

WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held on Monday, June 29, 2026.

DISCUSSION: Special Meeting/Closed Session

Mayor Jordan started the meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers via Zoom.

In attendance 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.

City Staff: Josué Salmerón, City Manager; Jamarie Spencer, Production Assistant; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan opened the meeting with introductions of Council members and announced that County Councilman Tim Adams was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

Greenbelt City Council Work Session

Mayor Jordan explained that work sessions are held on Mondays and Wednesdays to exchange information with stakeholders and gather input, and that votes are not taken during these sessions. The meeting was scheduled to move into executive session after the work session portion.

Informational Items

City Manager Salmerón discussed 4th of July preparations, including modifications due to high temperatures and fire department requirements. Additional staff will be present to manage breaks, and the fire department has mandated closing the lake area 100 feet from the fireworks setup to ensure safety.

He mentioned plans to block access to certain areas around the lake, specifically stopping people from walking around the entire loop and preventing access to the spillway and Bell Point trail, while not blocking access to the peninsula or back trails. Councilmember McKinney inquired about heat relief plans, and Mr. Salmerón confirmed that all facilities would remain open as cooling centers and that emergency plans were in place to open additional facilities if needed.

Mr. Salmerón noted that the event had gained attention from the Washington Post's weekend guide, which recommended it as an alternative to National Mall fireworks shows. He also noted that the pool was closed due to a water tank replacement that prevented operation of the facility and confirmed that the installation was complete and would be operational the next day.

Council discussed the upcoming 4th of July event, during which the Declaration of Independence will be read at 4 pm, with the Mayor Pro Tem coordinating and offering to recruit additional readers, including community members. The Four Cities Coalition meeting previously scheduled for July 9 was rescheduled to August 6 in the Town of Berwyn Heights.

Council discussed organizing a Green Ridge House meet and greet, with a proposal to tie it to one of the residents association's existing events rather than creating a separate event. They specifically considered connecting it to the Crab Fest, though concerns were raised about the July timing conflicting with the summer recess. City Manager Salmerón agreed to have staff check the residents association's calendar for alternative event opportunities that might better suit Council's scheduling needs.

CLOSED SESSION: Ms. Weaver moved that Council move into closed session in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, in accordance with General Provisions Article 3-305(b)(1) and (8) of the Annotated Code 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 this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; 2) to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; and 3) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation. The purpose of the meeting was 1) to address personnel matters over which this public body has jurisdiction; 2) to discuss real estate; and 3) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

Ms. 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

Ms. Weaver noted that Council would not return to open session.

Council moved into Closed Session at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonita Anderson
City Clerk