



City of Glenarden
Regular Meeting (Virtual)
Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:30PM
Minutes

Attendees:

Council President – Robin Jones
Council Vice President – Angela D. Ferguson
Councilwoman – Deborah A. Eason
Councilman – James A. Herring
Councilwoman – Carolyn Smallwood
Councilwoman – Celestine E. Wilson
Mayor – Edward Estes
City Manager – Timothy George
Chief of Police – Phillip O'Donnell
Treasurer – Alvin Bratton

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

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We have a Quorum

- Motion to Adopt Agenda

Councilwoman Wilson motioned to adopt the agenda – Seconded by Councilwoman Ferguson

Council President Jones requested to add the Board of Election's letter to the agenda.

Council President Jones took a consensus to add the Board of Election to the agenda.



Council President – Robin Jones - Yes
Council Vice President – Angela D. Ferguson - Yes
Councilwoman – Deborah A. Eason - Yes
Councilman – James A. Herring - Yes
Councilwoman – Carolyn Smallwood - Yes
Councilman – Donjuan Williams – No
Councilwoman – Celestine E. Wilson – Yes
6 Yes' – Agenda APPROVED

- Approval of Minutes

- 01-19-2021 Public Hearing
- 01-27-2021 Special Regular Meeting
- 02-01-2021 Public Hearing
- 02-03-2021 Special Work Session
- 02-03-2021 Executive Session (Closed)
- 02-08-2021 Regular Meeting
- 02-09-2021 Special Work Session
- 02-09-2021 Executive Session (Closed)

Councilwoman Eason motioned to approve all minutes - Seconded by Councilman Williams

Council President – Robin Jones - Yes
Council Vice President – Angela D. Ferguson - Yes
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' – All Minutes APPROVED

- Legislation (March)

- CR-05-2021 A Charter Resolution to Amend Article IV "The Mayor", Section 404, "Powers and Duties Generally"



- O-05-2021 A Charter Resolution Sponsor Donjuan Williams Councilman, Public Hearing February 16, 2021, Session Regular Session date of introduction March 8, 2021
- CR-05-2021 A Charter Resolution to Amend Article IV "The Mayor", Section 404, "Powers and Duties Generally"

Councilman Williams motioned to adopt - Seconded by Councilwoman Jones

Council President – Robin Jones – Yes
Council Vice President – Angela D. Ferguson – Yes
Councilwoman – Deborah A. Eason – Yes
Councilman – James A. Herring – Yes
Councilwoman – Carolyn Smallwood – Pass/Pass
Councilman – Donjuan Williams – Yes
Councilwoman – Celestine E. Wilson – Pass/Pass
5 Yes' 2 Nos – PASSED

- O-05-2021 An Ordinance to Amend the Personnel Manual (**First Reading**)

Councilman Williams motioned to waive - Seconded by No one due to Councilwoman Wilson wanting it read.

Council President – Robin Jones – Yes
Council Vice President – Angela D. Ferguson – Yes
Councilwoman – Deborah A. Eason – Yes
Councilman – James A. Herring – Yes
Councilwoman – Carolyn Smallwood – Pass/Pass
Councilman – Donjuan Williams – Yes
Councilwoman – Celestine E. Wilson – Pass/Pass
4 Yes' 3 Nos

- R-37-2021 A Resolution to Authorize Purchase a Walk-Behind Power Mower for the Public Works Department

Councilwoman Eason motioned to adopt - Seconded by Councilwoman Ferguson

Council President – Robin Jones – Yes
Council Vice President – Angela D. Ferguson – Yes
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 – PASSED

- R-38-2021 A Resolution to Authorize Purchase of a Ride-On Power Lawn Mower Z920M ZTrak for the Public Works Department

Councilwoman Eason motioned to adopt - Seconded by Councilman Herring

Council President – Robin Jones – Yes

Council Vice President – Angela D. Ferguson – Yes

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 – PASSED

- R-39-2021 A Resolution to Authorize Purchase of a Ride-On Power Lawn Mower Z950M ZTrak for the Public Works Department

Councilwoman Eason motioned to adopt - Seconded by Councilwoman Wilson

Council President – Robin Jones - Yes

Council Vice President – Angela D. Ferguson - Yes

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 – PASSED

- R-40-2021 A Resolution to Remove Robin Jones as Council President

Councilman Herring motioned to adopt - Seconded by Councilwoman Wilson

In response to this resolution, Council President indicated that the purchase order for the shredder was pulled from the supply fund and not Councilman Williams' discretionary fund.

Council President – Robin Jones - No

Council Vice President – Angela D. Ferguson – Abstain

Councilwoman – Deborah A. Eason - Abstain

Councilman – James A. Herring – Yes



Councilwoman – Carolyn Smallwood – Yes
Councilman – Donjuan Williams – No
Councilwoman – Celestine E. Wilson - Yes
3 Yes 2 Nos 2 Abstain – FAILED

- Mayor’s Report (five minutes) - See Report
 - Councilwoman Smallwood inquired about the annexation request that she submitted.
Mayor Estes indicated that the report will be released in mid-March.
- Chief of Police Report (five minutes) – See Report
- City Manager’s Report (five minutes) – See Report
- City Treasurer’s Report (five minutes) – See Report
 - Treasurer Bratton submitted a drafted budget report to Mayor Estes, the report is in editing and production mode. He will forward copies to the council by month’s end.
- Council President received a letter from the Board of Elections requesting an emergency meeting to modify the election rules to include no-excuse absentee voting and mail-in voting ordinance due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
 - Councilman Herring offered that there was a voting ordinance in place and that it only requires an amendment to reflect the no-excuse absentee voting and mail-in voting ordinance.
 - Council President will coordinate an emergency meeting with the council before the next regular council meeting.
- Citizens Comments/Questions (five minutes)
 - Richard Arroyo-Montgomery expressed the urgency of passing the no-excuse absentee voting and mail-in voting ordinance.



- Erika Fareed inquired about the mobile vaccination unit that the County is deploying to help those who are immobile and the larger senior citizen population as a whole.
- Cashenna "Cash" Cross expressed concern about the need for the city to cater to the business, love, image, and care of the city. She questioned whether there was a measure of review in place for the Marijuana legislation, what happens when the moratorium ends and the possible increase in homelessness, and how much of the \$600,000,000 will allocated to the City of Glenarden?
- Ms. Garrison inquired about the complaints of R-40-2021 to Remove Robin Jones as Council President. Why weren't these complaints brought before the council sooner? Ms. Garrison complimented Council President on a job well done.
- Richard Arroyo-Montgomery asked Police Chief O'Donnell about an incident that occurred at the Decatur Trotter Place where guns were confiscated. Police Chief O'Donnell indicated, "that the matter is under investigation."
- Cashenna "Cash" Cross inquired about the gunfire in her neighborhood and if there was an uptick of gun violence in the area? Police Chief O'Donnell assured her that they were in fact fireworks.
- Rickey Montgomery thanked the mayor, city manager, and council for the great work that they were doing.
- Erika Fareed inquired about the speeding in the Woodmore Town Center and what was being done. Police Chief O'Donnell stated, "that tickets have been issued."
- Adjourned at 9:09PM

Submitted by:

*Robin Jones,
Council President*