



City of Glenarden
Special Public Hearing
Thursday, November 19, 2020 – 6:30PM
Virtual Meeting
Minutes

Attendees:

Council President – Robin Jones
Councilwoman – Angela D. Ferguson
Councilwoman – Deborah A. Eason
Councilwoman – James A. Herring
Councilwoman – Carolyn Smallwood
Councilman – Donjuan Williams
Councilwoman – Celestine E. Wilson
Mayor – Edward Estes
Lt. Darren Robinson

- Call to Order at 6:30PM
- Invocation led by Council Vice President Angela Ferguson
- Roll Call

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We have a Quorum

Councilwoman Wilson motioned to add to override the Mayor's veto – Seconded by Councilwoman Smallwood

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



Councilwoman – Celestine E. Wilson - Yes
4 Yes and 3 No's

- Motion to Adopt Agenda

Councilman Williams motioned to adopt the agenda with the amendment –
Seconded by Councilwoman Smallwood

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Councilwoman – Celestine E. Wilson – Yes
7 Yes – Approved

- Citizens comments on Proposed Legislation (five minutes)

Erica Fareed confirms what she understands Councilman Herring to say; that the motion to add the override of the Mayor's veto of the FY 2021 budget did not need to be added to the agenda, but just to be voted on. And how much and to whom will the personal protective equipment (PPE) will be bought.

Councilman Herring confirms her understanding correct and that every Glenarden household will receive gloves, masks and hand sanitizer.

Richard Arroya-Montgomery what is the purpose of overriding the Mayor's budget. Also, notes that this is an official meeting and elected officials are not showing their face.



Councilman Herring answers that tonight is a Public Hearing for residents to hear upcoming legislation to be voted on. We are attempting to override the Mayor's budget to meet tomorrow's deadline for the CARES Act relief fund for the residents and the essential employees.

Erica Fareed confirms that to override the veto offers the same effect as voting on the budget.

Councilwoman Smallwood offers that overriding the FY 2021 vetoed budget will indicate that the City is spending the money and meeting the deadlines for the CARES Act.

Councilwoman Eason explains in detail the process: 2021 Budget was due to Council in April 2020 – but was not received until August 2020. The Charter offers that when the budget for the next fiscal year is not adopted – budget reverts back to the previous year budget. Some Councilmembers want to use the 2020 budget and add the CARES Act relief fund to the 2020 budget. But other Councilmembers want to use the 2021 proposed budget for the CARES Act relief fund. The Council has been working line by line to get the 2021 proposed budget balanced with the CARES Act relief fund included. And explains that while Council was amending the budget the Administration should be working in parallel, and be setting up and ready to move forward as soon as the budget is passed to make the necessary purchases.

Anthony Foster offers his support for Councilwoman Eason's breakdown of the matter.



Councilman Herring offers that this grant is a reimbursable grant.

Mr. Curtis is requesting to have the letter read from the County Executive.

Councilwoman Jones reads the letter from the County Executive, Angela Alsobrooks.

Councilwoman Wilson offers a reconsideration for the Ordinance to be brought back to the floor

Hearing None

Councilman Williams offers again the Council to authorize the administration to submit a run for payroll tomorrow and follow-up with legislation next week to meet the deadline for the CARES Act relief fund.

- O-04-2021 Emergency Ordinance to Amend the City of Glenarden' s Budget for Fiscal Year 2021
- Adjourned at 7:46PM

Submitted by:

M. Toni Taylor, CMC
Clerk to the Council