



City of Glenarden
Regular Meeting
November 12, 2019 at 7:30PM

Minutes

Attendees:

Council President – James Herring
Councilwoman – Celestine Wilson
Councilwoman – Deborah Eason
Councilwoman – Angela Ferguson
Councilwoman – Robin Jones
Councilwoman – Carolyn Smallwood
Councilman – Donjuan Williams
Edward Estes, Mayor
Alvin Bratton – Treasurer

- Call to Order at 7:30PM
- Invocation led by Jacqueline Garrison
- Roll Call

Council President – James Herring
Council Vice President – Celestine Wilson
Councilwoman – Deborah Eason
Councilwoman - Angela Ferguson
Councilwoman – Robin Jones
Councilwoman – Carolyn Smallwood
Councilman – Donjuan Williams

We have a Quorum

- Motion to Adopt Agenda

Councilwoman Smallwood motion to adopt the agenda – Seconded by Councilwoman Wilson

Councilwoman request to remove R-15-2020 until the City Attorney offer comments on legislation.

Council President – James Herring - Yes
Council Vice President – Celestine Wilson - Yes
Councilwoman – Deborah Eason - Yes
Councilwoman - Angela Ferguson - Yes



Councilwoman – Robin Jones - Yes
Councilwoman – Carolyn Smallwood – Yes
Councilman – Donjuan Williams - Yes
7 Yes – Passed

- Approval of Minutes
 - 10-07-2019 Work Session
 - 10-11-2019 Executive Session (Closed)
 - 10-15-2019 Special Work Session (Closed)
 - 10-15-2019 Regular Meeting
 - 10-22-2019 Public Hearing
 - 10-23-2019 Special Work Session

Councilwoman Smallwood motion to approve the minutes – Seconded by Councilwoman Wilson

Council President – James Herring - Yes
Council Vice President – Celestine Wilson - Yes
Councilwoman – Deborah Eason - Yes
Councilwoman - Angela Ferguson - Yes
Councilwoman – Robin Jones - Yes
Councilwoman – Carolyn Smallwood – Yes
Councilman – Donjuan Williams - Yes
7 Yes – Passed

- Legislation (November)
 - CR-01-2020 A CHARTER RESOLUTION TO AMEND ARTICLE VIII “FINANCE” SECTION 818 “CONTRACT PROCEDURE”

Councilwoman Smallwood motion to adopt – Seconded by Councilwoman Wilson

Council President – James Herring - Yes
Council Vice President – Celestine Wilson - Yes
Councilwoman – Deborah Eason - No
Councilwoman - Angela Ferguson - No
Councilwoman – Robin Jones – No
Councilwoman – Carolyn Smallwood – Yes
Councilman – Donjuan Williams - Yes
4 Yes 3 No’s – Passed



- CR-02-2020 A Charter Resolution to Amend Article IV “The Mayor” Section 401 “Election; Term of Office” Repeal the Term Limits for the Mayor

Councilman Williams motion to adopt – Seconded by Councilwoman Smallwood

Council President – James Herring - No
Council Vice President – Celestine Wilson - No
Councilwoman – Deborah Eason – Yes
Councilwoman - Angela Ferguson - Yes
Councilwoman – Robin Jones – Yes
Councilwoman – Carolyn Smallwood – No
Councilman – Donjuan Williams – Yes
4 Yes 3 No’s - Passed

- O-02-2020 An Ordinance to Increase the Salary of the City Mayor of Glenarden, Maryland (**Second Reading**)

Councilman Williams motion to adopt – Seconded by Councilwoman Ferguson

Council President – James Herring - No
Council Vice President – Celestine Wilson - No
Councilwoman – Deborah Eason – Yes
Councilwoman - Angela Ferguson - Yes
Councilwoman – Robin Jones – Yes
Councilwoman – Carolyn Smallwood – No
Councilman – Donjuan Williams – Yes
4 Yes 3 No’s - Passed

- O-03-2020 An Ordinance to Increase the Salary of the City Council of Glenarden, Maryland (**Second Reading**)

Councilwoman Jones motion to adopt – Seconded by Councilman Williams

Council President – James Herring – No
Council Vice President – Celestine Wilson - No
Councilwoman – Deborah Eason – Yes
Councilwoman - Angela Ferguson - Yes
Councilwoman – Robin Jones – Yes
Councilwoman – Carolyn Smallwood – No



Councilman – Donjuan Williams – Yes

4 Yes 3 No's - Passed

- R-15-2020 A Resolution Granting the Glenarden-Ardmore Track Club and the Glenarden Boys and Girls Club use of the Gold Room one event per year - **REMOVED**

- R-22-2020 A Resolution to Approve a Maintenance Contract for the Veterans Memorial Park

Councilwoman Smallwood motion to adopt – Seconded by Councilwoman Wilson

Council President – James Herring - Yes
Council Vice President – Celestine Wilson - Yes
Councilwoman – Deborah Eason – Yes
Councilwoman - Angela Ferguson - Yes
Councilwoman – Robin Jones – Yes
Councilwoman – Carolyn Smallwood – Yes
Councilman – Donjuan Williams – Yes
7 Yes - Passed

- R-23-2020 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Criswell Performance Cars, Inc., for the Purchase of a new Vehicle for the City Manager

Councilwoman Wilson motion to adopt – Seconded by Councilwoman Smallwood

Council President – James Herring - No
Council Vice President – Celestine Wilson - Yes
Councilwoman – Deborah Eason – No
Councilwoman - Angela Ferguson - No
Councilwoman – Robin Jones – No
Councilwoman – Carolyn Smallwood – Yes
Councilman – Donjuan Williams – No
2 Yes 5 No's - Failed

- R-24-2020 A Resolution to Discuss a New Form of Government



Councilwoman Jones motion to adopt – Seconded by Councilman Williams

Council President – James Herring - Yes
Council Vice President – Celestine Wilson - Yes
Councilwoman – Deborah Eason – Yes
Councilwoman - Angela Ferguson - Yes
Councilwoman – Robin Jones – Yes
Councilwoman – Carolyn Smallwood – Yes
Councilman – Donjuan Williams – Yes

7 Yes - Passed

- R-25-2020 A Resolution Authorizing Catering Services for the 2019 City Christmas Party

Councilwoman Eason motion to adopt – Seconded by Councilman Williams

Council President – James Herring - Yes
Council Vice President – Celestine Wilson - Yes
Councilwoman – Deborah Eason – Yes
Councilwoman - Angela Ferguson - Yes
Councilwoman – Robin Jones – Yes
Councilwoman – Carolyn Smallwood – No
Councilman – Donjuan Williams – Yes

6 Yes 1 No - Passed

- R-26-2020 A Resolution to Revise the Rules and Regulations and Fee Schedule for the Gold Room

Councilwoman Jones motion to postpone – Seconded by Councilman Williams

Council President – James Herring - Yes
Council Vice President – Celestine Wilson - No
Councilwoman – Deborah Eason – Yes
Councilwoman - Angela Ferguson - Yes
Councilwoman – Robin Jones – Yes
Councilwoman – Carolyn Smallwood – No
Councilman – Donjuan Williams – Yes

5 Yes 2 No's - Passed to Postpone



- Mayor's Report (fifteen minutes) – See Report
Mayor Estes has signed a contract with Shipley & Horne, P. A. (Land Use/Real Estate Attorneys). Councilwoman Wilson reminded Mayor Estes that the Council stated in the work session that they wanted to have Kevin Karpinsky, City Attorney, involved in the annexation project.
- City Manager's Report (five minutes) – See Report
- Chief of Police Report (five minutes) - See Report
 - Santa with a Badge Saturday, December 7, 2019 9:00am – 3:00pm
- City Treasurer's Report (five minutes) – See Report
- Citizens Comments/Questions (five minutes)

Jacqueline Garrison offered a “thanks” for the orderly meeting with Mayor and Council and still wants to hear the plans for the Police department new space location. Council is against the temporary trailers and suggest to visit nearby municipalities that have new buildings for better spacing.

Anthony Powell speaks on R-24-2020 “New form of government” and does not want a like the idea of a City Manager that may not live in the City of Glenarden.

Councilman Williams notes to Mr. Powell that if the form of government changed to a City Manager/Council form of Government; that the Mayor position would not be removed.

Lynn Gray offers that she was at the past Saturday meeting and she feels all should be able to speak and respect needs to be offered and given to all.

Leo Wilson, Sr. notes the City Manager is not in attendance of the meeting. And the Mayor has been voicing that the Council suspended the City Manager. And also notes



that Mayor Estes has made statements that the current Council stripped him of his powers. Which he believes are not true statements. Mr. Wilson offers that the City Manager needs to be re-instated.

Councilman Herring notes that the Council did not suspend the City Manager.

And this is a personnel matter that is not to be discussed.

Councilwoman Smallwood speaks to the accusation that the Glenarden Track Club picture was left out of the 80th Anniversary booklet on purpose. Councilwoman Smallwood reads a letter from the printing company on how they take responsibility that the picture was not in the 80th Anniversary booklet.

- Adjourn 9:21PM

Submitted by:

M. Toni Taylor, City of Glenarden Council Clerk