



The City of Glenarden
Regular Meeting (Virtual)
Monday, January 10, 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

- 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 – Present
 - Councilman – James A. Herring – Present
 - Councilwoman – Robin Jones – Present

We have a Quorum
- Motion to Adopt Agenda
 - Councilman Maurice A. Hairston to adopt the agenda – Second by Councilman James A. Herring.
- Discussion:
 - **M. Hairston** – Please add New Developers to the Topics of Discussion.
 - **Vice President Ferguson** – Please add City Events to the Topics of Discussion.
 - **J. Herring** – Please add the renewal of the Snow Contract to the Topics of Discussion.
 - **E. Fareed** – Please add Covid-19 Testing to the Topics of Discussion.

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Councilman – James A. Herring - Yes
Councilwoman – Robin Jones - Yes
7 Yes, 0 No = PASSED

- Motion to Accept Meeting Minutes

- 10/12/21 Regular Meeting
- 10/26/21 Emergency Meeting
- 11/6/21 Emergency Meeting
- 11/9/21 Executive Session
- 11/15/21 Special Work Session
- 12/1/21 Executive Session
- 12/2/21 Special Regular Meeting

Motion to accept the minutes adopted by Councilman James A. Herring – Second by Vice President Angela D. Ferguson.

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- Administrative Reports

- Mayors/City Manager Report
- Treasurer’s Report
- Chief of Police Report
 - **R. Jones** – Did you receive the information concerning the Liquor Board requirements for the A1 Liquors permit to share with the council?
 1. **Acting Chief Robinson** – The contract states there is supposed to be security there from 8pm -12pm. The contract was initiated prior to the law change proposed to close liquor stores at 12pm.
 2. **R. Jones** – I would like to see the contract.

1. **Mayor Cross** – The Mayor will discuss that option with the contractor.
 2. **R. Jones** – Requests Council President Curtis to pass along the booklet pertaining the past due ticket/citation information for collection to the administration.
- **E. Fareed** – Could the Carrington & Associates, LLC also offer other traffic calming methods such as, speed bumps and digital speed radar signs detailing the speed limit?
 - **Mayor Cross** – Will schedule a meeting with Carrington & Associates, LLC to discuss with the council these possibilities.
 - **Acting Chief Robinson** – We have a radar sign that is battery operated that will be installed on the 9100 block of Glenarden Pkwy.
- Street Retrofitting
 - New Developers
 - **J. Herring** – Please reach out to the Urban Edge Developers to have them schedule a meet and greet with Mayor Cross and the City Council to discuss their projected plans for the recently purchased 22 acres.
 1. **Mayor Cross** – Mayor Cross will take the lead on this request.
- City Events
 - **Vice President Ferguson** – Due to the spike in COVID-19 cases, Vice President Ferguson requests considering canceling the scheduled events in the Gold Room for public safety reasons; events can resume possibly in April if COVID cases decrease.
 - **R. Jones** – Requests going back to providing a detailed event budget to the council for each city event so everyone can be aware of what is being spent.
- Snow Contract
 - **J. Herring** – Request to make a motion to move forward with signing the 1-year contract extension option for the 2022 winter season snow removal:

Motion to extend the snow removal contract for the 2022 winter season adopted by Councilman James A. Herring – Second by Councilwoman Robin Jones.

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7 Yes, 0 No = PASSED

➤ Covid-19 Testing

- **E. Fareed** – Request to move DC Integrative COVID-19 testers back to the municipal center so they can utilize the nutrition center for a rest area and shelter from the cold:
- **President Curtis** – Request a consensus vote on moving DC Integrated back to the Nutrition Center to provide shelter from the cold and continue Covid-19 testing for the citizens:

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Councilman – Maurice A. Hairston - Yes
Councilman – James A. Herring - Yes
Councilwoman – Robin Jones - Abstain
6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain = PASSED

- **President Curtis** – Request City Manager Consuella Barbour to send information to the council on how DC Integrated will be using the council chambers and an update on the monitoring of the traffic pattern for COVID Testing.

• Citizens Comments

➤ **Joyce Butler** – The seniors who do not have access to the internet or social media to make an appointment are not allowed to be seen, why is that?

- **E. Fareed** – Registration is required for insurance purposes and to prevent a HIPPA breach. Your patient demographics are needed to send your result information and contact you in the event of exposure to COVID-19.
- **Victoria Person** – Is there a way the city can give out home COVID-19 test kits to the citizens and seniors, or can a select time be designated to assist seniors with appointment registration?

- **Victoria Person** – Regarding the 22-acre sale of WTC; what will the impact of this sale be on the citizens? Is this in results of the recent zoning discussion that took place last fall? Mrs. Person learned about this sale through WTOP...was this advertised anywhere else, and were the citizens ever properly informed that this land was up for sale?
 - **President Curtis** – President Curtis found out about the 22-acre sale in WTC in the same fashion as Mrs. Person via Facebook. Will research what the proper notification protocol is and if the city should be notified regarding commercial purchases.
 - **C. Smallwood** – WTC has been up for sale for over 3 years, and they just now found a buyer.
- **C. Smallwood** – Regarding the fence on Brightseat Road; Glenarden has a policy that no fences will be permitted in the front of a residential property. Code Enforcement needs to go talk to the owner to find out where did they get permission to install a fence in their front yard
- **C. Smallwood** – In a prior meeting it was asked how did the telework work policy for the City of Glenarden work out. It did not work well, because when the telework policy was implemented the Clerk had the opportunity to work from home. However, once the Council President and Vice President changed to Robin Jones and Angela Ferguson, they refused to let the Clerk work from home. The Clerk was forced to still come into the office for zoom meetings even though the building was closed to the public and the rest of the council could attend the meeting virtually.
- **C. Smallwood** – The citizens are still having problems reading the Marquee. Mrs. Smallwood stated that Mayor Cross informed her to tell the citizens to make sure they put their glasses on when trying to read the Marquee at the light.
- **C. Smallwood** – Why haven't the city partnered with Sustainable Communities regarding the sidewalks? How many of these sidewalk repair locations are located in WTC?
 - **Mayor Cross** – The WTC sidewalks that will be addressed are as follows:
 1. Glenarden Parkway
 2. McLean Street
 3. Reeves Street
 4. 3rd
 5. 5th

6. Wesley Street

7. Johnson Ct

- **Jessy Huff, Jr.** – Can a postcard go out to the seniors detailing the testing hours since some may have difficulty with technology and internet access?
 - **Jessy Huff, Jr.** – Public Works normally cuts back the bamboo in Hayes Park, however, they are growing rapidly now. An email regarding the concern over the bamboo branches falling on residents' cars was sent to the council. Can we go back to preventative pruning?
 - **J. Herring** – The bamboo has been there for 15 years and will not damage anyone's car. The bamboo was removed, which is now causing a runoff issue. The bamboo was placed there with a beautification grant and should not have been removed without investigating the purpose/need of the installation.
 - **Joyce Butler** – St. Michaels Drive has a lot of speeding approaching the circle that needs to be addressed. The Acting Chief of Police has been informed of this concern.
- Adjourned at 10:06 pm

Submitted by:

Victoria Lewis, Council Clerk