



**City of Glenarden
Regular Meeting
October 14, 2014 - 7:30PM
Minutes**

Council President – Carolyn Smallwood
Councilwoman - Elaine Carter
Councilwoman – Deborah Eason
Councilman – James Herring
Councilwoman - Jennifer Jenkins
Mayor Dennis C. Smith
Temporary City Manager – Kenneth Jones Jr.
Temporary Treasurer – Alvin Bratton

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

Councilwoman Diggs - Absent
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

Councilwoman Carter request for R-12-2015 and R-13-2015 be removed from the agenda – was never brought forth at the October 6th Work Session meeting - **denied**

Councilwoman Smallwood notes that two legislations are corrections of the legislation to include the individual names for the two positions.

Councilman Herring request to remove CR-01-2015 from the agenda – the revisions have not been offered from the Council Attorney - **granted**

Councilwoman Smallwood notes that Joyce Butler will not be able to present due to injury.

Motion by Councilman Eason to adopt agenda with the granted amendments - Seconded by Councilman Herring

Councilwoman Diggs – Absent
Councilwoman Eason – Yes
Councilman Herring – Yes
Councilwoman Jenkins – Abstain
Councilwoman Phifer – Yes
Councilwoman Carter – No
Councilwoman Smallwood- Yes
4 Yes 1 No 1 Abstain
Agenda Approved

Councilwoman Smallwood not feeling well and calls for a 10 minute Recess – to decide on a President Pro Temp in her absence at this meeting

Councilwoman Carter will be acting President Pro Temp

- Presentation
 - Joyce Butler and Lamont Hepler – Veteran Memorial Updates (**not in attendance**)
- Approval of Minutes
 - 09-02-2014 Work Session
 - 09-08-2014 Organizational Meeting
 - 09-08-2014 Regular Meeting
 - 09-23-2014 Special Work Session

- 09-23-2014 Special Meeting

Motion by Councilman Herring to approve all minutes - Seconded by Councilwoman Eason

Councilwoman Diggs – Absent

Councilwoman Eason – Yes

Councilman Herring – Yes

Councilwoman Jenkins – Yes

Councilwoman Phifer – Yes

Councilwoman Carter – Yes

Councilwoman Smallwood- Excused from Meeting

5 Yes

Minutes Approved

- Citizens Comments on Legislation (two minutes)

Mrs. Maryann White – concern with CR-01-2015, which was removed from the agenda

- Legislation

- CR-01-2015 A Charter Resolution to Amend Article V “City Manager”, Section 503, “City Powers and duties.” Article IV “The Mayor, Section 404, “Powers and duties generally.” Article IX, “Personnel”, Section 901, “Authority to employ personnel.” Article VIII, “Finance”, Section 802, “Powers and duties of Treasurer”. – **REMOVED FROM AGENDA**

- O-01-2015 Amending the Franchise Agreement With Comcast of Maryland, Inc. To Ratify and Extend The Franchise Agreement
(Second Reading)

Motion by Councilman Herring to approve - Seconded by Councilwoman Eason

Councilwoman Diggs – Absent

Councilwoman Eason – Yes

Councilman Herring – Yes

Councilwoman Jenkins – Yes
Councilwoman Phifer – Yes
Councilwoman Carter – Yes
Councilwoman Smallwood- Excused from Meeting

5 Yes

Passed

- R-12-2015 A Resolution to authorize Robert Half International, Inc. to Provide Personnel on a Temporary Basis to Perform Certain Duties of the City Manager and to Authorize Kenneth M. Jones, Jr. to Act as the Temporary City Manager

Motion by Councilman Herring to approve with amendment -
Seconded by Councilwoman Eason

Councilwoman Diggs – Absent
Councilwoman Eason – Yes
Councilman Herring – Yes
Councilwoman Jenkins – walked away
Councilwoman Phifer – Yes
Councilwoman Carter – Yes
Councilwoman Smallwood- Excused from Meeting

4 Yes

Passed

- R-13-2015 A Resolution to Authorize Robert half International, Inc., to Provide Personnel on a Temporary Basis to Perform Certain Duties of the City Treasurer and to Authorize Alvin A. Bratton to Act as the Temporary Treasurer

Motion by Councilman Herring to approve with amendment -
Seconded by Councilwoman Eason

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

Councilwoman Jenkins – walked away
Councilwoman Phifer – Yes
Councilwoman Carter – Yes
Councilwoman Smallwood- Excused from Meeting
4 Yes
Passed

- Mayor's Report -
 - Rebuilt/Repaired Bridge - Public Works department and a volunteer rebuilt and repaired the bridge
 - Glenarden day – successful over a 1000 citizens in attendance / \$500 for food, \$150 for flyers and \$1100 for banner to advertise the event, which is multi duty banner to be used again next year
 - Bridge on beltway - will be contacting the State due to weeds growing on the fence - Ward III
 - Mayor notes that a Resolution is an intent, not law
 - Councilman Herring – bridge project was held up for a year – public works completed the repair of bridge in 4 days / Materials cost \$400
 - Councilwoman Phifer notes that the Mayor is a part-time Mayor
- City Manager's Report (See Report)
 - Bridge rebuilt by Public Works with Mr. Hepler offering his expertise
 - Roof – needs to be fixed as soon as possible- additional estimates received. MEA grant can assist with the repair of the roof, grant expires December 31st. Will speak to Council on their wishes.

- Dellwood Avenue – flooding on street, Department of Environment reviewed the site
- Flags and Poles – flags in a bad state and flag poles need repair – poles repaired and ordered three flags
- Empowerment Zone - Glenarden Apartments is in the Empowerment Zone, goal is to attract high-end businesses to the area by offering tax breaks incentives
- TSPEC – New server coming soon- offering to streamline cost with the payment of equipment upfront – to accept this discount awaiting Council wishes
- Staff recruitment – Reception position is filled
- Staff Accountant – Sharon Ross doing an excellent job as of 09/15 is now a permanent employee
- Fiscal Assistant - has been advertised and reviewing the resumes
- VA Park – water meter was needed and Councilwoman Smallwood helped this project to be completed
- Snow Contract - writing the specifications for an invitation to bid
- Gold room AC – the City has not met the threshold of the deductible from LGIT to submit a claim
- Senior needs - broken vending machine removed, computer to relocate and a coat rack for the nutrition center and for the guest at the Council regular meeting
- WSSC – Ward I water main replacement project – repave the entire street after finish the replacement project

- Tree planning – will be addressing the residents to take out evasive species and tree stumps in the City
- Q & A
 - Elevator status – need to pursue a claim with legal representation to pursue the bond
 - Make the residents aware of the Glenarden Apartment demolition – Commence by the end of October until approximately six months
 - FBI building – the Landover Mall cite – and three other locations, Oct 2 at meeting to talk to developers. Comments due (scoping period) what things are important to you up until October 23rd
 - Councilwoman Carter – speak to code enforcement officers – abandoned cars, renovation work being done, building going on where there may not be building permits, more diligent of inspection of the City. Rental property and multi-family housing, check on these issues – any resident have concerns please call City Hall
 - Councilwoman Phifer – notes the status on sidewalks in Ward I - Ken Jones viewed with Public Works and requires public safety first with standards of repair of the sidewalks
- Chief of Police Report (See Report) offered by Lt. Jackson
 - Drive by update – investigation is ongoing

- Sunday this past fired shot on Cousins Drive – one person was in the house and not harmed, no suspect and had evidence recovered
- City Treasurer’s Report (See Report)
 - Budget –Administration is preparing 2015 budget
 - Audit – 2012 and 2013 preparation is moving along –same as before
 - Working on billing for personal property
- Citizen’s Comments/Questions (two minutes)
 - Mr. John Anderson – Plan for the maintenance of the VA Memorial , such as parking and lighting for the memorial – Currently under discussion, and the up-keep is fairly minimum
 - Plans for the Landover site to become annex into the city. The City is desirous to the annex that property into Glenarden
 - Elevator – great need for the building for residents to have access to the administration
 - Roof- already repaired the roof 8 to 10 times – will engage with consultant
 - Mr. Perry Hampton – Glad to see unity is here with the Council and Administration. Now the Mayor, City Manager and Treasurer can move forward.
 - Mrs. Celestine Wilson – notes on the comment from Councilwoman Phifer made regarding the Mayor being a part-time Mayor – we don’t want to give the Mayor a pass because he is a part-time Mayor. Also,

notes that we have a good treasurer, and good City Manager – seem to be working hard to have the city to be on the move.

- Ms. Maryann White – Thanks Public Works for the repair of the bridge, and suggest Public Works keep the trees trimmed back by the bridge for the safety of the residents.
 - Request that if you are recording the meetings ask permission for the recording of meetings.
 - Term limits – was not done appropriately, citizens have the last word in changing the Charter – term limit belong the people.
- Mr. Leo Wilson – Mayor should adhere to the rules of the Charter.
 - Treasurer and City Manager are doing a fantastic job.
 - Councilwoman Smallwood is doing the job the Mayor should be doing.
- Mr. Melvin Fields – Notes if the Council has made a decision on the Track Club Gold Room gratis request – No decision has been made
 - Woodmore Town Center at Glenarden – Explain in the royalties owed to the City - The City received property taxes, real property tax and business license fees, that is in the budget. Mr. Fields notes that he has cracks in the sidewalk in front of his home and dead trees, and he should not have these issues in the city.
 - Kenneth Jones – offers that these concerns will be addressed and that he has a capital strategy plan in mind.
- Councilwoman Jenkins – Responding to a question from the previous Council Meeting regarding other charge on the tax bill - \$301 = \$236 for

sanitation and \$65 lighting Collected by the county and have been collecting this amount for 20 years.

- Councilwoman Phifer – Reminder to Vote on November 4th - Early vote commences on October 23-30, 2014. If supporting Lt. Governor Anthony Brown for Governor volunteers are requested- office at the Lake Arbor shopping center
- Councilwoman Carter – Notes to the citizens that the audio and video of the broadcast of today’s meeting went across the air better.
- Adjourn at 9:35PM

Submitted By:

Toni Taylor, Council Clerk