



City of Glenarden
Regular Meeting
December 8, 2014 - 7:30PM
Minutes

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

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

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

We have a Quorum

- Motion to Adopt Agenda

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

Councilwoman Diggs - Yes
Councilwoman Eason – Yes
Councilman Herring – Yes
Councilwoman Jenkins – Yes
Councilwoman Phifer – Yes
Councilwoman Carter- No
Councilwoman Smallwood – Yes
6 Yes 1 No

Agenda Approved

Councilwoman Carter notes that the gratis request for the Track Club to use the Gold Room is not on the agenda.

Councilwoman Smallwood notes that the Track Club paid the Gold Room fee, which is why the gratis request is off the agenda.

- Approval of Minutes
 - 11-03-2014
 - 11-08-2014

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

Councilwoman Diggs – Abstain
Councilwoman Eason – Yes
Councilman Herring – Yes
Councilwoman Jenkins – Yes
Councilwoman Phifer – Yes
Councilwoman Carter – Yes
Councilwoman Smallwood - Yes
6 Yes 1 Abstain

Approved

- Citizens Comments on Legislation (two minutes)
 - One citizen spoke in opposition to CR-01-2015

Councilwoman Carter motion to grant the Glenarden Track Club gratis for the February affair, Seconded by Councilwoman Phifer

Councilman Herring motion to table the motion to grant the Glenarden Track Club gratis, Seconded by Councilwoman Smallwood

Councilwoman Diggs – Abstain
 Councilwoman Eason – Abstain
 Councilman Herring – Yes
 Councilwoman Jenkins – No
 Councilwoman Phifer – No
 Councilwoman Carter – No
 Councilwoman Smallwood – Yes
 2 Yes 3 No’s 2 Abstain

To Table Motion: Failed

Vote for the Gratis Request

Councilwoman Diggs – Yes
 Councilwoman Eason – Abstain
 Councilman Herring – No
 Councilwoman Jenkins – Yes
 Councilwoman Phifer – Yes
 Councilwoman Carter – Yes
 Councilwoman Smallwood – No
 4 Yes 2 No’s 1 Abstain

Passed

Councilman Herring notes a resolution needs to be on the floor to approve this gratis.

- Legislation
 - O-04-2015 An Ordinance Of the Mayor and Council of the City of Glenarden Amending Chapter 71, “Fees”, to Enact Article III, “Debt

Collection Fees and Charges”, §71-4, Authorization for Debt Collection Fees and Charges” to Authorize the City to Assess a Service Charge for Collection of Fines and Penalties **(First Reading)**

- CR-01-2015 A Charter Resolution to Amend Article IV “The Mayor”, Section 404, “Powers and Duties Generally”; Article V, “City Manager,”, Section 503, “Powers and Duties”; Article VIII, “Finance”, Section 802, “Powers and Duties of Treasurer”; And Article IX, “Personnel”, Section 901, “Authority to Employ Personnel”

Councilwoman Phifer motion to table the legislation – seconded by Councilwoman Carter.

Councilwoman Diggs – No

Councilwoman Eason – Abstain

Councilman Herring – No

Councilwoman Jenkins – Yes

Councilwoman Phifer – Yes

Councilwoman Carter – Yes

Councilwoman Smallwood – No

3 Yes 3 No’s 1 Abstain

Motion to Table: Failed

Councilman Herring motion to approve the legislation – Seconded by Councilwoman Smallwood.

Councilwoman Carter notes from the charter section 901 – that this is in conflict of interest of the personnel manual.

Councilwoman Jenkins – notes that the Council should not change the form of Government.

Councilwoman Phifer – notes that the Charter is for the will of the people – not ambiguous to an individual.

Councilman Herring offered several instances, in his opinion, of Administration not handling the City's business. And the Charter Resolution is an offering of a resolve for moving the City forward. And offers possible having a City Manager/Council form of Government.

Councilwoman Jenkins motion to postpone CR-01-2015 until after the vote of R- 25-2015 and Seconded by Councilwoman Carter

Councilwoman Diggs – Abstain
Councilwoman Eason – Abstain
Councilman Herring – No
Councilwoman Jenkins – Yes
Councilwoman Phifer – Yes
Councilwoman Carter – Yes
Councilwoman Smallwood – No
3 Yes 2No's 2 Abstain

FAILED

Moving forward and already stated earlier - Councilman Herring motion to approve the legislation – Seconded by Councilwoman Smallwood.

Councilwoman Diggs – Yes
Councilwoman Eason – Yes
Councilman Herring – Yes
Councilwoman Jenkins – No
Councilwoman Phifer – No
Councilwoman Carter – No
Councilwoman Smallwood – Yes
4 Yes 3No's

APPROVED

Mayor Smith speaks on the vote that reflects his opinion.

- R-19-2015 Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Angie Allen Ferguson to the Glenarden Board of Elections

Councilwoman Carter motion to approve and Seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins

Councilwoman Diggs – Abstain
Councilwoman Eason – Abstain
Councilman Herring – Abstain
Councilwoman Jenkins – Yes
Councilwoman Phifer – Yes
Councilwoman Carter – Yes
Councilwoman Smallwood – No
3 Yes 1 No's 3 Abstain

FAILED

- R-20-2015 A Resolution to Issue Building Permits For Construction of Single Family Dwellings on Two Lots in the Woodmore Towne Centre at Glenarden

Councilwoman Jenkins motion to approve - Seconded by Councilwoman Phifer

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

APPROVED

- R-21-2015 Resolution to Confirm the Appointment of Kenneth Jones as City Manager and to Approve the City Manager's Contract

Councilwoman Carter motion to approve - Seconded by Councilman Herring

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

APPROVED

- R-22-2015 Resolution to Approve Appointment of Alvin Bratton as City Treasurer

(Councilwoman Jenkins excuses herself from the meeting, noting the absence of the legislation for R-22-2015, in six Councilmembers packet makes it illegal to vote on the legislation. And Councilwoman Phifer objects for the legislation being brought to the floor.)

Councilman Herring motion to bring the legislation R-22-2015 and R-27-2015 to the table - Seconded by Councilwoman Eason

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

APPROVED

- R-23-2014 A Resolution to Support Limited Minor Amendments of Detailed Site Plan (Residential) for Woodmore Towne Centre at Glenarden

Councilman Herring motion to approve - Seconded by Councilwoman Phifer

Councilwoman Diggs – Yes
Councilwoman Eason – Yes
Councilman Herring – Yes
Councilwoman Jenkins – Absent
Councilwoman Phifer – Yes
Councilwoman Carter – Yes
Councilwoman Smallwood – Yes
6 Yes 1 Absent

APPROVED

- R-24-2015 A Resolution to Approve a Contract with Lamont Hepler For Snow and Ice Control (**TABLED**)
- R-25-2015 Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Renee Kenner Bullock to the Glenarden Board of Elections

Councilwoman Carter motion to approve - Seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins

Councilwoman Diggs – Abstain
Councilwoman Eason – Abstain
Councilman Herring – Abstain
Councilwoman Jenkins – Yes
Councilwoman Phifer – Yes
Councilwoman Carter – Yes
Councilwoman Smallwood – No
3 Yes 1 No 3 Abstain

FAILED

- R-27-2015 A Resolution to Issue Building Permits For Construction of Single Family Dwellings on Seven Lots in the Woodmore Towne Centre at Glenarden

Councilman Herring motion to approve - Seconded by Councilwoman Diggs

Councilwoman Diggs – Yes
Councilwoman Eason – Yes
Councilman Herring – Yes
Councilwoman Jenkins – Absent
Councilwoman Phifer – Yes
Councilwoman Carter – Yes
Councilwoman Smallwood – Yes
6 Yes 1 Absent

APPROVED

- Mayor's Report
 - ✓ Urgency of the Snow Contract and will provide the requested information for the Council.
 - ✓ Thank Council for approved vote for his new City Manager and Treasurer.
 - ✓ Will again present names for the Election Board positions.
- City Manager's Report (See report)
 - MEA grant was unable to move forward to replace the roof; however, the retro-fit of lights and air condition units could be approved and completed.
 - Streets: viewed street to determine the most problematic.
 - New Server installed and up and running for the City.

Councilwoman Smallwood notes to Council members to bring in their work laptops to be serviced due to the new server.

- City Treasurer's Report (See Report)

- City Audit – records will be submitted to the auditors by the end of the week.
- Personal Property Taxes – will also go out this week.
- Financial Report - see report.
- Chief of Police Report (see report)
- Citizen’s Comments/Questions (five minutes)
 - Ms. Maryann White - Gazette article on the City of Glenarden Track Club –asked for reconsideration for the gratis request for the Track Club. Term limits – allow the people to accept your term limits for the city of Glenarden elected officials. Charter Change – is done by the citizens and extend to the Council “to do the right thing”.
 - Mr. Anthony Powell – All Charter Changes should be voted on by the citizens, and all non-profit groups in the city that want to use the Gold Room should be at no charge and non-profits that are not based in the city a small fee, for the usage of the Gold Room.
 - Mr. Perry Hampton – spokes on the behalf of the volunteers for the election board that was voted on and failed. Spoke on the Council members, which need to be removed from the Council.
 - Resident – spokes on the Glenarden Track Club should be offered gratis.
 - Ms. Angela Dennis Allen – notes her name on the resolution is incorrect - she is not Angie Allen Ferguson.
 - Mr. Leo Wilson – \$350,000 was set aside for the roof replacement, how much is left? Patching done to the roof? Police officers, money was set aside to bring in additional police officers. Theft is a concern

in Woodmore Towne Center. Crime is steady accelerating. Also, City of Glenarden Track Club is giving the impression that they offer scholarships and also where are they located. And is not one of the citizens that do not want charter changes - He is a citizen that wants charter changes if it moves the city forward. Mayor does not push the agendas such as the snow contract. Appears to wait until the last minute.

- Mayor notes the 12 officers already on board is sufficient police officers.
- Adjourn at 10:15PM

Submitted By:

Toni Taylor, Council Clerk