



**City of Glenarden
Special Work Session
October 30, 2013 - 6:30PM
Minutes**

Mayor Dennis C. Smith
Interim City Manager – Bill Reaves
Treasurer – Christopher Wood
Council President – Carolyn Smallwood
Council Vice President – Elaine Carter
Councilwoman – Judy Diggs
Councilwoman – Deborah Eason
Councilman – James Herring
Councilwoman – Maxine Phifer

- Call to Order at 6:35pm
- Invocation led by Rev. Gray
- Roll Call

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

We have a Quorum

- Motion to Adopt Agenda

Councilwoman Carter motion to adopt the agenda – Seconded by Councilwoman Phifer

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 1 Absent

Agenda Adopted

Councilman Herring motion to go into closed session after the Special Work session – seconded by Council Diggs

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 1 Absent

Closed Session

Presentation

- Ms. Vega c/o DR Horton
 - Noted more detailed information for the permits
 - Obtain the permits for the first set of townhomes
 - Architect detail are in the permit application
 - Certified version of the DSP - the same elevation
 - For Parcels 12-18 lots L

- Next set of permits will be in coming to the city within a few weeks (6 more lots)
- End units are 24 foot wide and the interior units are 20 foot-wide
- HOA will be apart of the community
- 66% - 75% percent homes need to be sold before the HOA will take over community – D. R. Horton will follow the State law for HOA control
- As the developer they will maintain snow removal etc. until the Home Association is established
- 3 models of town houses - models called Brentwood, Century and Norwood
- 7 models for the houses
- Special Meeting Vote will be done on November 4th at 6:30pm
- Conditional approval given for Ms. Vega
- Ms. Vega will present at the Special Meeting to the residents

- Topic of Discussion

- ✓ Auditor Review/Selection

Ranking markers for the five auditors

Administration has selected CohnReznick for the City's next auditor - to conduct the standard audit and the forensic audit.

Councilwoman Smallwood – researched the selected firm

“CohnReznick” and noted an overall rating to be a 2.9 average review rating from 64 people and 49% recommendation to refer to a friend.

All five of the companies were asked the same information.

Keep the price competitive.

Councilwoman Smallwood - Has a problem with Page 7 appendix B.

Councilman Herring – the forensic audit for \$12K is likely to be an audit over an audit, to see if you need a forensic audit.

Councilwoman Eason – has a copy of the RFP – and questions if this is standard for a forensic audit.

Councilwoman Carter – ask if we can move forward with the standard audit. Do what is necessary at this time by the State guidelines and do a forensic audit at a later time once we have identified the money.

Councilwoman Phifer – Believes it is absolutely necessary to find out about the City's finances. Need it sooner rather than later, and have the audit and forensic audits.

Councilman Herring – Also adds, that the RFP should not have been written to pick one and the other as a one package deal. The previous audits for the city have been good since 2003.

Mr. Reaves – the Council has a forensic line item in legislative budget for a forensic audit to be done.

Councilwoman Smallwood – ask the question - can we go with the regular audit and come back for the forensic audit.

Councilwoman Eason – ask is the city financial records ready for the audit.

Mr. Wood – responds to Councilwoman Eason question to ask him again the same question in about 2/3 weeks for a better estimated time of the financial records to be in order.

Accounts payables are over stated, expenses are understated and revenues are understated.

Councilwoman Carter – Can we even order an audit firm to do an audit without our books being in order.

Consensus on the decision on the audit firm:

Councilman Herring – No

Councilwoman Carter – Accept the Mayor's recommendation. Would like to see a split contract, one for the standard audit and another for the forensic audit. And for the standard audit be done immediately and the forensic audit to be put to the side for now.

Councilwoman Smallwood – do you want a resolution to move forward –Yes to accept both audits.

Consensus vote: Carter – split or whole, she will support the Mayor decision.

Councilwoman Phifer – not split/support administration

Councilman Herring – split

Councilwoman Diggs – split

Councilwoman Eason – not split

Councilwoman Smallwood – split

Will be on the November agenda.

Adjourn: 8:25pm

Submitted By:
Toni Taylor, Council Clerk

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