

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.

The purpose of this meeting is 1) to address personnel matters related to specific individuals; 2) to obtain legal advice on legal matters; and 3) to consult with staff 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			

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