

**BUDGET WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL** held on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, to discuss Public Works / Capital Projects.

Mayor Jordan started the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, and via Zoom.

**PRESENT 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.

**STAFF PRESENT WERE:** Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Timothy George, Assistant City Manager; Brian Kim, Public Works Director; Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, Environmental Coordinator; Luisa Robles, Sustainability Coordinator; Lori Thiele, Maintenance Worker; Jamarie Spencer, Production Assistant; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

**OTHERS PRESENT WERE:** Bill Orleans, Michael Hartman, Judith Davis, and others. The purpose of the work session was to review the proposed FY 2027 Public Works budget; discuss sustainability initiatives, capital projects, and operational challenges; and receive preliminary Council feedback prior to final budget deliberations.

**Public Works Department Budget Overview.** Public Works staff presented the proposed fiscal year 2027 budget, noting that most expenditure accounts remain relatively unchanged. Increases were primarily attributed to vehicle maintenance, software subscriptions, and costs related to salaries and benefits. Staffing levels will remain stable due to internal realignments.

**Utility Costs and Energy Initiatives.** The Council reviewed utility costs and energy initiatives, including the City's 2-megawatt solar system, which has reduced electricity expenses and now offsets approximately 60% of energy consumption.

**Public Works Operations and Sustainability.** Discussion included equipment replacement strategies, playground maintenance challenges, and the limited operational use of the greenhouse due to infrastructure needs.

**GIS and Asset Management Planning.** An update on the City's GIS Strategic Plan was provided, highlighting mapping initiatives, asset management efforts, and upcoming 3D roadway-scanning projects.

**Save As You Throw (SAYT) Program.** The Council reviewed SAYT program results, noting a 12% reduction in landfill waste and 98% compliance. Staff corrected an error in the reported recycling fees and outlined the next steps for evaluation.

**Capital Projects and Infrastructure Planning.** The Council reviewed several capital initiatives, including storm drain rehabilitation, improvements at Braden Field, and bicycle and pedestrian projects such as the Greenbrook Trails.

**CDBG Funds and Sidewalk Infrastructure.** Discussion focused on the use of Community Development Block Grant funds and challenges related to sidewalk installation, including funding limitations, easement requirements, and engineering constraints.

**Special Funds and Transportation Updates.** The Council discussed establishing a special fund for grant matching and noted the installation of a Capital Bikeshare station at Greenbelt Metro.

**Announcements and Key Updates.** The Council shared announcements and reviewed upcoming items related to Public Works operations and capital planning.

The meeting ended at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonita Anderson  
City Clerk