

# The City of Glenarden Regular Meeting (Virtual) Monday, March 14, 2022, at 7:30 PM Minutes

### **Attendees:**

Council President – Derek D. Curtis, II
Council Vice President – Angela D. Ferguson
Councilwoman – Erika L. Fareed
Councilwoman – Kathleen J. Guillaume
Councilman – Maurice A. Hairston
Councilman – James A. Herring
Councilwoman – Robin Jones

### **Additional Guest:**

Darrell Carrington, Carrington Associates, LLC. A. Criner, Sensys Gatso Group

- Called to Order at 7:30 PM
- Invocation led by Vice President Angela D. Ferguson
- Roll Call

Council President – Derek D. Curtis, II – Present
Council Vice President – Angela D. Ferguson – Present
Councilwoman – Erika L. Fareed – Present
Councilwoman – Kathleen J. Guillaume - Present
Councilman – Maurice A. Hairston – Absent
Councilman – James A. Herring – Present
Councilwoman – Robin Jones – Present
6 Present, 1 Absent

Motion to Adopt Agenda

Councilman James A. Herring to adopt the agenda – Second by Vice President Angela D. Ferguson.

Council President – Derek D. Curtis, II - Yes Council Vice President – Angela D. Ferguson - Yes Councilwoman – Erika L. Fareed - Yes Councilwoman – Kathleen J. Guillaume - Yes Councilman – Maurice A. Hairston – Absent Councilman – James A. Herring - Yes Councilwoman – Robin Jones - Yes 6 Yes, 0 No = PASSED

### Presentation

- ➤ Traffic Calming Mitigation Efforts Mr. Darrell Carrington
  - K. Guillaume What level of security would be set in place to prevent bad characters from destroying the equipment in an effort to avoid ticketing?
    - A. Criner The installations are placed high up on a pole which makes it
      extremely difficult to reach. Even in the case of spray painting or the
      camera going out of focus; the Sensys Gatso Group system monitors
      would be notified and send someone out to address that immediately.
  - K. Guillaume If there isn't any security in place, will the city be held responsible for the equipment?
    - A. Criner There would be no charge to the city.
    - D. Carrington Technology updates/upgrades will not be an additional charge to the city as well.
  - J. Herring How are the units powered?
    - A. Criner Pole installation speed radars are powered via Pepco, and box installation radar systems are battery operated.
  - J. Herring Out of the 26 municipalities how many of them use your product, and how long have you been in the county?
    - A. Criner Sensys Gatso has worked with the cities of Mt. Rainier and Forest Heights for 3 years.
  - J. Herring Will the tickets still be no higher than \$40?
    - A. Criner Yes, the ticket price will still be the same; for speed it's still \$40, for Red Light Tickets the fee is \$75.00.
    - A. Criner The City of Glenarden will never have to pay a fee to Sensys Gatso Group.
  - E. Fareed Do you have a timeline for when you expect the new call center in Price George's County to be operable?
    - A. Criner Not at this time, however, we are looking into making that
      information available to the public soon.

- E. Fareed If the citizen wanted to request a hearing to dispute a ticket, how would they go about that being that the City of Glenarden does not have a court system.
  - A. Criner You would mail back the citation requesting a hearing.
     Sensys Gatso would then setup a court hearing with Prince George's
     County for the citizen to dispute the citation.
- E. Fareed Request metrics showing the speeding deterrence factor the cities have shown since contracting with Sensys Gatso.

# Legislation

- CR-XX-2022 A Charter Resolution to Amend Article V "City Manager" Section 502 "Authority" To Amend the Line of Authority Respective to the City Manager
- CR-XX-2022 A Charter Resolution to Amend Article IX "Personnel", Section 901, "Authority to Employ Personnel"
- CR-XX-2022 A Resolution to Amend the City Council Rules Section 308
- R-XX-2022 A Resolution to Amend the City Council Rules Section 307
- R-XX-2022 A Resolution to Accept the American Rescue Plan Funding
- R-XX-2022 A Resolution to Establish a Grant Program for City of Glenarden Homeowners
  Associations
- R-XX-2022 A Resolution to Approve Maintenance Work for the Veterans Memorial Park
- R-XX-2022 A Resolution to Declare a City Police Vehicle as Surplus and Approve Sale of the Vehicle to the Town of Marlow Heights
- R-XX-2022 A Resolution Authorizing a Contract with New Holland Auto Group, for the Purchase of a Public Works Vehicle

## Administrative Reports

- Mayors/City Managers Report
  - R. Jones When looking into the bids submitted for sidewalk repairs, Councilwoman Jones noticed that the vast difference in the pricing range is due to the scope of work submitted to each contractor being different. Councilwoman Jones asked the administration to investigate the scope of work submitted to make sure it is consistent for fair bidding. Wants to see this process moving along!
- > Treasurer's Report

- Chief of Police Report
  - President Curtis What is the status of the traffic pattern for Costco due to the influx of activity from gas prices.
    - Acting Chief Jackson There is an officer located at the roundabout directing traffic from Sunday - Sunday from 11am – 7pm.
    - President Curtis Requests the Webmaster to notify the citizens of the new traffic calming methods proposed by the city to redirect traffic near the entrance of Costco for citizen access.

### Citizens Comments

- C. Smallwood Does not feel okay with the Council President having discretion on the amount of time a citizen can speak in the event that the Council President may hold any bias against a particular citizen.
- C. Smallwood Where is the community garden going to be located, as the citizens have already stated that they did not want a community garden. Also, who will be overseeing this initiative?
  - Mayor Cross The Community Garden is not something that the City of Glenarden will oversee as this is a Parks and Planning initiative.
- ➤ Chris Stevenson Informing the citizens that the Mental Health Awareness event scheduled for this weekend will be rescheduled due to inclement weather. Mr. Stevenson will keep the city and Council informed on the new date and time of the event.
- ➤ **Jessie Huff, Jr**. Request an update on his request to turn Glenarden Pkwy and Reeves Street into a four-way stop.
  - Mayor Cross Mayor Cross will look into the four-way stop at Glenarden Pkwy and Reeves Street, as well as the turn signal on Brighseat Road near the library which has received complaints as well.
- A. Hunter Ms. Hunter thinks the community garden is a good idea!
- ➤ A. Hunter The New China Carry-Out by A1...residents have been asking why is it closed?
- ➤ A. Hunter Johnson Ave & Glenarden Pkwy is a tragedy waiting to happen at that intersection; there needs to be traffic control awareness.
- ➤ A. Hunter Is looking forward to seeing the sidewalk repairs.

Adjourned at 9:01 pm
 Submitted by:
 Victoria Lewis, Council Clerk