



City of Glenarden
Regular Meeting
November 9, 2015 - 7:30PM
Minutes

Attendees:

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

Councilwoman Smallwood motion to remove Ordinance 4 & 7 and Resolutions 11, 12, 13 and 14 from the agenda because they were not discussed in the Work Session - Councilwoman Eason seconded

Councilwoman Carter states, that Ordinance 4 and 7 were discussed at the Work Session meeting

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

3 Yes 4 No's

Agenda Remains as is

Councilman Herring requested to remove R-12 and R-14 - Seconded by Councilwoman Smallwood

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

3 Yes 4 No's

Agenda Remains as is

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

4 Yes 3 No's
Agenda approved

- Approval of Minutes
 - 07-07-2015 Special Work Session (Budget)
 - 07-09-2015 Special Work Session (Budget)
 - 07-13-2015 Special Work Session (Budget)
 - 08-05-2015 Special Work Session (Budget)
 - 08-18-2015 Special Work Session
 - 08-25-2015 Special Work Session (Budget)

Motion by Councilwoman Carter to adopt minutes - Seconded by Councilwoman Phifer

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

5 Yes 2 Abstain
Minutes Approved

- Citizens Comments on Legislation (two minutes)

Mr. Leo Wilson, Ward I – regarding R-01-2016 – Mayor granted the reimbursement for the check and how does it fall on Councilwoman Smallwood and the cost is under \$2K.

Mrs. Celestine Wilson regarding R-01-2016 appeal to the Council to do what is right in the sight of the Lord – resolution should be dismissed. Mayor did

authorize the class and once Mr. Bratton became a full time employee would be reimbursed for the course.

- Legislation

- O-04-2016 An Ordinance to Amend the City of Glenarden's Budget for FY 2015 to Authorize the Transfer of Funds **(First Reading)**

- O-07-2016 Emergency Ordinance to Adopt the City of Glenarden's Budget for Fiscal Year 2016

Motion by Councilwoman Carter to bring to the legislation to the floor as an emergency - Seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins

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

7 Yes

Approved

Motion by Councilman Carter to accept legislation - Seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins

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

5 Yes 2 Abstain

Approved

- R-01-2016 A Resolution Requiring Reimbursement for an Unauthorized Expenditure

Councilwoman Diggs requested a closed meeting on a personnel concern; at a later date.

Meeting goes into a brief recess.

Motion by Councilwoman Carter to accept legislation - Seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins

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

3 Yes 3 No's

Failed

- R-11-2016 A Resolution to Issue Building Permits for Construction of Single Family Dwellings on Nine Lots in the Woodmore Towne Centre at Glenarden

Motion by Councilwoman Jenkins to accept legislation - Seconded by Councilwoman Diggs

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-12-2016 Resolution Ratifying the Purchase of a Lawn Mower from Atlantic Tractor, L.L.C.

Motion by Councilwoman Carter to accept legislation - Seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins

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

6 Yes 1 No

Approved

- R-13-2016 Resolution to Authorize the Glenarden Police Department to use as its own General Orders those of the Prince George’s County Police Department

Motion by Councilman Jenkins to accept legislation - Seconded by Councilwoman Diggs

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

5 Yes 1 Abstain 1 Pass

Approved

- R-14-2016 The Mayor and Council of the City of Glenarden, Proclaim November 2015 to be Municipal Government Works Month
Motion by Councilwoman Carter to accept legislation - Seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins

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

5 Yes 2 Abstain

Approved

- Mayor's Report
 - Thanked the Council for passing the 2016 budget - 2013 audit is completed
 - Legal budget is about to be in excess of the allocated budget
 - Employees are in need of a pay rate
 - Expenditure of the MLK Park
 - Auditor is completing the 2014 budget
 - Proud of the Treasurer for the financial business being back on track
- City Manager's Report (See Report)
 - MLK Park November 7 ceremony grand opening – well attended ceremony
 - VA Memorial Park – names have been confirmed
 - Gold Room interior doors are ongoing with the Steve Brickman Company

- Negotiating the contract
 - Doors needed to be fabricated by scratch
 - Doors will be delivered on November 16, 2015
 - Completed Installation is in 30 days
- Snow contract is underway with a 2nd option and with one option remaining
- Leaf collection plan was not allocated in the 2016 budget
- Bill Butler contract is being reviewed by the City Attorney
 - Last option just expired – and Mr. Butler was the only bidder
- GS Proctor contract will re-advertised
- Gold Room contracts are still not in numeric order – need system controls for the contracts
 - Different pricing for the same kind of affairs and why
 - Mr. Jones already has someone working on the corrections/project
- Councilwoman Eason rescinds her “yes” gratis vote to a “no” vote for the American Legion event – Spoke with PGC office that inspected the Gold Room and that all events should be ceased until the inspection is passed
- Still having paid affairs in the Gold Room
- American Legion cannot have the affair this Saturday.
- Councilwoman Diggs request that if the Gold room is to be shut down, please notify the Council
- City Treasurer’s Report (See Report)
 - 2014 audit is almost complete

- Thus far the City has spent 23% of the budget to date
- SunTrust bank on Ardmore Ardwick Road is closing for business
- Harbor Bank funds of \$75K is not collateralized – trying to have that transfer complete
- Chief of Police Report (See Reports)
 - On December 5th , the Glenarden Police Department will take 15 kids Christmas shopping
 - Kids walking from Glenarden Pkwy to Sylvania Woods Elementary – needs a crossing guard – Council can go to the School board to request a Crossing Guard
- Citizen’s Comments/Questions (five minutes)
 - Mr. Leo Wilson offers that no events should be held in the Gold Room until the inspection is satisfied – the occupancy and capacity permit do not supersede the fire code
 - Will be filling an official complaint with the Fire Marshall
- Anthony Powell Ward I resident addresses the Mayor with the question does the expenses and revenue match the size of this City
 - Asked the City Manager if there are any budget cuts he would recommend to the Mayor and Council
 - Mr. Jones offers that the 2016 FY budget is as lean as it can be
 - Councilwoman Carter again notes she has asked the Administration to create a savings account
- Councilwoman Jenkins offers to be more efficient with the time allotment of citizen’s time

- Mr. John Anderson – residents have the right to speak – and wants it arranged that adequate deliberation for residents to address the Mayor and Council
 - The MLK Park has playground equipment and no bathroom facilities is not acceptable
 - Contract for the Gold Room Doors: fire violation and the City does not need to have any affairs in the Gold Room
 - The Election Board for the City is appropriately staffed, but not sure if they have a Chair
 - Treasurer reports being months behind is also unacceptable and needs to be in a more up to date status
- Edward Estes – Ward III – status of recent activities for the appeal for the WTC modification conceptual site plan. October 19 oral argument – modification was approved.

Suggest possibly acquiring a planner on a full-time basis

City was put on point for not having a point of decision or opinion

Wants to see Ward III representative be more involved with the DR Horton HOA; and the planner be involved in the phasing and review of the plans

Councilwoman Jenkins – having a meeting on November 17 and will invite residents - will keep Mr. Estes and residents posted

Mr. Rubin Reid asked for the status of the senior nutrition center chairs

City Manager responds that the chairs need to go thru procurement and there is money in the budget for the chairs

Roof still leaking

Emergency lights – very good job

Storage of the snow salt

Give thanks to the auditor for the best report the city has had in a long time

Mrs. Celestine Wilson notes that all residents need to be given efficient time to address all on the dais at the Regular Meeting

- Adjourn at 10:55PM

Submitted by:

Toni Taylor, Council Clerk