



City of Glenarden
Work Session
June 1, 2015 - 7:00PM
Minutes

Attendees:

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

- Call to Order at 7:00PM
- Invocation led by Rev. Gray
- Roll Call

Councilwoman Diggs – Late Arrival
Councilwoman Eason – Present
Councilman Herring – Present
Councilwoman Jenkins – Present
Councilwoman Phifer – Late Arrival
Councilwoman Carter - Present
Councilwoman Smallwood – Present
We have a quorum

- Motion to Adopt Agenda

- Councilman Herring motion to adopt the agenda with amendments, to decide which Ordinance is to be used .331. or .336 for Personal Property tax Emergency or Non-Emergency Ordinance, and add a request from the Seniors wanting to use the Gold Room for Senior Activities during the summer months; remove O-06-2015 from the agenda and add a resolution to Appoint Arlene Boateng to the Glenarden Board of Elections - Councilwoman Carter Seconded

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

Agenda Approved

- Presentation

- Lawrence Winston - Glenarden Pride Project
 - Community Legacy and Presentation hand-outs offered – (see attached)
 - Council offers that Glenarden Historical Society present further information to Council and Residents – Date to Be Determined

- Legislation

O-06-2015 – An Ordinance to Adopt a Budget for the City of Glenarden for FY 2016 **(Removed)**

R-51-2015 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Glenarden, Maryland to Break for Recess

Will Come to the Floor

R-52-2015 – A Resolution to Select the City Council President

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R-53-2015 – A Resolution to Select the City Vice Council President

Will Come to the Floor

Councilwoman Jenkins – requested a legal opinion regarding City of Glenarden not having a full election committee.

Councilwoman Smallwood questions the Council to offer their option to choice from the four Ordinances regarding .331 and .336. One is an emergency and the other a non-emergency. The Budget portion of the ordinance is not being addressed and needs to be removed from the Ordinance.

Council will use O-05-2013 to be used as the template for the 2016 tax rate. Which tax rate .336 or .331?

Councilwoman Phifer indicates that the State request the .331 from the residents.

Councilwoman Smallwood indicated to use the .336 tax rate.

Mayor wants to maintain the current rate of .336 to address the City's needs.

Councilwoman Carter wants to maintain the current rate of .336. Wants to improve the Public Works Department and the new housing.

Councilwoman Eason does not agree to lower the tax rate and her concern is that Council needs to be a good steward of the City's money.

Non-Emergency Ordinance for .336 will come to the floor and if it fails modify to .331.

- Mayor's Report
 - Working on making sure the City of Glenarden is safe.
 - Suggest an anonymous tip line for citizens.

- Councilwoman Jenkins speaks for a citizen that has fence damage due to neighboring house weeds overgrowing into the citizen's yard/fence, and offers the Administration to respond to the all citizens issues/complaints etc.
- Warning notices for offenses that need to be resolved for property owners, is suggested by Councilwoman Diggs with accountability or supporting documentation.
- Councilwoman Jenkins offers that a plan be in place, prior to incoming season.
- City Manager's Report (No Report Offered)
 - Core hours are a part of his City Manager Contract 8:30am until 5:00pm. However, City Manager offers he works outside of those parameters; such as late nights and weekends.
 - Councilwoman Carter notes the Charter requires a monthly report from the City Manager.
 - City Manager offers a monthly report by mid-week.
 - Councilwoman Carter requests a Closed Meeting after the current meeting.

- Consensus for a Closed meeting:

Carter – Yes

Diggs – Yes

Jenkins – Yes

Smallwood – No

Eason – No

Herring – No

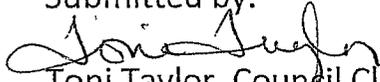
Phifer – Yes

4 Yes 3 No's

Closed meeting will occur

- Chief of Police Report (See report)
 - Dead body discovered in the City – Person discovered was arrested for a murder committed on the border of Glenarden, months earlier. Suspect for this weekend murder is still being investigated and suspect is being apprehended.
 - Second incident was a family reunion and they were hosting a crab feast at the Ardmore Ardwick Community Center.
 - Ardmore Goons were a part of the shooting.
 - The family of the crab feast was not injured from the shooting.
- City Treasurer's Report (See report)
- Topic of Discussion
 - Reimbursement (not discussed)
 - Community Legacy Grant and the Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Funds (not discussed)
- Adjourned at 9:25pm

Submitted by:


Toni Taylor, Council Clerk