

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, June 6, 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, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan. Councilmember Edward V. J. Putens was detained at work and unable to attend.

ALSO PRESENT were Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; David Moran, Assistant City Manager; Karen Ruff, Associate of the City Solicitor; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in memory of Greenbelt residents Juanita Delaney, Catherine O'Connell Holcombe and Irene Owens, and former residents Martin Coyne and Robert Bacon Maxwell. Ms. Mach then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Ms. Pope that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 6-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Minutes:

Regular Meeting, May 9, 2016

Work Session, May 11, 2016

Approved as presented.

Committee Reports:

Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Report #2016-5 (Proposed Redesign for Buddy Attick Park Parking Lot): Council accepted this report and forwarded it to the Planning Department for consideration in the design process.

Resignation From Advisory Group: Council accepted the resignation of Jeffphine Dawson from the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Mach moved that Council special order Item #13 "Greater Baltimore Wilderness Coalition" to Item #12 on the agenda. Ms. Davis seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

It was then moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Ms. Pope that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 6-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Small Cities Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan read a proclamation to recognize June as Small Cities Month. Councilmember Pope, Chair of the National League of Cities' (NLC) Small Cities Council, received the proclamation on behalf of the NLC. Ms. Pope noted that Greenbelt would be hosting the Small Cities Steering Committee for their meeting this summer.

Maryland Municipal League Certificates of Appreciation: Mayor Jordan issued Maryland Municipal League (MML) Certificates of Appreciation to the following City councilmembers and employees for their service to MML.

Emmett Jordan	Board of Directors
Judith Davis	Legislative Committee
Leta M. Mach	Board of Directors & Communications Committee
Joe McNeal	Convention Planning Committee
Greg Varda	Board of Directors & Legislative Committee

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Brian Almquist submitted a petition on behalf of Greenbelt Advocates for Environmental and Social Justice and residents that have joined the campaign to stop the proposed Lakeside North Development. (Copy of petition attached to minutes.)

John Stith, 7219 16th Avenue, Takoma Park, MD, said he had been a former resident of Greenbelt and left the area because of the high residential rental costs. He said the region doesn't do enough to control rental costs. Mr. Stith spoke of the need for new housing units but added that rental rates for existing rental units should be kept flat.

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

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Statement for the Record – Executive Session of May 25, 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*, moved that the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that Council met in executive session on Wednesday, May 25, 2016, at 7:42 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building. 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.

Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Davis	X			
Mr. Herling	X			
Ms. Mach	X			
Ms. Pope	X			
Mr. Putens				Arrived at 8:00pm
Mr. Roberts		X		
Mayor Jordan	X			

The following staff members were in attendance: None

Other individuals in attendance: None

Council took no actions during this session.

Ms. Herling seconded.

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

Statement for the Record – Executive Session of June 1, 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, June 1, 2016, at 9:40 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) of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland*, to discuss a personnel matter.

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.

Other individuals in attendance: None

Council took no actions during this session.

Ms. Mach seconded.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Davis - yes
Mr. Herling - yes
Ms. Mach - yes
Ms. Pope - abstained (not present at session)

Mr. Putens - absent
Mr. Roberts - no
Mayor Jordan - yes

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. McLaughlin introduced Mary Kolar, a Maryland Municipal League intern who will be interning with Greenbelt this summer. He advised that Ms. Kolar is a graduate student at the William Donald Schaefer School of Public Policy and her interest is in housing affordability. Council welcomed Ms. Kolar to the City.

Ms. Davis reported that 13,560 lbs. of paper had been shredded during the Shred Event sponsored by the City and Greenbelt Federal Credit Union on April 30, 2016.

Ms. Davis announced that Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments has designated the week of June 4th as Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week.

Ms. Davis congratulated Lore Rosenthal for being the 2016 recipient of the Prince George's Sierra Club's Maloney Environmental Service Award.

In response to a question from Ms. Davis, Mr. McLaughlin reported on 28 abandoned kittens left at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter. He advised that shelter staff is making arrangements for medical care for the kittens and they will eventually be put up for adoption.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

GREATER BALTIMORE WILDERNESS COALITION: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mayor Jordan advised that the City has been a participating member of the Baltimore-Washington Partners in Forest Stewardship (BWPFS) since June 2011.

Gary Allen, Co-Chair of the Greater Baltimore Wilderness Coalition (GBWC), explained that the BWPFS Steering Committee recently agreed to join with other federal, state, local area governments, and nonprofit organizations to expand the area of stewardship, restoration and conservation of the region. He said the members of this larger area are called the GBWC.

Mr. Allen said BWPFS members are being asked to sign the GBWC Accord since it is consistent with the goals of the BWPFS. He advised that the Accord has been approved by 23 other organizations, including the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the City of Bowie.

Ms. Davis moved that Council approve Greenbelt's participation in the GBWC and directed the City Manager to sign the GBWC Accord. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

LEGISLATION:

Adoption of the Budget: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Davis moved the following changes to **General Fund Revenues**. Ms. Mach seconded; the motion passed 6-0.

General Fund Revenues

Account #	Description	From	To	Change
422100	Reduced State Shared Taxes – Highway User	\$388,200	\$363,200	(\$25,000)
	Total Taxes	\$21,191,600	\$21,166,600	(\$25,000)
441115	FEMA Reimbursement	0	100,000	100,000
	Total Revenue from Other Agencies	\$1,043,600	\$1,143,600	\$100,000
	Total General Fund Revenue	\$27,152,600	\$27,227,600	\$75,000

Mr. Herling moved the following changes to **General Fund Expenditures – Administration, Finance & Administrative Services and Information Technology**. Ms. Davis seconded; the motion passed 5-1. (Roberts)

General Fund Expenditures

Administration				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
120-01	Allocate Pay Adjustment	\$509,400	\$527,400	\$18,000
120-30	Economic Development Initiatives	52,000	66,000	14,000
	Total Administration	\$816,100	\$848,100	\$32,000

Finance & Administrative Services				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
140-01	Allocate Pay Adjustment	\$557,100	\$577,100	\$20,000
	Total Finance & Administrative Services	\$905,100	\$925,100	\$20,000

Information Technology				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
145-01	Allocate Pay Adjustment	\$334,600	\$346,600	\$12,000
145-30	Network Security Audit	0	10,000	10,000
145-91	Security Cameras – Animal Control Facility	7,000	12,000	5,000

	Total Information Technology	\$597,900	\$624,900	\$27,000
	Total General Government	\$2,914,400	\$2,993,400	\$79,000

Mr. Roberts moved the following changes to **Planning and Community Development**. Ms. Pope seconded; the motion passed 6-0.

Planning				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
210-01	Allocate Pay Adjustment	\$292,300	\$302,300	\$10,000
	Total Planning	\$549,900	\$559,900	\$10,000

Community Development				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
220-01	Allocate Pay Adjustment	\$238,600	\$248,600	\$10,000
	Total Comm. Dev.	\$417,300	\$427,300	\$10,000
	Total Planning & Comm. Development	\$967,200	\$987,200	\$20,000

Ms. Pope moved the following changes to **Police, Public Works Administration, Street Maintenance and Refuse and Recycling**. Mr. Herling seconded; the motion passed 6-0.

Police				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
310-03	Allocate Pay Adjustment	\$3,848,100	\$3,976,100	\$128,000
310-04	Allocate Pay Adjustment	917,800	949,800	32,000
310-58	Increase CERT Funding	16,400	17,400	1,000
	Total Police	\$10,016,500	\$10,177,500	\$161,000
	Total Public Safety	\$10,343,000	\$10,504,000	\$161,000

Public Works Administration				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
410-01	Allocate Pay Adjustment	\$477,000	\$517,000	\$40,000
	Total Public Works Administration	\$1,227,300	\$1,267,300	\$40,000

Street Maintenance				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
440-08	Allocate Pay Adjustment	\$160,000	\$179,000	\$19,000
	Total Street Maintenance	\$904,800	\$923,800	\$19,000

Refuse and Recycling				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
450-16	Allocate Pay Adjustment	\$360,000	\$373,000	\$13,000
	Total Refuse and Recycling	\$727,800	\$740,800	\$13,000
	Total Public Works	\$3,274,600	\$3,346,600	\$72,000

Ms. Mach moved the following changes to **Youth and Family Services Bureau and GAIL**. Ms. Pope seconded; the motion passed 6-0.

Youth and Family Services Bureau				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
510-01	Allocate Pay Adjustment	\$453,200	\$471,200	\$18,000
	Total Youth and Family Services Bureau	\$694,500	\$712,500	\$18,000

GAIL				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
520-01	Allocate Pay Adjustment (\$7,000); Increase Geriatric Case Manager – four hours per week (\$8,500)	\$181,800	\$197,300	\$15,500
	Total GAIL	\$254,800	\$270,300	\$15,500
	Total Greenbelt CARES	\$1,029,600	\$1,063,100	\$33,500

Mayor Jordan moved the following changes to **Recreation Administration, Aquatic & Fitness Center, Community Center and Parks**. Ms. Mach seconded; the motion passed 6-0.

Recreation Administration				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
610-01	Allocate Pay Adjustment	\$420,100	\$448,100	\$28,000
	Total Recreation Administration	\$627,200	\$655,200	\$28,000

Aquatic & Fitness Center				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
650-01	Allocate Pay Adjustment	\$237,100	\$245,100	\$8,000
650-46	Concrete Repairs	104,900	108,900	4,000
	Total Aquatic & Fitness Center	\$1,123,700	\$1,135,700	\$12,000

Community Center				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
660-01	Allocate Pay Adjustment	\$283,500	\$293,500	\$10,000
	Total Community Center	\$860,900	\$870,900	\$10,000

Parks				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
700-24	Allocate Pay Adjustment	\$615,000	\$642,000	\$27,000
	Total Parks	\$1,171,000	\$1,198,000	\$27,000
	Total Recreation & Parks	\$5,526,300	\$5,603,300	\$77,000

Ms. Davis moved the following changes to **Grants & Contributions, Non-Departmental and Total General Fund Expenditures**. Mr. Herling seconded; the motion passed 6-0.

Grants & Contributions				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
910-69	Contributions to Greenbelt Soccer Alliance (\$1,000) and Greenbelt Community Foundation (\$1,000)	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$2,000
	Total Grants & Contributions	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$2,000
	Total Miscellaneous	\$232,800	\$234,800	\$2,000

Non-Departmental				
Account #	Description	From	To	Change
990-33	Increase Workers' Compensation Premium	\$635,000	\$685,000	\$50,000

990-72	Allocate Pay Adjustment and Merit pay (\$400,000)	420,000	20,000	(400,000)
	Total Non-Departmental	\$1,240,200	\$890,200	(\$350,000)

Total General Fund Expenditures				
	Description	From	To	Change
	Total General Fund Expenditures	\$27,133,100	\$27,227,600	\$94,500

An Ordinance to Adopt the General Fund, Building Capital Reserve Fund, Cemetery Fund, Debt Service Fund, Replacement Fund, Special Projects Fund, Green Ridge House Fund, Capital Projects Fund, 2001 Bond Fund, Community Development Block Grant Fund and Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund for the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to Appropriate Funds and Establish Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Rates for the Fiscal Year 2017 Beginning July 1, 2016 and Including June 30, 2017

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Mach introduced the ordinance for first reading and moved suspension of the rules in order to allow second reading and passage of the ordinance tonight. Ms. Davis seconded the motion.

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

Ms. Mach introduced the ordinance for second reading and moved that it be adopted. Ms. Davis seconded.

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

The ordinance was declared adopted (Ordinance No. 1345, Book 12).

Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach, Mr. Herling and Ms. Pope thanked the City Manager and staff, their colleagues on Council and citizens for their efforts throughout the budget process. They noted the City Manager had presented a very good budget reflective of the economic conditions.

Mr. McLaughlin thanked Council for its interest and effort throughout the budget process. On behalf of City employees, he thanked Council for its consideration of pay increases for employees in the proposed budget.

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE (POS) FY 2017 ANNUAL PROGRAM: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Terri Hruby, Assistant Director of Planning, said that the City's FY 2017 Annual Program Open Space (POS) Program is due to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) on June 22, 2016. She explained that staff is proposing the City's FY 2017 POS funds and some of FY 2016 POS funds be allocated to the Community Center HVAC project to bring the total POS funds allocated to this project to \$408,750. The proposed FY 2017 annual program also proposes to allocate \$36,326 in FY 2016 POS funds to the Community Center Playground Renovation project, which did not receive the requested Community Parks and Playground funding. Ms. Hruby noted that in order to cover the entire cost of this project, additional funding would have to be transferred from the Springhill Lake Recreation Center Expansion and/or other encumbered project. She mentioned that the Annual Program continues to include \$62,948 for land acquisition.

In response to a question from Ms. Davis, Ms. Hruby said she will check with Prince George's County regarding usage of POS funds for acquisition projects over the past year.

Ms. Pope moved that Council approve the City's FY 2017 Program Open Space Annual Program as proposed. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 5-1. (Roberts)

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

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Air Quality Committee – Ms. Mach

Cookies at the Bridge – Ms. Davis and Ms. Mach

Memorial Day Commemoration – All councilmembers

Maryland Air Quality Control Advisory Council Meeting – Ms. Mach

Eleanor Roosevelt High School Commencement Ceremony – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Herling, Ms. Mach and Mr. Putens

Greenbelt Citizens Policy Academy Graduation – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Putens and Ms. Pope

Roosevelt Center Merchants Association Meeting – Ms. Davis

Schrom Hills Fitness Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Demonstrations – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Herling, Ms. Mach, Ms. Pope and Mr. Putens

Pet Expo Block Party – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Herling, Ms. Mach and Ms. Pope

Naturalization Ceremony – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Herling and Ms. Pope

Youth Spring Triathlon – Ms. Davis and Mr. Putens

Crazy Quilt Festival – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Herling and Ms. Mach

Not for Seniors Only Event/Chair Yoga and Meditation – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Herling, Ms. Mach and Mr. Putens

Greenbelt Concert Band Performance – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Herling, Ms. Mach and Mr. Putens

Greenbelt Baha'i Community Bikes for the World Event – Ms. Davis

Artful Afternoon Presentation/Chinese Acrobats – Ms. Davis

Art Reception at New Deal Café – Ms. Davis

Meeting with Senator Rosapepe concerning the Maryland State School Construction Commission – Ms. Davis

Council thanked the Public Works, Recreation and Police Departments for their work on the Memorial Day Commemoration and Greenbelt Day Weekend.

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

Executive Session of June 14, 2016: Ms. Davis moved that Council schedule an Executive Session on Monday, June 14, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. Council will hold this closed meeting 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.

Mr. Herling seconded.

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

Ms. Davis amended to motion to note that June 14, 2016, was a Tuesday – not Monday. Mr. Herling approved the amendment.

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

Executive Session of June 21, 2016: Ms. Davis moved that Council schedule an Executive Session on Tuesday, June 21, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. Council will hold this closed meeting 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	-	absent
	Mr. Roberts	-	no
	Mayor Jordan	-	yes

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Mach moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Jordan adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, June 6, 2016, at 10:09 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 June 6, 2016."

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor

Petition to Council

My name is Brian Almquist. I am making this petition on behalf of Greenbelt Advocates for Environmental and Social Justice and the residents that have joined our campaign to stop the proposed Lakeside North Development.

We petition council to oppose the proposed development of a 25-story, 400-unit luxury high-rise apartment complex on 5 acres of forested land adjacent to the Lakeside North Apartments and any changes to the zoning of the land that would allow for its development.

On April 4, council held a work session to meet with David Hillman, president of Southern Management Corporation (SMC) and owner of Lakeside North Apartments, to discuss SMC's proposal to build the luxury high rise apartment complex. Hillman conceded that SMC would not proceed with the project if there was serious opposition from Council.

This land is mature forest and part of the original green belt. Current zoning regulations require this land to remain undeveloped. It would need to be rezoned to allow for the proposed high density development.

The proposed development would change the character of our community and any change in the zoning of this land could possibly set a precedent for high density development in Greenbelt.

We petition Council to do two things. 1. Write to David Hillman, with copies to Rushern Baker and Todd Turner, expressing Council's opposition to the proposed development and asking him not to proceed with the project – as he said he would not if Council expressed serious opposition. 2. Write to Todd Turner, with copy to David Hillman, objecting to the apparent plan to avoid a rezoning case by getting a pass through the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance rewrite. This would be unfair to residents and contrary to the purpose of the rewrite process. Citizens of the County have been told by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) and their consultants that the rewrite is not supposed to be used to rezone individual properties.

Over 350 signatures have been collected to-date supporting our campaign. Over 70 letters with hand written comments are being sent to Todd Turner. There is serious opposition in the community. And our campaign just started.

Brian Almquist
Greenbelt Advocates for Environmental and Social Justice - June 6, 2016

Petition 6-6-16.