



City of Glenarden  
Regular Meeting  
March 10, 2015 - 7:30PM  
Minutes

Councilwoman – Carolyn Smallwood  
Councilwoman – Deborah Eason  
Councilwoman – Elaine Carter  
Councilwoman – Judy Diggs  
Councilman – James Herring  
Councilwoman – Jennifer Jenkins  
Councilwoman – Maxine Phifer  
Mayor Dennis C. Smith  
City Manager – Kenneth Jones  
Treasurer – Alvin Bratton

- Call to Order at 7:32PM
- Invocation led by Rev. Gray
- Roll Call

Councilwoman Carter – Present  
Councilwoman Diggs - Present  
Councilman Herring – Present  
Councilwoman Jenkins – Late Arrival  
Councilwoman Phifer – Present  
Councilwoman Eason - Present  
Councilwoman Smallwood – Late arrival 9:23pm

**We have a Quorum**

- Motion to Adopt Agenda
  - ✓ Councilwoman Cater motion to adopt the agenda - Seconded by Councilwoman Phifer

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

- Presentation
  - ✓ Joyce Butler – Veterans Memorial Committee – not in attendance
  - ✓ Goode – Recycle Program
    - Offer 200 -300 homes to take participate in the pilot program
    - Offer the citizens what is acceptable and not acceptable in the recycle bins
    - Offer back door and front door service for seniors
    - Six month trial period for the pilot program
    - Survey will be offered to residents and offered to the Council
    - If approved the pilot program will commence 30 days after approval
    - Mr. Estes notes the WTC homes already have a recycle program
    - Will re-negotiate the contract if the program is approved
    - The program goal is to promote City savings from the recycle program with less trash pick-up dates
- Approval of Minutes
  - ✓ 12-15-2014 Special Work Session
  - ✓ 12-15-2014 Budget Hearing
  - ✓ 12-16-2014 Special Work Session

Councilman Herring motion to approve all the minutes - Seconded by Councilwoman Diggs

Councilwoman Carter notes that she was absent at the 12-15- 2014 Special Work Session and the 12-15-2014 Budget Hearing

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

- Citizens Comments on Legislation (two minutes)
  - ✓ Mr. Leo Wilson – R-44-2015 questions why this legislation is coming forth the day before the court date. Allow the case go to court and have the judge to make a final decision.
  - ✓ Ms. Robin Jones regarding R-44-2015, states she received a letter from the Election Board and the letter notes that if she feel grievance from the Election board, this can be taken to court. The Council decided to take it to court. With that being said, she asks why the legislation is coming forth the day before court.
  - ✓ Mr. John Anderson notes that this case is wrong in his opinion and questions whether this was not done correctly. States that the Election Board approved Councilwoman Jenkins.
  - ✓ Ms. Marianne White –Not feeling good about R-44-2015 should move ahead, justice will be given to the residents by the Judge.
  
- Legislation

- ✓ R-40-2015 A Resolution to Issue Building Permits for Construction of Two-Over-Two's Townhouses on Twenty-Four Lots in the Woodmore Towne Centre at Glenarden

Motion by Councilman Herring to adopt - Seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins

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

**6 Yes**

**Passed**

- ✓ R-41-2015 A Resolution to Issue Building Permits for Construction of Single Family Dwellings on Fourteen Lots in the Woodmore Towne Centre at Glenarden and DR Horton Club House

Motion by Councilwoman Jenkins to adopt with amendments - Seconded by Councilwoman Carter

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

**6 Yes**

**Passed**

- ✓ R-42-2015 A Resolution to Approve a Contract with Signal Outdoor Advertising, LLC, for Installation and Maintenance of Bus Shelters and other amenities **(TABLED)**

- Contract will terminate at the end of March - And Signal Outdoor will cease to maintain the City bus shelters. However, Signal Outdoor has agreed to continue to maintain the shelters for the next 60 days.
- Ms. Niemeyer, General Manager c/o Signal Outdoor, office located in Capital Heights, is willing to discuss with the Council at a future Work Session meeting.

Mayor Smith notes that this legislation should be an ordinance not a resolution.

Councilwoman Carter motion to table the legislation – Seconded by Councilwoman Eason

City Manager asks the Council to reconsider the action of Tabling the legislation at this time – due that the contract can be modified to their satisfaction.

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

**5 Yes 1 No**

**Tabled**

- ✓ R-44-2015 A Resolution to Authorize the Dismissal of City of Glenarden, et al. v. Jennifer Jenkins, Civil Action No. CAL 14-00414

Motion by Councilwoman Carter to adopt - Seconded by Councilwoman Phifer

Councilwoman Carter offers a written speech to ask the Council to have the Council stand in support for dismissal of the court action.

Councilman Herring notes that five Councilmembers voted for this action, move forward to court. Which was himself, Councilwoman Phifer, Councilwoman Smallwood, Councilwoman Eason and Councilwoman Diggs.

Councilwoman Phifer notes that she was going to run against Councilwoman Jenkins and she did say Councilwoman Jenkins did not live in Glenarden, however, she discovered that it was lawful for Councilwoman Jenkins to run for the Ward seat, and Councilwoman Phifer did not want to run against her. Also, notes that the vote was for Council to take the Charter Resolution to a judge for a declaratory judgment.

Councilwoman Jenkins offers that the procedure to take this to court was not done correctly. Council decided to take the matter to court – from a closed meeting vote – later in a meeting asked by the Attorney, whether to move forward and the vote was: Mayor Smith voted (no), Councilwoman Carter (no), Councilwoman Phifer (no) and Councilwoman Jenkins (no); which is a majority vote of four. Also, notes that procedure was not done incorrectly due to legal monies needs to be added to the legal line items requires an ordinance to spend over budget for legal matters. Has never denied she has ownership of a house in Springdale, however, the address on Glenarden Parkway is her home.

Councilman Herring notes that Councilwoman Jenkins needs to recluse herself on this matter.

Councilwoman Diggs – Abstain  
Councilwoman Eason – Abstain  
Councilman Herring – Abstain  
Councilwoman Jenkins – Pass  
Councilwoman Phifer – Yes  
Councilwoman Carter- Yes  
Councilwoman Smallwood – Late Arrival  
**2 Yes 3 Abstain**  
**Failed**

- Mayor's Report –
  - Modification for the WTC conceptual site plan
  - Mixture of Residential and Commercial
  - Previous error was the Landover Mall with low income in close proximity of the mall – the concept does not work
  - City of Glenarden in for the long haul
  - Over 11,000 cars entering and exiting the WTC over the weekends
  - We want to hold on to the conceptual cite plan as it is with no revisions
  - And the residents should contact the County Council Representatives, County Executive Office and Parks and Planning staffing to voice the needs of the City.
    - ✓ Councilman Herring agrees with the Mayor 100%
    - ✓ Planning board is waiting for comments from the City
    - ✓ Councilwoman Phifer – The County Council will make the final decision. Perhaps what was good 10 years ago may not be good today.
  - Councilwoman Jenkins – Track Club Gratis was approved by the Council, on the date of the event it was snow/ice and was cancelled by the Track Club.
  - The Track Club did not want a “rain date” to reschedule their event.
  
- City Manager's Report – (See Report)

- ✓ Did not attempt to cancel the contract for the Track Club gratis.
- Councilwoman Jenkins excuses herself from the meeting.
  - ✓ Sinking whole does not contain hazardous materials; however, it is getting worse due to the snow.
  - ✓ The City is waiting for the weather to improve to dig out the sink hole.
  - ✓ Mr. Leo Wilson questions what is currently occurring for salary raises for the employees who have not been compensated for an extended period of time.
    - Mr. Jones, City Manager, responds to say that a salary study is being conducted - Committee members for this study is Councilwoman Carter, Treasurer, Mr. Bratton and City Manager, Mr. Jones – should be ready by the 2016 FY budget. Council as a whole is working for the best interest of the employees.
  - ✓ Mr. John Anderson – questions who is responsible for the snow removal on Glenarden Parkway near the bridge – Suggests that the Council should take note whom is responsible for the snow removal.
    - The City telephones need to be repaired immediately.
    - Also, voices that City of Glenarden should inform the County Council and County Executive that the conceptual plan should not be changed.
    - MLK Site engineering firm was brought in to access the City's liability.

- ✓ Mr. Rubin Reid offers a statement that the seniors still require chairs with arms in the nutrition center area of the City building. Also, he request to City Manager to have a plan of improvements and services for the residents.
- Chief of Police Report – See Report
  - ✓ Police Academy to begin on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
    - Counterfeit money being passed at the Woodmore Shopping Center
- City Treasurer’s Report – see report
  - ✓ Auditors have been assigned to the City of Glenarden to complete the audit
  - ✓ Personnel property tax - \$122K received FY2013 and FY2014
  - ✓ Treasurer will research who are the bank signers for Mercantile and Chevy Chase bank accounts
  - ✓ Auditors are doing an electronic analysis
  - ✓ Councilwoman Phifer – notes that there has been no expenditures for gasoline
    - County offers that they have a new accounting system and the last bill was in June 2014 – no bills have not been generated
  - ✓ Special event discrepancy -\$17,548 – and the City has only had tw3o events
    - Request for more accurate reports
    - Woodmore Community Space needs a line item for accurate reports

- Council offers that if the Finance office need help – please make the request to have extra assistance
- Citizen’s Comments/Questions (five minutes)
- Mr. Wilson – accolades for Mr. Helper with the snow removal
  - Spoke on the letter that was passed out in the February regular meeting
- Mr. Powell what are we doing to preserve the city surplus?
  - ✓ Council Carter –notes that for a few years now that she has asked surplus monies to be placed in a separate investment account.
- Ms. Marianne White – regarding the case of Council vs. Jennifer Jenkins tomorrow judgment and justice will be done.
  - ✓ Next city election
  - ✓ Election Board?
  - ✓ State aware we do not have an election board?
- Mr. John Anderson – election board resigned from all the confusion.
  - ✓ Councilwoman Jenkins certified by the election board
- Mr. Rubin Reid – inquires on the status of hiring a City Attorney
  - ✓ Selection will be made shortly for the City Attorney Position
  - ✓ Wants all legislation repealed regarding removal of powers from Mayor Smith
- Councilwoman Carter – references Section 707(a-d) Ward representation
- Adjourn 11:23pm

Submitted by:

Toni Taylor, Council Clerk