



City of Glenarden
Regular Meeting
March 15, 2016 - 7:30PM
Minutes

Attendees:

Council President – Maxine Phifer
Council Vice President – James Herring
Councilwoman – Judy Diggs
Councilwoman – Elaine Carter
Councilwoman – Deborah Eason
Councilwoman – Carolyn Smallwood
Mayor – Dennis C. Smith
Temporary City Manager – Eddie Tobias
Treasurer – Alvin Bratton

- Call to Order at 7:30PM
- Invocation led by Council President Phifer
- Roll Call

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

We have a Quorum

- Motion to Adopt Agenda

Motion by Councilwoman Carter to adopt agenda – Seconded by Councilwoman Eason

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

Councilwoman Phifer – Yes

6 Yes

Agenda Approved

- Approval of Minutes
 - 12-14-2015 Regular Meeting
 - 01-04-2016 Work Session
 - 01-11-2016 Regular Meeting
 - 02-01-2016 Work Session

Motion by Councilwoman Carter to adopt agenda – Seconded by Councilwoman Eason

Councilwoman Carter - Yes

Councilwoman Diggs – Yes

Councilwoman Eason - Yes

Councilwoman Jenkins - Absent

Councilwoman Smallwood - Yes

Councilman Herring - Yes

Councilwoman Phifer – Yes

6 Yes

Minutes Approved

- Citizens Comments on Legislation (two minutes)

Ms. Royette Jones speaks to the R-27-2016 in order to have a dedication to her father, Mr. Raymond Smith who is an elder to the City.

Mr. John Anderson speaks to R-35-2016 the condition of the current Police cars - Police Chief O'Donnell offers that all the Police cars have over 100K miles and the Police Department have not purchased new cars in over 3 years.

Mr. Perry Hampton questions if the unbuildable lots have been decided to date - a vote will be done at this meeting

- Legislation

R-27-2016 A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Unbuildable Lot

Motion by Councilwoman Carter to adopt – Seconded by Councilwoman Eason

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

Passed

R-28-2016 A Resolution to Issue Building Permits for Hampton Inn & Suites

Motion by Councilman Herring to table – Seconded by Councilwoman Carter
(TABLED until Public Hearing)

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

Legislation TABLED

R-32-2016 A Resolution to Approve a Contract with Advance Engineering Design (AED), Inc.

Motion by Councilwoman Carter to adopt – Seconded by Councilwoman Phifer

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

Passed

R-34-2016 A Resolution to Declare the Office Copier as Surplus and to Approve the Disposal of the Copier

Motion by Councilwoman Carter to adopt – Seconded by Councilwoman Diggs

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

Passed

R-35-2016 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc., for the Purchase of Police Vehicles

Motion by Councilwoman Smallwood to adopt – Seconded by Councilman Herring

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

Passed

- Mayor's Report
 - Beautification to the City Hall with the leadership by Mr. Tobias
 - Glenarden Apartments – Bond bill on the infrastructural and will break ground this year either July or August – Councilman Herring wants a Public Hearing Meeting. Also the developer is offering a bus to transport Council Members and residents to see other projects similar to Glenarden apartments
 - Perhaps the AED, Inc. can review the site plans at the appropriate time in the planning process
 - There was a skimming devise at the ATM at the community 7 Eleven store
 - Mayor Smith and Chief O'Donnell testified to establishment and inform the public in Annapolis hearing and promoted by Senator Joanne Benson

- Councilwoman Phifer offers that the Mayor should offer something from the City to the residents on the testimony

City Manager's Report (See Report)

- Councilman Herring offers that the Human Resources /Project Director should not be working on the Historical Society mission
 - Councilwoman Eason – resolution passed on artifacts collected by the City and the Mayor
 - Councilwoman Carter – the Code Chapter 73 for fencing is clearly defined
 - Wants a 6 ft. fence – behind the building line. Mr. Tobias will take into consideration - Does she need an exception?
 - Councilwoman Phifer notes that Mr. Tobias is doing a great job. Inquiries about the full- time Code Enforcement Officer – Mayor Smith wants to review the current budget
 - Councilwoman Phifer inquiries on the 2014 audit completion date – and is the city receiving the assessment of the lights and trash from the Woodmore Towne Centre homes – Mr. Tobias will follow-up on the Woodmore Trash and Lights assessment
 - Councilwoman Phifer offers that Ms. Brown does not work to get the Historical Society a grant, and offers that is not an appropriate work duty
 - Mayor Smith will speak with Ms. Brown on the subject matter
 - Councilwoman Carter inquiries if the new contracts have been ordered for the Woodmore Towne Centre Community Space
- Chief of Police Report (See Report)
 - City Treasurer's Report (See Report)
 - 2014 audit is in the Auditors hands to date and preparation of the 2015 audit has begun
 - Finance has done projections for the next few months to sustain the 2016 budget

- Councilwoman Carter offers the credit card issues – Mr. Bratton offers there were emergency purchases that came up in the past month
 - Councilwoman Diggs – offers that we must pay the Cities business accounts on time, and late fees assessed, credit card payments are done in a fiduciary manner
- Citizen's Comments/Questions (five minutes)

Mr. Leo Wilson – WSSC letter was received today regarding the implementing the new water pipes in Ward I– needs to be address

How much money has been spent on the City Attorney – \$46, 984 to the date of January 31st

Carraway case – needs an update and status of the law suit – a lot of questions to be answered. Request a Public Meeting

- Councilman Herring offers he did ask for an internal investigation

Mr. Powell – Rainy day Fund question toward Mr. Tobias – several emergency have just occurred in the past month. The City should look into implementing a rainy day fund

Mr. Estes – commend the Temporary City Manager, Mr. Eddie Tobias

- Pose questions:
- CSP modification for WTC
- Glenarden Parkway Connector – CSP – condition of structure of calming devises is under construction and grading and configurations
- Dept. of Parks and Rec. – trigger for constructing the park at WTC – status of the trigger to be constructed for the park.
- Wants to see more of Councilwoman Jenkins – and improve on the Ward Representative

Mr. John Anderson – Office of the Treasurer office should be reviewed.

- Elevator status should be top priority
- Code Enforcement officer not up to satisfaction
- Too many commercial vehicles in the City –which devalues the area
- MLK site with playground equipment and tennis court and no instructor, and no bathroom facility
- Roof issue needs to be addressed
- WTC is all housing permits being paid

Mr. Perry Hampton – questions whether the NLC Conference was effective and that a housing inspector is needed

Marianne White – Suggest to contact MNCPP to offer a Tennis instructor for the MLK Park

- Committee for planning activities for the Children
- Gold Room – edging from the construction of the doors
- Need a new Prince George’s flag at the City Hall– Contact County Executive Office to receive a Prince George’s Flag
- Audit – more team work

Celestine Wilson – Mayor may not have priorities in order

- Other matters in the city instead of historical matters – Priorities need to be address- such as the needs of the citizens
 - Suggestion that the Mayor speak to the entire Council
- Adjourn at 10:25PM

Submitted by:

Toni Taylor, Council Clerk