



City of Glenarden  
Regular Meeting  
April 13, 2015 - 7:30PM  
Minutes

Attendees:

Vice Chair – Deborah Eason  
Councilwoman – Elaine Carter  
Councilwoman – Judy Diggs  
Councilman – James Herring  
Councilwoman – Maxine Phifer  
Mayor Dennis Smith  
City Manager – Kenneth Jones  
Treasurer – Alvin Bratton

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

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

**We have a Quorum**

- Motion to Adopt Agenda

Motion by Councilman Herring to adopt agenda - Seconded by  
Councilwoman Carter

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

- Approval of Minutes

01-05-2015 Work Session  
01-12-2015 Regular Meeting  
01-20-2015 Special Work Session  
01-27-2015 Special Work Session  
02-02-2015 Work Session  
02-09-2015 Regular Meeting  
03-02-2015 Work Session  
03-10-2015 Regular Meeting  
03-17-2015 Special Work Session  
03-20-2015 Special Meeting

Motion by Councilman Herring to approve minutes - Seconded by  
Councilwoman Carter

Councilwoman Diggs - Yes  
Councilwoman Eason - Yes  
Councilman Herring - Yes  
Councilwoman Jenkins - Absent  
Councilwoman Phifer - Yes  
Councilwoman Smallwood - Absent  
Councilwoman Carter - Yes  
**5 Yes 2 Absent**  
**Minutes Approved**

- Citizens Comments on Legislation (two minutes)

- Leo Wilson speaks on O-05-2015 and notes that the Margaret Dade case as an example that the Councilmember pay their own legal fees.

- Legislation

O-05-2015 An Ordinance to Amend the City of Glenarden's Budget for FY 2015 to Authorize the Payment of Certain Legal Fees **(First Reading)**

R-39-2015 An Emergency Resolution to Approve Extension of a Contract with GE Fielder and Associates

Councilwoman Carter has a concern with legislation's title and that the City Manager or Mayor should be signing off on the contract/document(s).

Motion by Councilwoman Carter to adopt - Seconded by Councilwoman Eason

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

**5 Yes 2 Absent**

**Approved**

R-42-2015 A Resolution to Approve a Contract with Signal Outdoor Advertising, LLC, for Installation and Maintenance of Bus Shelters and Other Amenities

Motion by Councilwoman Phifer to adopt - Seconded by Councilwoman Carter

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

### **Councilwoman Carolyn Smallwood Arrival to Meeting**

- Mayor's Report
  - City Program Police Academy – Goal to ensure the City has a reduction in crime.
    - Glenarden track club did not have the event at city hall due to snow – deposit for \$500 should be refunded
    - In the case of snow (act of God) the deposit of \$500 should be returned to the Track Club. The City of Glenarden does not have a provision for Act of God. Request the check signers to sign the check for the full \$500 for a full refund. Four of the Councilmembers agreed for this to occur.
    - Councilwoman Smallwood – asking for only \$400 be refunded, due to the Gold Room Staff members need to be paid.
    - Councilwoman Phifer states the Gold Room Staff have already been paid.
    - City Manager, Ken Jones notes that he was called to cancel the event at 3 pm, due to the parking lot and the streets being a driving hazard from the ice storm for that day. Mr. Jones also offers to pay the \$100 difference to resolve the matter. In

addition, Mr. Jones notes he will have the City Attorney to amend the Gold Room contract for a comprehensive refund policy.

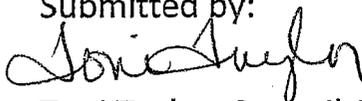
- City Manager's Report (see report)
  - Glenarden Apartments development
    - To date does not have communication with Howard Ways or the Development firm. Mr. Jones will ask for input and to move the next meeting to the Gold Room and for the meeting to be televised.
    - Developer's Survey questionnaire is available and is on the City of Glenarden's website.
- Chief of Police Report (see report)
  - 7800 of Piedmont (Ward I) burglary took place
  - Councilwoman Phifer request Chief of Police to announce any 7<sup>th</sup> street meetings
- City Treasurer's Report (see report)
  - Auditors scheduled to come in next week
  - Revenues
    - Temporary employees – Mr. Bratton states that Finance could use additional assistance
    - Currently in discussion – Part-Time Fiscal Assistant to make the position full time
    - Councilwoman Phifer ask to see a plan/tasks
    - Councilwoman Diggs request that the Finance office be brought current

- Citizen's Comments/Questions (five minutes)
  - John Anderson – who is responsible for counter suite on liability -
    - Councilwoman Smallwood responds that the City is the responsible party
    - Mr. Anderson request a legal opinion
    - MLK building status
    - Notices for meetings
  - Leo Wilson – notes that Councilwoman Jenkins is carrying the Ladova Way address
    - Also ask the Mayor does he support the Treasurer - No response.
  - Robin Jones offers her opinion that Councilwoman Jenkins does not live in the City of Glenarden.
    - The transcripts of the case regarding the Councilwoman Jenkins are available to the public at the County Courthouse.
    - Ms. Jones also offers that the City should not pay for the legal fees incurred by Councilwoman Jenkins.
  - Anthony Powell asked what is the City doing with the budget surplus – wants the City to look at the last 3 yrs. Suggests that the City needs to reduce what we can and save money by best practices.
    - Also asked about the foreclosure homes and if the City is tracking the numbers.
  - Marianne White – states the city motto “City on the Move,” Need elevator installed, roof repaired, etc.

- Celestine Wilson – Concerns regarding Ward I meetings concerning playground equipment. States that the At Large representatives should participate in the meetings. Feel that the At Large elected officials do not want to represent Ward I.
  - Councilwoman Diggs notes that the MLK site is heavy on her heart. That she has spoken to the Council President regarding the rehabilitating the MLK building.
  - Councilwoman Phifer notes that she was not notified in a timely manner to attend the MLK site building meeting(s) - and that she does support the MLK site 100%. Constructive safe place for the children to play.

- Adjourn at 9:30PM

Submitted by:



Toni Taylor, Council Clerk