



The City of Glenarden
Budget Hearing (Virtual)
Thursday, June 16, 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 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 – Late Arrival
Councilman – James A. Herring – Present
Councilwoman – Robin Jones – Present
7 Present, 0 Absent
- Motion to Adopt Agenda
Councilwoman Robin Jones motioned to adopt the agenda – Second by Councilwoman Kathleen J. Guillaume.
- Discussion
 - **J. Herring** – Councilman Herring requests to go into a closed session to discuss personnel matters in accordance with Charter Section 304 (b)(1).

Council President – Derek D. Curtis, II - Yes
Council Vice President – Angela D. Ferguson - Yes
Councilwoman – Erika L. Fareed - No
Councilwoman – Kathleen J. Guillaume - Yes

Councilman – Maurice A. Hairston – Yes
Councilman – James A. Herring - Yes
Councilwoman – Robin Jones – Pass, No
5 Yes, 2 No = PASSED

- Presentation
 - Mayor Cashenna A. Cross' Presentation of FY 2023 Budget Proposal
- Citizens Comments
 - **Dr. Ky Gibbs** – Is highly opposed to the tax increase.
 - **Alonda McDuffie** – Mrs. McDuffie doesn't feel the Police Department and Code Enforcement job quality is adequate to request a tax increase.
 - **Alonda McDuffie** – Mrs. McDuffie questions why the Gold Room isn't operating which can increase the revenue for the City of Glenarden.
 - **Alonda McDuffie** –The Citizen also wants the location of the beautification initiatives in the city.
 - **Alonda McDuffie** –The sidewalks repairs need to be done as soon as possible, when can the citizens expect to see that work begin?
 - **Alonda McDuffie** – What are the targeted locations as to where the speed bumps are being placed?
 - **Paulette Brooks** – A tax increase would put unnecessary strain and financial burden on the seniors in the community.
 - **C. Smallwood** – After giving the HR personnel a 3% increase will the HR person become full-time?
 - **C. Smallwood** – How much money will be pulled from the savings account to balance the budget?
 - **C. Smallwood** – What will happen to the programs after the ARPA funds have been depleted?
 - **C. Smallwood** – Where are the charging stations going to be located?
 - **C. Smallwood** – We need to put in the budget to replace the sandwich board that used to be located at corner of Fletcher and Church Street.
 - **Mr. Spauyo** – WTC resident asks did the City take in consideration how all of the new property developments in the area could offset the revenue gaps in the budget to

eliminate the need for tax increase?

- **Richard Arroyo-Montgomery** – What is the actual increase, there is confusion between the two different tax notifications that was sent out to the residents? Is a constant yield rate of .3481 what you are proposing we be taxed on now...please provide clarification?
 - **Richard Arroyo-Montgomery** – The increase would cause an increase in the tune of \$1 per home, however, if we could maintain the lower rate to look out for our seniors that would be what is best.
 - **Atonn Muhammad** - The property tax increase is concerning as he is the son of an elderly Glenarden resident who is on a fixed income. Can we offset some of the burden of property taxes off on the local businesses?
 - **Anthony Foster** – Suggested doing a visual presentation explaining the tax adjustments going forward so the citizens can have a better understanding of how the decision will impact their day to day lives.
 - **Barbara Lucas** – Would like to go back to in person meetings.
 - **Barbara Lucas** – Please include McLean Ave and MLK Blvd on the listing for speed bumps and traffic cameras before someone gets hurt.
 - **Barbara Lucas** – Is Village in the Woods Apartments a part of the City of Glenarden? The citizen is concerned about code violations.
 - **Barbara Lucas** – Why isn't anyone doing anything with the Landover Mall lot property?
 - **Barbara Lucas** – Thank you for rebuilding the recreation center for the kids.
 - **Barbara Lucas** – Why are the Police officers driving the police vehicles home at night as it could be saving revenue leaving the cars at the municipal center.
 - **G. Jerry Velazquez** – It is hard to make heads or tails of the tax increase letters regarding understand the language and numbers. What is the true dollar impact to the average citizen of the City of Glenarden...it is hard to understand what you are trying to convey in the document?
 - **Mrs. Harrison** – Will the tax rate be on the ballot for the citizens to vote on in July?
 - **Sandra Jackson** – Regarding Speed bumps and speed cameras...traffic calming mitigation efforts need to be taken on Glenarden Pkwy.
- Vote to determine the FY 2023 Constant Yield Rate
 - Councilman James A. Herring motions to bring to the floor a vote to accept the constant yield rate of .3481 – Second by Councilman Maurice A. Hairston.

Council President – Derek D. Curtis, II – Pass, No
Council Vice President – Angela D. Ferguson – ~~No~~ Yes
Councilwoman – Erika L. Fareed - No
Councilwoman – Kathleen J. Guillaume – Abstain
Councilman – Maurice A. Hairston – Abstain
Councilman – James A. Herring - Yes
Councilwoman – Robin Jones - No
2 Yes, 3 No, 2 Abstain = FAILED

- Motion to Close Session

- Closed session in accordance with Charter Section 304 (b)(1)

Motion to close session adopted by Councilman James A. Herring – Second by
Councilman Maurice A. Hairston.

Council President – Derek D. Curtis, II – Pass, Yes
Council Vice President – Angela D. Ferguson - Abstain
Councilwoman – Erika L. Fareed - No
Councilwoman – Kathleen J. Guillaume – Pass, Abstain
Councilman – Maurice A. Hairston - Yes
Councilman – James A. Herring - Yes
Councilwoman – Robin Jones - No
3 Yes, 2 No, 2 Abstain = FAILED

- Adjourned at 9:13 pm

Submitted by:

Victoria Lewis, Council Clerk