

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held June 22, 2026.

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

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Frankie S. Fritz (virtual), 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; Brian Kim, Director of Public Works; and Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of John Henry Jones, Joan Jacobs, Eunice Pierre and Lynne Grace. Councilmember Pompei then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Councilmember McKinney recited the Greenbelt Community Pledge.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Trent Leon-Lierman, 4 V Laurel Hill Road, expressed support for the Ordinance to Amend Chapter 13, “Personnel,” of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Amending Article VIII, Labor Code,” that Council voted on two weeks ago.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Pro Tem Weaver moved to remove Meetings from the consent agenda and add it to the agenda for further discussion. It was moved Councilmember Pope and seconded by Councilmember Pompei to approve the consent agenda as amended. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Small Cities Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan declared June as Small Cities Month. Councilmember Silke I. Pope, a member of the National League of Cities (NLC) Small Cities Steering Committee, accepted the proclamation.

Pollinator Week Proclamation: Mayor Jordan proclaimed the week of June 22nd – 28th as Pollinator Week, and Josué Salmerón, City Manager, accepted the proclamation.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Mr. Salmerón reported on recent activities, including attendance at the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Summer Conference; ongoing work on the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) project related to a \$30 million State Highway interchange project; and continued efforts to resolve the Pepco streetlight acquisition issue. He also provided updates on the upcoming Small Business Expo; the onboarding of Jessica Mailander, the new Economic Development Manager; summer camp employees; the primary elections; and the Fourth of July celebrations. Mr. Salmerón

noted that staff is working on the 2027 budget book and that a draft letter will be circulated to Council for approval. He advised that the EV trash truck is expected to be delivered in September and that the EV charging stations in the Community Center/Library parking lot have been tested, with all eight ports confirmed to be functional. He also discussed potential cost-saving measures, including limiting the public-facing ports to four. Council raised concerns regarding high grass along the eastbound lanes of Greenbelt Road near the Lutheran Church heading toward Southway; two potholes beneath the overpass on Greenbelt Road near the new development and Lakecrest Drive; and deterioration of the Spelman Overpass pathway on the east side between the Greenbriar property and the bridge.

LEGISLATION

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 13, “Personnel,” of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Amending Article VIII, “Labor Code”: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Councilmember Pompei introduced the ordinance for first reading. She raised concerns about legal counsel changing the ordinance language without proper consultation, while Mr. Salmerón explained the Labor Attorneys had made the changes to align with National Labor Board standards.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Authorization for City Manager to Approve Contract with VMP: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Mayor Pro Tem Weaver moved that Council approve the Miscellaneous Concrete Works Contract with VMP for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for street resurfacing and \$150,000 for miscellaneous concrete work. Councilmember Pope seconded. There was discussion. The motion passed 7-0.

Authorization for City Manager to Approve Contract with Tri Star Contracting, Inc: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Councilmember Pope moved that Council approve the procurement and installation of two HVAC split systems by Tri Star Contractor Inc., in the amount of \$22,800. Councilmember Pompei seconded. There was discussion. The motion passed 7-0.

Discussion: Planning for Greenbelt 90th Anniversary in 2027: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Council discussed planning for the City’s 90th anniversary celebration and agreed to form a staff committee led by the Recreation Department, with input from advisory boards and committees through listening sessions. Councilmembers suggested ideas such as moving the fireworks display to Greenbelt Day Weekend, hosting a 1930s-themed dance, and collaborating with the Greenbelt Business Alliance on a gala event. Council agreed to gather ideas over the summer before Labor Day, with staff leading planning and implementation while incorporating diverse voices and historical perspectives from the Greenbelt Museum and the Black History and Culture Committee. Council also supported developing an overarching theme, creative direction, and color scheme to provide a cohesive framework for City-organized activities and community partnerships throughout the year.

Meetings: The Council reviewed the upcoming meetings schedule and discussed work sessions on the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) reports; the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) position; Greenbelt Cinema and the planning process; pre-budget planning and process overview; the Board of Elections Council referral; legislative priorities; the naming policy and follow up on the Council’s Retreat. Councilmember Pope requested that staff contact the Board of Education and note the City’s interest in participating in the planning process for the new Springhill Lake Elementary School. Councilmember Fritz requested updates to the “Ready to be Scheduled” and “For Later Scheduling” lists. Mayor Pro Tem Weaver requested that an Economic Development work session be

scheduled to discuss strategy.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

Events between June 9 and 22, 2026

- 09 June: City of Greenbelt meeting with the County Executive and Staff (Jordan, Pompei, Weaver)
- 09 June: County Executive meeting with Mayors (Jordan)
- 09 June: Greenbelt Middle School Promotion Ceremony (Weaver)
- 11 June: Purple Line Town Hall (Jordan)
- 11 June: Greenbelt Rotary Club (Weaver)
- 12 June: Summer Kick-off Celebration at Springhill Lake Recreation (Jordan, Pompei)
- 12 June: SHL E.S. 5th grade promotion (Pope, Jordan)
- 13 June: Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service board meeting (Jordan)
- 14 June: Maryland Municipal League (MML) Board of Directors meeting (Jordan)
- 14 June: 18 June: MML Summer Conference (Fritz, Jordan, Knesel, McKinney, Pompei, Pope, Weaver)
- 15 June: Prince George's County Municipal Association meeting (Fritz, Jordan, Weaver)
- 17 June: Preliminary hearing for FBI case (Jordan)
- 17 June: Transportation Planning Board (Weaver)
- 17 June: Park and Recreation Advisory Board (Weaver)
- 18 June: Greenbelt Advisory Committee for Environmental Sustainability (Weaver)
- 19 June: County Executive Juneteenth event (Jordan)
- 19 June: Viewing for John Henry Jones (Jordan, Knesel, Pompei)
- 20 June: Memorial Service for John Henry Jones (Pompi, Weaver)
- 21 June: Screen of "Forever Free and the Illiteracy Playbook" (Fritz, Jordan, Weaver)

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Pompei and seconded by Councilmember Pope. The motion carried 7-0. Mayor Jordan adjourned the regular meeting of June 22, 2026, at 9:27 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 June 22, 2026

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor