



The City of Glenarden
Special Regular Meeting (Virtual)
Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 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
Mayor – Edward Estes

Additional Guest:

Treasurer – Dean Stewart
Human Resources – Karen Shoultz

- Called to Order at 7:00 PM
- Invocation led by Councilwoman Erika L. Fareed
- Roll Call
 - Councilwoman – Erika L. Fareed – Present
 - Councilwoman – Kathleen J. Guillaume – Present
 - Councilman – Maurice A. Hairston – Present
 - Councilman – James A. Herring – Present
 - Councilwoman – Robin Jones – Present
 - Council Vice President – Angela D. Ferguson – Present
 - Council President – Derek D. Curtis, II – Present
- **We have a Quorum**
- Motion to Adopt Agenda
 - Council Vice President Angela D. Ferguson to adopt the agenda – Second by Councilwoman Kathleen J. Guillaume.
- Discussion
 - **J. Herring** – Include emails and election ballots to the topic of discussion

Councilwoman – Erika L. Fareed - Yes
Councilwoman – Kathleen J. Guillaume - Yes

Councilman – Maurice A. Hairston – Yes
Councilman – James A. Herring - No
Councilwoman – Robin Jones - Yes
Council Vice President – Angela D. Ferguson - Yes
Council President – Derek D. Curtis, II - Yes
6 Yes, 1 No = PASSED

- Topic of Discussion

- Introduction of ordinance to increase stipend for election board

- **E. Fareed** – Suggest modifying #3 to compensate all election board members who have worked up to the day of election.
- **President Curtis** – Will vote to either accept the ordinance with all board members included under bullet #3, or remove #3 all together to implement a strictly voluntary election board.

- Constant Yield

- **President Curtis** – Request Treasurer Dean Stewart to find out the annual deadline to file for a tax differential.
- **E. Fareed** – Suggest that we do our due diligence to obtain the 2-million-dollar D.R. Horton funds before we raise taxes on the citizens.

- Citizen Comments

- **Richard Arroyo-Montgomery** – Does not want taxes raised for the citizens.
- **Alita Hunter** – What enhancements are the citizens going to receive, and where are the tax dollar going? Address street cleanings with public works to ensure the city upkeep is equal across all wards not just on Glenarden Parkway.

- **Consensus Vote to have a constant yield rate of 0.3481**

Councilwoman – Erika L. Fareed - Yes
Councilwoman – Kathleen J. Guillaume - Yes
Councilman – Maurice A. Hairston – Abstain
Councilman – James A. Herring - No
Councilwoman – Robin Jones - Yes
Council Vice President – Angela D. Ferguson - Yes
Council President – Derek D. Curtis, II - Yes
5 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstain = PASSED

- FY 2022 review of budget amendments

- **J. Herring** – The elevator was funded by a state grant. The funds should go back into the budget to fund the elevator or the City of Glenarden needs to return the funds.

- **R. Jones** – Would like to see the proposed grant to locate where the money is and a copy of the check.
- **Vice President Ferguson** – Do you know the amount the check was written for?
 - **J. Herring** – The check was cut for \$158k. \$50k was spent on the architect fees, plans, and deposit for construction. There should still be \$101k left to apply towards the elevator repairs. The company went out of business so the \$50k was returned. We need to find a new vendor to complete the work.
- **President Curtis** – Treasurer Dean Stewart was requested to look into the remaining \$101k of missing funds Councilman Herring is referring to.
 - **J. Herring** – Recommends that the surplus sitting at the bottom of the capital projects fund be moved to the elevator project line.
 - **D. Stewart** – Request anyone from the Council who has pertinent information regarding this elevator repair project to please send him this information for review.
 - **President Curtis** – Does the ARPA Funds cover capital improvements? Request Treasurer Dean Stewart to do further investigation.
 - **R. Jones** – Asks the Treasurer Dean Stewart to check with the State of Maryland Archives to locate information pertaining to the grant funds provided to the City of Glenarden for elevator repairs.
- **Emails & Election Ballots**
 - **President Curtis** – Will follow up with T-Spec regarding the email lockout issues the Council has been experiencing to ensure the Council can communicate with the citizens more effectively.
- **Citizen Comments**
 - **Elaine Carter** – Why were the citizens not properly notified about the reopening of the Gold Room and WTC Community Center? What is the rental cost and has it changed since the reopening?

- **President Curtis** – Apologizes to the citizens about the lack of communication about the reopening of the Gold Room. No changes have been made to the service fee schedule as of late.
- **President Curtis** - The WTC Community Center is currently experiencing issues with its HVAC system and will remain closed until the issue has been rectified. Proper notice will be released to the public to launch the reopening of the WTC Community Center as requested.
- **Elain Carter** – What is the status of the 5-million-dollar ARPA Funds provided to the state by Congressman Anthony Brown?
 - **D. Stewart** – The Administration applied for funds. The City of Glenarden received 4.3 million dollars which will be distributed in two draws between July 2021 – July 2022. Half of the funds were deposited this July 2021, with the remaining balance of \$2.161 million set to be dispersed in July 2022. The City of Glenarden will refer to the county how to apply the funds.
- Adjourned at 10:48 PM
- Submitted by:

Victoria Lewis, Council Clerk