

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

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:13 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 P. McLaughlin, City Manager; David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager; John Shay, City Solicitor; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in honor of former Greenbelt residents Ronald DonBullian and Vernon Fox, Jr. Ms. Mach led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Mr. Herling and seconded by Ms. Pope that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Minutes:

Regular Meeting, November 28, 2016

Appointment of Councilmembers to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Policy Boards and Committees: Council approved the following 2017 appointments for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Policy Boards and Committees:

Board of Directors	-	Mayor Jordan
Alternate	-	Ms. Davis
Transportation Planning Board	-	Mr. Roberts
Alternate	-	Mr. Herling
Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Comm.	-	Ms. Mach
Alternate	-	Mr. Herling
Region Forward Coalition	-	Mayor Jordan
Alternate	-	Ms. Davis
Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee	-	Mr. Putens
Alternate	-	Ms. Pope
Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee	-	Mr. Herling
Alternate	-	Ms. Mach
Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee	-	Ms. Davis
Alternate	-	Mr. Putens

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Mach requested “Appointment to Advisory Group” be added to the agenda. Ms. Davis requested “Amendment to Legislative Program” be added to the agenda. With these additions, 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:

Colin Byrd, Mathew Street, asked Council to adopt an ordinance to ban replica guns.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Statement for the Record - Executive Session of November 28, 2016 (Reconvened Executive Session from November 22, 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 Monday, November 28, 2016, at 10:36 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 consider a personnel matter (discussion of applicants interviewed for the City Manager position).

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			

No staff members were in attendance.

No other individuals were in attendance.

Council took no actions during this session.

Mr. Herling seconded.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Davis - yes
 Mr. Herling - yes
 Ms. Mach - yes
 Ms. Pope - yes

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

Minutes – Executive Session of November 21, 2016: Ms. Davis moved that the minutes of the executive session of the City Council held Monday, November 21, 2016, at 9:50 p.m., in the Council Room of the Municipal Building be approved as presented. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(9) of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, to discuss matters related to the upcoming City/FOP collective bargaining negotiations.

Mr. Herling 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: Ms. Davis announced that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Scoping session on the potential impacts of constructing and operating a high-speed superconducting magnetic levitation (SCMAGLEV) train system between Baltimore and Washington is scheduled for Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the West Lanham Hills Fire Department.

LEGISLATION:

An Ordinance to Repeal Section 19-2 “Grants for Certain Renters by Reason of Age and Income: and Reenact Section 19-2 “Grants for Certain Renters” of Chapter 19 “Taxation” of the Greenbelt City Code

Mayor

Jordan read the agenda comments.

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

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

The ordinance was declared adopted (Ordinance No. 1350, Book 12).

A Resolution to Support the Prince George’s County Municipal Collaboration Fiscal Year 2017 Grant Applications for Maryland Energy Administration Empower LMI Communities Grant Program and the Department of Housing and Community Development Community Legacy Grant

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Pope introduced the resolution for second reading and moved that it be adopted.
Mr. Herling seconded.

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

The resolution was declared adopted (Resolution No. 2047, Book 8).

A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of a Dodge Caravan from Criswell Automotive of Gaithersburg, Maryland at a Cost of \$29,332

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Mach introduced the resolution for second reading and moved that it be adopted.
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

The resolution was declared adopted (Resolution No. 2048, Book 8).

A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of a Five (5) Year Officer Safety Plan Package for Police Body Cameras from Taser International of Scottsdale, Arizona for Five (5) Years at a Total Cost of \$312,188.70

Ms. Pope introduced the resolution for first reading.

GREENBELT STATION PARKWAY BRIDGE: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Jessica Bellah, Community Planner, explained that a 87.84 foot section of Greenbelt Station Parkway extending from MD 193 to the south edge of the bridge over Branchville Road is not

currently dedicated as right-of-way to either the State Highway Administration, Prince George's County, or the city. This section of roadway is within the jurisdictional boundaries of Berwyn Heights although it is not considered part of their local road network.

Prince George's County requested the city incorporate this section of road and the superficial asphalt portion of the bridge into our maintenance responsibilities for Greenbelt Station Parkway. Prince George's County has agreed to maintenance responsibilities for the majority of the bridge structure.

Ms. Bellah reviewed the draft memorandum of understanding that staff had developed between the affected parties on this issue. In response to a question from Mr. Roberts, Ms. Bellah said Berwyn Heights will allow the city to maintain the roadway even though it's in their jurisdictional boundaries. Mr. McLaughlin advised that the responsibility for roadway maintenance will continue to be the responsibility of the developer until the roadway is finalized. Mr. Roberts said he was opposed to the city maintaining the section of roadway within the jurisdictional boundaries of Berwyn Heights. He said he may support it if Berwyn Heights agreed to share half the maintenance costs. Ms. Davis said the bridge and roadway are used by city residents in Greenbelt Station and it is the city's responsibility to make sure they (as city residents) have a safe and maintained roadway.

Mayor Jordan noted the need for a safe walking area from the bridge to Greenbelt Road. Ms. Bellah suggested that Berwyn Heights and Greenbelt partner and urge the county to pave a safe walking area on the right-of-way.

Ms. Davis moved that Council approve the memorandum of understanding as presented. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 6-1. (Roberts)

LETTER TO WMATA ON PROPOSED BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS – NEW METRO RAIL SERVICE HOURS AND ELIMINATION OF B30 BUS ROUTE: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mayor Jordan said Council held a work session on Transit with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Agency (WMATA) and Prince George's County The Bus on November 30, 2016. He said Council and residents expressed their concerns regarding the following proposed service changes: 1) new Metro Rail service hours – Monday through Thursday 5:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; and 2) the elimination of the B30 bus service which operates between Greenbelt and the Baltimore-Washington International Airport. Mayor Jordan noted that these changes will not meet the transit needs of residents.

Mr. Herling said the federal government needs to have a greater role in local transportation.

Ms. Mach said the B30 bus was not adequately marketed so many residents were unaware of its service.

Ms. Davis moved that Council send a letter to WMATA expressing its concerns regarding: 1) proposed new Metro Rail service hours – Monday through Thursday 5:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; and 2) proposed

elimination of the B30 bus service which operates between Greenbelt and the Baltimore-Washington International Airport. She noted the need for WMATA to sufficiently market and promote the B30 bus service. Ms. Mach seconded.

Mr. Roberts said the real problem with WMATA is that it needs to have more tracks in order to provide required maintenance and maintain operational service.

Mayor Jordan urged residents to attend the WMATA Public Hearings and voice their concerns. He also suggested residents reach out to WMATA Board members.

Sandra Robertson, Northway Road, said the short operating hours of the B30 has contributed to reduced ridership. Mayor Jordan and Mr. Herling said they had found the B30 bus to be well used when they had occasion to use the bus.

The motion passed 7-0.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Councilmembers noted their attendance at the Festival of Lights City Tree Lighting Ceremony and Arts and Crafts Fair. They also commented on their attendance at the following activities and events:

Police Community Relations Forum sponsored by the Community Relations Advisory Board
– Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Herling, Ms. Mach, Ms. Pope and Mr. Putens
Roosevelt Center Merchants Association Meeting – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis and Mr. Putens
Golden Age Club Sing-A-Long – Ms. Davis
Grand Re-Opening of the Greenbelt Lake Forebays – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach,
Ms. Pope and Mr. Putens
Greenbelt Lions Club Pancake Breakfast – Ms. Davis, Mr. Herling and Ms. Pope
Mission BBQ VIP Breakfast – Ms. Davis and Ms. Pope
Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition Luncheon – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Pope and
Mr. Putens
Greenbelt East Tree Lighting – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Herling, Ms. Mach, Ms. Pope
and Mr. Putens
Holiday Farmers Market – Ms. Davis and Ms. Mach
Central Maryland Transportation and Mobility Commission and RTA Partners Coordination
Meeting – Ms. Davis
Windsor Green Holiday Open House – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach, Ms. Pope and
Mr. Putens
Pearl Harbor Commemoration, American Legion Post #136 – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis,
Mr. Herling, Ms. Mach and Ms. Pope
Prince George’s County Municipal Association Legislative Dinner – Mayor Jordan,
Ms. Davis, Mr. Herling, Ms. Mach, Ms. Pope and Mr. Putens
Meals on Wheels Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis
Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service Annual Meeting – Mayor Jordan,
Ms. Davis, Mr. Herling, Ms. Pope and Mr. Putens
Brunch with Santa, Greenway Shopping Center – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach,
Ms. Pope and Mr. Putens
Breakfast with Santa, Greenbriar/Glen Oaks – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis
Shop with a Cop – Ms. Mach, Ms. Pope and Mr. Putens

State of Maryland Air Quality Control Council Meeting – Ms. Mach
Annual Cora Rice Community Christmas Party at Eleanor Roosevelt High School –
Mr. Herling
MARC Advisory Group Meeting Chaired by Senator Rosapepe – Mr. Herling
Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Issues Meeting – Mr. Herling
Beltway Plaza Small Space for Community Programs Meeting – Mayor Jordan
Women of Prince George’s December Celebration and Recognition Awards – Mayor Jordan
Senator Pinsky’s Town Hall Meeting at Lamont Elementary School – Mayor Jordan
Council Member Todd Turner’s School Principals Breakfast – Ms. Pope
Students Against Destructive Decisions Induction Ceremony at Eleanor Roosevelt High
School – Mayor Jordan

COUNCIL REPORTS: None

AMENDMENT TO LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM: Mr. McLaughlin reported that as work has progressed on the Greenbelt Lake Dam Project in Phase 1, it has become clear that the entire project will be more costly than initially anticipated due to actual conditions on the project. The engineer’s revised cost estimate on phase 2 has almost doubled in price from \$471,000 to \$935,000. It is doubtful that the city will not be in a position to utilize any authorized funds because changes will likely need to be made to the second phase of the project including installation of the filtration system to address seepage, which is the most expensive phase of the project.

Mr. McLaughlin explained that rather than asking the city’s delegation to work on a bond bill (as Council approved at its last meeting as one of the City’s Top Legislative Priorities), staff wants to talk with Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) about identifying state and/or federal funding for the project, lifting or changing the consent decree and additional redesign options in an attempt to lower the project cost. Delegation assistance may be sought if initial discussions don’t go well, but the city will also be in a better position to request funds next year at this time.

After discussion, Ms. Davis moved that Council amend the legislative program from “requesting a bond bill for the dam project” to “provide update on dam project.” Ms. Pope seconded.

The motion passed 7-0.

APPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY GROUP: Ms. Mach moved that Council appoint Syed Shamim to the Advisory Planning Board. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule.

Executive Session: Ms. Davis moved that Council schedule an Executive Session on Monday, December 12, 2016, immediately following the Council Meeting, in the Library 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 – contract negotiations for the City Manager position.

Ms. Pope seconded.

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

Executive Session: Ms. Davis moved that Council schedule an Executive Session on Wednesday, January 4, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in Room 201 of the Greenbelt Community Center. Council will hold this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article 3-305(b)(9) of the *Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland* to discuss matters relating to collective bargaining negotiations.

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

Executive Session: Ms. Davis moved that Council schedule an Executive Session on Wednesday, January 4, 2017, immediately following the conclusion of the 8:00 p.m. work session in Room 201 of the Greenbelt Community Center. Council will hold this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article 3-305(b)(3) of the *Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland* to discuss matters relating to the acquisition of real property for a public purpose.

Mr. Putens seconded.

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

Executive Session: Ms. Davis moved that Council schedule an Executive Session on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, at 8:00 p.m. in the Library 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 – contract negotiations for the City Manager position.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ms. Davis moved that Council move into executive session in the Library of the Municipal Building, 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 – contract negotiations for the City Manager position.

Ms. Pope seconded.

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

Ms. Davis noted that Council would not return to open session.

Council moved into Executive Session at 9:50 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 December 12, 2016.

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor