



The City of Glenarden
Public Hearing (Virtual)
Tuesday, May 17, 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 7:01 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
Councilwoman Robin Jones to adopt the agenda – Second by Vice President Angela D. Ferguson.
- Discussion
 - **E. Fareed** – Has concern about the consensus items not being a part of the agenda for citizens comments. Councilwoman Fareed would like the consensus items moved to the Public Hearing portion of the agenda.

- **J. Herring** – Councilman Herring states that any items listed on the agenda during a Public Hearing is subject to possible citizen comment and feedback.
- **K. Guillaume** – Can a consensus be taken in other ways offline via email, or does it need to be taken in a public meeting?

Council President – Derek D. Curtis, II - Yes
 Council Vice President – Angela D. Ferguson - Yes
 Councilwoman – Erika L. Fareed - Yes
 Councilwoman – Kathleen J. Guillaume – Pass, Abstain
 Councilman – Maurice A. Hairston - Absent
 Councilman – James A. Herring - Yes
 Councilwoman – Robin Jones - Yes
5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain = PASSED

- Citizens Comments on Pending Legislation

- R-32-2022 A Resolution Accepting the FY 2021 Independent Auditor’s Report
- R-33-2022 A Resolution to Approve an Agreement with All Recreation for the Purchase and Installation of New Playground Equipment and Low-Impact Wellness Equipment
- R-34-2022 A Resolution to Establish a Charter Review Process
 - **C. Wilson** – Page 2, line 33; Mrs. Karen P. Ruff, will she be the person the city will be using? Mrs. Wilson take issue with Mrs. Ruff as she does not feel she is a good fit for the city.
- R-35-2022 A Resolution to Promote Financial Literacy Amongst Residents of Glenarden
 - **C. Smallwood** – Financial literacy is being taught for free in primary, middle, and high school; why are we going to pay someone come teach something that is already being provided in public schools? Have you spoken to Mrs. Goldson who is the Board of Education Director to discuss this program coming to the City of Glenarden for free?
 - **E. Fareed** – This program is not solely geared toward school age children. Also, not all children attend public schools, some are home schooled or attend private school. This program is for everyone and is important for the stability of our city.
 - **C. Smallwood** – Line 19, page 2; where is the grant money coming from? Are the ARPA funds being used for this initiative, and once the funds are done will the program discontinue?

- **E. Fareed** – The ARPA funds will be used for this initiative, and once the funds are exhausted the program will be discontinued and will not be a ongoing program.
 - **C. Smallwood** – Line 16 states the citizens must complete a successful workshop to receive grant money...please clarify.
 - **E. Fareed** – Yes, this financial literacy program is required for applicants applying for grant money to help them learn how to become savvier financially.
 - **C. Smallwood** – Does not agree with this.
 - **E. Fareed** – Councilwoman Fareed is open to suggestions.
 - **C. Wilson** – What amount of money is being directed towards this literacy program?
 - **E. Fareed** – There may not be a need to designate a specific dollar amount for this initiative, as a lot of financial literacy program we can partner with are offered for free. This is a just an expression that the council will work to bring financial literacy to the citizens.
 - R-36-2022 A Resolution to Establish a Stormwater Management Rebate Program
 - R-37-2022 A Resolution Approving the Agreement with Goode Companies, Inc. for the Three-Month Provision of Trash, Recycling and Bulk Item Pick Ups
 - **C. Cross** – Page 2, line 6-7; that line should read that the Mayor is authorized to enter into the agreement per Councilman James A. Herring.
 - **R. Jones** – that is only at the pleasure of the Council.
- Consensus
 - Gold Room Gratis for Former Councilwoman Barbara Armstrong
 - Public Comments
 - **C. Smallwood** – The Charter is clear that you need to give former Councilwoman Barbara the gratis, and the repass service is this May 27th, 2022.

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 = The consensus is the Gold Room, and all uses of the Gold Room will be offered at gratis for the Mrs. Barbara Armstrong event.

➤ Return to in person meetings

▪ Public Comments

- **C. Smallwood** – Mrs. Smallwood does not understand why a consensus needs to be taken to return to in person meetings in the Council Chambers.
 - **President Curtis** – A consensus needs to be taken to return back to in person meetings since the Council has been virtual due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.
- **J. Herring** – Will a virtual meeting option also be included once we go back to in-person meetings?
 - **President Curtis** – Yes, zoom will also be an option.
- **R. Jones** – What measures are being taken for public safety to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Will the Council Chambers be deep cleaned and have the installation of partitions? The County recently redid their whole chambers to outfit it with partitions and spacing for social distancing.
 - **President Curtis** – A project of that level would require a vote to approve that expenditure, meaning the return to in-person meetings at the start of the new session in September 2022.
- **President Curtis** – Request a consensus to be taken to return back to in-person meetings at the start of the new session in September 2022.

Council President – Derek D. Curtis, II - Yes

Council Vice President – Angela D. Ferguson - Abstain

Councilwoman – Erika L. Fareed - Abstain

Councilwoman – Kathleen J. Guillaume - Abstain

Councilman – Maurice A. Hairston - Absent

Councilman – James A. Herring - Yes

Councilwoman – Robin Jones - Abstain

2 Yes, 0 No, 4 Abstain = FAILED

- **R. Jones** – Councilwoman Jones feels the whole council chambers needs to be gutted as well as the nutrition center and bathrooms for

renovation. Request the councilmember to all go visit the County Council Chambers to see what they have done.

- **E. Fareed** – Request that we have a formulated plan prepared for the next discussion regarding returning back to in-person meetings.
- Adjourned at 8:06 pm

Submitted by:

Victoria Lewis, Council Clerk