

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held April 27, 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; Dr. Liz Park, CARES Director; Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, Environmental Coordinator; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of residents Donald Martin and Russell Waugh.

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

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Bill Orleans, resident, expressed concern about consent agenda items (e) and (f). Mr. Salmerón explained that the Geotab system would replace the current Verizon Connect service to provide better telematics data and vehicle maintenance tracking, while the road assessment system would move away from paper-based assessments to enable digital data collection.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Pro Tem Weaver moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Fritz seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Regular Meeting, June 2, 2025
  - Work Session, March 25, 2026
  - Work Session, April 8, 2026
  - Special Meeting, April 8, 2026
- Approved as presented.

MEETINGS: Council approved the meetings list.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no committee reports submitted for Council to accept.

REAPPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE: Council reappointed the following individuals to new terms on their respective boards and committees:

- Community Relations Advisory Board: Nathan Gerdes
- Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES): John Lippert
- Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (SCAC): Leon Schachter

AUTHORIZATION FOR CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH T-MOBILE FOR FLEETWIDE TELEMATICS: Council authorized the City Manager to approve the contract.

AUTHORIZATION FOR CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH CITYLOGIX FOR PAVEMENT ASSESSMENT, SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION, AND FUND REALLOCATION: Council authorized the City Manager to approve the contract.

AUTHORIZATION FOR CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT MOWING EQUIPMENT AND REALLOCATION OF FUNDS: Council authorized the City Manager to approve the purchase.

AUTHORIZATION FOR CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT FOR 2026 TREE HEALTH SERVICES: Council authorized the City Manager to approve the contract.

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS: Council authorized the City Manager to approve the contract.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH: Mayor Jordan proclaimed May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

AUTISM AWARENESS AND ACCEPTANCE MONTH PROCLAMATION: Mayor Jordan proclaimed April Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month.

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH PROCLAMATION: Mayor Jordan proclaimed May National Poetry Month. Effie Levner, founder of Poetry In The Garden Group, provided background on the group. Stanie Sesay read a poem.

PUBLIC HEARING - FY2027 PROPOSED BUDGET: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Bob Rand read a statement. Bill Orleans requested that the changes to the original draft budget be available to the public. City Manager Salmerón displayed the website information for budget modifications.

LIMNOTECH FINAL PRESENTATION: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll introduced presenters Brad Udvardy, Flood Modeling, Assessments, and Recommendation Co-Lead, and Anouk Savineau, Project Manager and Community Flood Resiliency Plan Development Lead.

The Council received a PowerPoint presentation on the challenges of flooding and potential infrastructure solutions in Greenbelt. The presentation compared traditional gray infrastructure, such as storm drain inlets, upsized pipes, and detention systems, with green infrastructure approaches, including bioretention rain gardens, green roofs, permeable pavement, and other nature-based solutions.

While gray infrastructure was acknowledged as reliable, it was also noted to be costly and disruptive. In contrast, green infrastructure was emphasized for its additional benefits, including improved water quality, ecological enhancements, and community amenities. Specific implementation opportunities were identified for public spaces and cooperative properties, along with associated cost estimates.

The presentation also outlined a Community Flood Resilience Plan that focuses on non-structural measures such as enhanced storm drain maintenance, local ordinances, and public education. Potential grant funding was identified, and further flood modeling and citywide analysis were recommended.

During the Council discussion, several topics were addressed, including questions about model calibration, the installation of a local rain gauge, concerns about potential channel failure along Indian Creek, ideas for partnering with GHI, HOAs, and multifamily communities for outreach, exploring flood data collection through resident reporting, and considering incentives for private green infrastructure. The Council expressed appreciation for the report's comprehensive long-term value.

Mayor Jordan moved that the Council accept the City's Community Flood Resiliency Plan. Councilmember Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

#### MINUTES:

Statement of Record — Closed Session, April 8, 2026: Mayor Pro Tem Weaver moved that, in accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-06(C)(2) of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that the Council met in closed session on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 10:19 p.m., in the Council Chambers. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 3-305(1) 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 it has jurisdiction; or 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.

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 present: Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Tim George, Assistant City Manager; Dawane Martinez, Director of Human Resources.

Other individuals in attendance: None

Action taken: None

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 - Abstain

Statement of Record — Closed Session, April 20, 2026: Mayor Pro Tem Weaver moved that, in accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-06(C)(2) of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that the Council met in closed session on Monday, April 20, 2026, at 9:38 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 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 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 consult with counsel on a legal matter; and 3) to consult with staff 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 present: Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Dawane Martinez, Director of Human Resources

Other individuals present: Jason DeLoach, City Solicitor (virtual)

Action Taken: None

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

City Manager Josue Salmerón announced that the NASA Goddard Flight Center is now officially part of Greenbelt. Despite facing budget challenges, including a 4% increase in healthcare costs, the city has successfully filled positions in the police department and onboarded a new IT cybersecurity specialist. Upcoming events include a "Touch a Truck" event on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and a Wellness Walk on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

During the council meeting, several topics were discussed, including the expiration of a \$75,000 WMATA grant, a pothole on Edmonston Road that was quickly repaired by Public Works, and street vendor policies. Councilmember Fritz expressed concerns about a specific vendor at

Roosevelt Center who assists with zero-waste initiatives by collecting and indexing DVDs. The council emphasized the importance of balancing public safety regulations with the support of small businesses.

#### LEGISLATION:

A Resolution Of The City Council Of Greenbelt, Maryland, Proposing An Amendment To The City Charter To Establish Collective Bargaining Rights For Certain Eligible Non-Exempt And Non-Managerial City Employees: Council discussed a proposed charter amendment to establish collective bargaining rights for city employees. Councilmember Pompei expressed concerns about last-minute changes to the resolution and requested more time to review the updated language. Mayor Pro Tem Weaver moved that the council table the charter amendment until the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss the language at the upcoming Wednesday work session. Councilmember Pompei seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

A Resolution Creating a Grant Matching Fund for the Purpose of Providing Funding for City Grants: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Councilmember Pompei introduced the resolution for first reading. The resolution will appear on the May 11<sup>th</sup> agenda for second reading and adoption.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussion of the Council Planning Framework: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Councilmember McKinney presented a strategic planning framework designed to guide budget planning and reinforce the city's values. This framework was developed with input from Councilmember Pompei and Mayor Pro Tem Weaver. The council discussed and decided to include final comments and aim for a vote on May 11<sup>th</sup>. They will treat the document as a working draft that can evolve.

Mayor Pro Tem Weaver moved that Council extend the meeting until 10 o'clock to allow for further discussion. Councilmember Pompei seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Discussion item: Proposed FY2027 Budget: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Councilmember Pompei presented a proposal to reallocate \$132,000 from various city budgets to sustain the CARES community health programs for one year, including funding for key personnel and allowing time to establish a 501(c)(3) organization. Council agreed to include this proposal in the final budget reconciliation for consideration, though no final vote was taken. The council also discussed empowering CARES to move forward with creating a 501(c)(3) organization, with some members suggesting making it broader to include other city departments.

The Council discussed the establishment of a 501(c)(3) organization for CARES to facilitate grant applications, especially for social services. Councilmember Pompei moved to empower CARES to create and establish a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Mayor Pro Tem Weaver seconded the motion. The Council unanimously approved the formation of the 501(c)(3), with a vote of 7-0. Councilmember Pompei moved to authorize the creation of a topical working group

to support the 501(c)(3) process. Mayor Pro Tem Weaver seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 5-2, opposed by Mayor Jordan and Councilmember Pope.

BARC Support Reaffirmation and Program Relocation Discussion: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mayor Pro Tem Weaver moved that Council approve sending a revised letter to the administrator regarding concerns about the USDA's reorganization plan and BARC facility, along with issuing a public statement on the same topic. Councilmember Pompi seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS: None.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Events between April 14 and 27, 2026

- 14 April: Sustainable Maryland Executive Committee (Weaver)
- 15 April: Transportation Planning Board (Weaver)
- 16 April: Prince George's County Municipal Association (Jordan – in person; Weaver – virtual)
- 17 April: Weekly Legislative Update (Jordan, Pompi)
- 18 April: Shredding Event Roosevelt Center (Pope, Weaver)
- 18 April: Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Bicycle Committee Forum (Fritz, Jordan, Pompi, Weaver)
- 18 April: Arbor Day Tree Dedication and Native Plant Distribution (Fritz, Jordan, McKinney, Pompi, Pope, Weaver)
- 18 April: Greenbelt Concert Band performance (McKinney, Pompi, Weaver)
- 18 April: Prince George's County 330th Anniversary Festival (Jordan)
- 20 April: Agenda Planning with City Manager (Jordan, Weaver)
- 22 April: Greenbelt Rotary Club (Weaver)
- 22 April: Luminis Health Doctor's Hospital Maternal Wing Groundbreaking (Jordan)
- 22 April: Golden Age Club (Jordan)
- 23 April: Ukrainian Parliament Delegation Visit (Fritz, Jordan, Knesel, Weaver)

- 23 April: Food Distribution (Jordan)
- 25 April: Earth Day Volunteer Event – Lake Clean-up and Planting (Jordan, McKinney, Pompei, Weaver)
- 26 April: Mary Lou Williamson Garden Party (Pompi)
- 27 April: Agenda Planning with City Manager (Jordan, Weaver)

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mayor Pro Tem Weaver and seconded by Councilmember Pompei.

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 Mayor adjourned the regular meeting of April 27, 2026, at 9:58 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 April 27, 2026."

Emmett V. Jordan Mayor