



City of Glenarden
Budget Hearing Meeting
December 15, 2014 - 6:30PM
Minutes

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

- Call to Order at 6:45PM
- Invocation led by Rev. Gray
- Roll Call

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

We have a Quorum

- Motion to Adopt Agenda

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

Councilwoman Diggs – Yes
Councilwoman Eason – Yes

Councilman Herring – Yes
Councilwoman Jenkins – Absent
Councilwoman Phifer – Absent
Councilwoman Carter – Absent
Councilwoman Smallwood- Yes
4 Yes 3 Absent
Agenda Approved

- Topic of Discussion

- Mayor’s Proposed Budget for FY 2015 – See attached

- ✓ Reviewed the actual from the previous year
 - ✓ Also reviewed the 2013 income that were overstated
 - ✓ \$2.8 in revenue anticipated
 - ✓ Administration – has reduction in budget
 - ✓ Legal – increase
 - ✓ Cable – remained the same
 - ✓ Legislative – increase of 4%
 - ✓ Finance – increased the salaries to a 7.3% increase
 - ✓ Executive – 4.2% reduction

Public Safety – 7.49% reduction and holding firm with the 12 Police Officers to date, and more push in grants and neighborhood watch type of programs

- ✓ Code Enforcement – increase in salary and support equipment
 - ✓ Public Works – increase of 3.7% in maintenance and .61% in general operations

A very lean budget is being offered

Q&A

Mr. Edward Estes (resident) – WTC has a water tax cost that was noted to be from the City of Glenarden. Also notes that the city website and other social media that communicates to the residents, is outdated and need to be updated.

Mayor – Perhaps it's the Storm water tax.

Ken Jones – Has his radar on the website and other social media including robo-call.

Mr. Robin Jones – Question on the paving of Ward III and the copier cost that has increased.

Mayor Smith – The paving is captured in the Capital Budget and Reserves.

Ken Jones – Administration intends to lease a colored copier with more up-to-date technology.

Mr. John Anderson – Purpose of the Code Enforcement officer and code enforcement issues that affect the city as a whole. Notes the proposed budget, does not have money in the budget for the Election Office. Questions whether there can be better signage for the entry into the City. Need more Public Safety presence. Public Works salaries have not increase in several years.

Ken Jones – Notes that any resident can speak to him regarding employee issues.

Mr. Rubin Reid – Has not seen in the budget money for the senior citizens need for senior friendly chairs.

Mr. Bratton – indicated that chairs have been allocated for senior citizens.

Mr. Ed Estes – Building permits has a reduction in the present budget.

- Adjourn at 7:05PM

Submitted By:

Toni Taylor, Council Clerk