



**City of Glenarden
Regular Meeting
September 14, 2015
7:30PM
Minutes**

Council President – Maxine Phifer
Council Vice President – James Herring
Councilwoman – Judy Diggs
Councilwoman – Elaine Carter
Councilwoman – Deborah Eason
Councilman – Jennifer Jenkins
Councilwoman – Carolyn Smallwood
Mayor – Dennis C. Smith
City Manager – Ken Jones
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 from seat
Councilwoman Smallwood - Present
Councilman Herring - Present
Councilwoman Phifer – Present

We have a Quorum

- Motion to Adopt Agenda

Motion by Councilwoman Diggs to adopt agenda with an amendment to add legislation for the appointment for the Ethics Committee –
Seconded by Councilwoman Carter

Request from Councilwoman Smallwood to Table the **Resolution R-01-2016** until the City Attorney has reviewed the legislation

Councilwoman Carter - No
Councilwoman Diggs – Pass/Pass
Councilwoman Eason - Yes
Councilwoman Jenkins - No
Councilwoman Smallwood - Yes
Councilman Herring - Yes
Councilwoman Phifer – Yes
4 Yes 2 No's 1 Pass

R-01-2016 TABLED

Agenda Vote:

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

Agenda Approved

- Approval of Minutes

April 7, 2015 – Work Session
April 13, 2015 – Regular Meeting
May 4, 2015 – Work Session
May 11, 2015 - Regular Meeting
June 1, 2015 – Work Session
June 8, 2015 – Regular Meeting
July 9, 2015 – Special Regular Meeting

Motion by Councilwoman Carter to adopt minutes – Seconded by Councilman Herring

Councilwoman Carter - Yes

Councilwoman Diggs - Yes

Councilwoman Eason - Yes

Councilwoman Jenkins - - Absent at seat

Councilwoman Smallwood - Yes

Councilman Herring - Yes

Councilwoman Phifer - Yes

6 Yes

Minutes Approved

- Citizens Comments on Legislation (two minutes)
 - Mr. Leo Wilson – is the ethics committee appointment person Bernard Smith related to the Mayor Smith?
 - Council President Phifer said No, he is not related to Mayor Smith
 - Mr. John Anderson - Why do we have an unauthorized expenditure being done?
 - No response
- Legislation

R-01-2016 A Resolution Requiring Reimbursement for an Unauthorized Expenditure **(TABLED)**

R-02-2016 A Resolution Appointing Bernard Smith to the Ethics Commission

Motion by Councilwoman Jenkins to adopt – Seconded by Councilwoman Diggs

Councilman Herring request each Ward have a representative be on the Ethics Committee

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

Approved

R-03-2016 A Resolution Appointing Victoria Person to the Ethics Commission

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

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

6 Yes 1 Abstain

Approved

R-04-2016 Emergency Resolution to Authorize a Contract with Guardian Fie Protection Services LLC to Replace Emergency Lights in the James R. Cousins Jr. Municipal Center

Motion by Councilwoman Carter to adopt agenda – Seconded by Councilman Herring

Councilwoman Carter - Yes
Councilwoman Diggs – Pass/Yes
Councilwoman Eason - Abstain
Councilwoman Jenkins - Yes
Councilwoman Smallwood -Yes

Councilman Herring - Yes
Councilwoman Phifer - Yes

6 Yes 1 Abstain

Approved

R-05-2016 Emergency Resolution to Authorize a Contract to Remove and Replace the Fire Doors in the Gold Room of the James R. Cousins Jr. Municipal Center

Motion by Councilwoman Carter to adopt agenda – Seconded by Councilman Herring

Councilwoman Carter - Yes
Councilwoman Diggs - Yes
Councilwoman Eason - Abstain
Councilwoman Jenkins - Yes
Councilwoman Smallwood –Pass/Yes
Councilman Herring - Yes
Councilwoman Phifer – Pass/Yes

6 Yes 1 Abstain

Approved

- Mayor's Report
 - 2013 audit is complete
 - Moved toward 2014 and 2015 FY Audit to be completed within the next 2/3 months
 - 2016 budget has been submitted to the Council
 - No actuals were available during the 2016 proposed budget
 - Have worked with the residents on 11th Street – still a resolve to be pending – still talking to residents and working toward opening of Glenarden Parkway
 - Hopefully a prosperous 2016

- Councilwoman Jenkins – budget did not include the pavement of Ward III area and will not approve any budget with no pavement of street for Ward III – request a remedy from the Administration for this project
 - Mayor Smith responds that the \$300K will be for pavement with the Council approval of an Engineer
 - In need of an Engineer to give an estimate for Ward III paving of streets
 - Engineer will be looking at the street and curb which is essential
- City Manager’s Report (See Report)
 - Overage of the budget will come at the October 2015 Council meeting
 - Councilwoman Jenkins – Will the City of Glenarden be participating on the Glenarden Family and Friends day this Saturday
 - Councilwoman Jenkins thanks the Honorable Andrea Harrison for sending County Engineers to the City of Glenarden – and thanking the Administration for speaking to the citizens directly impacted with the water issues on the streets in Ward III
 - Tree plan legislation will come to the October 2015 Council meeting
- City Treasurer’s Report (See Reports – May, June and July)
 - Councilwoman Carter notes that the Treasurers report is currently now being presented and has not had the opportunity to review, so request the right to ask questions at the next Council meeting on the May, June and July financial reports

- Chief of Police Report (See Reports)
- Citizen's Comments/Questions (five minutes)
 - Mr. John Anderson questions whether the WTC homes being built are being monitored – confirmation of all addresses that have been built have not been offered to the Permit Review Committee
 - Schedule opening of the Glenarden Parkway – only discussion at this time
 - Schedule maintenance of City of Glenarden vehicles – yes there is a preventive maintenance schedule noted from Ken Jones
 - Mr. Leo Wilson – when legislation is tabled its removed from the agenda and it should not be discussed (R-01-2016).
 - Expertise with the fire doors – will shut down the gold room perhaps we need an extension
 - Concerned about the paving of Ward III Streets
 - Mrs. Celestine Wilson offers that the legislation (R-02-2016) should not be spoken on if tabled
 - Mr. Rubin Reid offers that the senior need to have chairs ordered for the Nutrition Center.
 - Change in the sound system is much better thanks to Mr. Butler.
 - Speaks on O-01-2016 and O-02-2016 to increase Council and Mayor salary - suggest that it be put on the ballot at the next election on May 17, 2017 and allow the citizens to make the decision

- Audit Report –will be presented to the citizens in the October meeting
 - Streets have been damaged by the WSSC and should be repaired by WSSC
 - Councilwoman Phifer offers acknowledgment for the Police Academy graduation of the Council Clerk and Councilwoman Smallwood
 - And acknowledgement of the completion and graduation by Councilwoman Diggs and Phifer from the University of Maryland Academy of Excellence
- Adjourn at 9:44PM

Submitted by:

Toni Taylor, Council Clerk