

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, September 12, 2016.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:06 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 Greenbelters Barbara Likowski and Pauline Bordas, former Greenbelters Barbara Cassidy, Linda Joy Grife, Terry Walton and Charles Truitt Howey, and the victims of the 9-11 Terrorist Attacks. Ms. Pope then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Ms. Davis requested “Appointment to Advisory Group” be removed from the consent agenda. With that change, Ms. Davis moved that the consent agenda be approved. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Minutes:

Work Session, July 18, 2016  
Work Session, July 25, 2016  
Interview, August 1, 2016  
Interview, August 3, 2016  
Regular Meeting, August 8, 2016  
Work Session, August 15, 2016  
Work Session, August 17, 2016  
Interview, August 22, 2016  
Approved as Presented

Committee Reports:

Public Safety Advisory Committee, Report #2016-1 (Prescription Drug Take Back Program): Council accepted this report and will consider it on a future agenda.

Arts Advisory Board, Report #2017-1 (Proposed Recognition and Contribution Group Program Updates): Council accepted this report which was considered at the Work Session on Recognition and Contribution Group Policy on August 31, 2016.

Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Report #2016-2 (City Manager Selection): Council accepted this report and forwarded it to the Executive Recruitment Consultant for consideration.

Advisory Committee on Education, Report #2016-2 (Student and Educator Awards): Council accepted this report. No further action is required.

Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Inc. – Appointment to Governing Board: Council approved the appointment of Mayor Pro Tem Davis to the FY 17 Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA) Board and the appointment of Mayor Jordan as the alternate.

Reappointments to Advisory Groups: Council reappointed Veronica Martin-Alston to a new term on the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) and Honora Hammett to a new term on the Youth Advisory Committee.

Resignations from Advisory Group: Council accepted the resignations of Fahmi Abadir and Sophie Bernheisel from the Youth Advisory Committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Davis requested “Application from Willy K’s to Liquor Control Board for Special Entertainment Permit” be removed from the agenda. With this change, it was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Ms. Pope that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

National Public Lands Day: Mayor Jordan read a proclamation to recognize September 24<sup>th</sup> as Public Lands Day. Erin Josephitis, the City’s Environmental Coordinator, received the proclamation and provided an update on plans for the event.

National Preparedness Month Proclamation: Mayor Jordan read a proclamation recognizing September as National Preparedness Month. Laura Kressler, Vice Chair of the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC), received the proclamation on behalf of PSAC and the Citizens Emergency Response Team.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Colin Byrd, Mathew Street, asked for an update on the petition he submitted at the last meeting requesting Council sponsor an anti-discrimination ordinance. Mayor Jordan advised that staff was reviewing the petition. Mr. Byrd also requested Council take an official action regarding the use of government email for conducting City business and the handling of confidential information/communications. Mayor Jordan advised the City has policies in place regarding these matters.

Bill Orleans, Greenbelt, asked and was provided answers to several questions regarding executive sessions.

MINUTES

Statement for the Record - Executive Session of September 7, 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, I move that the minutes of tonight’s meeting reflect that Council met in executive session on Wednesday, September 7, 2016, at 8:07 p.m. in Room 201 of the Greenbelt Community Center. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(4) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, to consider a Business Relocation Proposal.

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; Karen Ruff, Associate of the City Solicitor; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Other individuals in attendance: Thomas Himler, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer – Prince George’s County, and David Iannucci, Assistant Deputy Chief Administrative Officer – Prince George’s County.

Council took no actions during this session. (CM)

Mr. Putens seconded.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Ms. Bellah provided an update on the Greenbelt Lake forebay work and dam repair work. She said the project is currently on-schedule with a completion timeframe still expected for mid to late October.

Mr. McLaughlin provided an update on the City Manager recruitment process by GovHR. He reported that last week GovHR had met with Councilmembers, advisory group chairs, senior staff, and held one public meeting. Mr. McLaughlin said that GovHR will be holding a second public meeting on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, and will be meeting with stakeholders next week. He added that comment cards are available in all City facilities for residents and employees to provide input into the process, and comments can also be submitted by email.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

LEGISLATION:

A Resolution to Repeal and Reenact with Amendment Resolution Number 2012 to Adopt Standing

Rules for the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Davis introduced the resolution for first reading.

WOODSPRING SUITES EXTENDED STAY HOTEL – DETAILED SITE PLAN APPLICATION:

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Jessica Bellah, Community Planner, explained that an application has been reviewed for the proposed development of Woodspring Suites Extended Stay Hotel located at 7480 Greenway Center Drive (DSP-15044). The application is for a five-story, approximately 124+ room hotel and associated parking to be constructed on approximately 3.03 acres of existing impervious parking area. She said the case will be reviewed at the Planning Board level and a hearing date has been set for September 29, 2016.

Ms. Bellah advised that staff and the Advisory Planning Board (APB) reviewed the initial concept design and provided feedback. She noted that the applicant has been responsive to the APB's and staff's requests to increase green space in the parking area, provide pedestrian connections, and incorporate desirable site amenities.

Chris Hatcher, Evan Paner and Torben Agesen, Sandpiper Properties/Woodspring Suites, thanked City staff and the APB for their review of the plans and providing many good ideas.

Mr. Putens left the meeting at this time (9:50 p.m.) due to family commitment.

There was discussion regarding the pedestrian connections, tree maintenance, building soundproofing and future signage. Ms. Bellah said she would convey City concerns regarding tree maintenance to the Planning Board. Mr. Hatcher said it is hoped ground breaking for the hotel will occur next spring.

In response to a question from Mr. Roberts, Mr. Hatcher explained that the construction industry has moved towards the use of Exterior Insulation and Finish System (EIFS) because of energy code changes. Mr. Roberts noted his preference for the use of brick in building construction.

Ms. Mach moved that Council support the Detailed Site Plan for Woodspring Suites (DSP-15044), dated June 2016, with the following conditions:

- 1) Prior to plan certification, the Applicant shall demonstrate through revised Landscape Plans that adequate conditions have been provided to ensure the viability of plantings for the proposed development. Sufficient planting area and growing media shall be provided to support healthy and long-term tree growth.
- 2) Prior to plan certification, a pedestrian path connecting the hotel to the adjacent nearby commercial area (Greenway Shopping Center) shall meet the following conditions in the revised Detailed Site Plan and Landscape Plan:
  - a. The pedestrian connection shall be in substantial conformation with the proposed alignment in Applicant's Exhibit titled *Woodspring Suites at Greenbelt Pedestrian Exhibit*.
  - b. The path shall be no less than five feet wide and shall meet ADA requirements.

- c. Stamped and colored concrete shall be utilized for proposed crosswalks and wherever the pathway is at grade with surrounding asphalt to promote safety and improve the aesthetic value of the project. A detail demonstrating this condition shall be provided prior to plan certification.
  - d. Adequate plantings shall be provided adjacent to the path to provide additional green areas, provide buffer between the connection and adjacent parking, and to improve the aesthetic value of the project.
- 3) Prior to plan certification, plans shall be revised to incorporate furniture for the picnic area shown in Applicant's Exhibit titled *Woodspring Suites at Greenbelt Pedestrian Exhibit*.
  - 4) Prior to plan certification, the architecture shall be updated in the following ways:
    - a. Replace EIFS siding with Hardiboard
    - b. Replace the proposed white brick with red brick
    - c. Periodically run red brick up to the roofline
    - d. Red brick shall wrap the entire first floor.
  - 5) Prior to plan certification, any revised Landscape Plan shall reflect no net loss of trees from the submitted Landscape Plan dated January 2016.

Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

EASEMENT FOR GREENBELT STATION STREAM VALLEY TRAIL: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Jessica Bellah, Community Planner, explained that the State has provided final easement documents for the portions of Stream Valley Trail that traverse State owned land. She said staff has reviewed the easement documents and find that it reflects all prior comments from staff and the City Solicitor's office.

Ms. Davis moved the Council approve the Easement Agreement as written. Ms. Mach seconded.

Justin Frye, Woodlawn Development Group, said the Board of Public Works will hear this item on October 5, 2016. He is hopeful the permits will be received and work on the bridge and boardwalk will begin in the winter and paving will be done in the spring.

The motion passed 6-0.

AWARD OF PURCHASE – PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Pope moved that Council approve the purchase of three (3) Ford F-250 4x4 pick-up trucks in accord with State of Maryland Blanket Purchase Order # 001B6400314 and one (1) Ford F-550 dump truck in accord with Montgomery County Bid #1060169 from Apple Ford of Columbia, Maryland at a total cost of \$155,332. Ms. Davis seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

DEADLINE TO REQUEST LOCAL AND BI-COUNTY BILLS: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

David Moran, Assistant City Manager, explained that the deadline to request local and bi-county bills is October 6. He said staff is not aware of any local/bi-county issues for submission.

Ms. Davis suggested “income discrimination” be considered. Mr. Moran said he would look into the suggestion but felt it was more of a State issue. Mayor Jordan asked staff to check into the implications of the Federal Fair Housing laws related to this matter.

PARTICIPATION WITH MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES (DGS)  
ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER PURCHASING PROGRAM: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mr. Moran explained that the City has an opportunity to partner with the Maryland Department of General Services (DGS) to take advantage of the State’s volume-based electricity supplier contracts. He said that DGS is planning a procurement process utilizing a reverse auction and the deadline to participate with DGS is September 15, 2016.

Mr. Moran said that since electricity rates change daily, the City will have to make a same-day decision and execute a purchase agreement within 48 hours of the conclusion of the auction. He noted that the City is under no obligation if, for any reason, we decide not to contract with the chosen supplier.

Ms. Pope moved that Council authorize staff to participate with the DGS Electricity Supplier Program and to submit the necessary forms. Ms. Davis seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS: Councilmembers commented on the successful Labor Day Festival weekend and thanked the Labor Day Festival Committee and the Police, Public Works and Recreation Departments for their work. Councilmembers also noted their attendance at the following events.

- National City-County National Task Force on the Opioid Epidemic – Ms. Mach
- Cookies at the Bridge – Ms. Davis and Ms. Mach
- Maryland Municipal League (MML) Board Retreat and Meeting – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Mach
- Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service Meeting – Ms. Davis and Ms. Pope
- Creative Kids Camp Performance of Summer Circus – Ms. Davis
- Retirement Celebration for Karl and Theresa Skaggs – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Putens and Ms. Mach
- Greenbriar Volunteer Appreciation Party – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Putens and Ms. Mach
- Reflections on School Choice, Greenbelt Contemporary Conversations Meeting – Ms. Davis (moderator) and Mayor Jordan
- Mabuhay Annual Picnic – Ms. Davis
- Girl Rising Documentary at Greenbelt Theater – Ms. Davis
- Congressman Hoyer’s Annual Women’s Equality Day Luncheon – Ms. Davis
- Orientation and Briefing Meeting for Commissioners, Central Maryland Transportation and Mobility Consortium – Ms. Davis
- Business Coffee – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach and Mr. Herling
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century School Facilities Commission Meeting – Ms. Davis
- Greenbelt Back to School Community Family Day – Ms. Davis
- Navy Sea Chanters Performance – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Putens, Ms. Mach and Mr. Herling
- Prince George’s County Briefing on Regional Transportation Agency – Ms. Davis
- MML Legislative Committee Meeting – Ms. Davis
- Maryland Agricultural Business Roundtable – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis
- Pooch Plunge – Ms. Davis
- Greenbelt Blues Festival – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach and Mr. Herling

September 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance at Mission BBQ – Ms. Davis  
National League of Cities Energy, Environment and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee  
Conference Call – Ms. Davis  
Community Clinic, Inc. (CCI) Health Fair – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Mach

APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY GROUPS: Ms. Davis moved that Council appoint Jacob Chesnutt to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and Selim Boukabara to the Youth Advisory Committee. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

MEETINGS: Council reviewed its meeting schedule.

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

Mayor Jordan adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, September 12, 2016, at 10:52 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 September 12, 2016."

Emmett V. Jordan  
Mayor