



City of Glenarden
Organizational Meeting
September 8, 2014 at 6:30PM
Agenda

Council President – Carolyn Smallwood
Council Vice President - Elaine Carter
Councilwoman – Deborah Eason
Councilwoman – Maxine Phifer

- Call to Order at 6:33PM
- Invocation led in Silent Prayer
- Roll Call

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

We have a Quorum

Councilwoman Phifer states that this Organizational Meeting is illegal, and should not be done after June of each year.

Councilwoman Carter states that the Council President can call a meeting and that is her Council President rights.

Councilwoman Smallwood had suggested that the Council wait for a full Council in attendance of the meeting to vote for Council President and Council Vice President.

Councilwoman Carter does not agree with that suggestion. That the meeting needs to move forward and not postpone the Organizational Meeting. Also, a nomination for someone that is not in attendance of the meeting can be done.

Councilwoman Smallwood stated a nominated person does need to be in attendance of this meeting, because they need to be here to accept.

Councilwoman Phifer notes that the Council should move forward with the meeting.

- Motion to Adopt Agenda

Motion by Councilwoman Carter to adopt agenda - Seconded by Councilwoman Phifer

Councilwoman Diggs - Absent
Councilwoman Eason – Yes
Councilman Herring – Absent
Councilwoman Phifer – Yes
Councilwoman Smallwood – Yes
Councilwoman Carter- Yes
Councilwoman Jenkins – Absent
4 Yes 3 Absent

- Legislation

- R-06-2015 A Resolution to Select the City Council President

- Councilwoman Eason – nominates Councilwoman Smallwood as Council President Elect
- Councilwoman Smallwood accepts nomination
- Councilwoman Carter asked that the nominations be closed with the one candidate.

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

Councilwoman Carter- Yes

3 Yes 1 Abstain 3 Absent

Councilwoman Smallwood Elect Council President

Will Come to the Floor

▪ Selection was Councilwoman Carolyn Smallwood

- Councilwoman Phifer nominate Councilwoman Carter as Council Vice President Elect– Councilwoman Carter accepts the nomination

Councilwoman Diggs - Absent

Councilwoman Eason – No

Councilman Herring – Absent

Councilwoman Jenkins – Absent

Councilwoman Phifer – Yes

Councilwoman Smallwood – Abstain

Councilwoman Carter - Yes

2 Yes 1 No 1 Abstain 3 Absent

Councilwoman Carter Elect Council Vice President

Will Come to the Floor

Councilwoman Eason nominates herself as Council Vice President

Councilwoman Diggs - Absent

Councilwoman Eason – Yes

Councilman Herring – Absent

Councilwoman Jenkins – Absent

Councilwoman Phifer – No

Councilwoman Carter- No

Councilwoman Smallwood – Yes

2 Yes 2 No's 3 Absent

Councilwoman Eason does not receive the vote for Elect Vice Council President

- R-07-2015 A Resolution to Select the City Vice President

- Selection was Councilwoman Elaine Carter

Will Come to the Floor

- Topic of Discussion
 - Establish Council Procedures & Rules

Councilwoman Carter asked does any Councilmember object to Council offering a statement with a vote on legislation.

Councilwoman Eason offers that Councilwoman Jenkins request for opinions on the floor should only be done at work sessions, and adds that she does not have a problem with a statement along with individual vote.

Legislation for the selection of Council President and Council Vice President will be on the Floor tonight's meeting. With the majority present deciding the vote.

Councilwoman Phifer also offers to be united as a whole Council.

Councilwoman Phifer asked that the citizen's comments be changed from 5 five (5) minutes to two (2) minutes.

Councilwoman Carter suggests that if a resident ask Council questions that a written response be offered.

Councilwoman Eason states we should answer the citizen question as one whole body as a Council.

Councilwoman Phifer offer a suggestion to have Council President write the answer – and the council review it.

Councilwoman Smallwood needs to write the letter for Anthony Long.

- Adjourn at 7:22PM

Submitted By:


Toni Taylor, Council Clerk