

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, March 14, 2016.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:05p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Konrad E. Herling, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

ALSO PRESENT were Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; David Moran, Assistant City Manager; and John Shay, City Solicitor.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in memory of former First Lady Nancy Reagan, Prince George's County Police Officer Jacai Colson, Greenbelt residents John Beard, Rose MacKinnon and Andy Carruthers, and former resident Christopher Linstrom. Ms. Pope then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Ms. Mach requested the the Minutes of the Work Session on February 1 be removed. With that change, it was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Mr. Herling that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 7 to 0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Minutes:

Interview, November 23, 2015  
Interview, December 7, 2015  
Work Session, January 4, 2016  
Interview, January 11, 2016  
Work Session, January 20, 2016  
Work Session, February 3, 2016  
Work Session, February 10, 2016  
Regular Meeting, February 22, 2016  
Work Session, February 29, 2016  
Legislative Dinner, March 2, 2016  
Work Session, March 3, 2016  
Approved as presented.

Committee Reports:

Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Report #2016-2 (Clean Water Partnership Proposal to Dredge Two Forebays): Council accepted this report and will consider it on the agenda of a future meeting.

Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Report #2016-1 (Open Forum): Council accepted this report and directed staff to provide responses to Council and the Committee as soon as they are available.

Request for Use of City Facilities: Council approved the waiver of facility rental fees for the Youth Center and Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center for the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Grad Night on June 5<sup>th</sup> to June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Community Relations Advisory Board, Report #2016-1 (Preservation & Maintenance of the Turner Family Cemetery): Council directed staff to proceed with implementing the recommendations of the Board regarding the Preservation and Maintenance of the Turner Family Cemetery.

Letter to Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority – Preliminary Comments on the Proposed Development Plan for Greenbelt Station: Council directed staff to transmit a letter to Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority with its comments from the public hearing on the proposed plans for Greenbelt Station.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Ms. Pope that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 7 to 0.

PRESENTATIONS:

ACE Educators Awards Ceremony: Janet Mirsky, Advisory Committee on Education (ACE), described the awards program. She introduced the County officials and ACE Members who were present.

Melinda Brady, Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) introduced and described the 2016 ACE Educator Award recipients from the seven Greenbelt schools.

City Council, County Councilmember Todd Turner, Board of Education Representative Lupi Grady, and Joe Schlosnagle (representing State Senator Pinsky and State Delegates Anne Healey, Tawanna Gaines, and Alonzo Washington who were not able to attend) presented each recipient with a certificate.

The 2016 award recipients were:

Angela Payne - Greenbelt Elementary School  
Lindsay Romaine – Springhill Lake Elementary School.  
Leslie Tapscott-Mull – Magnolia Elementary School  
Karen Thompson – Turning Point Academy  
Belle Ange Mbayu – Dora Kennedy French Immersion School  
Shirley Guerrier – Greenbelt Middle School  
Tetsuo Ogawa – Eleanor Roosevelt High School

Mayor Jordan thanked everyone for attending and noted the high quality of schools in the Greenbelt community.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Bill Orleans requested information on past Executive Sessions regarding acquisition of property and annexation. He asked Council to describe the topics of these Executive Sessions. Mr. Shay responded that the acquisition of property had been regarding 10-A Crescent Road and that the City had now settled on that property.

Phillip Payette, 11-E Ridge Road, relayed a conversation with another member about Greenbelt Homes Inc (GHI) employees removing asbestos from underneath a crawl space in a GHI unit. He asked who had responsibility and oversight beyond GHI regarding asbestos removal. Mayor Jordan responded he was at the GHI Town Hall meeting and asked Mr. McLaughlin what role the City had regarding asbestos. Mr. McLaughlin responded that the City had no role currently or in the early 1980's when the GHI rehabilitation occurred. Ms. Pope reported that GHI had notified the State and was working with companies to resolve the matter. Mr. McLaughlin reported that Mr. Ralph, GHI General Manager, had contacted the City to notify that there was asbestos in the crawl space under 10-A Crescent Road.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Work Session, February 1, 2016: On page 2 after “Buddy Attick Park”, Ms. Mach requested the addition of “and would schedule work so it would not disturb residents’ sleep”. Ms. Mach moved approval as amended. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes – Executive Session of February 3, 2016: Ms. Davis moved that the minutes of the executive session of the City Council held Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at 7:04 p.m., in Room 201 of the Community Center be approved as presented. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(3) of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland*, to consult with legal counsel regarding the acquisition of real property.

Mr. Putens seconded.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Davis - yes  
 Mr. Herling - yes  
 Ms. Mach - yes  
 Ms. Pope - yes  
 Mr. Putens - yes  
 Mr. Roberts - yes  
 Mayor Jordan - yes

Statement for the Record – Executive Session of March 9, 2016: Ms. Davis moved that in accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-306(c)(2) of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland*, the minutes of tonight’s meeting reflect that Council met in executive session on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at 8:03 p.m. in Room 201 of the Community Center. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(1) and (b)(4) of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland*, to consider a personnel matter and a matter that concerns a proposal for a business to locate in the State.

Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Davis				X
Mr. Herling	X			
Ms. Mach	X			

Ms. Pope	X			
Mr. Putens	X			
Mr. Roberts		X		
Mayor Jordan	X			

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McLaughlin, City Manager, and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Other individuals in attendance: None

Council took no actions during this session.

Mr. Herling seconded.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Davis - yes  
Mr. Herling - yes  
Ms. Mach - yes  
Ms. Pope - yes  
Mr. Putens - yes  
Mr. Roberts - yes  
Mayor Jordan - yes

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:** Mr. McLaughlin thanked Mr. Shay for his work on the acquisition of 10-A Crescent. He also announced the GAIL Health Event in partnership with Doctors Community Hospital on March 23. Mayor Jordan asked that the City make an effort to publicize this event especially in the Franklin Park community.

Mr. Herling asked about the status of a petition for traffic calming on Ridge Road. Mr. McLaughlin responded that Planning & Community Development had conducted a study using the speed sentry and a report would be brought back to Council in a few weeks.

Mayor Jordan announced the grief counseling support session on March 15. Ms. Davis suggested publicizing the availability of suicide prevention resources on the City website.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

**LEGISLATION:** None

**LETTER TO MARYLAND NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION – COMMENTS ON ZONE AND USE REGULATIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS MODULE OF THE ZONING REWRITE:** Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Craze stated the draft letter follows Council’s discussion at the prior work session on this topic.

Mayor Jordan expressed concern about by right development. Ms. Craze responded that staff had not yet seen the administrative process the County would use to allow by right development.

Ms. Davis expressed concern that the municipal role was being lessened. She suggested changes to the letter including replacing “some” with “an appropriate level” and on the second page replace “to work towards” with “and to formulating”.

Mr. Herling asked about the relationship of Montgomery County municipalities to MNCPPC. Council favored copying the City’s letter to the Four Cities.

Ms. Davis moved that Council transmit a letter to Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission summarizing Council’s concerns and questions, along with the detailed list of City comments prepared by staff.

Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES SMALL CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. Ms. Pope noted that the City needed to begin planning the meeting and incurring some expenses.

Ms. Davis moved that Council endorse hosting the meeting and authorize City expenditures up to \$1,000 at this time. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 7 to 0.

STATE LEGISLATION: SB 607/HB 829 – CATTLE, SWINE & POULTRY - USE OF ANTIMICROBIAL DRUGS: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mr. Herling moved that Council remove this from the table. Ms. Mach seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr Roberts moved to support SB 607/HB 829. Ms. Mach seconded.

Ms. Pope was concerned about veterinarian requirements in the bill. Mayor Jordan was concerned about unintentional consequences.

Ms. Davis understood the need to reduce the use of these drugs, but was concerned that this was being over regulated.

Ms. Mach noted that the bill contained exceptions for smaller farm operations.

Mr. Roberts stated there was demand for healthy food in Greenbelt. He believed this was a human health issue because of the over-use of antibiotics and Council needed to support the bill.

Ms. Pope agreed there were concerns about antibiotics, but she was not comfortable supporting the bill while she still had questions.

Dr. Laura Kressler stated the large farms have preventative measures they use which can result in drug resistance developing. She noted that most farmers use antibiotics on their animals.

Mr. Herling indicated he would support the bill. Ms. Davis stressed the small farmers were excluded from the legislation.

The motion passed 7 to 0.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – GEO-THERMAL AND PROPANE CONVERSIONS : Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mr. Putens noted that residential geo thermal systems were becoming more popular. He reported that a huge drill was brought on site and there was no notification to the City or nearby homeowners.

He also expressed concern about exterior propane tanks associated with fireplace conversions. He wanted notification to the City and the homeowners about these issues and he asked if the Planning & Community Development department could research the issue, particularly the notification aspect. Mr. McLaughlin suggested a letter to Council Member Turner.

Mr. Putens moved that Council direct the City Manager to send a letter to Council Member Turner. Ms. Davis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS: Councilmembers commented on their attendance at the following events.

- Maryland Municipal League (MML) Orientation - Ms. Mach
- National League of Cities Congress of Cities – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Mach, Ms. Pope, Mr. Herling & Mr. Putens.
- Greenbelt Homes Inc. Town Hall meeting - Mayor Jordan & Ms. Pope
- WMATA Public Hearing – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis & Mr. Herling
- MML Legislative Committee – Ms. Davis
- Roosevelt Center Merchants Association meeting – Ms. Davis & Mr. Putens
- Cuba Trip – Ms. Davis
- Prince George’s County Chamber of Commerce Meeting – Mayor Jordan
- 4-Cities briefing with UMCP President Dr. Loh – Mayor Jordan, Mr. Putens, Ms. Pope & Ms. Mach
- If I were Mayor Contest talks at schools – Mayor Jordan
- Testifying in Annapolis on PG/MC 117 – Mayor Jordan
- Council Member Turner’s Budget Listening Session – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Pope & Mr. Herling,
- M-NCPPC Charette on Purple Line Station – Mayor Jordan

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

Executive Session March 16, 2016: Ms. Davis moved that Council schedule an Executive Session on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, in Room 201 of the Community Center, immediately following the conclusion of its 8:00 p.m. work session. This session will be held in accordance with the General Provisions Article §3-305(b) (1) of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland to discuss a personnel matter.

Ms. Pope seconded.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	-	yes
	Mr. Herling	-	yes
	Ms. Mach	-	yes
	Ms. Pope	-	yes
	Mr. Putens	-	yes

Mr. Roberts - no  
Mayor Jordan - yes

Executive Session March 23, 2016: Ms. Davis moved that Council schedule an Executive Session on Wednesday, March 23, 2016, in Room 201 of the Community Center, immediately following the conclusion of its 8:00 p.m. work session. This session will be held in accordance with the General Provisions Article §3-305(b) (1) of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland to discuss a personnel matter.

Ms. Pope seconded.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Davis - yes  
Mr. Herling - yes  
Ms. Mach - yes  
Ms. Pope - yes  
Mr. Putens - yes  
Mr. Roberts - no  
Mayor Jordan - yes

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Mach moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Jordan adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, March 14, 2016, at 10:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Moran  
Assistant City Manager

"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 March 14, 2016."

Emmett V. Jordan  
Mayor