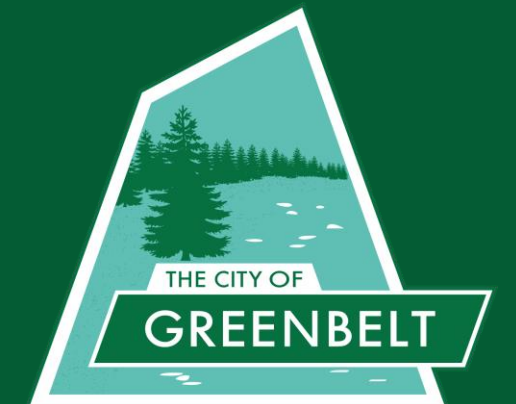


September 12, 2024

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Welcome- Agenda

- Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Informational Session
 - Timeline and Key Events
 - City's Requests to County
 - Remarks from Stakeholders
 - County Representative, Fire Chief Thomas Ray, Mayor Emmett Jordan
- Panel Discussion
 - Restoring Personnel and Addressing Concerns
- Community Q&A Session
- Summary and Future Actions



Timeline of Key Events:

1. June 7, 2024:

Receipt of Notification Letter: Greenbelt and other affected municipalities received an official notification from Prince George’s County Fire/EMS Department regarding the “temporary” summer staffing plan. The plan included the reallocation of 55 firefighters from four stations, including removing 24 career firefighters from Greenbelt Fire Station 835 and 6 daywork career firefighters from Berwyn Heights.



Timeline of Key Events:

2. June 10, 2024:

City's Request for Data and Reports: Greenbelt formally requested the raw data and consultants' reports that justified the staffing changes outlined in the summer staffing plan. This request aimed to understand the data driving the decision and its potential impact on response times and community safety.



Timeline of Key Events:

3. June 28, 2024:

Lawsuit Filed by Greenbelt and Other Municipalities: The City of Greenbelt, along with the Town of Berwyn Heights, City of College Park, Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc., and other plaintiffs, filed a lawsuit against Prince George's County, Maryland, and Fire Chief Tiffany Green. The lawsuit, titled Town of Berwyn Heights et al. vs. Prince George's County, Maryland, et al., sought a declaratory judgment and included a motion for temporary and preliminary injunctive relief to prevent the implementation of the summer staffing plan.



Timeline of Key Events:

4. June 30, 2024:

Summer Staffing Plan Goes into Effect: Despite the ongoing legal efforts to delay or modify the plan, the summer staffing plan was implemented. This included the reallocation of 55 career firefighters from four fire stations, with 24 career firefighters being removed from Greenbelt Fire Station 835. The implementation immediately raised concerns from Greenbelt residents, City Council, and volunteer fire companies regarding the impact on response times and coverage.



Timeline of Key Events:

5. July 1, 2024:

Hearing on Motion for Temporary and Preliminary Injunctive Relief: The court held a hearing on the motion for temporary and preliminary injunctive relief filed by the plaintiffs. Judge William A. Snoddy presided over the hearing, during which the motion was discussed and witnesses were presented. Although the request for injunctive relief was denied verbally during the hearing, the plaintiffs did not receive the written order denying the relief until July 15, 2024.



Timeline of Key Events:

6. July 15, 2024:

Court Order Denying Motion for Injunctive Relief:
Judge Snoddy issued a written order formally denying the motion for temporary and preliminary injunctive relief. The order indicated that the matter would proceed in the normal course, and the staffing changes would remain in effect pending further legal proceedings.



Timeline of Key Events:

7. July 28, 2024:

County's Motion to Dismiss Filed: The County, represented by attorney Sadia Isha Noah, filed a motion to dismiss the complaint for declaratory judgment filed by the plaintiffs. A memorandum supporting the motion to dismiss was also submitted.



Timeline of Key Events:

8. August 6, 2024:

Plaintiffs' Amended Complaint Filed: The plaintiffs filed an amended complaint for declaratory judgment. This amended complaint included updates and additional information to address points raised in the County's motion to dismiss. Notably, the amended complaint added the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) as a plaintiff to the lawsuit, further emphasizing the involvement and concerns of the volunteer fire department regarding the County's staffing decisions.



Timeline of Key Events:

9. August 12, 2024:

Opposition to Motion to Dismiss Filed: The plaintiffs filed an opposition to the County's motion to dismiss the amended complaint. A memorandum supporting the opposition to the motion was also submitted, arguing for the continuation of the legal process and for a thorough review of the County's actions and data.



Timeline of Key Events:

10. September 10, 2024:

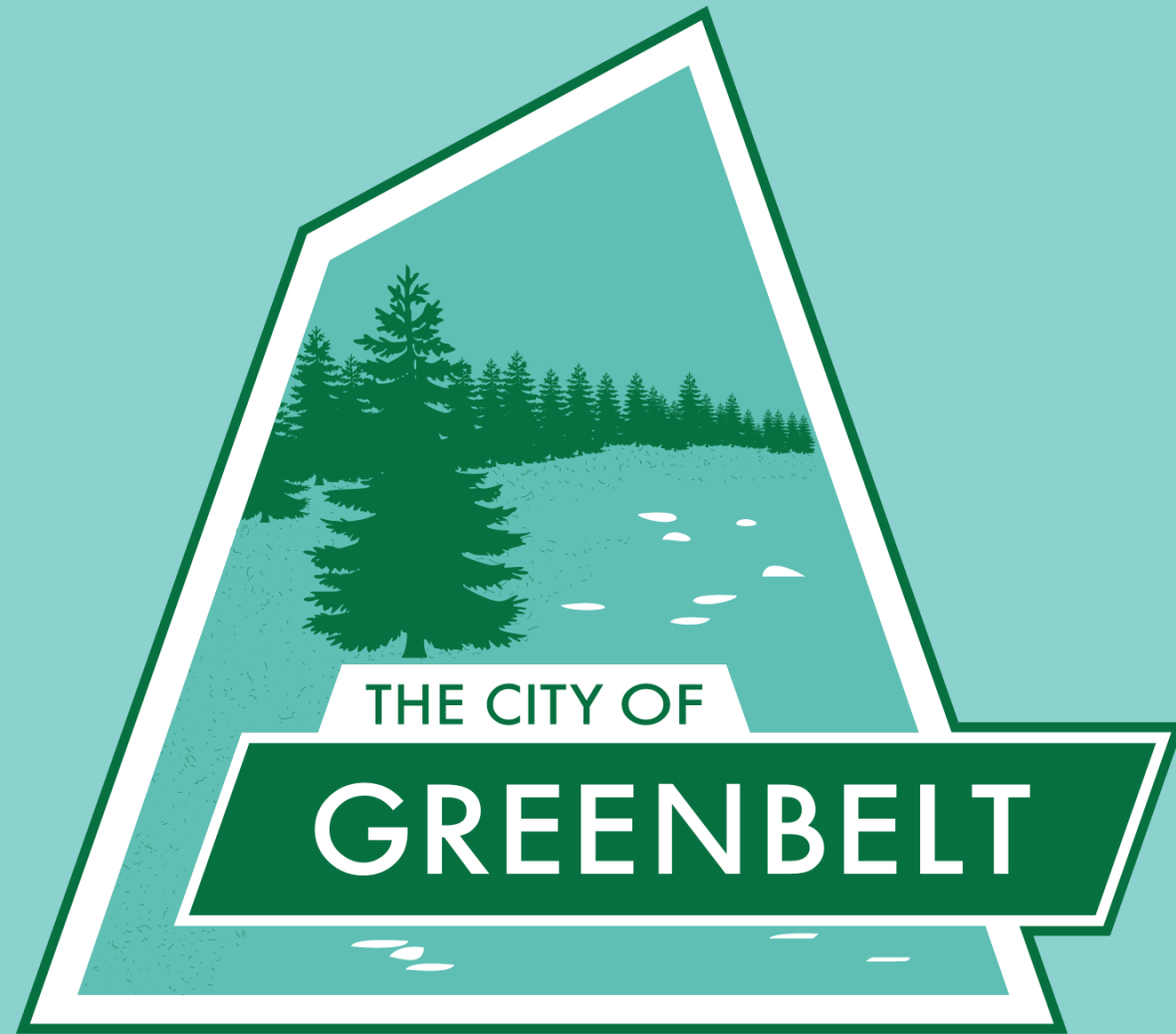
County's Motion to Dismiss Amended Complaint Filed:
The County filed a motion to dismiss the amended complaint and a supporting memorandum, arguing that the plaintiffs' amended claims did not warrant a declaratory judgment.



Our Request of Chief Green - No Response From Chief

- **Data Transparency:**
 - Share comprehensive data and analysis to understand the true impact of staffing changes.
 - Provide the raw data and consultants' reports that justified the summer staffing plan.
- **Establishing a Taskforce:**
 - Form a comprehensive taskforce that includes representatives from municipalities, career personnel, volunteer personnel, and County Fire Leadership.
 - The goal is to collaboratively develop and implement a sustainable staffing plan that addresses the needs and concerns of all stakeholders.
- **Volunteer Support:**
 - Enhance support and incentives for volunteer firefighters, recognizing their invaluable contribution.
 - Acknowledge their limitations in filling extensive coverage gaps.
 - Request for AEDs and CPR training for the community.
- **Ongoing Engagement:**
 - Establish regular meetings with all relevant stakeholders to review progress, share updates, and adjust strategies as needed.
 - Ensure the plan evolves to meet the community's needs effectively.

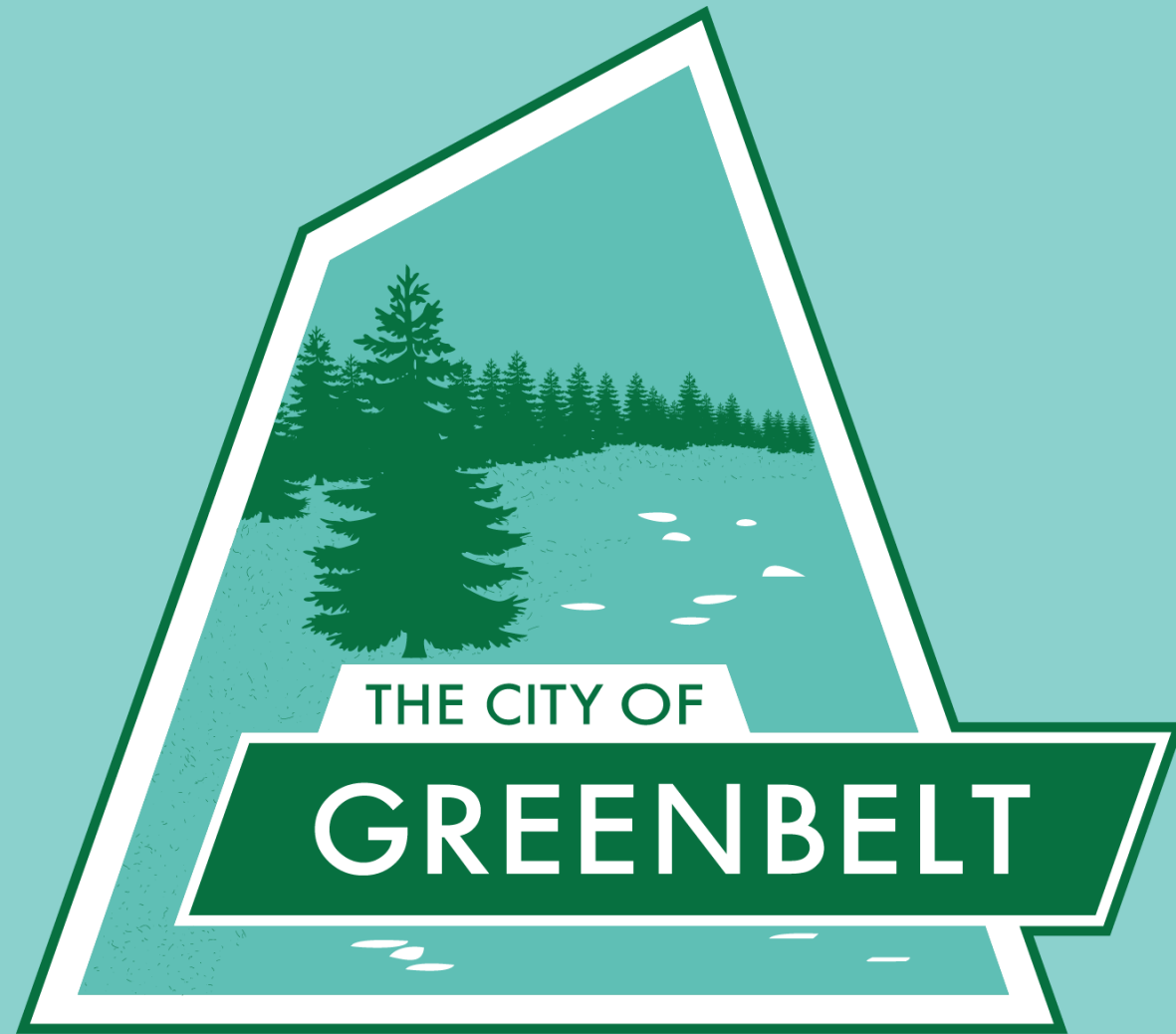




Panel Discussion



Questions & Answers



Future Actions?