



City of Glenarden  
Special Meeting  
May 19, 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

Motion by Councilman Herring to adopt the agenda - Seconded by  
Councilwoman Diggs

Councilwoman Carter notes that R-54-2014 and R-55-2014 were already brought to the floor and voted on by the Council. Asked the question why are the two legislations being brought back before the Council?

Councilwoman Smallwood explains that new language has been added.

Councilman Herring will sponsor R-54-2014.

Councilwoman Carter asked that both resolutions be removed.

Councilwoman Carter to remove R-55-2014 – seconded by Councilwoman Phifer

Councilwoman Diggs - No  
Councilwoman Eason – Abstain  
Councilman Herring – No  
Councilwoman Jenkins – Yes  
Councilwoman Phifer – Yes  
Councilwoman Carter- Yes  
Councilwoman Smallwood – No  
3 Yes 3 No's 1 Abstain

**Failed**

Councilwoman Diggs notes that the two pieces of legislation were not on the last meeting agenda and that these are two new pieces of legislation with different language.

Councilwoman Jenkins notes that the intent is the same regardless of the name of the legislation.

Councilwoman Smallwood notes that R-54-2014 is removed from the agenda and R-55-2014 will remain on the agenda.

Councilman Herring amends his motion for adoption of agenda to add a presentation from Delegate Howard.

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**

Delegate Howard:

- ✓ Sponsored a bond bill for the VA Memorial
- ✓ Asked colleague Delegate Vaughn to co-sponsor
- ✓ Request for \$175K was granted on the House side
- ✓ Request for \$150K was granted on the Senate side
- ✓ A Total of \$225K for the VA Memorial granted
- ✓ Once bond bills are received you should be ready to commence the project – To-date the City is not completed with the project
- ✓ An extension can be asked for, but no guarantee it will be granted
- ✓ From the standpoint of the atmosphere in Annapolis at this time, 9 times-out-of ten, if the City is not ready and need to ask for an extension, the City could lose the bond bill
- ✓ Do you want the VA Memorial bond bill money or do you not want the bond bill money

Questions:

Councilwoman Phifer – asked how is the bond money is disbursed – do we get the \$225K in advance?

Delegate Howard - Spend your match money first then get the draw down from the State. Contact your point person in Annapolis for further details. Must show the match money before the bond bill is approved.

Mr. Leo Wilson – confirms that the City can ask for an extension but not guaranteed - be in the ground by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Questions what is the City to do if the Mayor will not sign a contract?

Delegate Howard says the State will not get involved in the how the project stops. However, the City (Mayor and Council) has to be together with the project.

Ms. Maryann White – hear more about the matching amount – and believes an extension can be requested.

Delegate Howard – State is clear on whether they will give you the funds – The City has qualified for the bond bill. Soft match, hard match (dollar for dollar) or Grants - look at the application to see if you have an **IN KIND Match** - Definitely have the proof and they will assure the information is confirmed.

Councilman Herring – the State came out to appraise the property land – which made the match.

Councilwoman Smallwood – The City of Glenarden has the matching money - \$208K funds and the States is going to match the \$208K that we have. Cost of the VA Memorial is covered to have the get the project done.

Location of the VA Memorial is located on McLain Avenue - in front of the recreation.

Councilwoman Phifer – We have \$208K in matching money and the state gives us \$208K - say the memorial only cost \$150K – then where does the access go to?

Delegate Howard – remember you spend your money first and then the state will only contribute if needed.

- Citizens Comments on Legislation (two minutes)

Mr. Leo Wilson – states that the Special work session only 2 citizens were in attendance and he was one of the citizens. The discussion regarding Brickman on the plaques, he heard no objection to the new verbiage in the legislation. New language coming forth in a new resolution would be coming forth, due to the Mayor failing to sign the contract.

Ms. Marianne White – The City contact person for the VA Memorial now has changed since there is no City Manager - adjust the contact person in the administration.

- Legislation

O-04-2014 An Emergency Ordinance to Amend the City of Glenarden's Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 to Authorize Receipt, Transfer and Expenditure of Funds

Councilman Herring motions to bring to the floor as an emergency Ordinance - seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins

Councilwoman Diggs - Yes

Councilwoman Eason – Yes

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

**Passed**

Councilman Herring motions to approve and include the original amount included in the legislation - 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

**Passed**

R-41-2014 A Resolution to Authorize and Ratify Payment to Butler Video Productions for the Black History Program

Councilwoman Carter motions to approve - seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins

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-54-2014 A Resolution to Authorize the Council President to Sign a Contract to Purchase of Bronze Plaques for the Veteran's Memorial  
**(REMOVED)**

R-55-2014 A Resolution To Authorize the Council President to Sign A Contract With Brickman Group LTD LLC To Construct A Veterans Memorial

Councilman Herring motions to approve - seconded by Councilwoman Diggs

Councilwoman Diggs - Yes

Councilwoman Eason – Yes/Previous Administration started the project 2 years ago and after hearing Delegate Howard's comments wants the project to move forward

Councilman Herring – Yes

Councilwoman Jenkins – No/Does support & Respect the Veterans/does not support the process

Councilwoman Phifer – No/Concern with Council President signing the paper work and the process/Does not want in proper construction of the Memorial

Councilwoman Carter – No

Councilwoman Smallwood- Yes

4 Yes 3 No's

**Passed**

- Citizen's Comments/Questions (five minutes)

Mr. Leo Wilson – the Council said the Brickman resolution was coming forward at the work session.

Ms. Jacqueline Garrison – Resident of Fox Ridge sewage line in the development and they are just patching the street where they were working - are they coming back to complete the street?

Councilwoman Jenkins – 2 years ago work begun for paving Wards I – III, it is just now Ward III turn to have paving done - should be placed in the budget for FY 2015.

Mabel Metcalfe – She has a cracked up sidewalk, and has been told that it is the homeowner’s responsibility to repair the sidewalks.

Councilwoman Jenkins - notes that the Public Work’s supervisor did a review of all the sidewalks and aprons in the city, for budgeting money for repairs - Councilwoman Jenkins will follow up with the sidewalks.

Councilman Herring – notes that the Code does state that the sidewalks are the citizen’s responsibility.

Mr. Perry Hampton – citizen responsible for the sidewalk does not seem correct. Invest and educate the Public Works Staff to do some of the work and save the tax payers some of the contractors exuberate cost.

- Adjourned at 9:18pm

**Submitted By:**  
**Toni Taylor, Council Clerk**