



The City of Glenarden
Special Regular Meeting (Virtual)
Wednesday, July 21, 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

Additional Guest:

Treasurer – Dean Stewart
Regional VP Pennrose – Patrick Stewart
Pennrose Developer – Pat Bateman

- Called to Order at 7:00 PM
 - Invocation led by Council Vice President Angela D. Ferguson
 - 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 Robin Jones.
 - Discussion
 - **J. Herring** – The topic of discussion “Ordinance to increase stipend for election board” should be voted on.

- **J. Herring** – Suggest the Citizen comments on the FY22 Budget should be allowed at the end of the meeting.
- **E. Fareed** – Adding the Woodmore Community Room and the money we should have received from D.R. Horton for development to the agenda.

Councilwoman – Erika L. Fareed - Yes
 Councilwoman – Kathleen J. Guillaume - Yes
 Councilman – Maurice A. Hairston – Yes
 Councilman – James A. Herring - Yes
 Councilwoman – Robin Jones - Yes
 Council Vice President – Angela D. Ferguson - Yes
 Council President – Derek D. Curtis, II - Yes
7 Yes, 0 No = PASSED

- Presentation by Penrose on the Glenarden Redevelopment Project
 - **Patrick Stewart** – Will follow up with the homebuilder MDR to see what affordable first-time buyer programs are in place for displaced residents who would like to return to the community.
 - **Patrick Stewart** – Will provide a brochure or a one-liner pertaining contact information for the rental office for residential inquiries.

- **Consensus vote on citizen comments being held at the end of the meeting**

Councilwoman – Erika L. Fareed - No
 Councilwoman – Kathleen J. Guillaume - No
 Councilman – Maurice A. Hairston – Yes
 Councilman – James A. Herring - Yes
 Councilwoman – Robin Jones - No
 Council Vice President – Angela D. Ferguson - Abstain
 Council President – Derek D. Curtis, II - No
2 Yes, 4 No, 1 Abstain = FAILED

- Emergency Ordinance to Adopt the FY22 Budget

Motion to bring the legislation to the floor adopted by Council Vice President Angela D. Ferguson, Second by Councilman James Herring.

- Citizens comments on the FY22 Budget
 - **Elaine Carter** – Before the Council votes to pass the budget, please consider either finding a better way to manage the Gold Room to create a larger surplus than \$901 annually or discontinue service to the public.

- Vote on emergency ordinance to adopt the FY22 Budget:

Motion to bring the emergency ordinance to the floor adopted by Council Vice President Angela D. Ferguson, Second by Councilwoman Robin Jones.

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

Motion to adopt the emergency ordinance on the FY22 Budget adopted by Councilwoman Robin Jones, Second by Councilwoman Erika L. Fareed.

- **President Curtis** – Treasurer Dean Stewart will locate the documentation pertaining to the grant funds for elevator maintenance located in the City Manager’s office.
- **President Curtis** – Councilwoman Robin Jones and Councilman Maurice Hairston will research where the funds are, how much of the funds are still available, or how the resources were spent. President Curtis would like a presentation made available to the citizens detailing the status of this project and how we are allocating funds into the budget.
- **President Curtis** – Request Council Vice President Angela D. Ferguson and Councilman James Herring to lead up the upkeep/maintenance project of the Veterans Memorial. The project status will be presented to the citizens after we vote to adopt it into the budget.

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

- Ordinance to increase stipend for election board

Motion to bring emergency ordinance to increase stipend for the election board to the floor adopted by Councilman James A. Herring, Second by Councilman Maurice A. Hairston.

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

5 Yes, 2 No = PASSED

- **President Curtis** – Councilman James Herring will lead working with the attorney to modify #3 of the Ordinance to state “All Board Members” or indicate a flat rate stipend. We only approved 43k in the budget.
 - **E. Fareed** – Place parameters to cap hours.
- Motion to adopt emergency ordinance to increase stipend for election board adopted by Councilman James A. Herring, second by Councilman Maurice A. Hairston.

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

2 Yes, 5 No = FAILED

- **E. Fareed** – Have the attorney review the lease agreement regarding the ability to rent the Woodmore Community Center. Repair the HVAC system, and suggest relocating the Gold Room events to the Woodmore Community Room.
- **E. Fareed** – Suggest councilmembers who have documentation regarding the 2 million dollars owed from D.R. Horton for public safety needs to be presented to the Council to collect funds owed to the City of Glenarden.
- Citizen Comments
 - **Mr. J. Huff Jr.** – Can we please have the agenda posted at the same time as the meeting access information?
 - **President Curtis** - The goal is to have a full packet uploaded a week out in advance going forward.
 - **Mr. J. Huff Jr.** – The Court of Kings website is not up can we please provide an update?

- **J. Herring** - Will refer to the Chief to provide an update to the citizens.
 - **Sennieal Crutchfield** – What taxes are being raised? Please try to lower the taxes.
 - **President Curtis** – The taxes are not increasing, there was a statement sent out in error which is being corrected by the county. An adjusted statement will be sent to the citizens.
 - **President Curtis** will have Treasurer Dean Steward to provide guidance online for the Glenarden citizens who need assistance with the taxation notice.
 - **Elaine Carter** – Please provide better meeting signage to the public that are more visible location wise, and me sure to include a more visible meeting date and time on the signage.
 - **TS Alita Hunter** - Mrs. Hunter seconds Elaine Carter’s concern about the meeting signage.
 - **TS Alita Hunter** – Please provide an update on the basketball hoop replacement in ward 1...Mrs. Hunter is concerned about the ward 1 youth having to cross a highway to access the recreation center.
 - **J. Herring** - Councilman Herring will provide a follow up in this matter.
 - **TS Alita Hunter** – Concerned about illegal transactions in front of kids on a particular street.
 - **Lt. Robinson** – Requested Mrs. Hunter to contact him regarding this complaint and he will deal with it directly.
 - **Richard Arroyo-Montgomery** – Is a revised tax notice with the correct yield rate being sent out to the public? How is this error being corrected?
 - **President Curtis** – Councilwoman Erika L. Fareed is currently working on a letter to the public.
 - **Mr. J. Huff, Jr.** – Create a more effective email and text information system to notify the public about city updates.
- Adjourned at 10:36 PM
- Submitted by:

Victoria Lewis, Council Clerk