REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held May 11, 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. Pompi, Silke I. Pope, Kristen L.K. Weaver, and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

ALSO PRESENT were Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Timothy George, Assistant City Manager; Jamarie Spencer, Production Assistant; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of resident Eileen Connolly.

Councilmember Pope led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mayor Jordan recited the Greenbelt Community Pledge.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Fred Gasper, a resident, presented concerns about the poor condition of Hanover Parkway, noting that despite previous presentations in 2018 and 2021 highlighting needed improvements, no work has been completed. The resident also raised issues regarding missing concrete bus platforms in Greenbelt East.

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Councilmember Pope and seconded by Councilmember Knesel to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**:**

Work Session, March 2, 2026
Public Hearing, March 9, 2026
Regular Meeting, March 23, 2026
Regular Meeting, April 13, 2026
Work Session, April 15, 2026
Work Session, April 22, 2026
Regular Meeting, April 27, 2026
Approved as presented.

MEETINGS: Council approved the meetings list.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**:**

Board of Elections Report #2026-02 (Council Ranked-Choice Voting and Other Matters Request for 2027 Municipal Elections): Council accepted the report.

Arts Advisory Board Report #26-3 - (Recognition Group Status): Council accepted the report.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Weaver to remove items # 13 "Greenbelt Station Central Park Planter Project" and #16 "State Highway Administration "Don't Block the Box" Stripping at Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway Request Letter" from the agenda, and seconded by Councilmember Pompi that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion passed 6-1. (Mayor Jordan)

PRESENTATIONS:

Prince George's County State's Attorney Tara Jackson: State's Attorney Tara Jackson presented an overview of crime trends in Prince George's County, reporting a 19% decline in violent crime and a 40% decrease in homicides in 2025 compared to 2024. She highlighted key priorities, including addressing repeat gun offenders, focusing on youth accountability through programs like truancy initiatives and Back on Track, and preventing business crimes. Jackson also mentioned her efforts to close a loophole in gun crime legislation and her partnership with Police Chief Bowers, while noting that domestic violence assaults and assaults without weapons had increased slightly that year.

Memorial Day Poppy Presentation: The Mayor presented a proclamation recognizing the American Legion Post 136 Memorial Day commemoration, with officers and members of the American Legion Auxiliary attending the meeting and making a presentation honoring those who died in combat while serving in the armed forces.

Jewish American Heritage Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan presented a proclamation declaring May as Jewish American Heritage Month.

National Physical Fitness and Sports Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan presented a proclamation declaring May as National Physical Fitness and Sports Month.

Public Hearing — FY 2027 Proposed Budget: Mayor Jordan recessed the meeting to hold a public hearing on the 2027 proposed budget, with several residents providing comments. Lore Rosenthal commended the city staff for making budget information more accessible to the public. Bob Rand expressed concerns about the proposed restructuring of the DEI office and called for input from Tyra Smith, the city's first DEI officer. Michael Hartman requested a dedicated budget for establishing sidewalks in Greenbelt, citing the need for a contiguous and safe sidewalk system. Dr. Lois Rosado emphasized the importance of an independent DEI office and called for updated information on equity and inclusion initiatives in Greenbelt.

MINUTES:

Statement of Record – Closed Session, May 4, 2026: Mayor Pro Tem Weaver moved that in accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-06(C)(2) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that Council met in closed session on Monday, May 4, 2026, at 8:13 pm, in the Council Chambers. Council held this closed meeting in

accordance with Section 3-305(1) 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; and 2) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

The purpose of this meeting was 1) personnel matters over which this public body has jurisdiction and which related to specific individuals, and 2) to receive updates about pending or potential litigation.

Vote to close session:

	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			

Staff present: Josué Salmerón, City Manager (8:13-9:06; 9:21); and Tim George, Assistant City Manager (8:13-9:06; 9:21)

Other individuals in attendance: None.

Action taken: Council affirmed the City Manager's personnel decision in a specific case (7-0).

Councilmember Pope seconded.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

City Manager Salmerón reported on several upcoming community events, including a Wellness Walk, a job fair, and a Pride flag-raising ceremony. He also addressed questions regarding stop sign cameras in Greenbelt West, explaining that their installation is restricted by state legislation to locations within a half-mile radius of school zones.

Additionally, the City Manager highlighted recent investments in the Hanover area, noting $1 million allocated for road resurfacing along Hanover Parkway and $400,000 dedicated to lighting improvements at Schrom Hills Park.

Councilmember Fritz requested further data on camera violations, specifically seeking a breakdown by vehicle registration location and vehicle type. Staff confirmed that this information will be incorporated into ongoing monthly reporting and trend analysis.

LEGISLATION:

A Resolution Creating a Grant Matching Fund for the Purpose of Providing Funding for City Grants: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Councilmember Pompi introduced the resolution for second reading and adoption.

Mayor Jordan seconded.

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

The resolution was adopted.

A Charter Amendment Resolution of the Council of the City of Greenbelt to Amend §3-22 "Powers" of the City Charter to Authorize the City of Greenbelt to Engage in Collective Bargaining with Certain Eligible Non-Exempt, Non-Managerial, and Non-Confidential City Employees as Provided in Article VIII of Chapter 13 of the City Code: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Councilmember Pompi introduced the resolution for first reading. A public hearing is scheduled for June 8.

Discussion of the Council Planning Framework: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Council discussed an updated Council Planning Framework incorporating recent feedback, with Councilmember McKinney proposing adoption of the framework with feedback from Mayor Jordan and Councilmember Pompi, while scheduling a future work session to prioritize specific action items. Council discussed and voted to amend language regarding carbon neutrality targets in the planning framework, removing specific binding commitments and replacing them with a directive to develop targets with annual benchmarks embedded in the budget process.
Discussion of DEI Position Proposals: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Councilmember McKinney presented a four-pronged proposal outlining alternatives for restructuring the City's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) position. Framing the proposal with a personal story about renovating a family home, McKinney likened the City's DEI efforts to an ongoing renovation

process, emphasizing the importance of continuing the work to completion rather than halting progress midway. Discussion centered on how to sustain equity and inclusion initiatives in FY 2027 while maintaining fiscal responsibility.
EXTENSION OF MEETING: Mayor Pro Tem Weaver moved to extend the meeting until 10:00 pm. Mayor Jordan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Council reviewed four options for the DEI role: (1) maintaining a senior-level leadership position, (2) combining the role with an Economic Development Director position, (3) placing the function within the Human Resources Department at the manager level, or (4) utilizing a contractual consultant during a transitional period. Members stressed the need for a clearly defined "general contractor" role to coordinate efforts and improve transparency in implementation. Councilmember Pompi highlighted budget constraints and the need to reallocate resources to support related initiatives, including bilingual communications and expanded recreational opportunities.
Further discussion addressed the scope, authority, and organizational placement of the DEI officer. Councilmember Fritz underscored the importance of integrating cooperative principles into economic development strategies to advance racial equity. Councilmember Pompi noted the need for clearer goals and structure in the role from its inception and expressed appreciation for the work of the current DEI officer. Council reached consensus on maintaining funding for the position to ensure continuity in DEI efforts.

Public comment reflected concerns regarding transparency, personnel decision-making, and the importance of preserving a strong, independent DEI function. In response, the Council expressed support for enhanced transparency measures, including regular updates on DEI progress, the potential development of annual reporting, and consideration of a community subcommittee dedicated to equity and inclusion.

EXTENSION OF MEETING: Councilmember McKinney moved to extend the meeting until 10:30 pm. Councilmember Fritz seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

WMATA Trail Bridge and Boardwalk Engineering: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mayor Pro Tem Weaver moved that Council authorize the City Manager to engage Dewberry and Davis to provide engineering and design services for the WMATA Trail Bridge and Boardwalk project, not to exceed $150,000, due to an expiring bond bill. Councilmember Pompi seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Council members reported on their activities and events between April 28 and May 11, 2026

- 28 April: Advisory Committee on Education (Pompi)
- 28 April: Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Education (Weaver)
- 29 April: Greenbelt Business Alliance (Jordan)
- 30 April: Greenbelt Rotary Club (Weaver)

- 30 April: Nancy Grace Roman Satellite Tour at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (Fritz, Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pompi, Weaver)
- 30 April: Happy Hour for a Cause (Fritz, Jordan, Weaver)
- 30 April: Youth Apprenticeship Fair (Pompi)
- 01 May: Issues to Action Summit (Pompi)
- 01 May: Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee (Pompi)
- 01 May: Maryland Municipal League Board Meeting (Jordan)
- 02 May: Berwyn Heights Day events (Fritz, Jordan, Pompi, Pope, Weaver)
- 02 May: Touch-a-Truck (Fritz, Jordan, Pompi, Pope, Weaver)
- 02 May: Free Comic Book Day at the SPACE (Pompi, Pope)
- 02 May: Prince George's County Lynching Memorial Project Racial Justice Essay and Creative Arts Contest Awards Ceremony (Fritz, Jordan, Pompi, Pope, Weaver)
- 02 May: Goddard Visitor Center 50th Anniversary Event (Weaver)
- 03 May: Art Studio Open House and Artful Afternoon (Jordan, Weaver)
- 04 May: Agenda Planning (Jordan, Weaver)
- 04 May: Farmer's Market Board Meeting Presentation (McKinney)
- 06 May: District 22 Post-Session Virtual Town Hall (Weaver)
- 07 May: Greenbelt Rotary Club (Weaver)
- 08 May: Legislative Update Call (Jordan, Pompi)
- 10 May: Green Man Festival (Jordan, Knesel, Pompi, Weaver)
- 10 May: Youth Advisory Committee Meeting (McKinney)
- 10 May: Farmers Market Opening Day (Jordan, Pompi, Weaver)
- 10 May: Artful Afternoon and Arts Mixer (Weaver)
- 11 May: Agenda Planning (Jordan, Weaver)

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mayor Pro Tem Weaver and seconded by Councilmember Pompi. The motion carried 7-0. Mayor Jordan adjourned the regular meeting of May 11, 2026, at 10:29 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 May 11, 2026.

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor