



City of Glenarden
Special Work Session (Budget) (Virtual)
Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 6:30PM
Minutes

Attendees:

Council President – Robin Jones
Council Vice President – Angela D. Ferguson
Councilwoman – Deborah A. Eason
Councilman – James A. Herring
Councilwoman – Carolyn Smallwood
Councilman – Donjuan Williams
Councilwoman – Celestine E. Wilson
Acting City Manager – Philipp O'Donnell
Treasurer, Alvin Bratton

- Call to Order at 6:30PM
- Invocation led by Councilman Donjuan Williams
- Roll Call

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We have a Quorum

- Motion to Adopt Agenda

Councilman Williams motion to approve agenda with the following items added to agenda: Letter from County Executive regarding the CARES ACT and status of cable update – Seconded by Councilwoman Ferguson

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Councilwoman – Deborah A. Eason - Yes
Councilman – James A. Herring – Yes
Councilwoman – Carolyn Smallwood – Yes



Councilman – Donjuan Williams – Yes

Councilwoman – Celestine E. Wilson – Yes

7 Yes – APPROVED

- Topic of Discussion

- FY 2021 Review of Budget

- Councilwoman Jones reads the letter from the County Executive to the City of Glenarden dated December 9, 2020

- Councilwoman Smallwood offers her suggestion that were not changed in the budget:
- Page 13 the Council Secretary be renamed back to Deputy Clerk
- Page 15 suggest to reduce the Mayors Conference and Training budget from \$6K to \$3K
- Reduce COLA to from 3% to 1.5%
- Councilwoman Jones offers that the Legislation Office does not have a back up person in the office, and the Deputy Clerk can not be in the office while the Council Clerk is in the office; which is why the title was changed. The City Attorney confirmed the title change to be sufficient.
- Councilwoman Jones reads the Council Secretary job description.
- Treasurer, Alvin Bratton offers that he spoke to Mayor Estes and offers he wants to keep his conference and training budget as is.
- Councilman Herrings suggest that the title be addressed with a Charter Amendment and the advertisement for the Council Secretary was illegal. And all job description(s) will need to be presented and approved by the whole Council.
- Councilman Williams offers that the Council can move forward to change the title to Deputy Clerk and do a Charter Amendment for the Deputy Clerk to be in the office while the Council Clerk is in the office
- Consensus taken to change the title back to Deputy Clerk with the caveat that Councilman Herring will then support the budget



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Councilman – James A. Herring – Yes
Councilwoman – Carolyn Smallwood – Yes
Councilman – Donjuan Williams – Yes
Councilwoman – Celestine E. Wilson – Yes
5 Yes 2 No's – APPROVED

- Councilman Herring request his name be on the Ordinance for the FY 2021 budget.
- Councilwoman Jones offers the next step will be Mr. Bratton, Treasurer to make the changes and scheduled for the emergency Special Regular Meeting at 8:00PM to vote on the FY 2021.
- Councilwoman Jones ask Mr. Bratton if he can make all notifications to the County to meet the CARES Act grant deadline and complete all task for the December 15, 2020 deadline.
- Councilwoman Jones speaks on the update of the Cable – awaiting information from Mayor Estes on his target date to have the recordings updated on the cable.
- Councilman Herring speaks toward the update of the cable. And offers that the Council does not need to wait for the Mayor to update the cable with the virtual meetings. Suggest that Councilwoman Jones contact T-Spec to do the power point and upload zoom video to the computer. Offers that Councilwoman Jones should read the Franchise agreement.
- Councilwoman Jones offers that she will look at the T-Spec.
- Councilwoman Eason make note that we have been hacked with pornographic material on several occasions and that we should filter that content out of the videos. Perhaps speak with the City Attorney on this topic.

- Adjourned at 7:50PM



Submitted by:
M. Toni Taylor
M. Toni Taylor, CMC
Clerk to the Council

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