

## The City of Glenarden Public Hearing (Virtual) Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 7:00 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

- Called to Order at 7:00 PM
- Invocation led by Council President Derek D. Curtis, II
- 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 - Present Councilman - James A. Herring - Present Councilwoman – Robin Jones – Present

We have a Quorum

Motion to Adopt Agenda

Councilwoman Kathleen J. Guillaume to adopt the agenda – Second by Councilwoman Robin Jones.

> 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 - Yes Councilman - James A. Herring - Yes Councilwoman – Robin Jones - Yes

7 Yes, 0 No = PASSED

- Citizens Comments on Pending 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"
    - Sennieal Crutchfield Does not agree with removing/transferring the power to manage city personnel from the Mayor to the City Manager.
       How does this legislation benefit the citizens of Glenarden.
      - President Curtis The City Manager is a full-time employee of the city who was hired with the intent purpose of running the city, as the Council and Mayor are only part-time.
  - CR-XX-2022 A Resolution to Amend the City Council Rules Section 308
    - C. Wilson Concerned about the Public Hearing portion of the 307 & 308 legislations. Asks that the Public Hearing sections of both resolutions to be left off the resolutions. The citizens do not have the attend all meetings and request the citizens to do their research on what happened historically before you eliminate Public Hearings.
      - E. Fareed Councilwoman Fareed states that the purpose of Section 308 is not to eliminate Public Hearings but to move citizens comments from that third Tuesday of the month to the Regular Meeting.
  - R-XX-2022 A Resolution to Amend the City Council Rules Section 307
    - Julienne Vinson Finds it challenging to accommodate multiple
      council meetings in her schedule being an entrepreneur and mother.
      Agrees with the proposed resolution's attempt to shorten the length
      of time/number of meetings it takes to pass legislation. Asks the
      council to adapt to the changing needs of the Glenarden citizens.
    - Jamestina Diop Working as a Family Nurse Practitioner she agrees
      with the previous commentor that it is difficult to keep up with the
      high frequency of meetings to stay informed. Asks the council to find a
      medium with the citizens so they are able to engage and be involved

with the ongoings of the city without having to attend so many meetings.

- **C. Wilson** in 307 under entry #2 Council Organization, the language should state that "<u>All Council Members"</u> should have the right to ask the treasurer about the finances of the city.
- 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
  - C. Wilson Has a decision been made not to renew our snow removal contract? The truck package has a snowplow...would the snow removal be done by Public Works going forward?
    - **President Curtis** The snow removal contract was automatically renewed.
    - R. Jones The Public Works Department will use the plow for snow removal around the municipal center. The intent is not to remove the snow removal contract.
    - Mayor Cross The snowplow is for continuation and maintenance of the municipal center.
- Adjourned at 8:08 pm
   Submitted by:

Victoria Lewis, Council Clerk