



City of Glenarden
Regular Meeting
February 10, 2014
7:30PM
Minutes

Council President – Carolyn Smallwood
Council Vice President - Elaine Carter
Councilwoman – Judy Diggs
Councilwoman – Deborah Eason
Councilman – James Herring
Councilwoman - Jennifer Jenkins
Councilwoman – Maxine Phifer
Mayor Dennis C. Smith
Treasurer – Christopher Wood

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

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

We have a Quorum

- Motion to Adopt Agenda

Councilwoman Phifer motion for R-31-2014 to be removed from the agenda –
Seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins.

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

Councilwoman Carter requests the maker of the legislations to table CR-01-
2014 and CR-02-2014 to be held for a Public Hearing prior to a vote.

Councilwoman Phifer also added that the citizens requested that any Charter
Resolutions would be put forth to the citizens prior to a Council Vote.

Councilwoman Jenkins agrees with the request for a Public Hearing.

Councilman Herring notes that the City is in an urgency situation - for the City
to not have a City Attorney and wants the Charter Resolution to move forward
for a vote.

Councilwoman Carter motion for CR-01-2014 and CR-02-2014 be removed
from the agenda and go to Public Hearing – Seconded by Councilwoman
Jenkins

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

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

Councilwoman Diggs - Yes
Councilwoman Eason – Yes
Councilman Herring – Yes
Councilwoman Jenkins – No
Councilwoman Phifer – No
Councilwoman Carter- Yes
Councilwoman Smallwood – Yes
5 Yes 2 No's
Passed

- Approval of Minutes

11/04/2013 Special Meeting

11/04/2013 Work Session

11/12/2013 Regular Meeting

11/18/2013 Special Work Session

12/02/2013 Work Session

12/9/2013 Regular Meeting

12/11/2013 Special Work Session

12/16/2013 Special Meeting

01/06/2014 Work Session

01/13/2014 Regular Meeting – (lack of quorum of agenda) **Removed**

Motion by Councilwoman Herring to adopt minutes - Seconded by Councilwoman Carter with an edit to remove 01/13/2014 – and minutes to be done of the presentations offered at that meeting.

Councilwoman Diggs - Yes
Councilwoman Eason – Yes

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

Agenda Adopted

- Citizen Comments on Legislation (two minutes)

Ms. Marianne White – confirmation that CR-01-2014 and CR-02-2014 are remaining on the agenda and she request the two legislations be removed from the agenda. Also would like to see R-31-2014 removed from the agenda. Feels this legislation is disrespectful to the Mayor - that has been in office for only 6 months.

Mr. Leo Wilson – Regarding the CR-01-2014 and CR-02-2014 that only a handful of citizens wanted a Public Hearing, not all the citizens. The City needs a City Attorney. He states he has asked the Mayor on several occasions if the Mayor has set up a meeting with the Council as a whole.

Mr. Perry Hampton – States we have a New Mayor, no City Attorney and no City Manager. Suggest we look at the way people treat one another, and leave the personal issues at home and respect each other. He also offers that Councilwoman Jenkins was raised in the City and she is no threat to no one.

Ms. Robin Jones - Notes that she has been in the City for 50 years. Offers that some people are trying to move the City forward - but the City needs a City Manager and a City Attorney. She agrees with all legislation the Council wants to put forth for a vote. Also she asked, what did the City Attorney do, to be fired.

Mrs. Wilson –Also agrees with the Charter Resolutions on the agenda tonight. She notes that a correction needs to be made that the Council as a whole, did not agree to go into public hearing for Charter Resolutions. Also, notes that she feels the Mayor is not getting along with the Council and not doing his due diligence to work with the Council. States that the

R-31-2014 legislation is coming forth due to the Mayor/Administration not moving projects forward, where grant money could be lost.

Councilwoman Jenkins – Makes a Point of Order that comments are being made that are not a part of the legislation questions, by the citizens, which should be reserved for the end of the meeting at “Citizen’s Comments”.

Councilwoman Smallwood – Notes the Point of Order from Councilwoman Jenkins and states that a mix of legislation and other comments have been made during the Citizen’s Comments on Legislation portion of the agenda. And going forward she requests comments at this time, be for the legislation only.

Mr. Rubin Reid questions how does CR-01-2014 benefits the citizens.

- Section 404 City Charter – serves as the pleasure of the Mayor.
- City Manager is under contract.
- Chief of Police falls under the Bill of Rights.
- Department head will serve as the pleasure of the Mayor
- Need litigation.

Mr. John Anderson – why is the Council trying to change the structure of the government without the citizen’s participation?

Mayor Dennis Smith makes speech/comments to the Council and residents.

- Legislation

O-01-2014 An Ordinance Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Prince George’s County for Mutual Aid Police Services **(First Reading)**

CR-01-2014 A Charter Resolution to Amend Article IX “Personnel”

Motion by Councilman Herring to approve - Seconded by Councilwoman Diggs

Councilwoman Diggs - Yes
Councilwoman Eason – Yes
Councilman Herring – Yes

Councilwoman Jenkins – No
Councilwoman Phifer – No
Councilwoman Carter- No
Councilwoman Smallwood – Yes
4 Yes 3 No's

Passed

CR-02-2014 A Charter Resolution to Amend Article IX "Personnel", Section 903, "City Attorney"

Motion by Councilman Herring to approve - Seconded by Councilwoman Diggs

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

Passed

R-27-2014 Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Benjamin Walker to the Glenarden Housing Authority Commission

Motion by Councilwoman Phifer to approve - Seconded by Councilwoman Carter

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

Passed

R-28-2014 A Resolution to Pursue Negotiations for a Contract with Maiden & Associates, P.C. for Architectural and Engineering Services

Motion by Councilwoman Carter to approve - Seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins

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

Failed

R-29-2014 A Resolution To Extend A Contract With Butler Video Productions, Inc., For Videotaping And Post-Production Services

Motion by Councilwoman Smallwood 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

Passed

R-30-2014 G.S. Proctor R-30 A Resolution To Approve Extension of A Contract With G.S. Proctor And Associates, Inc. For Professional Lobbying, Grant Writing and Application, and Public Relations Services

Motion by Councilwoman Phifer to approve - Seconded by Councilwoman Eason

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

Passed

R-31-2014 A Resolution of Vote of No Confidence Against Mayor Dennis C. Smith

Motion by Councilman Herring to approve - Seconded by Councilwoman Diggs

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

Passed

- Mayor's Report (See Report)
- City Manager's Report (See Report)
- City Treasurer's Report (See Draft Report)
 - ✓ Mr. Wood – notes that the prior staff person did not provide the current financial staff with training, prior to leaving the city.

- Councilman Herring request a memo cover page for the financial report.
 - Councilwoman Carter requests the Treasurer to investigate a savings account for the city.
- Chief of Police Report (See Report)
- Announcement:
 - ✓ Councilwoman Smallwood offers that on February 19th at 7:30pm there will be a Public Forum regarding the development of Ardmore Village with Anthony Long to build homes, on 1st 2nd and 3rd streets.
- Citizen Comments/Questions (five minutes)
 - ✓ Ms. Marianne White – Thank the police department for their diligence on their police work in the town.
 - ✓ Mr. Anthony Powell on Piedmont Avenue – President Obama came to City and there was no advertisement on Facebook, twitter, city website.
 - ✓ Mr. John Anderson questions the number of vacant houses in the city and also suggests that council members should visit with the city community residents.
 - ✓ Mr. Leo Wilson – 7900 Johnson Avenue a great deal of trash and debri.
 - Re-states that the Council President stated she did not receive the email from the Mayor that he was intending to fire the City Attorney, however, the Council Vice President did receive the email but did not feel it was her duty to report the information to the other Council members.

- Major concern is that the Mayor did not consult with the Council as a whole prior to firing the City Attorney.
 - Robin Jones addresses the Mayor, to bring forward 3 bids to the table and also bring more than one person/company to the Council.
 - Mr. Rubin Reid - No councilmembers were at the event when the President Obama visited City. Woodmore Towne Center is good for the city.
 - Unidentified resident – Thanks and offers appreciation for the execution of the Christmas party.
 - Mrs. Celestine Wilson –Not in the best interested to have two attorneys, one for Council and one for the Mayor. Suggest and offers that Council and Administration compose themselves and refrain from the name calling and how they represent the City.
- Adjourn at 11:35PM

Submitted By:
Toni Taylor, Council Clerk