



City of Glenarden
Regular Meeting
April 14, 2014- 7:30PM
Minutes

Council President – Carolyn Smallwood
Council Vice President - Elaine Carter
Councilwoman – Judy Diggs
Councilwoman – Deborah Eason
Councilman – James Herring
Councilwoman – Maxine Phifer
Treasurer – Christopher Wood

- Call to Order at 7:40PM
- Announcement:
 - Councilwoman Carter states the Mayor is out of the town and that the Charter dictates that the Council President acts as the Mayor in his absence and the Vice Chair acts as the Chair of the Meeting.
- Invocation led by Rev. Gray
- Roll Call

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

Quorum

Announcement:

Councilwoman Carter announced the Attorney as indicated via email not to vote on the Ordinance 03-2014 Amending the Franchise Agreement with Comcast of Maryland, Inc. To Ratify and extend the Franchise Agreement, still in negotiation.

After hearing no objection to remove ordinance, it has been agreed to remove the ordinance.

- Motion to Adopt Agenda

Motion by Councilwoman Phifer to table R-40-2014 and receive other bids – Seconded by Councilwoman Carter

Councilman Herring notes that's no Councilmember has never set in as the Mayor in their absence with a short notice of his absence.

Councilwoman Diggs – No

Councilwoman Eason – Yes

Councilman Herring – No

Councilwoman Jenkins – Absent

Councilwoman Phifer – Yes

Councilwoman Carter – Yes

Councilwoman Smallwood- No vote, acting as Mayor in the meeting.

3 Yes 2 No's

Failed

Announcement:

Council Attorney notes that the Mayor's absence does not constitute the President to be in his stead and Council President returns to Chair the meeting.

Motion by Councilwoman Diggs to adopt agenda as printed - Seconded by Councilwoman Phifer

Councilwoman Diggs – Yes

Councilwoman Eason – Yes

Councilman Herring – Yes
Councilwoman Jenkins – Absent
Councilwoman Phifer – Yes
Councilwoman Carter - Yes
Councilwoman Smallwood – Yes
5 Yes

Agenda Adopted

- Approval of Minutes
 - 02-10-2014 Regular Meeting
 - 02-18-2014 Special Work Session
 - 02-25-2014 Emergency/Special Work Session
 - 03-06-2014 Work Session
 - 03-10-2014 Regular Meeting
 - 03-19-2014 Special Work Session

Councilwoman Carter motions to approve all minutes - seconded by Councilwoman Phifer

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

All Minutes Approved

- Citizens Comments on Legislation (two minutes)
 - Hearing none / Seeing None
- Legislation

R-24-2014 A Resolution to Approve A Contract with Brickman Group LTD LLC
To Construct A Veterans Memorial

Treasurer will offer the line item number at a later date.

Councilwoman Carter wants to see the approved drawings – Joyce Butler shows the drawings that were stamped

Councilman Herring motions to approve - seconded by Councilwoman Phifer

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

Passed

O-01-2014 Amending the Franchise Agreement with Comcast of Maryland, Inc. To Ratify and Extend the Franchise Agreement **TABLED**

R-33-2014 Resolution to Authorize Acquisition of the City of Glenarden Council to Purchase two (2) Meeting Signage Equipment

Councilwoman Phifer motions to approve - seconded by Councilwoman Diggs

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

Passed

R-36-2014 A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Letter of Agreement with Press & Dozier

Councilman Herring disagrees with line 17-18, “selected by Council”, which was not selected by the Council and notes that under new council legislation that the Council appoints the City Attorney. Mayor does not hire the Attorney – the Council hires the Attorney

Councilwoman Carter states the presented legislation was written by the Council Attorney and as appropriate language for the legislation.

Councilwoman Carter motions to approve - seconded by Councilwoman Phifer

Councilwoman Diggs - No
Councilwoman Eason – No
Councilman Herring – No
Councilwoman Jenkins – Absent
Councilwoman Phifer – Abstain
Councilwoman Carter – Yes
Councilwoman Smallwood- No
1 Yes 4 No 1 Abstain

Failed

R-37-2014 A Resolution to Authorize the Sale of Two City Cars

Councilwoman Phifer motions to approve - seconded by Councilwoman Diggs

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

Passed

R-38-2014 A Resolution to Approve Authorize and Ratify the Repair of the Air Conditioning Unit in the Gold Room

Councilwoman Carter motions to approve with corrections - seconded by Councilwoman Phifer

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

Passed

R-39-2014 A Resolution to Authorize Payment to Auditor Firm of Weyrich Cronin & Sorra Chartered

Councilwoman Carter motions to approve with the noted below changes - seconded by Councilwoman Phifer

Line 16 Interim City Manager and City Treasurer
Line 23 include 2009 -2013 and after 2013 to start the current audit
Include the line item that the expense will be drawn from.

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

Passed

R-40-2014 A Resolution to Authorize Purchase of Bronze Plaques for the Veterans Memorial

Councilman Herring motions to approve - seconded by Councilwoman Diggs
Councilwoman Carter request Council Attorney to change verbiage that
Brickman is chosen due to the city of Landover Hills selection of Brickman,
lines 23-25.

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

Passed

R-41-2014 Resolution to Authorize and Ratify Payment to Butler Video Productions

Councilwoman Carter motions to table - seconded by Councilwoman Eason

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

Tabled

R-42-2014 A Resolution to Authorize Purchase of Police Vehicle Computers and Related Equipment and Software and Computer Software Upgrade

Councilwoman Carter motions to approve - seconded by Councilwoman Phifer

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

Passed

- Mayor’s Report (Mayor out of Town)
- City Manager’s Report (No City Manager)
- Chief of Police Report (See Report)
 - What will the county do about the breaking in and doors being torn down at the old Glenarden Apartments
 - County is doing an assessment of the building (Glenarden Apartments)
 - 7815 Johnson Avenue foreclosure
 - Not enough receptacle for clean up
 - Church Street /boards off the house needs to be condemn
 - Need new chairs in the Nutrition Center
- City Treasurer’s Report (See Report)
 - See Financial Statement Highlights
 - Constant Yield Tax Rate – Terms of the city being shorted \$500K.
 - 2015 budget working on the budget

- June 30th for the extension - has not been confirmed – emailed sent today.
 - \$38K for the fees for IRS fees and penalties
 - All vendors have been issued a 1099 (not an absolute)
- Citizen’s Comments/Questions (five minutes)
 - Mr. Hampton – communicate with the Treasurer in vie email, not on the council floor – a need to better communicate.
- Mr. John Anderson – town hall \$100 gold room rules for official hours. Not more than 3 hours. Track Club and Civic Association were denied. Does not think that is right. Asked the question in writing. 10am until 1pm.
- Ms. Joyce Butler – Thank the council on behalf of the Brickman Corporation and the plaque legislation to move the park forward for construction.
 - Clarification bond bill \$50K from the senate side and \$150K from the house of delegates
- Mr. Ferguson – mass transit changes that are in the community, bus service A12 comes through the city. Service 7 days a week. Ask the city to put the information out, perhaps in the newsletter.
- Councilwoman Phifer - Condolences to former council member Margaret Dade, with the passing of her brother.
- Adjourn at 9:56PM

Submitted By:
Toni Taylor, Council Clerk