

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, April 25, 2016.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.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; John Shay, City Solicitor; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in memory of Greenbelt residents Donald C. Davis and Jacquelyn Carrington (member of the Community Relations Advisory Board) and former resident Rev. Paul F. Liston. Ms. Davis then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Jordan requested the minutes of the April 4, 2016, work session be removed from the consent agenda. With this change, it was moved by Ms. Pope and seconded by Mr. Putens that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Minutes:

Regular Meeting, March 14, 2016

Work Session, March 23, 2016

Interview, April 11, 2016

Regular Meeting, April 11, 2016

Approved as presented.

Committee Reports: Council accepted the Arts Advisory Board, Report #2016-1 (Evaluation of FY 17 Recognition Group and Contribution Group Applications) and will consider it at the work session with Contribution Groups on May 4, 2016.

Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) – Board of Trustees Ballot: Council approved the nomination of Ted Zaleski, Tracy Farrish Gant and Tony Tomasello to the Local Government Insurance Trust Board of Trustee for three-year terms beginning July 1, 2016.

Reappointment to Advisory Group: Council reappointed Ken Blue to a new term on the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Mr. Herling and seconded by Mr. Putens that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

The Honorable Peter Franchot: The Honorable Peter Franchot, Comptroller of Maryland, provided an update on the State. He stressed the need for the State to become more business friendly, continue its investment in public schools and universities, and exercise fiscal restraint.

Comptroller Franchot said his office processes 2.6 million electronic and paper tax returns

annually. He spoke about the problem of tax fraud, noting his office identified approximately 20,000 fraudulent returns submitted in 2015 and expects the number will increase to approximately 30,000 this year. Comptroller Franchot spoke about the Maryland Taxpayer Protection Act that did not pass the General Assembly this legislative session.

Greenbelt Middle School: Council recognized the Greenbelt Middle School's (GMS) Science Team who recently won the 2016 Prince George's County Public School Science Bowl Championship. Antoinette Glenn, Chair of the GMS Science Department, introduced Science Team members Chidimma Ndubuisi-Oluavu and Onome Efe-Aluebhosele who were present. She said team members, Alexander Swisdak and Ryan Mbuashundip, were unable to attend due to previous commitments.

Council congratulated the Science Team and issued certificates to all its members.

Public Works Week Proclamation: Mayor Jordan issued a proclamation recognizing the 56th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association. Jim Sterling, Acting Director of Public Works, received the proclamation. Mr. Sterling provided an update on the Public Works Open House that is scheduled for May 21st.

Older Americans Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan issued a proclamation recognizing May as Older Americans Month. Christal Batey, Community Resource Advocate, and Joyce Kolenky, Service Coordinator for Green Ridge House, received the proclamation on behalf of the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program (GAIL), the Golden Age Club, the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and all older Americans of the City.

PUBLIC HEARING:

FY 2017 Budget: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. He then announced the meeting was recessed at 9:07 p.m. for the hearing.

There was no public comment on the budget.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:09 p.m.

Mayor Jordan and Council encouraged residents to participate in the budget process and to send any comments/suggestions by email to members of Council and/or the City Manager.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Bill Orleans, Greenbelt, inquired about past executive sessions of Council regarding annexation and acquisition of real property.

Patricia Walters, Greenbelt Station resident, thanked Council and Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CRIC) for the recent creek cleanup in Greenbelt Station. She said the developer is now taking aggressive action to prevent the accumulation of construction debris/trash in this area.

Ms. Walters also reported that several attempted thefts from vehicles occurred in Greenbelt Station last weekend. She said the Police Department is investigating the incidents. Ms. Walters expressed

concern about a potential crime increase in Greenbelt Station when the construction of the Stream Valley Trail is complete. She asked that security cameras be installed and additional police patrols be assigned to the area.

Mr. Putens said the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) is currently conducting a City-wide comprehensive review of existing security cameras and determining if additional cameras are needed. He said PSAC will be holding public hearings as part of its review.

Ms. Davis noted the importance of trails and walking paths to the City.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Minutes – Work Session of April 4, 2016: On page 2, Mayor Jordan said he had requested shuttle transportation for residents of the proposed high-rise to the Roosevelt Center also. Ms. Davis said she had requested the shuttle loop through the apartment complex. With these changes, Mr. Putens moved that the minutes be approved. Ms. Davis seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Minutes – Executive Session of March 23, 2016: Ms. Davis moved that the minutes of the executive session of the City Council held Wednesday, March 23, 2016, at 9:39 p.m., in Room 201 of the Community Center be approved as presented. She said Council held this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(1) of the *Annotated Code of 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	-	yes
	Mayor Jordan	-	yes

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. McLaughlin announced that the Prescription Drug Take Back Day and Community Shredding are scheduled for this Saturday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

LEGISLATION:

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of HVAC Improvements at the Greenbelt Community Center from Shapiro and Duncan Inc. at an Estimated Cost of \$355,264

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Davis introduced the resolution for first reading.

COMMUNITY CENTER HVAC IMPROVEMENTS: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Mach moved that Council approve the purchase of 70 fan coil units directly from Boland Services (Trane) at a cost of \$181,792. Mr. Putens seconded.

The motion passed 7-0.

GREENBELT STATION PHASE I REVISION TO DETAILED SITE PLAN (DSP-04081-09):

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Celia Craze, Director of Planning and Community Development, advised that Woodlawn Development Group (WDG) is requesting a revision to amend the current housing permit trigger associated with construction of the public stream valley trail system along Indian Creek and extend the review timeframe for recreational amenities. She said the Stream Valley Trail is currently undergoing review, permitting, and creation of easements through several State and County agencies. Ms. Craze advised that the timeframe for receiving final approvals and moving forward with construction is unknown, but is likely to occur after the current permit trigger.

Ms. Craze said staff recommends that construction of the Stream Valley Trail should be completed prior to the issuance of the 300th building permit, not the 352nd building permit as proposed by the WDG.

Following discussion, Ms. Davis moved that Council approve the Greenbelt Station Phase I Revision to Detailed Site Plan (DSP-04081-09) with the following conditions:

- 1) Prior to the issuance of the 250th building permit:
 - a. The trail location shall be posted at 200-foot intervals, at all trail access points, and be inspected by the M-NCPPC trails coordinator and the City of Greenbelt.
 - b. The signage shall be approved by the trails coordinator and the City of Greenbelt prior to posting and shall state at a minimum: “future location of a public trail” and the expected date (month and year) of construction completion.
 - c. The signage shall be constructed of durable materials, shall utilize colors that will attract attention, and shall be directed towards the lots of the subdivision and the public street.
 - d. The height of the signage shall be determined by the trails coordinator and the City of Greenbelt in consideration of the site grading to ensure visibility of the signs. This condition may be waived at certain locations by the trail coordinator and with the consent of the City of Greenbelt, at the request of the applicant, if they agree that specific site conditions make the posting unwarranted at certain locations along the proposed trail.
 - e. Maintenance of the sign shall be the responsibility of the developer.

- 2) Prior to the issuance of the 250th building permit:
 - a. The trail shall be fully bonded.
- 3) Prior to the issuance of the 300th building permit:
 - a. The trail shall be fully constructed.

Ms. Pope seconded.

Norman Rivera and Justin Frye, WDG, said they are anxious to begin construction on the trail as soon as final permit approvals are received.

Mr. Roberts asked if there was a way to relocate the trail if State approval is not received. Mr. Frye said no, noting the plans link the trail to Cherrywood Lane.

Ms. Davis said Council had approved sending a letter to the State delegation requesting their support and assistance in expediting review and approval of the Stream Valley Trail project through State processes at its April 11, 2016, meeting. She suggested the State delegation be contacted again.

In response to a question from Mr. Putens, Mr. Frye said security cameras are in place at Greenbelt Station to protect construction areas.

The motion passed 7-0.

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

Bicycle Traffic Skills 101 Class – Mr. Putens

Retirement Celebration for Captain Marie Triesky – Mr. Herling, Ms. Pope and Mr. Putens

Maryland Municipal League (MML) If I Were Mayor Essay Reading Session – Ms. Mach

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Clean Air Partners Annual Meeting –
Ms. Mach

Cookies at the Bridge – Ms. Mach

Electronics Recycling – Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach and Ms. Pope

Prince George's County Municipal Association Meeting – Mr. Herling

Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council Meeting – Mr. Herling

COG Transportation Planning Board Meeting – Mr. Herling

MML Legislative Committee meeting – Ms. Davis

Springhill Lake Elementary School Clean-up Event – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Herling and
Ms. Pope

Earth Day Clean-up Event – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Pope and Mr. Putens

Greenbelt Youth Baseball Opening Day and Parade – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Herling, Ms. Pope
and Mr. Putens

Golden Age Club 54th Annual Luncheon – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach and Mr. Putens

Eleanor Roosevelt High School 32nd Symposium and Luncheon – Ms. Davis

Third Annual Mini-Maker Faire – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis and Mr. Herling

Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Matthew Sanderson – Ms. Davis

Greenbelt Lions Club Meeting – Mayor Jordan
COG Board of Directors Meeting – Mayor Jordan
COG Region Forward Coalition Meeting – Mayor Jordan and Mr. Herling
Mary Harrison Alumni Reunion at University of Maryland – Mayor Jordan

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

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

Mayor Jordan adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, April 25, 2016, at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Murray
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 April 25, 2016."

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor