

WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Wednesday, September 28, 2016, to discuss Council Goals and receive an Organizational Assessment Update.

Mayor Jordan started the meeting at 8:02 p.m. The meeting was held in Room 201 of the Greenbelt Community Center.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Konrad E. Herling, Silke I. Pope, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan. Councilmember Leta M. Mach was detained at a Maryland Municipal League Communications Committee Meeting and arrived at 8:33 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Jim Giese, Greenbelt News Review, and Bill Orleans

Council Goals

Mayor Jordan suggested Council consider scheduling a goals/strategic planning session with Joellen Earl, Chief Executive Officer of GovHR, serving as the facilitator. After discussion, staff will check on Ms. Earl's availability for scheduling the session on Saturday, November 12, 2016, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Council reviewed the goals discussed at the June 10, 2016, meeting as well as proposed narratives for each of the goals. After discussion, Council indicated their preference for the following goals/narratives.

- 1. Enhance Sense of Community
Nurture the presence of an active and involved citizenry, citizen-oriented cooperatives, and the design of the community that all contribute to the strong sense of community as we strive to be one, inclusive Greenbelt – as stated in the Community Pledge.*
- 2. Promote Community and Economic Development
Encourage community and economic development activities that enhance the City's vibrancy and vitality while preserving its legacy as a planned community. Attract and retain businesses and residents by being a desirable place to live, work and play.*
- 3. Improve Connectivity and Accessibility
Create and maintain an accessible and thriving community by providing walkable neighborhoods and multi-modal transportation opportunities.*
- 4. Maintain an Environmentally Proactive Community
Continue to be an environmental leader and maintain a sustainable, resilient community that minimizes its impact on the environment.*
- 5. Continue to Improve and Enhance Public Safety
Work together with residents, businesses and other organizations to provide a safe community where people want to live work, learn and play.*

6. *Preserve Our Planned Community Legacy*
Continue to build on the historic legacy of the City as a model planned community.
7. *Enhance and Promote Quality of Life Programs*
Provide programs that improve and enrich the quality of life for all residents.
8. *Provide Excellent Constituent Service*
Provide excellent services to residents and businesses and work on their behalf with municipalities, the County, State and Federal Governments, and other agencies and entities.
9. *Improve & Maintain Infrastructure*
Maintain the city's roads, sidewalks, pathways, buildings, forests, parks, playgrounds, technology and more, at a high standard of quality to meet the needs of residents, businesses, employees and visitors.

There was discussion of the "action steps" submitted by Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach and Mr. Herling. Council requested staff combine these steps submitted into a working chart to be discussed and refined at a future session.

Organizational Assessment Update

Mr. McLaughlin provided a PowerPoint presentation reflecting the status of the recommendations of the Matrix Consulting Group's Organizational Assessment.

Informational Items

Several informational items were discussed.

The meeting ended at 10:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cindy Murray
City Clerk*