

## Mayor Report (Jan 2023)

### Key Highlights Rollup

Mayor Cashenna A. Cross Report (Dec 27, 2022-Jan 27, 2023)

1. Accomplished:

a. Resolutions/Council Actions:

- i. Failed: R-21-2023 A Resolution to Award a Contract to Municipal Grant Services for Grant Consulting and Project Management. City Council member Herring made comments to why if GS Proctor was \$2400.00 per month the city would now hire a company at \$3750.00 per month one year later. The Mayor agrees with this comment made by Councilman Herring and is in agreement with the resolution failure as not the most optimized use of citizen tax dollars because Municipal Grant Services for Grant Consulting and Project Management was only to be hired by the Chief of Police for the police grant, not necessarily to support the good of the city entirely.
- ii. Passed: R-22-2023 A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Ford Police Interceptor from New Holland Group (This is the new vehicle which the Chief of Police Regis Bryant is already driving) with the contract already obligated by the Glenarden police department then city manager Barbour and Chief of Police Bryant with no resolution the delivery received July 2022 then the PO to pay the bill came September 2022. The demand for payment was already set with the vehicles already delivered and being driven – bottom-line the bill had to be paid in accordance with the invoice PAID 30-days after delivery. The resolution was post-delivery, post payment approved. There is a need to add Mayoral oversight back over the administration and the city manager. The legislation here shows what happens when no checks and balances happen in the administration and the administration feels they have the council support to do whatever without returning for proper permission to enter into contracts on behalf of the city of Glenarden. This resolution and equally highly debated tabled for clarity of items to be purchased specifically: R-25-2023 A Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Global Public Safety LLC for the Purchase of Outfitting for Three Police Vehicles also R-23-2023 A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Two Ford Police Utility Vehicles from New 13 Holland Auto Group (items NOT YET delivered). These resolutions highlight exactly why the Mayor's office is necessary in this role of checks and balance to ensure that before any contracts are made administratively, appropriate authorizations are in place. A lot of actions made by Chief of police who is currently serving as Acting City manager over the entire Administration.

- iii. R-24-2023 A Resolution to Increase the Salaries of the Gold Room Staff there was a resolution taken for the ARPA funds to place \$60,000 towards the business entity enterprise the Goldroom. This money has been authorized by the federal government to help save businesses. There needs to be a report from the Goldroom /City Manager on how this money was used to support the Goldroom enterprise.
- b. FY23 Budget relative to the Executive branch zeroed out by city council, treasurer, acting city manager Regis Bryant there is no budget to pay for mayoral dues, conferences, or support equipment for the mayoral office over the course of FY23 several impacts expected in the growth strategy across the city and willfully and knowingly even discriminately “weaponized legislation”.
- c. The Mayor’s Office has supported/fielded 10 office calls/meetings.

- i. Prince George’s Hope in Action Task Force and the Hope Collective. Mayor Cross serves on the Hope in Action Task Force selected by County Executive Alsobrooks as the Chairman for the Community Assessment Committee. Ten areas of community concern are being developed to address the ongoing disenfranchisement of youth across Prince George’s County of these ten, five short wins are being recommended to grow the skillsets and creative strength of the youth of Glenarden. <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/4308/Hope-in-Action>
- ii. Maryland Black Mayors Inc. Work ongoing to secure access for our cities to various Pilot Programs – Planning Grants and Capital Construction Grants.
- iii. Attendance of the inaugural events for the Governor Moore and Lt Governor Miller Maryland, and Prince George’s County State’s Attorney Aisha Braveboy.
- iv. NAACP Prince George’s County Board of Directors; at-large committee meeting.
- v. Supported Together We Can and various Police /law enforcement entities across the County and state for the Martin Luther King Jr motorcade and stop the violence community unity program.
- vi. Glenarden Housing Authority community rental payment discussion/office calls.
- vii. Glenarden Post 275 American legion and American Legion Auxiliary served as MC for the Martin Luther King Prayer breakfast and Community auction raising over \$550 for community programming.
- viii. MBM Inc. CAM-C (who honored the Mayors last year at Glenarden), Town of Brentwood and Town of North Brentwood starts the 2023 off with a bang! This effort will help all municipalities in helping their citizens with contacts for employment, networking and enhancing skill sets. The Mayoral Roundtable occurred January 26, 2023.
- ix. Prince George’s County Executive Angela Alsobrooks FY2024 Budget Listening Session January 26, 2023.

- x. Meeting with Eddie L. Pounds, Esq. Perry White Ross & Jacobson represent Woodmore Wine & Spirits, regarding new permitting request being sought to move another liquor store onto the borders of Glenarden in the newest WTC development area. Mayor set to testify in opposition to a transfer of location application submitted by Glenarden Wine & Spirits from 24/7 MH Grocery & Restaurant, LLC, t/a 24/7 MH Grocery & Restaurant, 3210 Branch Avenue, Clinton, 20735 to 2019 St. Joseph's Drive (just steps away from St. Joseph's Catholic Church) in the newly developed Woodmore Commons Shopping Center. The Liquor Board was set to hold a hearing on Tuesday, January 24 at 10:00 a.m. to determine whether to approve the transfer request. The hearing has been postponed.
  - xi. Mayor Cross to appear on the CHILI MOST & Z MOST - THE INTERNATIONAL STOP THE VIOLENCE/N' LOVE WITH LOVE CAMPAIGN - THE CHILI MOST SHOW; airing to over 200 million listeners January 27, 2023.
- d. Mayoral Proclamation Actions:
- i. Letter of Support - Patriots Technology Gymnasium: letter of recognition provided beltway community students left out of the pipeline of learning access to grow STEM careers. When COVID-19 entered our community, our students went further behind in their education and participating in STEM workshops/competitions/conferences. For the past 27 years, the Patriots have been committed to their vision and mission "Empower Students Through Technology" by hosting STEM workshops and competitions even during a time period when it was a challenge to host in-person programs but pursued students' involvement virtually. It is now the vision of the Patriots to bring the students together in one location, a Technology Gymnasium where STEM is the focus, and our students will be able to regain the ability to attend and participate in STEM programs. Therefore, as Mayor I am honored support the Patriots in their pursuit to secure the Bond Bill for the Technology Gymnasium as place where future STEM professionals will be cultivated.
  - ii. Mayoral Proclamation for a Glenarden impact maker former coach of the women's softball team and Trustee at Glenarden Baptist Church – Weldon "Fat Daddy" Robinson Proclamation (deceased) 12/21/2022
  - iii. The Burn Center at MedStar Washington Hospital Center, attend to and care for an increase the number of burns from all types from many people in the city. This Proclamation supports National Burn Awareness Week, February 5th – 11th, 2023. Mayor Cross happily supports "National Burn Awareness Week a window of opportunity to mobilize burn, fire, and life safety educators to unite



in sharing a common burn awareness and prevention message in our communities.”

- e. The 1st quarter 2023 community events newsletter submission. January-March 2023 City quarterly newsletter; delivering to residents the week of December 26th, 2022. There are still citizens who states they have not received the newsletter. Additional copies are therefore being made available throughout the quarter for citizens to retrieve from the municipal center.
  - f. Grateful to report the first ANNUAL Creative Youth Summit and Conference is now a reality. February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Glenarden Community Center 8615 McClain Ave Glenarden, Md 20706. Addressing the growth of the entertainment, fashion, and audio broadcast world open to our youth. The event is jam packed with opportunities and strengthening training for our young future entrepreneurs and entertainment industry professional - FREE admission from 10am to 3pm.
  - g. Mayor Cashenna A. Cross Mayoral Community Forum: January “Combatting Human Trafficking” here is the link for the Combatting Human Trafficking video.  
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/v2ieh1rvhuusxv1/Combatting%20Human%20Trafficking.mov?dl=0>  
This Glenarden Mayoral Community Forum sought to not only encourage heightened awareness, but it's critical that each member of society can reach their maximum potential through greater independence, productivity, and increased integration within the community. By raising community awareness on trust, we are uniting to find solutions for better inclusion by increasing awareness to not only understand but to engage citizens on how to become more aware and improve their day-to-day wellbeing. As January 11, 2023, was also the first day of Maryland's General Assembly this programming preserved ongoing lobbying heavy to pass a "Safe Harbor" bill supporting Trafficked Teen's Criminal Activities while in captivity. This through Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women and other campaigns facilitators. This is an ongoing effort to eradicate Human Trafficking. This program in collaboration with community leader Patricia A. Watts (owner) international organization WEModel USA - and - Connect2Protect launching in full Spring 2023.
  - h. Mayoral Community outreach program: Partnership building in the coming FY23 legislative year from the Prince George’s County to Annapolis. Set to attend four executive meetings covering topics of: Budget, Democracy, municipality checks and balances, and community outreach and mental health and wellness and sponsored community programming for youth and senior citizens.
2. Annapolis Legislative communication/ attendance strategy.
- a. Often during session, municipal officials are asked to come to Annapolis to testify at bill hearings or meet with Senators and Delegates on issues affecting local municipal

government. In the upcoming FY23, it is imperative to build progressive relationships and connections with the elected members at the state level to maintain an active and effective presence in the General Assembly and with the new administration. Citizens are respected by this administration and look forward to building citizen legislative forums in FY23 to host discuss and thrive community forums as an extension to the Mayoral Community Forums. The goal is to increase community – wide knowledge of actions happening in Annapolis and on Capitol Hill impacting the City of Glenarden.

- b. DHCD Project Restore FY23: The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, through Project Restore, is providing financial support to Maryland's existing or new businesses to help incentivize commercial investment in vacant retail and commercial properties. <https://onestop.md.gov/forms/dhcd-project-restore-fy23-6297ba1eb0bf73019eeb8143>
3. Administration Projected:
    - a. Expanded Community Communication Strategy:
      - i. Hire new City Manager. City Manager application period (closes 1/31)
      - ii. Updates, upgrades to the television station green room by newly hire Steelbeach Post Productions, LLC.
    - b. Annual State of the Glenarden Mayoral 2023 Address written report request by City Council President for the city council due January 31, 2023. There will be an in person mayoral community forum to deliver address to the citizens of Glenarden date/location (TBD) advertised on cable tv Comcast and Verizon, and multimedia Facebook, Twitter, and city website on the internet, as well door to door communication.