



City of Glenarden
Regular Meeting
February 9, 2015
7:30PM
Minutes

President – Carolyn Smallwood
Councilwoman - Elaine Carter
Councilwoman – Judy Diggs
Councilwoman – Deborah Eason
Councilman – James Herring
Mayor Dennis Smith
City Manager – Kenneth Jones
Treasurer – Alvin Bratton

- Call to Order at 7:30PM
- Invocation led by Rev. Gray
- Roll Call

Councilwoman Diggs - Present
Councilwoman Eason – Present
Councilman Herring – Present
Councilwoman Jenkins – Absent
Councilwoman Phifer – Absent
Councilwoman Smallwood – Present
Councilwoman Carter- Present

We have a Quorum

- Motion to Adopt Agenda

Motion by Councilwoman Carter to adopt agenda with amendments -
Seconded by Councilwoman Eason

Councilwoman Diggs - Yes
Councilwoman Eason – Yes
Councilman Herring – Yes
Councilwoman Jenkins – Absent
Councilwoman Phifer – Absent
Councilwoman Carter- Yes
Councilwoman Smallwood – Yes
5 Yes 2 Absent
Agenda Approved

- Presentation
 - ✓ Goode Companies Recycling Presentation (not in attendance)
 - Pilot program that includes 300 addresses for larger recycle trash bins to reduce the amount of trash dates.

- Approval of Minutes
 - ✓ 12-08-2015 Regular Meeting
 - Councilman Herring asked for statement to be put back in the minutes.
 - Page 2 further statements are noted in the minutes.
 - Council President request that the Council Clerk offer explanation why the statement was deleted.
 - Council Clerk explains from information from Roberts Rules and MML the minutes are to be action/final decisions, and also need to be consistent of style with or without statements. However, the Council Clerk deleted the statement due to the request from a Council person.
 - Council President made final decision to have the Council Clerk to put the statement back in the minutes for consistency.

Motion by Councilman Herring to approve 12/08/2015 - Seconded by Councilwoman Smallwood

Councilwoman Diggs - Yes
Councilwoman Eason – Yes
Councilman Herring – Yes
Councilwoman Jenkins – Absent

Councilwoman Phifer – Absent
Councilwoman Smallwood – Yes
Councilwoman Carter- Yes
5 Yes 2 Absent
Passed

- Citizen Comments on Legislation (two minutes)
 - ✓ Hearing none/Seeing none
- Legislation
 - O-04-2015 An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of Glenarden Amending Chapter 71, “Fees”, to Enact Article III, “Debt Collection Fees and Charges”, §71-4, Authorization for Debt Collection Fees and Charges” to Authorize the City to Assess a Service Charge for Collection of Fines and Penalties **(Second Reading)**

Motion by Councilwoman Carter to adopt - Seconded by Councilman Herring

Councilwoman Diggs - No
Councilwoman Eason – No
Councilman Herring – Yes
Councilwoman Jenkins – Absent
Councilwoman Phifer – Absent
Councilwoman Carter- Yes
Councilwoman Smallwood – Yes

3 Yes 2 No’s 2 Absent
Failed (requires a super majority to pass)

- R-28-2015 A Resolution to Issue Building Permit for Quickway Hibachi Tenant Fit Out
Motion by Councilwoman Carter to adopt - Seconded by Councilman Herring

Councilwoman Diggs - Yes
Councilwoman Eason – Yes
Councilman Herring – Yes

Councilwoman Jenkins – Absent
Councilwoman Phifer – Absent
Councilwoman Carter- Yes
Councilwoman Smallwood – Yes

5 Yes 2 Absent

Passed

- R-31-2015 A Resolution Establishing Procedures for Collecting and Archiving Glenarden Historical Artifacts

Motion by Councilman Herring to adopt - Seconded by Councilwoman Carter

Councilwoman Diggs - Yes
Councilwoman Eason – Yes
Councilman Herring – Yes
Councilwoman Jenkins – Absent
Councilwoman Phifer – Absent
Councilwoman Carter- Yes
Councilwoman Smallwood – Yes

5 Yes 2 Absent

Passed

- R-32-2015 A Resolution for the Glenarden Veterans Memorial Expenses **(TABLED)**
- R-34-2015 A Resolution to Select the City Council Vice President **(moved to be first on agenda)**

Motion by Councilwoman Carter to adopt - Seconded by Councilman Herring

Councilwoman Diggs - Yes
Councilwoman Eason – Yes
Councilman Herring – Yes
Councilwoman Jenkins – Absent
Councilwoman Phifer – Absent
Councilwoman Carter- Yes
Councilwoman Smallwood – Yes

5 Yes 2 Absent

Passed

- R-35-2015 A Resolution to Issue a Building Permit for Navy Federal Credit Union Tenant Fit Out

Motion by Councilwoman Carter to adopt - Seconded by Councilman Herring

Councilwoman Diggs - Yes
Councilwoman Eason – Yes
Councilman Herring – Yes
Councilwoman Jenkins – Absent
Councilwoman Phifer – Absent
Councilwoman Carter- Yes
Councilwoman Smallwood – Yes

5 Yes 2 Absent

Passed

- R-37-2015 A Resolution To Approve A Contract With G.S. Proctor And Associates, Inc. For Professional Grant Writing And Application And Public Relations Services

Motion by Councilman Herring to adopt - Seconded by Councilwoman Carter

Councilwoman Diggs - Yes
Councilwoman Eason – Yes
Councilman Herring – Yes
Councilwoman Jenkins – Absent
Councilwoman Phifer – Absent
Councilwoman Carter- Yes
Councilwoman Smallwood – Abstain

4 Yes 1 Abstain 2 Absent

Passed

- R-38-2015 A Resolution To Approve A Settlement Agreement with Comcast of Maryland, Inc.

Motion by Councilwoman Carter to adopt - Seconded by Councilman Herring

Councilwoman Diggs - Abstain
Councilwoman Eason – Yes
Councilman Herring – Yes
Councilwoman Jenkins – Absent
Councilwoman Phifer – Absent
Councilwoman Carter - Yes
Councilwoman Smallwood – Yes
4 Yes 1 Abstain 2 Absent
Passed

- R-39-2015 A Resolution to Approve Extension of a Contract with GE Fielder and Associates **(TABLED)**
- Mayor’s Report (See Report)
 - ✓ Notes the Difference between a Resolution and an Ordinance
- City Manager’s Report (See Report)
 - ✓ MLK Park
 - ✓ Snow Removal – Going well and also ask for consideration from Council for a Salt Dome
 - ✓ Phones – issue with phones since January – are being addressed.
 - ✓ Copier – Present copier is extremely outdated, propose a color copier. Maintenance contract and toner is inclusive. A \$50 more for the new color copier. Administration would ask for a budget amendment to allow for the copier lease.
 - ✓ Gold Room Kitchen
 - ✓ Code Enforcement – refining its tracking and processing and customer service
 - ✓ Public Works – Doing all that is requested.

- ✓ All employees understand that they are here to serve.
- ✓ Gratis for Track club
 - Councilman Herring asked if the City Manager has received the 501 c from the Track Club.
 - Mr. Jones indicates he has not seen the information but believes the City has the 501 c., but does have the tax Identification information.
 - Councilman Herring asked the City Manager if he has submitted the list of organization that has applied for 501 c status for this year.
 - Mr. Jones responds he has not offered that information.
 - Councilman Herring ask City Manager if he has received re-certification from the organization on the list from R-120-2012.
 - Mr. Jones responds no organization as applied for re-certification.
 - Councilman Herring asked if the organization has shown proof of insurance, which is also a requirement.
 - Mr. Jones responds that the Gold Room Coordinator could answer that question.
 - Councilman Herring asked if the requirements have not been met and why are some Council members supporting this Gratis? And also notes to think about the liability to the City.
 - Councilwoman Diggs – Spoke to a former Councilmember that suggest “why not” give the Track Club Gratis for the Gold Room. The fundraiser is for a purpose – which is to raise funds

for the youths. Also notes, that the Council has given the Track Club gratis every year.

- Councilwoman Carter – notes that the Track Club offers nothing but pride c/o the City of Glenarden all over the country.
 - Continued extensive conversation.
- City Treasurer’s Report (See Report)
 - ✓ Auditors – planning to have the auditors back in the City within the next two weeks.
 - ✓ Will remove the “Draft” water marks from the report
 - ✓ Suspense reports will be removed
 - ✓ Gasoline bills have not been received or paid.
 - Councilwoman Eason – questions whether correspondence has been offered to the State of MD for FY 2013 and FY 2014 status.
 - Mr. Bratton – answers Councilwoman Eason question that correspondence was offered to the State in December, and followed up with a phone call.
 - Councilwoman Carter –requests to clear the suspense items; should not appear on the March reports.
 - Mr. Bratton - Auditors have received some of the information that was requested.
 - Chief of Police Report (See Report)
 - Citizen Comments/Questions (five minutes)
 - ✓ Mr. Leo Wilson – condolence to Marvin Wilson – fantastic mayor and person.

- Police Academy class is a good idea and request that residents do not begin to play Police.
- Questions whether gratis rules will be adhered to. Or change the rules.
- Councilwoman Jenkins arrive at 9:30pm
 - ✓ John Anderson – ADA compliance – with chair storage and wheelchair accessibility.
 - who is responsible for lights out / lights being replaced in the City
 - what is the procedure for Public Works regarding the Glenarden Parkway having leaves piles up near the bridge
 - Ken Jones – 504 requirements of the ADA Act, width is not in question, unaware of the door situation but will address.
 - The lights out question can be reported to either BGE or Code Enforcement with a pole number and the under block, and we can report it to BGE.
 - ✓ Mr. Anthony Powell – suggestion anyone who wants to use the Gold Room fill out the application, then to the Administration for approval, finally to the Council for a vote.
 - ✓ Ms. Marianne White – notes that it would be nice to have a report from Mr. Proctor, our prior used Lobbyist.
 - Treasurer – reconciled for 2012 and 2013 assumed it's been done. Records need to flow accordingly each year to move forward.
 - 4/3 vote looking at favoritism and not what the citizens desire.

- ✓ Mr. Winston – Rich history for the City of Glenarden – joining the communities of Eagle Harbor, North Brentwood and Fairmont Heights for black history month. Want to provide the residents services they deserve for the black history. Also, including the history from 1911-2011, which is 100 years. Parks and Planning is willing to work with the Glenarden Historical Society in having work session for the residents with a black history as a topic of discussion. Hopes to gain the support of the Council.
- ✓ Mr. Fielder – he has been with the track club for 30 years, and has received support for gratis for 25 years. Notes that past practice will hold up in court. The Track Club was on the gratis list; so who took them off the gratis list – a recertification letter has been sent every year.
- ✓ Perry Hampton – 350 kids and 20% come from the City of Glenarden that participate in the Track Club. Offers a suggestion that perhaps the State can assist with the funding issue. Otherwise the Council can work to facilitate this fundraiser with Mr. Fields. Find a plan for the track club to work cohesively to allow the kids to grow to be productive citizens.
- ✓ Mrs. Celestine Wilson – rules are set and we should abide by the rules. To over power and try to take charge is not the correct way to proceed in this manner. And the employees should not be placed in the discouraging position of the event being shut down and persons being arrested. Suggest that the four councilmembers that voted for the gratis being held responsible for the possible shut down of the event and possibility of being arrested. Suggest that the Council and

Mr. Fields go back to the drawing board and discuss a plan to allow this event to move forward.

- ✓ Councilwoman Carter announce that Councilwoman Phifer had a death in family – apologize for her absence.
 - Issue and statement made at the December meeting, indicating that Councilwoman Carter that she couldn't find emails and that she was being accused of not being honest. Attorney noted in an email that she did not right CR-01-2015 and will show it to residents.
 - ✓ Councilwoman Jenkins – when we put a vote on floor it is simply the wishes of the Council and does not have law-backing power. Ordinances are law.
 - ✓ Carolyn Smallwood – Offer condolences to Mr. Wilson's family and Councilwoman Phifer Family.
- Adjourn at 10:15pm

Submitted By:

Toni Taylor, Council Clerk