

City of Greenbelt

Office of the City Manager Report for Week Ending March 24, 2023



1. City Manager's Office

- Attended the Council Work session: Economic Development
- Reviewed and finalized the FY24 budget narratives
- With the Treasurer and staff, finalized the FY24 budget numbers
- Met with staff to discuss the Tugwell resources, and responded to the resident
- Met with staff to finalize several ARPA initiatives
- Met with legal counsel on legal and personnel matters
- Conducted one-on-one meetings with Senior Staff
- Processed employee additions/forms
- Followed up on Council/resident questions/concerns
- The Interim Assistant City Manager attended the USDA Kickoff grant meeting.
- The Interim Assistant City Manager served as the staff liaison for the CRAB/ERB City Council work session and Public Hearing.
- Attended the weekly Hagerty ARPA meeting to learn about recent updates to the ARPA guidelines.
- Continued to work on the Childcare Voucher program.

2. Human Resources

- Attended weekly senior staff meeting.
- Met with the City's employment relations attorney to review the maternal and paternal leave policies.
- Completed HR budget updates and submitted them to the Admin team.
- Reviewed a Delta Dental notice about a child who will be aging out (age 26) and confirmed with the parent the child has other coverage
- Conducted an audit and reached out to several employees about updating their beneficiaries.
- Reviewed the Express Scripts detailed invoice for finance
- Confirmed camp orientation / onboarding Saturday date; additional training may be held that week

3. Finance

- Continued to respond to internal and external inquiries regarding the FY 2024 budget.
- Closed out the FY2024 budget preparation and submitted final edits to narratives and numbers.
- Submitted the 1st invoice to WMATA for police services at Greenbelt Metro Station (last week).
- Participated in several meeting with representatives implementing the new financial management system to troubleshoot various matters.
- Submitted required report to Opioid Settlement confirming the City has not expended any funds toward Opioid remediation through December 31, 2022. The City will develop a plan to spend the funds in the near future.
- Processed purchase orders and vendor payments.

4. **Information Technology**

- Participated in Verkata camera demo
- Participated in Edmunds Financial System status meeting
- Verizon – Migrate Planning fax line to FiOS
- Review IT budget
- Upgraded CAD 3 workstation monitors and wiring

5. **Economic Development**

- Attended March 20 Work Session - Discussed the future plans of the City's Economic Development Department
- Attended weekly Senior Staff Meeting

6. **Public Information**

- Produced and submitted Greenbelt Municipal Showcase Video for MML Summer Conference
- Completed production of the weekly City Information & Events ad in the Greenbelt News Review
- Continued working on the production of the FY24 Budget Book
- Continued working on the production of the Spring City Connector
- Continued processing PIO department online requests
- Worked with Comcast to resolve signal issue in the Aquatic and Fitness Center
- Worked with Verizon to troubleshoot the cause of a signal issue with our HD channel
- Worked with Granicus to troubleshoot a website issue
- Continued working on ongoing public information projects/events and administrative duties
- Continued working on improving the website accessibility score
- Updated City website, ARPA website, calendar, and social media channels with relevant content

7. **ARPA/ COVID**

Updates for the Rent and Utility Assistance and the Mortgage and HOA fee Assistance are now updated on the city's ARPA webpage. Go to engagegreenbelt.org to view updates.

8. **Petitions & Requests**

Attached is the listing of petitions and requests along with status updates.

cc: Department Heads

Tim George, Interim City Manager

Dawane Martinez, Human Resources Director

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

Regular Meeting 2/27/2023					
Date	Name	Petition/Request	Department/Staff	Resolution	Council/ Resident Follow-up Date
2/27/2023	Robert Goldberg-Strassler	Requested Council consider adding a kosher cemetery	Council	Staff will review the issue and report back	
2/27/2023	Brendan _____	Requested that the City include a waiver in the Bring Your Own Bag ordinance to exempt restaurants	Council	Taken under advisement	No Further Action
2/27/2023	Ethan Sweet	Introduced himself and alerted Council and staff to Cong. Ivey's grant newsletter	Council/Admin	Staff will register for the newsletter and	
Regular Meeting 2/13/2023					
Date	Name	Petition/Request	Department/Staff	Resolution	Council/ Resident Follow-up Date
2/13/2023	Louise Weissman	Requested Council to support CB-7	Council	Council supports this legislation and has signed-on to a letter of support handled by PGCMA.	No Further Action
2/13/2023	Bill Orleans	Requested that the City Council inquire to Greenbelt Station at Franklin Park about the homeless population survey they conducted.	Council	Staff confirmed via the meeting video that no such survey was conducted nor did FP representatives suggest an analysis of the homeless population had been conducted	No Further Action
2/13/2023	Bill Orleans	Requested an apology from Council for allegedly taking action during a closed session in violation of the Act	Council	In review with the City solicitor	
Regular Meeting 1/23/2023					
Date	Name	Petition/Request	Department/Staff	Resolution	Council/ Resident Follow-up Date
1/23/2023	Bob Rand	Requested that the City Council have the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) correspondences related to the Fair and Just Policing Act posted on the PSAC page of the City website.	Admin	Staff will follow up on posting correspondences to the website.	No Further Action
1/23/2023	Bob Rand	Requested that the PSAC recommendations be formally voted on at an upcoming council meeting on a resolution regarding the nine remaining police reform changes.	Council	Taken under advisement	No Further Action
1/23/2023	Bill Orleans	Requested that the City Council inquire to Greenbelt Station at Franklin Park about the homeless population survey they conducted.	Council	(see 2/13/23 above)	No Further Action
Regular Meeting 1/9/2023					
Date	Name	Petition/Request	Department/Staff	Resolution	Council/ Resident Follow-up Date
1/9/2023	Bill Orleans	Requested follow-up on the status of the Ethics Commission minutes and copies of same	Admin	Staff emailed the minutes to Mr. Orleans on 12/12/22.	No Further Action
1/9/2023	Bill Orleans	Requested an apology from Council for allegedly taking action during a closed session in violation of the Act	Council	Taken under advisement	No Further Action
Regular Meeting 12/12/2022					
Date	Name	Petition/Request	Department/Staff	Resolution	Council/ Resident Follow-up Date
12/12/2022	Bill Orleans	Requested follow-up on the status of the Ethics Commission minutes and copies of same	Admin	Staff emailed the minutes to Mr. Orleans on 12/12/22.	Staff will confirm status of the Meeting minutes
12/12/2022	Bill Orleans	Requested an apology from Council for allegedly taking action during a closed session in violation of the Act	Council	(see 2/13/23 above)	No Further Action
12/12/2022	Bill Orleans	Rent stabilization issue should be taken up by the city council.	Council	Taken under advisement	No Further Action
Regular Meeting 11/28/2022					
Date	Name	Petition/Request	Department/Staff	Resolution	Council/ Resident Follow-up Date

11/28/2022	Bob Rand	Include a Diversity, Equity & Inclusion section in each departments FY24 budget narrative	Admin/All	The City is in the process of hiring our first DEI Coordinator and they will develop both City-wide and departmental DEI statements	No Further Action
11/28/2022	Bill Orleans	Requested follow-up on the status of the Ethics Commission minutes and copies of same	Admin	Staff will follow up on the status of the minutes. Digital copies of approved minutes can be found publically available on the City's website.	Staff will confirm status of the Meeting minutes
11/28/2022	Bill Orleans	Requested an apology from Council for allegedly taking action during a closed session in violation of the Act	Council	(see 2/13/23 above)	No Further Action
11/28/2022	Xavier Courouble	Requested the City, and Greenbelt Co-op, be better organized, coordinated and have a plan to institute a plastic bag ban in the City.	Admin/ Sustainability Coordinator	Taken under advisement. This is a legislative priority and a priority of our Sustainability Coordinator and Green Team	Petition/ request forwarded to the Co-op. No further action
11/28/2022	Bill Norwood	Read a letter to the Citizens of Greenbelt requesting they better support the Co-op. He suggested traffic/parking improvements to improve Co-op operations.	Admin	Taken under advisement	No further action
11/28/2022	Cindy Comproni	(Via Email dated 11/8/2022 sent to Council on 11/28/2022) Complaint regarding Public Safety Advisory Committee	Council		

Regular Meeting 11/14/2022

Date	Name	Petition/Request	Department/ Staff	Resolution	Council/ Resident Follow-up Date
11/14/2022	Gail Crichlow	Requesting a fair share of public announcements of events in the City of Greenbelt to be posted throughout the City in the same frequency and manner as Old Greenbelt	Recreation	Staff will review our SOP on advertising special events and ensure equitable distribution throughout Greenbelt going forward.	Responded 11/16/22
11/14/2022	Gail Crichlow	Requesting that the City take action and treat the areas with mice infestation.	Admin	This is a private property issue. We recommend reaching out to the Windsor Green HOA as this is a neighborhood wide issue.	Responded 11/16/22
11/14/2022	Ed Fallon	Requested that the City expand the distribution methods for the CM Survey to include all residents and to include Greenbelt business employees, patrons and visitors	Human Resources	Staff will review the distribution plan to maximize coverage of City residents. This will not include extending the survey to visitors or patrons to the City	No Further Action
11/14/2022	Bill Orleans	Asked why it has taken several meetings to request that the City Solicitor review the City's Ethics Code	Admin/Council	Ms. Davis explained that the Board of Ethics makes recommendations to the Council and does not direct staff. Council was considering that request later in this meeting.	No Further Action
11/14/2022	Bill Orleans	Requested information on the Board of Ethics minutes from the 11/2021 and 10/2022 meeting	Admin/Liaison	On October 10, 2022, the Ethics Commission approved the November 2, 2021, and October 6, 2022, minutes. The minutes have been posted on the City's website.	No Further Action
11/14/2022	Bill Orleans	Requested information about the Closed Session on October 24 where Council directed staff to issue a statement on the PSAC article	Admin/Council	Request taken under advisement	No Further Action

Regular Meeting 10/24/2022

Date	Name	Petition/Request	Department/ Staff	Resolution	Council/ Resident Follow-up Date
10/24/2022	Bill Orleans	Asked when the minutes of the last two Ethics Commission meetings would be available	Admin	Checking with the staff Liaison and Commission.	
10/24/2022	Michael Hartman	Asked if staff can look at mitigating the acoustic issues at Schrom Hill and SHLRC rooms	Rec/DPW	These are general purpose recreation spaces and not specifically designed for meetings. Staff will see if anything can be done.	No Further Action

Regular Meeting 10/11/2022

Date	Name	Petition/Request	Department/ Staff	Resolution	Council/ Resident Follow-up Date
10/11/2022	Bill Orleans	Inquired about the City Clerk	Admin	No action required	No further action
10/11/2022	Matt Sickle	Requested Council to prioritize and improve public safety by empowering the Greenbelt Police Department to be more competitive in hiring and encourage prosecutors to seek stronger sentences for people who commit crimes	Council/GPD/ Admin	Council approved a hiring bonus program and PD is constantly recruiting, including fully staffing Animal Control and Dispatch	No further action
10/11/2022	Lore Rosenthal	Requested that Council speak up during the meetings	Council	Taken under advisement	No further action
10/11/2022	Peggy Higgins	Requested Council to either establish a Council subcommittee or refer the matter of the Police Reform Resolution being substituted to the Ethics Commission to explore the circumstances	Council	Council met on 10/12/22. A statement was issued by Council and placed in the GNR	No further action
10/11/2022	Cathy Betulia	Requested Council pass a local plastic bag ban	Council	Council is scheduling a work session to discuss and working with the Four Cities Coalition	Upcoming work session, date TBD

Regular Meeting 9/27/2022

Date	Name	Petition/Request	Department/ Staff	Resolution	Council/ Resident Follow-up Date
9/27/2022	Ed Fallon	Requested that the constructions of the little library boxes be constructed in Greenbelt West	DPW/Planning	These are being provided by a third party, that will maintain them. They live in Greenbelt Central, proximate to the location	No further action
9/27/2022	Tom LeaMond	Requested that the Space Study recommendations be referred to the Arts Advisory Board for discussion	Admin/Council	Taken under advisement	No further action
9/27/2022	Bill Orleans	Inquired about the City Clerk and asked for information regarding the Mayor's signature added to the wrong Police Resolution	Admin	Taken under advisement	No further action
9/27/22	Lei Zong	Requested short term funding of \$3,000 - \$3,500 for the Pumpkin Walk, or for the City to take over the Pumpkin Walk for a long term solution	Admin/Rec	Council approved \$2,500 to assist with this year's activities. Recognition Group documents were shared with the Pumpkin Walk group for consideration in following years.	No further action
9/27/22	Susan Walker	Requested additional information regarding the Space Study	Admin/DPW		No further action
9/27/22	Michael Hartman	Requested Public Works to re-enforce the soil around the trees near the fence line near the tennis courts	DPW	Public works has addressed the concern	No further action

Regular Meeting 9/12/2022

Date	Name	Petition/Request	Department/ Staff	Resolution	Council/ Resident Follow-up Date
9/12/22	Bill Orleans	Requested that the Ethics Commission review all candidate financials, not just the winners. He also requested an update on the Tugwell Room and stated that a City employee is no longer with the City regarding a recent ERB hearing.	Council	Ethics committee meeting is scheduled for Sept 19	No further action
9/12/22	Shaymar Higgs	Requested funding from the City for The Space	Admin	Staff met with The SPACE to understand their needs. Staff is also developing a Non-Profit Grant program	No further action

Regular Meeting 8/8/2022

8/8/22	Lois Rosado	Requested the business community, homeowner associations, and the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association (GILA) be sent invitations to apply to be on the Reparations Commission. She also requested the application deadline be extended.	Admin/ Council	Emails were sent to all requested groups. Deadline was extended to 7/31/22	No further action
8/8/22	Lore Rosenthal	Requested that the Zoom "Question and Answer" feature be read during the meeting.		Taken under advisement	No further action

8/8/22	Michael Canavan	Requested that premium pay for Public Works employees for the first year of the pandemic by \$4,000, and \$2,000 for the second year.	Admin/ Council	Special Meeting to be held August 29, 2022.	No further action
8/8/22	Bill Orleans	Requested that the Ethics Commission review all candidate financials, not just the winners.	City Council/ Bonita	Ethics Commission reviewed all candidate financials on October 6, 2022.	No further action
Regular Meeting 7/11/2022					
Date	Name	Petition/Request	Department/ Staff	Resolution	Council/ Resident Follow-up Date
7/11/22	Bill Orleans	Inquired about the status of the microfiche machine that was housed in the Tugwell Room at the Greenbelt Library.	Admin	Taken under advisement	No further action
7/11/22	Mayor Jordan	Requested staff to follow-up with Kevin F. about the HBCU Small City Challenge.	Admin	Staff program was accepted and we will meet with Pathway OZ on 11/16 to discuss the program and next steps	Meeting 11/16/22
Regular Meeting 6/27/2022					
Date	Name	Petition/Request	Department/ Staff	Resolution	Council/ Resident Follow-up Date
6/27/22	Bill Orleans	Requested that the Ethics Commission review all candidate financials, not just the winners.	City Council/ Bonita	Ethics Commission reviewed all candidate financials on October 6, 2022.	No further action
6/27/22	Bill Orleans	Requested that Council use the remaining \$10.88 million in ARPA funds (after \$10 million allowance) for people, not projects.	City Council	Taken under advisement	No further action
6/27/22	Mayor Jordan	Based on a comment made by Joel Rubenstein, have code enforcement look into a claim on roaches at Parkway Apartments.	Planning	Code reviewed the files and reached out to management and could find no evidence to support his claims	No further action
Regular Meeting 6/6/2022					
Date	Name	Petition/Request	Department/ Staff	Resolution	Council/ Resident Follow-up Date
6/6/22	Bill Orleans	Requested a list of total ARPA funds to be spent in the FY 2023 budget along with a line by line listing of the funds.	Admin	Information is found in the FY23 budget available on-line	No further action
Regular Meeting 5/23/2022					
Date	Name	Petition/Request	Department/ Staff	Resolution	Council/ Resident Follow-up Date
5/23/22	Bill Orleans	Requested the Ethics Commission review all candidates financial disclosures	Council	Will be addressed at the next Ethics Commission meeting	No further action
5/23/22	Cathleen Stewart	Complained about Mr. Byrd and referenced the Council needing a Code of Ethics	Council	Taken under advisement	No further action
5/23/22	Johanson Montabello	Shared concern about an incident with a neighbor hitting golf balls and the GPD response	GPD/Admin	GPD is reviewed the incident and reached out to the resident	No further action
5/23/22	Douglas Payne	Requested the City provide assistance to him, and others, on hard times and facing eviction	CARES	Reviewed his case and found he received ERAP funds. CARES will reach out to provide non-monetary assistance	No further action
5/23/22	Johnny Smith	Requested the City provide assistance to him, and others, on hard times and facing eviction	Admin/CARES	Taken under advisement and to be discussed at the ARPA meeting in June	No further action
Regular Meeting 5/9/2022					
Date	Name	Petition/Request	Department/ Staff	Resolution	Council/ Resident Follow-up Date
5/9/22	Bob Rand	GPD response to the Plateau PI incident should be reviewed and referred to PSAC	Police	Conducting an investigation in tandem with the Maryland AG's office. Details are limited to protect the children in this case.	No Further Action
5/9/22	Bill Orleans	Stated that he objects to the meeting going into recess and the video turned off when the disruptive resident was removed	Council	Taken under advisement	No Further Action
5/9/22	Johnny Smith/CASA	Requested more ARPA funds be allocated to rental assistance	Council	Added to the ARPA funds list for consideration at the June 8 meeting	No Further Action

Regular Meeting 4/25/2022					
Date	Name	Petition/Request	Department/Staff	Resolution	Council/ Resident Follow-up Date
4/25/22	Daniel Gomez & Kevin Hammett	Improve the path and steps at Perwinkle Ct and Boxwood	Planning/DPW	DPW is looking into this request	
4/25/22	Dr. Evelyn Crellin	1) consider not participating in the Mosquito Control Program 2) increase public awareness of mosquito prevention	PIO/Admin		
4/25/22	Dr. Evelyn Crellin	Form a Mosquito Task Force	Council		
4/25/22	Bob Rand	Asked for an update on the Police Reform progress and can the changes be called out and dated in the General Orders	GPD/Admin	Police update meeting scheduled for Aug 31 to address	Meeting on 8/31
4/25/22	Bill Orleans	Requested the Ethics Commission review all candidates financial disclosures	Council	Will be addressed at the next Ethics Commission meeting	No further action
4/25/22	Bill Orleans	Requested the status of the Reparation Commission interviews and that they be open to the public	Council	Ms. Davis responded that the application has not been approved and thus no applications have been submitted or reviewed. There will be full transparency once the application process begins	No further action
Regular Meeting 4/11/2022					
Date	Name	Petition/Request	Department/Staff	Resolution	Council/ Resident Follow-up Date
4/11/22	Jeremy Lawson	Request that the City use ARPA funds to provide parks and recreation space in Greenbelt West, including purchasing Prince George's Scrap	Admin	Idea forwarded to Raftelis to be included in the ARPA concepts to be considered	No further action
4/11/22	Ana Rodriguez	Request that the City use ARPA funds to provide additional rental assistance and funds to support residents in need.	Admin	Idea forwarded to Raftelis to be included in the ARPA concepts to be considered	No further action
Regular Meeting 3/28/2022					
Date	Name	Petition/Request	Department/Staff	Resolution	Council/ Resident Follow-up Date
3/28/22	Frank Gervasi	Requested that the City acquire available GHI housing for refugee emergency housing	Council/Admin	Taken under advisement	No further action
3/28/22	Bill Orleans	Requested the Ethics Commission review all candidates financial disclosures	Council	Taken under advisement	No further action
3/28/22	Bill Orleans	Requested the Council send a letter of support for Ukraine to Russian Embassy	Mayor/Council	Proclamation done March 30, 2022.	No further action
3/28/22	Bill Orleans	Requested that the Mayor's planned meeting with Mr. Notter of Rep Hoyer's staff to discuss earmarks.	Council	This is not a public meeting subject to the Open Meetings Act	No further action
3/28/22	Bill Orleans	Requested that Steny Hoyer be called to come before the City Council.	Council	Taken under advisement	No further action
Regular Meeting 3/14/2022					
Date	Name	Petition/Request	Department/Staff	Resolution	Council/ Resident Follow-up Date
3/14/22	Lore Rosenthal	Requested that the Manager's report on the agenda have a link to the report document	Admin	A link will be added to future Regular meeting agenda	No further action
3/14/22	Bill Orleans	Requested the Ethics Commission review all candidates financial disclosures	Council	Taken under advisement	No further action
3/14/22	Bill Orleans	Requested the Council send a letter of support for Ukraine to Washington DC	Mayor/Council	Proclamation done March 30, 2022.	No further action