



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA

**AUGUST 12, 2026
7:30 PM**

[Zoom Link](#)

Dial-in: 301-715-8592

Webinar ID: 823 1961 7739

I. WORK SESSION

1. Administrative Session / Legislative Priorities

Suggested Action:

- Introduction — 5 minutes (7:30-7:35 pm)
- Legislative Priorities — 45 minutes (7:35–8:20 pm)
 - LA Prez will be in attendance to provide an overview of the FY2027 legislative process. They will send over their presentation/remarks next week.
- Council Discussion — 45 minutes (8:20–9:05 pm)
 - Council Planning Framework Alignment
 - Labor Day Festival Booth Planning
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Next Steps

2. Discussion with Greenbelt Cinema

Suggested Action:

- Council Discussion — 30 minutes (9:05–9:35 pm)
 - Dr. Caitlin McGrath will join the Council for a discussion regarding the Greenbelt Cinema.

II. SPECIAL MEETING/CLOSED SESSION

3. Special Meeting/ Closed Session — Personnel Matters — City Manager Evaluation

Suggested Action: Tonight, the City Council will hold a closed session, immediately following the Administrative Session/Legislative Priorities, in Council Chambers, to discuss personnel and legal matters. The following motion is required to move into closed session: I move the Council to go into closed session in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Law 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.

The purpose of this meeting will be 1) to discuss personnel matters — City Manager Evaluation.



LEGISLATIVE PACKET

November 17, 2025

Updated August 7, 2026

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1. Recap of Greenbelt Legislative Priorities
2. Potential Additional Priorities for 2025-26
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I. CITY OF GREENBELT 2024 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM SUMMARY

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- **ENABLE LEGISLATION ZONING AUTHORITY FOR LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES:**
Seeking greater autonomy for local municipalities in zoning decisions to better reflect the needs and vision of our community.
- **PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT – IMPROVED INFORMATION FLOW:** We urge the State to provide detailed information on property tax abatement requests, both current and anticipated, well in advance of our budget preparations. The lack of information hinders our ability to budget for potential abatements effectively., well in advance of our budget preparations. The lack of information hinders our ability to budget for potential abatements effectively.
- **JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM – APPROPRIATION AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC SUPPORT:** While focusing on budget-conscious reforms, we emphasize the need for funding to support young people and families, addressing the core socio-economic issues that lead to crime. Current laws are falling short because they lack the necessary resources for youth and family development programs. It is crucial that local communities receive adequate support to foster the development and rehabilitation of young people.
- **HOMEOWNER (HOMESTEAD) TAX CREDIT EXTENSION AND RETROACTIVE CLAIMS:** Council emphasized the need for extending the tax credit rebate beyond the October 1 deadline. Additionally, homeowners should be granted the ability to request this rebate retroactively for past years, offering further financial relief and fairness in our tax system.
- **OPPOSITION TO BELTWAY WIDENING/TOLL LANES:** The proposed expansion poses risks to local ecosystems and could exacerbate traffic congestion and pollution.
- **OPPOSITION TO THE BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON SUPERCONDUCTING MAGLEV PROJECT:** *(This project was killed at the federal level)*

II. POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2025-26

- Ban gas-powered blowers
- Require compostable takeaway utensils
- Reengage on Juvenile Justice Reform
- Ban modified mufflers – noise reduction
- Food truck policies, registration
- Civilian staff authorization to approve speed camera citations
- Eliminate the plastic bag exemption for restaurants
- HOA parking enforcement authority

Joint Priorities

- Juvenile Justice Reform Funding
- Affordable Housing
- Mental Health & Addiction Support
- Environmental Sustainability & Justice
- Infrastructure & State Road Improvements
- Regional Economic Development & Growth
- Grants for Recruitment & Retention of Police Officers & Firefighters

III. SHARED DISTRICT 22 PRIORITIES

- **Support with Federal Immigration Policy.** Federal immigration policies continue to impact Maryland's municipalities, creating challenges around communication, public safety, community trust, and resource needs at the local level.
- **Regional Economic Development.** The relocation of the FBI headquarters to Greenbelt is not just a mere shift in geography; it's a harbinger of economic revitalization and community development that extends far beyond the city limits of Greenbelt, with far-reaching implications. It is important for us and our key stakeholders to unite in our advocacy for the region to retain such an important project.
- **Mental Health.** Mental Health for our families is vital to each of our communities. Whether it is resources families are seeking, or help to deal with specific issues, mental health is a priority.
- **LED Streetlight Conversion.** Support for legislation and funding to assist with the acquisition of streetlights from Pepco and their conversion to energy-efficient LED technology. Collectively, these municipalities are seeking to purchase and upgrade over 4,300 streetlights to improve energy efficiency, reduce operational costs, and support environmental goals.
- **Housing Affordability.** Local Leverage Housing Trust Fund This legislative proposal allows the State's to address their housing challenges by supporting municipalities by establishing a "local housing trust fund" (LHTF). The trust fund will allow cities to apply for funding/grants support a range of affordable housing initiatives.
- **Juvenile Justice Reform and Funding Support.** Support for legislation that provides financial support and resources for at-risk youth at the County and local levels. The legislation should also review and strengthen the court system so youth are provided resources and alternatives to crime.
- **Infrastructure and State Road Improvements.** Continued funding through Highway User Revenues (HUR) and support for sidewalk maintenance. Continued funding through Highway User Revenues (HUR) and support for sidewalk maintenance.

IV. BOND BILLS

2026 – Awarded \$1,800,000

1. Schrom Hills Field Lighting	Request: \$400,000	Award: Not funded
2. Buddy Attick Amphitheatre/Dock	Request: \$300,000	Award: \$300,000

Direct Allocation

1. Braden Field Renovations	Request: \$1,000,000	Award: \$1,000,000
2. Greenbelt Museum Renovations	Request: \$300,000	Award: \$300,000
3. Community Center Elevator	Request: \$200,000	Award: \$200,000

2025 – Awarded \$200,000

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2024 – Awarded \$350,000Request: \$250,000 Award: Not funded

1. Greenbelt Armory Feasibility Study	Request: \$250,000	Award: Not funded
2. Greenbelt Cinema Renovations	Request: \$400,000	Award: \$350,000

– Awarded \$250,000

2023 – Awarded \$250,000Request: \$150,000 Award: \$150,000

1. EV Charging Stations	Request: \$150,000	Award: \$150,000
2. Greenbelt Museum Renovation	Request: \$300,000	Award: \$100,000

– Awarded \$650,000

2022 – Awarded \$650,00050,000 Award: \$150,000

1. Buddy Attick Inclusive Playground	Request: \$150,000	Award: \$150,000
2. WMATA Trail	Request: \$500,000	Award: \$500,000

FEDERAL EARMARKS

2027 – Requests: \$1,400,000

1. Cemeteries Master Plan	Request: \$400,000	Award: TBD
2. Indian Creek Community Park	Request: \$1,000,000	Award: TBD

2026 – Awarded \$1,804,969

1. CC Structural Remediation	Request: \$750,000	Award: Not Awarded
2. Museum Renovation	Request: \$675,000	Award: Not
Awarded 400,000		
3. SHLRC Expansion	Request: \$750,000	Award: \$250,000
4. Youth Center Roof	Request: \$1,554,969	Award: \$1,554,969

2025 – Awarded \$0 1,804,969

1. Police Radios	Request: \$362,027	Award: Not Awarded
2. Streetlights	Request: \$500,000	Award: Not Awarded
3. Youth Center Roof	Request: \$250,000	Award: Not Awarded *

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

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The purpose of this meeting is 1) to discuss the City Manager's Evaluation.

**** The public may attend the Special Meeting of the City Council prior to the closed session and observe the vote of the Council to move into the closed session on Wednesday, August 12, 2026.***

Bonita Anderson
City Clerk