

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held June 8, 2026.

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

ROLL CALL was answered by 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.

ALSO PRESENT were Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Jaime Fearer, Acting Planning Director; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of former resident Joyce Krieger.

Mayor Pro Tem Weaver led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mayor Jordan recited the Greenbelt Community Pledge.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

County Council Member Tim Adams presented updates on the fiscal year 2027 Prince George's County Budget, highlighting more than \$1.65 million in secured funding for Greenbelt priorities, including support for Buddy Attick Park, Schrom Hills Park lighting improvements, Greenbelt Museum rehabilitation, and aquatic center maintenance.

Lore Rosenthal, a resident, raised concerns about the compost totes at Buddy Attick Park and requested that the City consider increasing the cleaning frequency.

Claudia Jones, a resident, expressed concerns regarding an illegal dumping incident involving a storm drain.

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

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Work Session, April 29, 2026
Work Session, May 4, 2026
Work Session, May 6, 2026
Regular Meeting, May 11, 2026
Work Session, May 13, 2026
Work Session, May 18, 2026
Regular Meeting, May 26, 2026
Work Session, June 1, 2026
Approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Public Hearing:

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 recessed the Regular Council meeting at 7:51 pm to conduct a public hearing on the proposed Charter amendment. There were no comments.

Mayor Jordan reconvened the Regular Council meeting at 7:52 pm.

LGBTQ+ Pride Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan proclaimed June 2026 as Emerald City Pride.

Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week Proclamation: Mayor Jordan proclaimed the week of June 6th–14th as Chesapeake Bay Week.

National Gun Violence Awareness Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan proclaimed June 2026 as National Gun Violence Awareness Month.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: City Manager Salmerón provided updates on cell phone tower issues, reporting that T-Mobile has been responsive while Verizon remains unresponsive, leading to the city transitioning police vehicle hotspots from Verizon to T-Mobile, and discussed ongoing projects including the Business Expo, facade program expansion to \$300,000, and upcoming road resurfacing work.

LEGISLATION:

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Councilmember Pompi introduced the resolution for second reading and adoption.
Councilmember Pope seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL TO ADOPT RESOLUTION:

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 declared passed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

FY2027 Program Open Space Annual Program: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Fearer provided Council background on the request for the Spring Hill Lake Recreation Center expansion, with a required city match of \$300,000. The project has been in planning for over 20 years, and while no physical work would begin in the current fiscal year, the funds would need to be encumbered by the end of 2027.

Mayor Pro Tem Weaver moved that Council approve the proposed FY 2027 Program Open Space Annual Program for one development project, Design and Construction – Springhill Lake Recreation Center Expansion, with a request for \$2,700,000 in POS funding with a required City match of \$300,000, of which \$250,000 is federal funding. Councilmember Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Update on Indian Creek Park Master Plan: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Fearer provided Council with an update on the master plan. Councilmember Fritz moved that Council accept the memo as the first update on the status of the feasibility of the Indian Creek Park project. Mayor Pro Tem Weaver seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Authorization for City Manager to Approve Contract Addendum with Dewberry for Greenbelt Station/WMATA Trail Design and Engineering: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mayor Pro Tem Weaver moved that Council authorize the City Manager to execute the contract addendum with Dewberry Engineers Inc. for the Greenbelt Station/WMATA Trail, in an amount not to exceed \$92,300. Councilmember Pompi seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Discussion of City Code Amendment to the Labor Code: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Blaine Taylor, Esq., with Jackson Lewis P.C., a collective bargaining attorney, presented proposed updates to the Greenbelt Labor Code, explaining a new definition of confidential employees based on four key pillars: protecting the city's deliberative process, operational integrity, fiscal strategy, and procurement strategy. The council discussed potential inconsistencies in the labor code documents.

EXTENSION OF MEETING: Mayor Jordan moved to extend the meeting until 10:00 pm. Mayor Pro Tem Weaver seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Labor Code Changes Discussion continued – Council discussed proposed changes to the labor code. Councilmember Pompi moved to proceed with the June 8 version of the code amendment. The City Manager expressed concerns about the administrative burden of managing multiple collective bargaining units, particularly given plans to expand from one to potentially three

bargaining units. Councilmember McKinney seconded. The motion passed 6-1, with Councilmember Pope opposed.

Discussion: Establishment of a Council Finance Working Group: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Councilmember Pompei discussed establishing a Council Finance Working Group, which was tabled for further consideration at an upcoming Wednesday work session where the budget process would be discussed. The council discussed budget process improvements, with the city manager emphasizing that next year's budget will be challenging due to a \$700,000 adjustment needed for an under-budgeted \$1 million abatement expense. The council agreed to have a more detailed discussion about finance working group proposals on Wednesday, including earlier involvement from all council members in budget planning.

Discussion: Appointment of a Council Liaison to the Greenbelt Cinema: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mayor Pro Tem Weaver nominated Councilmember Pompei as a liaison to the Greenbelt Cinema. Councilmember Knesel seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Council members reported on their activities and events between May 27 and June 8, 2026.

- 27 May: Greenbelt Business Alliance Happy Hour (Jordan, Pompei, Weaver)
- 27 May: Greenbelt Rotary Club Speaker Series (Jordan, McKinney, Weaver)
- 28 May: Greenbelt Advisory Committee for Environmental Sustainability (Weaver)
- 29 May: Legislative Update (Jordan, Pompei)
- 30 May: Wellness Walk at Buddy Attick Park (Jordan, McKinney, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)
- 30 May: Greenbelt Station Summer Kick-Off (Fritz, Jordan, McKinney, Pompei, Weaver)
- 30 May: Councilmember Tim Adams Resource Fair (Pompi)
- 30 May: Prince George's County Multi-Cultural Event (Jordan)
- 31 May: Greenbelt Community Orchestra performance (Jordan, McKinney, Weaver)
- 01 June: Agenda Planning (Jordan, Weaver)
- 02 June: Advisory Committee Advancing Public Safety (Pope)
- 04 June: Metro Washington Council of Governments Audit Committee (Jordan)
- 04 June: Greenbelt Rotary Club (Weaver)
- 04 June: Hanover Parkway Bicycle Project Community Meeting (Jordan, Weaver)
- 04 June: Charter Review Task Force (Fritz, Weaver)
- 05 June: Pride Month flag raising (Fritz, Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)
- 06 June: Greenbelt Rotary Club Garden Tour (Jordan, McKinney, Pompei, Weaver)
- 06 June: Greenbelt Jazz Festival (Weaver, Pope)
- 06 June: Not for Seniors Only (Pope, Jordan)
- 07 June: New Deal Cafe Annual Meeting (Weaver)
- 07 June: Artful Afternoon (Jordan, McKinney, Weaver)

- 07 June: Greenbelt Concert Band performance (Jordan, McKinney, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)
- 07 June: Greenbelt City Council History Presentation (Jordan, McKinney, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)
- 08 June: Agenda Planning (Jordan, Weaver)

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Pompei and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Weaver. The motion carried 7-0. Mayor Jordan adjourned the regular meeting of June 8, 2026, at 10:02 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 June 8, 2026.

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor