



City of Glenarden
Regular Meeting
May 12, 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

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

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

We have a Quorum

- Motion to Adopt Agenda

Councilman Herring motion to adopt the agenda and move R-45 to the first item on the agenda - Seconded by Councilwoman Phifer

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

- Approve of Minutes
 - 04-03-14

Councilman Herring motion to approve the Minutes - Seconded by Councilwoman Smallwood

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

Minutes Approved

- Citizens Comments on Legislation (two minutes)
 - Mr. John Anderson – Comments on the seriousness of changing the Charter. Also notes that Council cannot keep changing the Charter to suit personal information.

Councilman Herring – Comments is that transparency is needed in the Government and changes need to be made.

Councilwoman Carter – States that she understands the concern for the legislation – about 3 years ago the Charter was changed from what CR-03-2014 is stating today. And she voices her objection to change the CR-03-2014.

Councilwoman Phifer – Same concern as Mr. Anderson the citizens have requested citizen input on Charter changes. And she feels that this change of the Charter is personal.

Councilman Herring – Rebuttal comment is that the change is not personal but about the residents money. Example, the audit, just learning about the denied extension, monthly financial reports should submitted to all accurately. And in addition, information should be shared when asked.

Mr. Rubin Reid – Comment that there is no need for a Charter change, and that the change is against the Mayor and not written properly. And on separate item. The Code of Ethics is being violated because they are geared toward a certain person.

Mr. Leo Wilson – states that in his opinion - The Mayor is working at a standpoint of his way or no way. Also, ask the question, why is the Treasurer not in attendance of the meeting tonight?

- Legislation

R-45-2014 A Resolution to Issue Building Permits For Construction of Townhouses on Six Lots and Single Family Dwellings on Four Lots in the Woodmore Towne Centre at Glenarden

Councilwoman Jenkins motion to adopt - Seconded by Councilman Herring with corrections from Councilwoman Eason through-out the Legislation, and Councilwoman Carter wants the Administration noted as the co-sponsor of the legislation.

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

7 Passed

DR Horton representative notes different homes with some variation in plans.

Mayor Smith asks for a system to be put in place for the permit review committee on reviewing of the homes.

Councilman Herring - will not vote on a development wide construction based on the Charter rules.

- CR-03-2014 A Charter Resolution to Amend Sections 505(D), 833(D) and 907(D)

Councilman Herring motion to adopt – Seconded by Councilwoman Diggs

Councilwoman Phifer request the Resolution to be tabled, and brought to the Citizens in a Forum - Seconded by Councilwoman Carter

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

Councilwoman Carter – states the Charter Resolution does not address or provide us with information and council steps to receive information. Only allows the Council to remove individuals from office.

Councilwoman Eason – Restores the Charter has it was prior.

Councilwoman Jenkins – notes that the legislation does not address receiving information.

Councilman Herring – The Charter notes of the responsibility for the heads of the department – not chasing the Mayor for information. Example where are we with our finance, etc.

Mayor Smith – Offers that he has two department heads, the Treasurer and Chief of Police. He states he has not told his department heads not to answer questions from the Council.

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-46-20214 A Resolution to Authorize Purchase of Bronze Plaques for the Veterans' Memorial

Councilman Herring motion to adopt - Seconded by Councilwoman Smallwood

Councilwoman Eason notes that R-46-2014 is the same as R-40-2014 that was previously approved by the majority of the Council – which notes the question why is R-46-2014 being introduced.

Councilwoman Smallwood responds to the question that R-46-2014 is being introduced with an addition that the Council President will have the authorization to sign off on the purchase order request.

Councilwoman Smallwood notes that the Mayor should be the designee to sign off however, he has refused to sign off on certain items.

Mayor Smith notes that he has not refused to sign off on certain items.

Councilwoman Carter asked the question does the price include the names engraved on the plaques and request for a better breakdown of the cost.

Councilwoman Smallwood notes that the names are included in the price.

Councilwoman Diggs has the document that indicates the names to be engraved.

That document will be attached to the resolution.

Councilwoman Diggs – Yes
Councilwoman Eason – No (has already passed R-40-2014)
Councilman Herring – Yes
Councilwoman Jenkins – No
Councilwoman Phifer – No
Councilwoman Carter - No
Councilwoman Smallwood – Yes
3 Yes 4 No
Failed

- R-47-2014 A Resolution for Approval of Recycling Avaya Phone Systems

Councilwoman Jenkins motion to table - Seconded by Councilwoman Phifer

Letter accompany the legislation is not on City of Glenarden letter head, also a question of the e-cash card and cosmetically needs correction.

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

- R-48-2014 A Resolution to Approve a Contract with Brickman Group LTD LLC to Construct a Veterans Memorial

Councilman Herring motion to adopt - Seconded by Councilwoman Diggs

Councilwoman Eason is the same resolution as R-24-2014 which was previously approved by the majority of the Council.

Councilwoman Smallwood indicates the Mayor has refused to sign and it authorizes Council President to sign off on the contract.

Councilwoman Phifer – notes that the company brought by Ms. Butler was not licensed and was disciplined to not have a license.

Councilwoman Diggs – notes that last Monday the Mayor said he did not have a problem with the R-48-2014 and was offered the legislation and would return the signed contract within 72 hours.

Councilwoman Carter states that she feels that the Council is rushing the project through for completion, and states that was the same process that was done for the elevator that has been through none completion and difficulty.

Councilwoman Jenkins offers that the City could request an extension of time to have the project not fail.

Councilwoman Diggs – Yes

Councilwoman Eason – No (already approved R-24-2014)

Councilman Herring – Abstain

Councilwoman Jenkins – No (due to the process)

Councilwoman Phifer – No (problem with the process)

Councilwoman Carter - No

Councilwoman Smallwood – Yes

2 Yes 4 No's 1 Abstain

Failed

- R-50-2014 Resolution to Authorize a Contract with Innoface Systems, Inc. to Provide an Audit Visual System for the City Council Chambers

Councilwoman Eason notes this legislation was approved in November 2013. Resolution R-03-2014 was approved and waiting for a signed contract by Mayor Smith.

Mayor Smith signs the Innoface contract during the meeting.

- R-51-2014 Resolution to Approve the Re-Appointment of Perry Hampton to the Permit Review Committee

Councilman Herring motion to adopt with amendments - Seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins - Adding the term dates and at Regular Meeting not Special Meeting.

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-52-2014 Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Carolyn Smallwood to the Permit Review Committee

Councilman Herring motion to adopt with Councilwoman Carter asked to be the co-sponsor and the terms to be added - Seconded by Councilwoman Diggs

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

Passed

- R-53-23014 A Resolution to Approve a Contract with Good Trash Removal Inc.

Councilman Phifer motion to adopt - Seconded by Councilwoman Carter

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

Passed

- Gratis Vote for Senior Summer Day Camp to use the Gold Room for the entire summer.

Councilman Phifer motion to adopt - Seconded by Councilwoman Diggs

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

Passed

Councilwoman Phifer motion to adopt the senior to use the Glenarden Community Space at Woodmore, with fees waived – Seconded by Councilwoman Diggs

Councilwoman Jenkins offers for consideration to have the seniors use the Gold Room and second alternative due to an event the Community Space -

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

- Mayor's Report

- ✓ A week ago Georgetown University study on City of Glenarden regarding World War II. Also spoke on After School Programs.
 - Councilwoman Jenkins notes that the Election signs that were taken down – need to be put back up immediately.
- ✓ Mayor states from the code that the signs have not gone through the proper request protocol - which is 30 days prior to the election, and the signs, can; go back up on May 23rd.
 - Councilwoman Jenkins, Council Representative, Senate Representative, Delegates Representative – respectfully requesting that the signs go back up tomorrow.
- ✓ Mayor Smith conceded and will instruct for the signs to be put back up.

- City Manager's Report (Vacant - no report offered)
- Chief of Police Report (See Report)

- ✓ Continue to have concerns with the motor bikes, and ATV bikes in the city and will be addressing the riders with warrants.
 - ✓ Glenarden Apartments land was purchased – Mr. Dungee representative of Inter-Coastal – will go to foreclosure 2nd week of June.
 - ✓ Councilwoman Phifer – 8th street corner gathering, little children with no helmets.
 - ✓ Cousins Drive there is a Basketball Court that needs to be removed and or taken down.
 - ✓ Public Hearing on Jeff & Tyrol Street – Code Enforcement officer Johnson attended the hearing – Chief O’Donnell will write a letter to the County opposing the 6 foot fence.
 - ✓ House on Church Street – Dumpster on that street.
 - ✓ Councilman Herring offers kudos regarding the Police Department being noted at the Second Safest City in the State of Maryland.
- City Treasurer’s Report (Offered by Mayor Smith)
 - 1099 examiner contacted the Treasurer regarding the settlement, and it will be taken care of, within a week to avoid interest fees on the settlement, which is approximately \$38K.
 - Councilman Herring asked the Mayor if the Treasurer has submitted a resignation.
 - Mayor Smith responds that he has not been offered a resignation from the Treasurer. However, the Treasurer has articulated that he will offer resignation and has offered his last day to be June 30, 2014.

- Councilwoman Phifer offers that she spoke to the Treasurer and that he has turned in his resignation and that the Treasurer will not leave the city in disarray, or the audit incomplete, books not being closed out properly for 2013. Also, offers that he will not come to anymore meetings and tired of being attacked. And he wants to keep his reputation in good standing.

- Citizen's Comments/Questions (five minutes)

- Mr. Leo Wilson – resolution dealing with disposal of phone system – e-cash card technology trade in , however, we are doing the free cycling program where you receive no monetary return.

Also, he state to the finance office that this is not personal, it's business. Asked 5 months ago the Treasurer's office hours - responds was, various hours.

Mayor said the Treasurer has been working more than 40 hours a week.

Problem with the audit – extension of 30 days and still has not met that deadline – asked for another extension, but was denied.

- Mr. John Anderson – notes that Councilwoman Smallwood on the Permit Review Committee brings a conflict of interest by serving on the Permit Review Committee.

- Are there regulations for ice cream vendors being in the city?

- Vacate lots locks are being cut by public works – lien on the bank.
 - Lots for sale that's own by the city?
- Mr. Edward Estes – Just moved to the Woodmore / single family home owner. He is an Urban Planner, and designer. Works with Parks and Planning, and just moved from Atlanta, GA. Have concerns on the future of the Permit Review process.
 - Suggest considering how Council can streamline the permit process.
 - Woodmore residents are young professionals & empty nester – actively involved in the process.
 - Will not tolerate the issues happening now.
- Tiffany Alston – running for re-election. Secured the funding while in office for the VA Memorial and she states that it is possible to request an extension of the timeline past the June 1 deadline.
- Bobby Henry – life-long resident of PG County off hill road. Practicing attorney for more than 30 years.
- Rubin Reid – Nutrition center chairs are a hazard – need about 60 chairs.
 - Veteran's Memorial Park – notes that he wants to see it done and see it done properly. Also, states the Charter says it needs to go out to bid.
 - Offers that the Treasurer has done a fine job.

- **Announcement:** MML conference is June 8 – 11, 2014 and the Council will be participating at the Conference, hence the Regular meeting will be scheduled for Monday, June 16th at 7:30PM.
 - Ms. Joyce Butler addresses the Mayor regarding the VA Memorial, the bond bath and the RFP with an Engineer. However, nothing had been done regarding the RFP from the Administration office. And she states she followed the guidelines. County approved and accepted drawings. County stated that a structural engineer is only needed for the wall. Gave a recommendations for a structural engineer, it was turned down, then another, Mr. Erdi that is doing Landover’s swimming pool.
 - Regarding the VA Memorial Plaques – the diagram shows how it will look and placed on the wall – shows the cost, Brickman is installing the plaques, and is included in the scope of work. Could not be accused of not following the guidelines for the goal of the Veterans Memorial.
 - Mrs. Celestine Wilson – disappointed the legislation did not pass to have Smallwood to sign off on legislation. States that people are dragging their feet on the Veterans Memorial - the citizens want the Veterans Memorial to built-up. Let’s get the job done. The citizens want it now. No reason why we can’t have it - sign the contract.
- Adjourn at 11:05PM

Submitted By:
Toni Taylor, Council Clerk