

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, September 26, 2016.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:00 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 Celia Craze, Director of Planning and Community Development; Karen Ruff, Associate to the City Solicitor; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in memory of residents Jimmy “Tator” Williams and Patricia Anne Molden, and former residents Janet Meetre and Gloria Wilson. Mr. Putens then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Jordan requested the minutes of the August 22, 2016, work session be removed from the consent agenda. With this change, it was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Mr. Herling that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Minutes:

Work Session, August 24, 2016

Interview, September 12, 2016

Approved as Presented

Resignations from Advisory Group: Council’s accepted the resignation of Jeffrey Keenan from the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

Chesapeake Climate Action Network and the Maryland Sierra Club- Letter of Support on a Statewide Hydraulic Fracking Ban: Council approved signing on to the Chesapeake Climate Action Network and Maryland Sierra Club letter of support asking the General Assembly to pass a hydraulic fracking ban in the 2017 legislative session.

Letter of Support – National Endowment for the Arts Grant Application: Council approved sending a letter to the National Endowment for the Arts in support of the Prince George’s County Arts and Humanities Council and Prince George’s County Department of the Environment (PGDOE) joint application for an “Our Town” grant.

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

PRESENTATIONS: None

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS: Mr. Orleans, Greenbelt, asked about executive sessions of Council.

MINUTES:

Work Session, August 22, 2016: Mayor Jordan requested the following be included in the minutes: “Mayor Jordan requested that during both the design and construction phases of the

project, consideration be given so vehicles exiting the ramp and entering the Greenbelt Station north main access road do not impede pedestrian and bicycle traffic”. With this addition, it was moved by Mayor Jordan and seconded by Mr. Putens that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Ms. Craze reported on the Active Aging Week and Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events.

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 second reading and moved for adoption tonight. Mr. Herling seconded.

Mr. Roberts said he didn't agree with proposed changes for "Attendance at Meetings" which would allow a councilmember who is unable to physically attend the meeting to participate in the meeting by electronic means (telephone, Skype, etc.) with the approval of a supermajority of the Councilmembers present.

Ms. Davis and Ms. Mach mentioned there have been instances in the past that have required the attendance by a councilmember who was physically unable to attend. They said that other organizations, including the Air Quality Control Committee, have already adopted or are considering adoption of provisions to allow for attendance of members at meetings by electronic means. Ms. Mach said she didn't anticipate this situation would occur very often. She added that approval of attendance by a member by electronic means will require the approval by the supermajority of Council which will ensure that the practice is not abused.

Under Voting, Ms. Davis asked that all members to clearly voice their vote so they can be heard by all present.

Under Agenda, Ms. Davis moved that Council Activities be listed first under Other Business with Council Reports listed second. Ms. Mach seconded. The motion passed 6-1. (Roberts)

Under Petitions and Requests, first bullet, Ms. Davis moved that "within 90 days if possible" be added at the end of "The petitioner and Council shall be apprised of the disposition made." Ms. Mach seconded. The motion passed 6-1. (Roberts)

Under Request for Meetings by Other Parties, Mayor Jordan and Mr. Putens expressed concern over the requirements that when members of Council encounter requests for meetings, the requests must be made known to the entire Council prior to the meeting taking place. Ms. Mach noted the requirement was only for meetings related to City business and believed that all members should be informed as a courtesy.

Under Council Recognitions, Mayor Jordan noted the first paragraph states that it will be the decision of the Mayor whether to issue a proclamation or a letter. He said he did not feel the second paragraph defining proclamations and letters was necessary. Mayor Jordan moved to strike “Generally, proclamations are official (formal) declarations by City council and letters are official recognitions by City Council.” Mr. Putens seconded. The motion failed 3-4. (Davis, Roberts, Mach, Herling)

After further discussion, the resolution was voted on.

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

The resolution was declared adopted (Resolution No. 2045, Book 8).

APPLICATION FROM WILLY K’S TO LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD FOR SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mr. Manful, Manager of Willy K’s, explained that the entertainment schedule will remain the same as has been in place for many months with karaoke entertainment provided on Thursday evenings (5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.) and DJ entertainment on Friday (5:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.) and Saturday (7:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.). He said with the entertainment permit, management will be allowed to card patrons and search bags (if necessary) upon entry to the establishment. Mr. Manful advised that management is now only allowed to card purchasers of alcohol.

Mr. Herling moved that Council take “no position” on the application. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

APPLICATION FOR CONVERSION OF LIQUOR LICENSE – SHELL FOOD MART: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Linda Carter, representing Shell Food Mart, said that legislation passed last year gave establishments that held a Class D Beer License an option to convert to a Class D Beer and Wine License. She said Shell Food Mart has submitted an application to do so and the application is schedule to be heard on October 10, 2016.

Mr. Roberts moved that Council take “no position” on the application. Mr. Putens seconded.

Ms. Davis said she opposed the application noting that Shell Food Mart is the last gas station in the City that still holds a license to sell beer. She advised that she doesn’t think it’s necessary for beer to be sold at the gas station and will not support the application for conversion to a beer and wine license. Ms. Davis also noted that there had been robberies at the Shell Food Mart in the past.

The motion passed 6-1. (Davis)

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, REPORT #2016-1 (PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM): Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Laura Kressler, Vice-Chair of the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC), explained that PSAC is recommending the institution of a permanent Drug Collection Program in the city to provide a safe, convenient and responsible means for residents to dispose of prescription drugs and controlled drugs. She said the program would include: 1) the placement of a permanent drug collection box at the Police Station; and 2) an annual Drug Take Back Day.

Mr. Putens moved that Council approve the recommendations of PSAC to institute a Drug Take Back Program as proposed in its Report #2016-1 and authorize the purchase of an American Security Cabinet #RXD-810 at a total cost of \$2,167. Ms. Pope seconded.

Mayor Jordan asked how long it will take to receive the collection box. Ms. Kressler said the collection box should be received approximately 10 to 15 days after the order is placed.

In response to a question from Ms. Pope, Ms. Kressler said that the collection box will be located between the two sets of entrance doors to the Police Station. She added that this location may be an area considered for future security camera installation.

The motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Davis moved that Council encourage PSAC, with the cooperation of the Police Department, hold a bi-annual Drug Take Back Day. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

LETTER TO MARYLAND NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION – ZONING REWRITE MODULE 2 REVIEW: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Craze reviewed a draft letter prepared by staff to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) on the Zoning Rewrite Module 2. She noted that the letter summarizing the comments presented at Council's August 17, 2016, work session on Module 2 as well as additional concerns of Council, including requirements for public art, provisions for auto dimming lights, consideration of homeowner association and condominium association requirements, and expansion of the definition of public facilities to include social services. Ms. Craze added that the letter also suggests that upon the testing of the rewritten zoning ordinance, at least one test location be selected from a municipality and special attention should be paid to the inclusiveness of municipal participation in the process.

Ms. Davis and Ms. Mach requested that "cooperatives" be included in comment #17 with homeowner associations and condominiums.

Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis said that although M-NCPPC has requested comments on Module 2 be submitted by September 1, 2016, they also indicated that date was not a hard deadline and comments would be accepted after that date. Ms. Craze advised that Chad Williams, Project Manager for the Zoning Rewrite, is aware the city's comments would be sent following this meeting. She added that comments received by M-NCPPC won't be posted to the Zoning Rewrite website until all three module reviews are complete.

In response to a question from Ms. Davis, Ms. Craze explained that staff recommends that the city be considered an inner beltway community. She reviewed the standards of developed versus developing tier.

Ms. Davis noted there were concerns in the community that by designating the city as an inner beltway community, zoning requirements would allow for a proposed Lakeside North high rise to be constructed. Ms. Craze said no and explained that the Lakeside North high rise proposal would not fit into any Euclidian zone. She added that the multifamily residential maximum is 48 units per acre and the Lakeside North proposal is for 80 units per acre.

Mr. Roberts suggested Council oppose the entire Zoning Rewrite. Ms. Davis explained that following the review of all three modules, a final Zoning Rewrite would be developed. At that point the final Zoning Rewrite will go to the County Council and public hearings will be held. She said Council could indicate its support of or opposition to the final Zoning Rewrite at that time.

Mr. Herling noted the need for affordable housing options in the area and suggested this be included in the city's letter to M-NCPPC.

Ms. Mach moved Council approve sending the proposed letter to M-NCPPC with the additions of: 1) "cooperatives" be included in comment #17 with homeowner associations and condominiums; and 2) encouragement of the development of affordable housing. Ms. Pope seconded.

The motion passed 7-0.

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

Clean Air Partners DC-MD-VA Meeting – Ms. Mach

Green Ridge House Picnic – Ms. Davis, Mr. Putens and Ms. Mach

Maryland State Air Quality Control Meeting – Ms. Mach

National League of Cities Human Development Committee Conference Call – Ms. Mach

Cookies at the Bridge – Ms. Mach

Greenbelt Access Television Community Conversation on Cooperatives – Ms. Mach (served as moderator)

National Public Lands Day – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Putens, Ms. Mach and Ms. Pope

Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad Crab Feast – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Putens, Mr. Roberts and Ms. Pope

University of Maryland Press Conference at Greenbelt Metro Station – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Putens, Ms. Mach and Mr. Herling

Prince George's Zoning Rewrite Focus Group Meeting – Ms. Davis

Maryland Municipal League Legislative Committee Meeting – Ms. Davis

21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Facilities Commission Meeting – Ms. Davis

Prince George's County Municipal Association Meeting – Ms. Davis

Memorial Service and Viewing for Pauline Bordas – Ms. Davis, Mr. Putens, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Mach and Ms. Pope

Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Governing Board Meeting – Ms. Davis

Moonlit Movie at Greenbelt Park – Ms. Davis

Concert Across America to End Gun Violence, Mowatt Methodist Church and Prince George's Peace and Justice Coalition – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis and Ms. Mach

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Board Meeting – Mayor Jordan

Port Towns Day – Mayor Jordan

Beyond February: African-America History Through Film Panel Discussion - Mayor Jordan

MEETINGS: Council reviewed its 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, September 26, 2016, at 9:59 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 26, 2016."

Emmett V. Jordan  
Mayor