commence work on the project within ten (10) calendar days of the Notice to Proceed from the City. The Contract is in effect until final measurements and disbursements of payment are made. Time is of the essence in this Contract and failure to complete the work by December 31, 2025 constitutes a material breach of this contract.
6. **Damages.** Damages for failure to complete the Work as required by this Contract shall be \$500 for each calendar day beyond the completion date listed above.
7. **Non-discrimination.** The Contractor shall not discriminate against any individual because of religion, race, creed, sex, age, color, national origin, physical or mental disability, or perceived disability. If the Contractor is determined to be in violation of Federal, State, or County non-discrimination laws by an order, opinion or a decision of a Maryland court or an administrative body or agency, this Contract may be terminated or suspended in whole or in part by the City, and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for any future contracts with the City.
8. **Insurance.** The Contractor shall maintain, at its own expense, during the life of this Contract, such insurance as shall protect it and any subcontractor(s) performing work under this Contract, from claims for damages from bodily injury, including death, or property damage, which may arise from operations under this Contract. The Contractor shall maintain General Liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000, Workers Compensation insurance of \$500,000 and business automobile liability insurance of \$1,000,000. The Contractor shall also furnish a Certificate of Insurance verifying the existence of this insurance coverage. The Contractor shall list the City and Prince George's County as a certificate holder and additional insured for the duration of this project.
9. **Indemnification.** The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the City and Prince George's County, its officers, employees, agents and representatives and shall require that each sub-contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the City and Prince George's County, its officers, employees, agents and representatives from and against all actions, liability, claims, suits, damages, cost or expense of any kind which are made against or incurred by the City arising from the Contractor's or any subcontractor's negligent performance of or failure to perform any of its obligations under the terms of this Contract.
10. **Termination.** This Contract may be terminated by the City upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Contractor. In the event of such termination, the Contractor shall receive just compensation for services rendered prior to the effective date of termination. Just compensation shall be determined by the percentage of work completed to date. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement, the City may immediately terminate this Agreement for cause for the following reasons: any non-performance; incomplete service; fraud; any fraudulent representation in any invoice or verification required to obtain payment under this Agreement; or services performed in conflict with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The occurrence of any of these conditions shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and the City may terminate this Agreement with written notice to the Contractor effective immediately.

11. Compliance. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, County and City laws, regulations and ordinances pertaining to the subject matter of this Contract, including but not limited to the following: the payment of all applicable taxes and withholding, worker's compensation, equal opportunity employment, the Davis-Bacon Act and any required permits.

12. CDBG Requirements This is a Federally-assisted project subject to appropriate Federal, State and local laws and implementation regulations as follows: Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended; Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C 1701u; 24 CFR 135 (Code of Federal Regulations); Equal Employment Opportunity, Executive Order 11246; the Clean Air Act of 1963, as amended; 40 CFR 15; Davis-Bacon Fair Labor Standards Act, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a—276a-5; Copeland (Anti-Kickback) Act, 48 Stat. 948, 40 U.S.C. 276(c); Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, 40 U.S.C. 327-332; 24 CFR Part 35 (Lead Based Paint Standards); Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IV, Public Law 88-352; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), as amended; Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352); and Executive Orders 12549 and 12689, "Debarment and Suspension."

The Contractor acknowledges receipt of the following documents and agrees to abide by their provisions. The following documents are made part of this Contract:

- City of Greenbelt Special Conditions – Street Reconstruction
- Making Davis-Bacon Work: A Contractor's Guide to Prevailing Wage Requirements for Federally-Assisted Construction Projects
- Davis-Bacon Wage Decision – MD-20210106
- CDBG General Conditions for Operating Agencies & Third Party Contractors
- Federal Labor Standards Provisions (HUD 4010)
- Davis-Bacon Act/Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act
- ADA/Non-Discrimination Statement
- Certification of Assurance of Compliance
- Minority Business Enterprise Participation Statement with Attachments
- Locally Based Business Preference Equal Employment Opportunity Agreement
- Assurance of Compliance with HUD Regulations for Training, Employment and Contracting Opportunities for Businesses and Lower Income Persons.
- Section 3 Summary Report

13. Assignment Prohibition. The Contractor shall be prohibited from assigning or transferring any rights under this Contract without the prior written consent of the City.

14. Entire Agreement. This document contains the entire agreement between the parties and shall not be modified except by written agreement signed by the parties and attached hereto.

15. Severability. If any provision of this Contract is determined to be invalid or illegal by a court of law, it shall be severed from this Contract and shall not affect the remainder of any other provision contained herein.

16. **Applicable Law.** This Contract shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland, and enforced in any court of competent jurisdiction in Prince George's County, Maryland.

17. **Waiver.** The failure of the City to enforce any part of this Contract shall not be deemed a waiver thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF said VMP Construction Company and the City of Greenbelt have caused these presents to be signed.

ATTEST:

VMP Construction Corporation

Valter M. Ramos, President Date
President

ATTEST:

City of Greenbelt, Maryland

Mr. Josué Salmerón Date
City Manager

CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

25 CRESCENT ROAD, GREENBELT, MD. 20770



TO: City Council

From: Josue Salmeron, City Manager
Tim George, Assistant City Manager

Date: March 23, 2026

RE: Weekly Legislative Update – Preview for the Legislative Update Work Session on 3/25

Attached to this cover page are reports from Carrington and LA Perez highlighting the State and County bills of interest to the City of Greenbelt. These reports will be the subject of the City Council Legislative Update Work Session scheduled for Wednesday, March 25.

We are requesting a quick review of each memo 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.



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City of Greenbelt Legislative Update

March 19, 2026

Things are moving at the speed of light in Annapolis right now. Both the House and Senate have been in double sessions throughout the week, including a marathon 12 hour day. You can see the strain on members and staff, nerves are frayed and the pressure of Sine Die is setting in. As of now, there has been no formal announcement on a Saturday session, but that remains a real possibility. I will flag it immediately if that changes.

The General Assembly is moving a significant volume of legislation across the floor. While bills are advancing out of their chamber of origin, their fate in the opposite chamber remains uncertain for several of the measures we are tracking. As always at this stage, movement does not equal passage, and the next phase will be critical.

For bills that survive crossover, hearings will begin next week in the opposite chamber. Typically, for legislation that has been heard in a prior session, oral testimony is limited to the sponsor and, occasionally, up to 2 opposing witnesses. That said, this is entirely at the discretion of the committee chair, and we will need to stay flexible depending on how each bill is handled.

Below is a focused breakdown of the bills from our tracking report that are actively moving and warrant attention, along with recommended positions for the City.

HB0386 / SB0281

Metro Funding Modification Act of 2026

Now in the Senate, First Reading in Budget and Taxation

Recommendation: Support

This is one of the most important regional bills still moving. Stable Metro funding directly impacts Greenbelt residents, workforce access, and economic activity. This has a real path forward and should remain a priority.

HB0350 / SB0255

Voting Rights Act of 2026

Now in the House, First Reading Government, Labor, and Elections

Recommendation: Support

This bill strengthens voting protections and election administration. It has direct relevance to municipal election operations and remains viable.

HB0357

Municipalities - Election Dates - Reporting Requirements

Now in the Senate, hearing scheduled

6007 Hillmeade Road, Bowie, MD 20720

Cellphone: 732-763-7398 – Email: darrell.carrington@verizon.net

Recommendation: Monitor

This bill could impose additional administrative requirements on municipalities. It is moving, but the final impact will depend on amendments.

HB0711 / SB0504

Data Privacy Act

Active in both chambers, House on Special Order and Senate hearing process underway

Recommendation: Monitor

This is a large, complex bill with potential compliance implications for municipal data systems. Still very much in play.

SB0334 / HB0577

Firearm Crimes - Machine Gun Convertible Pistols

Passed the Senate, now positioned in the House

Recommendation: Support

Strong public safety measure addressing illegal firearm modifications. Continues to move and has momentum.

SB0198

Prince George's Community College Aerospace Program

Passed the Senate unanimously

Recommendation: Support

Positive workforce and economic development opportunity within the County. Likely to continue advancing.

SB0555 / HB0446

Dementia Services and Brain Health Program

Passed the Senate unanimously

Recommendation: Support

Expands critical health services for residents and caregivers. Broad support and forward momentum.

HB1178

Municipalities - Annexation - Limitations

Passed Second Reading in the House

Recommendation: Oppose

This bill directly limits municipal authority over annexation and land use. It has real implications for Greenbelt's ability to manage growth and should be opposed.

HB1142

Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures

Hearing held, still active

Recommendation: Support

Directly tied to long-term municipal fiscal stability and revenue options. Worth continued attention.

HB0172

Municipalities - Enforcement Officers - Body-Worn Cameras

Favorable report in the House

Recommendation: Support
Advances transparency and accountability in local enforcement operations.

SB0922 / HB0831

Collective Bargaining Expansion
Hearing scheduled in the Senate
Recommendation: Monitor
This bill could expand labor obligations for local governments, with potential fiscal implications.

SB0727 / HB1066

Municipal Elections - Electronic Transmission Systems
Active in hearings
Recommendation: Support
Modernizes election administration tools and could improve efficiency for municipalities.

SB0791 / HB1575

Community Trust Act
Active in hearings
Recommendation: Monitor
High-profile policy with potential implications for local law enforcement and community relations.

HB0099

Municipalities - Annexed Land - Land Use and Density
Still active following hearing
Recommendation: Oppose
Another bill impacting municipal land use authority. This remains a concern for Greenbelt.

HB0058

Transportation - Paratransit Services - Interjurisdictional Routes
Hearing held
Recommendation: Support
Improves regional mobility, particularly for vulnerable populations.

SB0159

Emergency Medical Services - Requirements
Favorable report in the Senate
Recommendation: Support
Strengthens EMS standards and service delivery.

HB0641

Curbside Voting Pilot Program
Hearing held
Recommendation: Support
Expands voter accessibility, particularly for seniors and individuals with mobility challenges.

HB0686 / SB0349

Vehicle Laws - Eluding Police
Active

Recommendation: Support
Public safety enhancement with enforcement implications.

HB1223

Farmers Markets - Street Food Vending Zones - PG

Hearing held

Recommendation: Support

Supports local economic activity and community engagement in Prince George's County.

HB0797 / SB0439

Medical Cannabis - Fire and Rescue Employees

Active

Recommendation: Monitor

Could affect municipal workforce policies and operational standards.

SB0351

Vehicle Insurance Monitoring Programs

Now in the House

Recommendation: Monitor

Limited direct municipal impact, but worth tracking.

HB0468

Social Media Tax - Mental Health Fund

Hearing held

Recommendation: Monitor

Potential revenue implications, but unclear local impact at this stage.

HB1459 / SB0986

Stationary Energy Storage Systems

Hearing held

Recommendation: Monitor

Infrastructure and zoning implications possible depending on final language.

HB1018 / SB0985

Correctional Facility Standards

Now in the Senate

Recommendation: Monitor

Primarily a state-level issue with indirect impacts.

The bills listed above represent where real movement is happening and where Greenbelt's attention should be focused. The next week will be critical as these bills receive hearings in the opposite chamber and begin to either advance or stall. I'll keep you posted as things progress.

Prine George's County Summary Report for Greenbelt City Council

March 25, 2026

The 2026 Prince George's County Council has been very active in the first three months of this year:

21 Bills have been Introduced

19 Resolutions have been introduced

Emergency package dealing with immigration enforcement crisis

Bills that have some specific impact on Greenbelt

CB-005-2026 – Common Ownership Communities Program Rules and Regulations – Passed the Council on 3/17/26

This bill was based on the work done in 2025 when a bill passed that allowed the Council to promulgate regulations on COCs that were consistent with state law. The legislation was a result of abuse reported regarding the governance of COCs.

The regulations do the following:

- Copies of executed contracts with third parties are available electronically through an on-line portal and sent to members on an annual basis
- Majority of Board Members (including the President) must reside in the community
- A fee of 10 cents per page for copies of Homeowner Association documents
- Fines for not providing COC Documents to members upon request
- Minimum Board meetings once a quarter open to members
- Board Members shall receive training on governance and emergency preparedness
- Members shall receive notification of depletion of funds

CR-014-2026 - A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY STREAMLINING DEVELOPMENT REVIEW WORKGROUP – Passed the Council on 3/17/26

This resolution establishes the Streamlining Development Review Workgroup, an advisory body of up to fifteen members who make recommendations for improving the land development review practices of Prince George's County.

- The workgroup will deliver final recommendations to the County Council, County Executive, and County Planning Board within sixty days of its first public meeting.
- The recommendations will be based on a comprehensive review of the development review process in Prince George's County as well as best practices from peer jurisdictions.
- Members will be selected by the Council Chair and chosen based on their expertise in or proximity to land development processes, including from County agencies involved in land development review.
- Ninety days following the transmittal of its recommendations, the workgroup will cease to exist
- **This is an important work group given the interest of the City in doing its own permitting.**

PGCCPS School Budget

School Cuts impacting Greenbelt Schools

- Roosevelt HS
 - Assistant Principal Position
 - Professional School Counselor
 - Summer Bridge programs for students entering the Science and Technology Program
- Middle Schools
 - Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program
- Greenbelt Middle School
 - Chinese Immersion
 - Transition out with Rising 7 and 8th grade students able to continue
 - World Language offering added to Greenbelt MS
- **County Executive Presented \$5.9 Billion FY27 Budget**
 - **Council Hearings to begin later this month or in April – no schedule has been released**

Responses Overview Active

Responses

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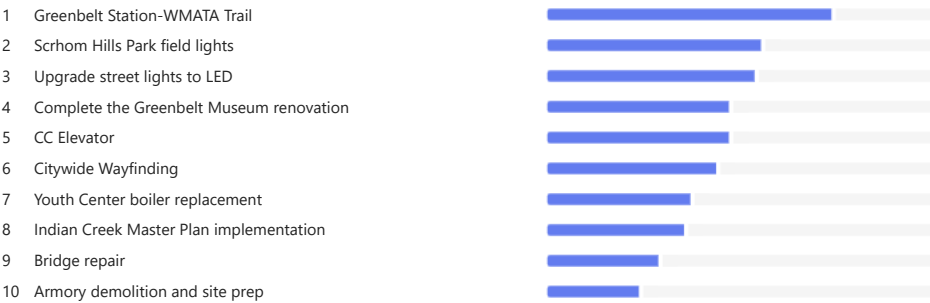
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Duration

36 Days

1. Rank your preference, Top Tier



2. Rank your preference, Second Tier



3. Are their projects in Tier 2 that should be elevated to Tier 1?

2
Responses

Latest Responses
"No, I think they are categorized appropriately."
...

4. What other unfunded capital projects should be considered for FY27?

2
Responses

Latest Responses
"I think this is plenty for FY27."
...

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

2025–2027 Strategic Planning Framework

INTRODUCTION

Greenbelt has long been guided by thoughtful planning, cooperative values, environmental stewardship, and active civic engagement. This Strategic Planning Framework reflects our commitment to preserving what makes Greenbelt unique while preparing responsibly for the future.

The framework establishes seven priority pillars that guide City policy, capital planning, and annual budget decisions. It ensures that investments align with community values, fiscal responsibility, and long-term sustainability.

This document serves as a decision-making tool. The City Manager will align operating and capital budget proposals with these pillars, and major initiatives will be evaluated for measurable impact, long-term financial sustainability, and community benefit. It also guides how the City partners and advocates for issues beyond municipal authority, including public safety deployment, transportation, environmental protection, school facility coordination, and regional planning alignment.

By aligning policy and budget decisions with these priorities, we reaffirm our responsibility to steward public resources wisely, strengthen neighborhood connections, protect natural and historic assets, and ensure Greenbelt remains a safe, sustainable, and welcoming community for generations to come.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The following guiding principles shape how decisions are made across all policy areas and budget priorities. While the seven pillars define *what* the City seeks to accomplish, these principles establish *how* decisions will be evaluated and implemented. They serve as guardrails to ensure consistency, accountability, and alignment with Greenbelt's values.

Fiscal Stewardship & Long-Term Sustainability

Ensure policies, programs, and capital investments are financially responsible, transparently prioritized, and aligned with multi-year forecasting and measurable outcomes.

Equity, Access & Community Belonging

Advance fair access to services, opportunities, and public investment across neighborhoods while fostering a community in which all residents feel valued, represented, and connected.

Environmental Responsibility & Resilience

Protect natural systems, strengthen stormwater and watershed management, and prepare for climate impacts through proactive and sustainable investment.

Connectivity & Community Cohesion

Strengthen safe, multi-modal transportation and neighborhood connections that enhance access to jobs, schools, parks, and civic life.

Regional Partnership & Advocacy

Collaborate with county, state, federal, and regional partners to influence policies and investments that affect Greenbelt beyond municipal authority.

Transparency, Accountability & Organizational Excellence

Align governance practices, performance reporting, and budget decisions with clear strategic goals and open public engagement.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The following seven pillars represent the City Council's primary areas of focus for the 2025–2027 planning cycle. Together, they organize the City's policy direction, capital investments, and operational priorities. Each pillar defines a core outcome area that guides budget development, resource allocation, and performance measurement, ensuring that annual decisions advance long-term community goals.

PILLAR 1: Safe, Healthy & Thriving Communities

Goal: Promote public safety, emergency readiness, and community well-being for residents of all ages.

Priority Areas

Public Safety & Emergency Response

- Maintain effective police services
- Modernize safety infrastructure and fleet responsibly
- Advocate in partnership with Prince George’s County for the return and sustained presence of career firefighters in Greenbelt
- Strengthen coordination with County Fire/EMS to ensure adequate coverage and response times
- Increase community resiliency by providing CPR, AED, Narcan, and other emergency readiness trainings

Safe Neighborhoods & School-Area Safety

- Implement traffic calming and pedestrian/bicycle safety improvements
- Strengthen school-zone safety measures
- Advocate with Prince George’s County and SHA for safe routes to schools

Recreation, Health & Intergenerational Well-Being

- Expand inclusive recreation and arts programming
- Strengthen senior engagement and age-friendly initiatives
- Support prevention-oriented approaches that reduce avoidable crisis response

PILLAR 2: Youth, Workforce & Economic Opportunity

Goal: Expand pathways to opportunity while strengthening Greenbelt’s economic resilience.

Priority Areas

- Partner with PGCPs, nonprofits, and employers to support youth workforce exposure and civic engagement
- Advance shared-use agreements with PGCPs for recreational facilities and athletic fields
- Implement Economic Development Strategic Plan priorities
- Strengthen Roosevelt Center and commercial corridors
- Engage BARC, NASA, and regional institutions as economic anchors

PILLAR 3: Strategic Growth, Community Investment & Cultural Stewardship

Goal: Guide development and public investment in ways that strengthen the tax base, preserve historic character, and reinforce Greenbelt’s distinct identity.

Responsible Redevelopment

Armory Integration

- Pursue a financially sustainable reuse plan guided by community input
- Ensure public accessibility, ADA compliance, and affordability
- Evaluate operating model before capital commitment

Beltway Plaza & Other Major Sites

- Align redevelopment with stormwater, transportation capacity, and infrastructure readiness
- Monitor school capacity impacts and coordinate with County partners
- Influence county planning processes
- Incorporate community benefit expectations into development discussions
- Support Roosevelt Center revitalization efforts

Cultural Stewardship & Identity

- Support the Greenbelt Museum and heritage partners
- Implement the Cemetery Master Preservation Plan
- Integrate historic preservation into redevelopment review processes

Balanced Community Investment

- Ensure East, Center, and West receive balanced infrastructure and program investments
- Evaluate growth decisions for long-term fiscal sustainability

PILLAR 4: Infrastructure, Housing & Capital Renewal

Goal: Sustain and modernize Greenbelt’s physical assets through transparent capital planning and infrastructure alignment.

Priority Areas

- Prioritize large unfunded capital needs through a transparent process
 - Advance a 10-year fleet replacement strategy
 - Modernize critical facilities and civic buildings
 - Plan and implement the expansion of Springhill Lake Recreation Center
 - Align housing growth with water, sewer, and stormwater capacity
 - Strengthen neighborhood code enforcement and property maintenance
 - Research, develop, and implement plan to improve cellphone service in City Center
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PILLAR 5: Environmental Sustainability & Climate Resilience

Goal: Protect natural resources, address stormwater challenges, reduce environmental impact, and improve fiscal sustainability through responsible environmental policy.

Priority Areas

Stormwater & Watershed Management

- Strengthen stormwater infrastructure planning
- Address neighborhood drainage concerns
- Integrate green infrastructure into redevelopment
- Improve water quality and erosion control

Waste Reduction & Fiscal Sustainability

- Evaluate and adjust Save As You Throw program to reduce waste and address structural waste management deficits
- Expand and support community composting initiatives
- Increase waste diversion and recycling participation
- Reconsider/repurpose Greenbelt East recycling center

Natural Resource Protection

- Advance the Buddy Attick Lake Master Plan
- Expand and protect the Forest Preserve
- Advocate for preservation of BARC agricultural research lands

Climate & Energy Leadership

- Continue expanding EV charging stations citywide
- Evaluate cost recovery and operational models for EV infrastructure
- Expand EV and hybrid fleet transition where fiscally appropriate
- Improve energy efficiency in City facilities

PILLAR 6: Connectivity & Community Access

Goal: Improve safe mobility, strengthen wayfinding, and enhance physical and social connections across Greenbelt.

Priority Areas

Transportation Infrastructure & Safety

- Advance pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure improvements
- Expand safe crosswalks and traffic calming
- Improve ADA-compliant pathways and bus shelters

Regional Transportation Advocacy

- Advocate for MD 193 Streetscape, Cherrywood Lane Complete and Green Street Retrofit, and Greenbelt East Trail funding in the State Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP)
- Support regional transit reliability and bus service improvements
- Oppose transportation projects that undermine environmental or community priorities

Strategic Wayfinding

- Implement recommendations from the City's Strategic Wayfinding Study
- Improve signage, gateway visibility, and neighborhood navigation

Corridor & Trail Connectivity

- Begin implementing Indian Creek Park Master Plan Improve connections between East, Center, and West
 - Continue advancing WMATA Trail project
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PILLAR 7: Governance, Engagement & Organizational Excellence

Goal: Strengthen institutional effectiveness, fiscal accountability, and public trust through transparent governance, modernized processes, and responsible workforce practices.

Priority Areas

Community Visioning & Long-Term Planning

- Conduct a community-wide visioning process to refine long-term priorities
- Integrate visioning outcomes into future strategic planning updates

Charter & Governance Modernization

- Conduct a thorough review of the Greenbelt City Charter to identify opportunities that support the long-term vision of the city
- Prepare for implementation of voter-approved ranked choice voting in the 2027 municipal election, including Charter or code updates, administrative procedures, and community education efforts.
- Review and update Council Standing Rules to improve clarity, efficiency, and collaboration
- Strengthen council-staff workflows and communication practices
- Review and update Charter and code to allow collective bargaining for all city employees

Workforce Stability & Organizational Support

- Support city employees' ability to organize under a collective bargaining agreement
- Promote fair, stable, and transparent workforce policies that strengthen service delivery

Budget & Performance Alignment

- Align annual budget decisions with strategic pillars
- Publish measurable performance indicators

Legislative Strategy & Regional Advocacy

- Continue legislative tracking and employment of legislative consultants to advise and inform City Council and staff on county, state and federal legislation and to advance city legislative priorities
- Advocate on transportation, environmental protection, public safety deployment, immigrant safety, and municipal authority

ANNUAL BUDGET ALIGNMENT

To support consistent implementation of this Strategic Planning Framework, the annual budget process should reflect alignment with Council-adopted priorities.

As part of budget development, departments are encouraged to clearly demonstrate how major initiatives and significant budget requests advance the City's strategic direction.

Within the budget, each city department should identify:

- **Pillar Alignment** – The strategic pillar supported
- **Specific Goal Alignment** – The related objective or priority area within that pillar
- **Measurable Performance Indicator** – A clear outcome or metric that can be used to evaluate progress
- **3–5 Year Fiscal Impact** – Estimated operating and capital implications, including ongoing obligations
- **Equity Impact Considerations** – How the proposal supports access, balanced investment, and community belonging across neighborhoods

This approach strengthens transparency, reinforces fiscal responsibility, and helps ensure that annual budget decisions remain connected to long-term community goals.

To: Greenbelt City Council

From: Matt Sickle - Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Date: March 16, 2026

Subject: PGCMLS StoryWalk Removal

Dear Members of City Council,

On behalf of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, I am writing to recommend removal of the StoryWalk installation between Braden Field and the Greenbelt Museum playground. This matter was discussed at our most recent meeting where the board voted to recommend that the installation be removed.

While the concept was well intentioned, the installation has not been maintained as originally proposed. The frames do not appear to be waterproof, and the stories have been updated only four or five times rather than on the monthly schedule that was initially described. Additionally, many pages are no longer secured in the frames, and the materials have become soaked, faded, and deteriorated.

Several times, the stories have been left out to weather for months. In that state, the installation detracts from the experience of the trail and playground and gives an appearance of neglect in a well-used public space. For these reasons, the board recommends that the StoryWalk be removed.

Thank you for your attention and for your continued support of Greenbelt's parks.

Respectfully,



Matt Sickle
Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
City of Greenbelt



PGCPS FY 2027 OPERATING BUDGET SNAPSHOT

The Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) Proposed FY2027 Operating Budget is not an expansion budget — it is a stabilization budget. Developed after \$150 million in reductions, the largest single-year adjustment in district history, it is designed to restore predictability, protect classroom instruction, and address urgent legal, operational, and student needs.

Even amid unprecedented cuts, PGCPS is prioritizing high-impact investments to sustain momentum in teaching and learning and accelerate student outcomes. The budget directs more than \$27 million to Special Education and an additional \$1 million to Reading and Math interventions — strategically shifting resources from general operations into targeted student supports that most directly accelerate achievement.

2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- Supporting Students with Disabilities
- Supporting Academic Achievement for Multilingual Learners
- Modernizing Construction and Facilities for Student Success
- Ensuring Safe and Secure Environments for Students and Staff



"This is a year of recalibration. We are making \$150M in reductions with discipline and intention — focusing on teaching and learning, identifying efficiencies, and prioritizing the investments that deliver the greatest impact for students."

Interim Superintendent
Dr. Shawn Joseph

OUR PRIORITY: ACCELERATING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN LITERACY AND MATH

How We Accelerate Student Achievement

- Stabilizing Special Education
- Modernizing Teaching & Learning Systems
- Strengthening School Safety
- Sustaining a Strong, Stable Workforce
- Elevating Professional Learning

HOW WE GOT HERE

Rising costs, declining enrollment, and new Blueprint mandates have created unprecedented fiscal pressure. PGCPS has absorbed \$102M in compensation increases, reserves are depleted, and funding sits at the state minimum — below regional peers.



PROJECTED UNRESTRICTED REVENUE (IN MILLIONS)

Funding Program	FY26 Estimated	FY27 Proposed	PY (\$)	PY (%)
Foundation	\$1,156	\$1,203	\$47	\$4.1
Compensatory Education	\$677	\$676	(\$1)	-0.1
Multilingual Learner	\$315	\$307	(\$9)	-2.8
Special Education	\$148	\$174	\$26	17.9
Comparable Wage Index	\$70	\$71	\$1	1.6
Prekindergarten	\$58	\$79	\$21	37.1
Other Major State Aid	\$90	\$87	(\$3)	-3
Major State Aid Funding	\$2,514	\$2,598	\$84	3.3
Other Board & Federal Sources	\$30	\$76	46	154
Use of Fund Balance	\$95,000,000	\$25	(\$70)	-73.7
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED REVENUE	\$2,639	\$2,699	\$60	2.3

* Includes Transportation, Non-Public placements for Students with Disabilities, Blueprint Transition Grant and Out-of-County Living arrangements.

MANDATORY COSTS

Negotiated Commitments	\$95
Other Post-Employment Benefits	\$15
Salary Lapse Reduction	\$40
Total Mandatory Costs	\$150

REDUCTIONS

Financial Strategy & Reserves \$37.5

- Grant Optimization - Parent engagement and student support positions, and school health centers will transition to Community Schools grants. (\$16.9M)
- Extended Central Office Hiring Freeze throughout FY27 (\$8.6M)
- Elimination of long-term vacancies (\$2.6M)
- Reserve reduction (\$9.4M)

Facilities & Operations \$25.3

- Contracted services (\$10M)
- Transportation and Building Services overtime (\$8.8M)
- Shift of building repairs and modifications to the Capital Improvement Program (\$4.2M)
- Maintenance & supplies (\$2.2M)
- Operations discretionary (\$0.1M)

Information Technology \$6.1

- Position eliminations - IT tech coordinators and support positions (\$2.3M)
- ESSER funded Software Licenses (\$2.5M)
- Consultant Services (\$0.5M)
- Telecommunications contracted services (\$0.5M)
- IT Techs Overtime (\$0.2M)
- IT Discretionary (\$0.1M)

Student Support & Services \$39.2

- Substitutes (\$25.3M)
- School discretionary - 35% reduction (\$5M)
- Student Services outsourced contracts (\$3M)
- Position eliminations: vacant private duty nurses (work funded through contracted services), middle school schedulers, administrative support (\$1.9M)
- Area Offices and Student Services discretionary (\$4M)

Academic and Programmatic \$22.4

- Central Academic Support (\$12M) - Discretionary and position realignments within Curriculum & Instruction, Early Learning, Specialty Programs & the Arts.
 - The Division of Academics (Career and Technical Education, Curriculum and Instruction, Early Learning, Specialty Programs and the Arts, decreased their overall budget by \$10 million dollars. These reduction in funds allowed the Division of Academics to strategically reduce in areas that were either redundant or tighten current practices with a laser lens on efficiency. Long term vacancies across the division were also reduced.
- AVID (\$2.5M) - Program reduction across 21 Middle Schools
- IB (\$2.8M) - Elementary Years Programs (MYP) and Middle Years Programs (MYP) only. Schools impacted are Central HS, Dwight D. Eisenhower MS, Frederick Douglass HS, James Madison MS, Maya Angelou French Immersion, and Melwood ES. Three staff members reclassified.
- Language Immersion (some underenrolled offerings) (\$2.5M) - Reduction of Chinese, Dual Spanish, and French Immersion with World Language added. Schools impacted: Greenbelt MS, Largo HS, Paint Branch ES, Capitol Heights ES, Central HS. World Language offerings will be added at: Capitol Heights ES, Paint Branch ES, Thomas Johnson MS, Fort Foote ES, Greenbelt MS, Northview ES.
- Aeronautics (\$0.3MM) - Reduction of 1.0 Professional School Counselor and 1.0 Assistant Principal at Duval HS
- Science & Technology (\$1M) - Reduction of 1.0 Professional School Counselor and 1.0 Program Assistant Principal at Charles Herbert Flowers HS, Eleanor Roosevelt HS, and Oxon Hill HS each.
- Pre-Kindergarten (\$1.3M) - Due to declining enrollment for public PreK, reduction of 10 PreK classrooms across 10 schools net of 3 new classrooms added to Glassmanor ES, Glenridge ES, and Templeton ES.

Operational & Central Office Efficiencies \$17.6

- Non-local travel, registration expense, catering (\$5.1M)
- Overhead reimbursement from Food Services program (\$5M)
- Central Office reductions - 15 positions and discretionary across the Accountability, Finance, Chief of Staff, General Counsel divisions, as well as Superintendent's Office (\$7.5M)

TOTAL PROPOSED REDUCTIONS: \$148.2



INVESTMENTS (IN MILLIONS)

Special Education	\$27.2
Artificial Intelligence Literacy	\$1.3
Safety & Security	\$4.4
Professional Development	\$1.1
Reading and Mathematics	\$1.2
Total Proposed Investments	\$35

FY27 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

State of the Schools Address

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Superintendent's Proposed Budget Presentation

Thursday, January 22, 2026

FY 2027 Proposed Budget Book Published

Thursday, January 29, 2026

Board of Education Budget Work Sessions and Public Hearings

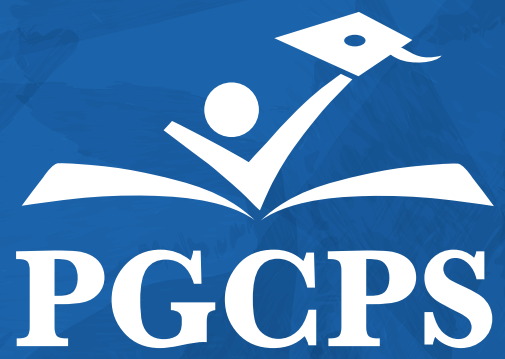
February 5, February 12, and February 19, 2026

Board of Education Adoption of FY 2027 Requested Budget

Thursday, February 26, 2026

FY 2027 Requested Budget Transmitted to Prince George's County

Friday, February 27, 2026



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PGCPS Plans to Cut Immersion Programs at Middle, High Schools

FEBRUARY 4, 2026

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) previously touted its immersion programs as rigorous academic programs developing global perspectives and marketable language proficiency, with students performing "as well or better than their peers" on standardized tests (in English). However, amid struggles to balance the budget, the county now plans to cut its middle and high school language immersion programs and two immersion programs at boundary elementary schools. Students who planned to move on to middle or high school immersion programs next year learned just last month that won't be possible.

Cuts

PGCPS administration cites declining enrollment, a shrinking fund balance and increasing costs of doing business as factors leading to a \$150 million deficit in the "tough budget year ahead" for 2027. The school administration is looking to cut \$100 million from its budget and request an additional \$50 million in funding from the county to make up the difference. Programs on the

chopping block are two elementary language immersion programs, a middle school immersion program at Greenbelt Middle School and the county's only high school language immersion. PGCPs will also cut International Baccalaureate programs at the elementary and middle school levels, though continue the high school program; and middle school Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) elective courses, which were optional classes designed to improve college and career readiness and academic success.

Elementary School Cuts

The proposed cuts to language immersion include closing the elementary boundary school immersion programs at Paint Branch Elementary, which has a 50/50 Chinese immersion program currently serving 547 students, and the boundary school 50/50 Spanish immersion program at Capitol Heights Elementary, which currently serves 139 students. Chinese and Spanish, respectively, will be offered as a world language class at those schools instead. Boundary schools are the local neighborhood schools for which students are zoned based on where they live.

Middle School Cut

The district is also proposing to cut its "immersion continuation pathway," accepting no new students to its program and transitioning it out of Greenbelt Middle School, which currently has 58 students enrolled in Chinese immersion. Rising grades 7 and 8 students currently at Greenbelt Middle will be able to continue as the final cohorts of the program.

High School Cut

In addition, the county's high school immersion program, which currently has 120 students enrolled, will also be discontinued. That program had offered the continuation of Chinese, Spanish and French at the high school level at Largo High School. Currently enrolled students will be able to continue in the program but no new students will be accepted. World language classes will be offered at boundary high schools, according to a presentation by the Interim Superintendent Shawn Joseph on January 22.

A Tentative Budget

Senior Public Information Specialist Lynn McCawley told the News Review that the interim superintendent's proposed budget "will move on to become the board's budget before it is presented to the county – so changes could be made to his proposal for immersion programs during the budget development process." However, parents who had applied to the impacted immersion programs for the fall had already received notice that their students would not be admitted. One Greenbelt family with a child attending Dora Kennedy French Immersion (DKFI), who had applied to the immersion high school when applications were due in the fall, received a notice from PGCPs' Chief Academic Officer Judith White on January 23 stating that "after a careful review of enrollment trends over multiple years, we propose transitioning from the Immersion High School Program due to its low enrollment."

High School Options Reopened

On February 2, PGCPs re-opened the high school specialty program applications exclusively to current grade 8 immersion students so that they have the opportunity to apply to other specialty schools. "Due to recent district-level budget decisions, the Immersion High School Program will not enroll new students beginning in the 2026-2027 school year. Because this update occurred after the initial specialty program application window closed, PGCPs has reopened the application window exclusively for current grade 8 immersion students," said DKFI Principal James Spence in a message to the school's grade 8 families on February 2.

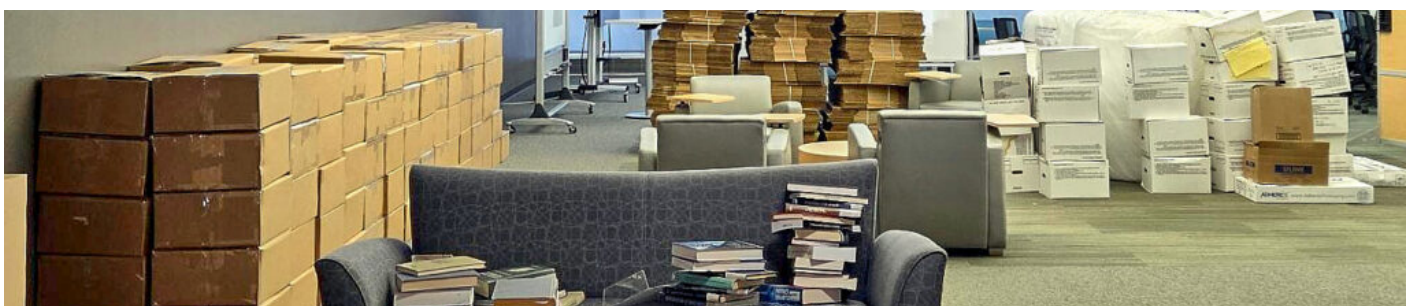
PGCPs said the decision to discontinue the programs was due to low enrollment and budget concerns. It "in no way reflects the quality, impact or value of the program," said White of the high school immersion program. The district hopes to reduce the budget by \$2.5 million through cuts in language immersion programs, according to their website's FAQ on the FY27 budget.

The author has two children who currently attend a PGCPs immersion school that is not directly impacted by these cuts.



David W. Lange Dies at 90; Began Projects at Work, Home
(<https://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com/news-stories/david-w-lange-dies-at-90-began-projects-at-work-home/>)

David William Lange, age 90, died March 6, 2026; he battled aspiration pneumonia for 10 years following radiation treatment for



Goddard Library Closure Paused As Lawsuit Fights to Keep It
(<https://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com/news-stories/goddard-library-closure-paused-as-lawsuit-fights-to-keep-it/>)

Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) was home to NASA's largest research library. Then its services and operations were paused on



Springhill Lake School Plans Shared at Town Hall Meeting
(<https://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com/news-stories/springhill-lake-school-plans-shared-at-town-hall-meeting/>)

On Thursday, March 12, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) officials and project designers shared updated plans for replacing Springhill



Residents Press Carriers on Cell Service Gaps at City Town Hall
(<https://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com/news-stories/residents-press-carriers-on-cell-service-gaps-at-city-town-hall/>)

On Tuesday, March 10, frustrated residents pressed wireless carriers and city officials for answers about persistent cellular coverage problems during

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City Council Meetings & Work Sessions March – June

Regular Meeting (FY2027 Proposed Budget Presentation)	Mon.	03/23	7:30 pm
Special Meeting/Closed Session – Personnel Matters	Mon.	03/23	Immediately following Council Meeting
Work Session – Legislative Priorities Update (following Crossover)	Wed.	03/25	7:30 pm
No Meeting – (PGCPS Spring Break)	Mon.	03/30	
No Meeting – (PGCPS Spring Break/Passover)	Wed.	04/01	
No Meeting – (Easter Monday)	Mon.	04/06	
Budget Work Session – Overview, Revenues & General Government/Other Funds/Non-Departmental & Fund Transfers/Economic Development/Planning & Community Development	Wed.	04/08	7:30 pm
Regular Meeting / Public Hearing (Establishment of Railroad Public Utility Tax)	Mon.	04/13	7:30 pm
Budget Work Session – Public Works/Capital Projects	Wed.	04/15	7:30 pm
Budget Work Session – Misc. – Grants & Contributions/CARES/Greenbelt Cinema	Mon.	04/20	7:30 pm
Budget Work Session – Recreation	Wed.	04/22	7:30 pm
Four Cities Coalition Meeting (Greenbelt)	Thur.	04/23	7:00 pm
Regular Meeting/1 st Public Hearing	Mon.	04/27	7:30 pm
Budget Work Session – Public Safety	Wed.	04/29	7:30 pm
Budget Work Session – Green Ridge House	Mon.	05/04	7:00 pm
Special Meeting/Closed Session – Personnel Matters	Mon.	05/04	Immediately following Work Session @ Municipal Building
Budget Work Session – Recognition Groups (Group 1)	Wed.	05/06	7:00 pm
Regular Meeting / 2 nd Public Hearing	Mon.	05/11	7:30 pm
Budget Work Session – Recognition Groups (Group 2)	Wed.	05/13	7:00 pm
Budget Work Session – Final Budget Review	Mon.	05/18	7:00 pm
ACE Student Awards	Wed.	05/20	7:00 pm
City Holiday – Memorial Day	Mon.	05/25	
Regular Meeting – Budget Adoption	Tue.	05/26	7:30 pm
No Meeting – (Eid al-Adha – PGCPS Closed)	Wed.	05/27	
Work Session – Indian Creek Park Master Plan	Mon.	06/01	7:30 pm
Work Session – Board of Elections 2025 Election Update	Wed.	06/03	7:30 pm
Regular Meeting	Mon.	06/08	7:30 pm
Work Session - TBD	Wed.	06/10	7:30 pm
No Meeting – (MML Summer Conference – Ocean City, MD)	Mon.	06/15	
No Meeting – (MML Summer Conference – Ocean City, MD)	Wed.	06/17	
Regular Meeting	Mon.	06/22	7:30 pm

Work Session - TBD	Wed.	06/24	7:30 pm
Work Session – TBD	Mon.	06/29	7:30 pm

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation, call 301-474-8000. Regular and Special meetings and Work Sessions are open to the public. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-3870 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use Video Relay Services (VRS) at 711 or e-mail banderson@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk. Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be held in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building (MB) at 25 Crescent Road and virtually by Zoom. Zoom meeting information for public participation is posted on the City's website at www.greenbeltmd.gov on the meeting calendar.

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

Ready to be scheduled:

Wala Blegay, County Council At-Large
 Member & County Executive Aisha
 Braveboy
 Greenbelt Road Corridor
 BARC
 Greenbelt National Park
 WMATA (Real Estate) - combine w/VIA
 Transportation
 City Manager Update – July 15 (Spotlight:
 Planning & Community Development)

For later scheduling:

Arts & Entertainment District
 Bernard Penney (*Memorial Donation in
 honor of Leonie Penney*)
 Cemetery Plans
 City Manager Updates (Jan, Pre-budget;
 July & Sept/Oct)
 EV Chargers Five-Year Plan
 Fleet Vehicles Ten-Year Plan
 GHI/Prince George's County (Stormwater
 issues)
 MARC Train Service/ MDOT
 Museum Plan
 Northway Fields Master Plan
 Parkway Apartment Owners/GHI (*parking*)
 Potential Bond Referendum/Capital
 Financing
 Quantum Properties (Beltway Plaza)
 Zoning Enforcement

Annual													Follow-Up Letter Sent
Advisory Group Chairs	7/22	7/23	8/24	6/25									
Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station Mgmt.	12/21	12/22	2/24										3/21/24
Greenbelt Center HOAs	3/23	5/24											
Greenbelt East HOAs and COAs/Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition	4/22	6/23											
Greenbelt Homes, Inc.	8/22	8/23	9/24	10/25									
Greenbelt Station HOA/Verde Apts.	8/22	8/23											
Motiva													
School Board Member	9/21	2/23	8/23	9/24									
State Highway Administration	11/20	11/22	12/23	4/25									4/25/25
Biennial													
Beltsville Ag. Research Center	8/18	11/22	11/23										
Beltway Plaza	9/22	9/24											
NASA/GSFC	3/22	4/23											
Greenbelt Business Alliance	10/22												
Greenbelt Park NPS	1/22	3/23											
Greenway Shopping Center	12/20	2/23											
Religious/Spiritual Organizations	6/22	2/24											
Twice a Year													
County Council Person and At Large Members	5/23	3/24											3/19/24
Meetings as Needed													
Apartments	4/21												
Comcast/Verizon	3/21												
Greenbelt Office Parks													
Greenbelt Watershed Groups	10/19												
Hotels	8/23												
PEPCO	2/22	9/23											
WSSC	2/22	6/23	10/23	5/24									
Washington Gas	8/23												
Prince George's Economic Development Corp.	11/21												
Prince George's Planning Board	10/19												
Roosevelt Center Owner	8/20												
University of Maryland	4/15												
WMATA/PGDPW&T (Semi-Annual)	5/22												
Newly Elected/Appointed Officials (Presentation of a Council Regular Meeting)													
County Executive													
School Board CEO	1/24	2/25											1/17/24
State's Attorney	1/23												



OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) and (8) of the General Provisions Article of the *Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland*, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Monday, March 23, 2026, immediately following the Council's Regular Meeting: 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 is 1) to address personnel matters over which this public body has jurisdiction.

2) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

**** The public may attend the Council's Regular Meeting prior to the closed session and observe the vote of the Council to move into the closed session on Monday, March 23, 2026.***

Bonita Anderson
City Clerk