



The City of Glenarden  
Regular Meeting (Virtual)  
Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 7:30 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:**

Councilwoman Jolene Ivy  
Citizens Services Director - Mrs. Nikki Grego  
Acting City Manager & Acting Chief of Police – Captain Wayne Jackson

- Called to Order at 7:31 PM
- Invocation led by Councilwoman Robin Jones
- 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

Councilwoman Erika L. Fareed to adopt the agenda – Second by Councilwoman Kathleen J. Guillaume.

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**

- Topic of Discussion

- Trunk or Treat

- **Acting Chief Jackson** – Sgt. Richardson is working on coordinating a community outreach event to promote engagement with the citizens and the Glenarden Police Department. The City of Glenarden has been contacted by the PG County Police Dept to join in with them in an outreach effort.
    - **E. Fareed** – Councilwoman Fareed is working with the County to secure a location for the Trunk or Treat event which takes place October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Is it possible use the municipal center parking lot to host this event?
    - **K. Guillaume** – Are we set on the 30<sup>th</sup> date, or can we have the event on Halloween on Oct 31<sup>st</sup>?
      - **Acting Chief Jackson** – Sgt. Richardson is working out the coordination and planning now to secure the exact date and location of this event.
      - **Mayor Cross** – The Mayor is encouraging the Police Dept to merge the Trunk or Treat event with the Harvest Day Rewind event scheduled for Nov 6<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 2pm in the Gold Room at the Municipal Center because it is a pre-approved budgeted event.
        - **E. Fareed** – This is not a council event. Trunk or Treat is an annual event hosted by the Glenarden Police Department in conjunction with the PG County Police Department. This event would not be in conflict with the Harvest Day event. Councilwoman Fareed questions why the municipal center parking lot was not being considered to hold this event being that we do not have to ask for permission to utilize this space?
    - **J. Herring** – Councilman Herring seconds Councilwoman Fareed’s sentiments regarding why can’t we use the Municipal Center parking lot for the Trunk or Treat event? There aren’t any conflicting events on that day that would prevent the Trunk or Treat event from being held at the municipal center.
      - **President Curtis** - Mayor Cross is there anything taking place on Oct 30<sup>th</sup> that would prevent the Police Department from hosting the Trunk or Treat event in the Municipal Center parking lot?

- **Mayor Cross** – You already have an event that is being paid for by the city with citizens dollar which is the Harvest Day event being held on Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, so the Trunk or Treat a competing event. You can combine the two events to have one amazing event instead of having two half events.
  - **E. Fareed** – The Growing Green with Pride Day being held on Oct 30<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 11am, and the Shred Day event from 11am – 2pm does not present a conflict towards the 4pm -6pm time slot that is needed for the Trunk or Treat event.
  - **J. Herring** – The kids would love two days where they can get candy and would love both events.
  - **R. Jones** – The Police Department has a budget for their own community events events...this is nothing that has not been custom in the past. What date have they pinned down so far...is it the 30<sup>th</sup> or the 31<sup>st</sup> of October?
    - **Acting Chief Jackson** – Sunday Oct 31<sup>st</sup> is a conflict with certain vendors scheduled to work the event i.e., the DJ and caterer.
- **Mayor Cross** – The Mayor stated that the Growing Green with Pride Day, Shred Day event, and Trunk or Treat will all require support of the Glenarden Police Force, The Administration, and Public Works Department. The Mayor request again for the Council to consider moving the Police Departments Annual Trunk or Treat day to Nov 6<sup>th</sup> to merge with her Harvest Day Rewind. The Mayor says the catering of grilled hot dogs and hamburgers can be served at the Harvest Day Rewind to make it a bigger event and the kids can go to their local churches or the PG County level Trunk or Treat events.
  - **President Curtis** – On Nov 6<sup>th</sup> the City Council has a scheduled meeting, and the Trunk or Treat event is not a council event...it is annual hosted event by the PG County Police Department.

- **R. Jones** – The Police Department traditionally works with partners/vendors for the annual Trunk or Treat event and may have already negotiated a certain date. The Glenarden Police Department already has an approved budget for community outreach events which the Annual Trunk or Treat event was already allocated and approved for under the budget last summer. It may not be a good look for the City of Glenarden to pull out/change the date on the event partners.
- **E. Fareed** – Councilwoman Fareed wants to work towards better communication between the Administration and the City Council regarding the planning of community events.
- **Acting Chief Jackson** – Oct 30<sup>th</sup> is an overlap shift day with the majority of the officers being present and would like to participate in the Trunk or Treat event. Some of the event coordinators have a conflict on Sunday, Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, with Saturday, Oct 30<sup>th</sup> being the preferred date. The Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Harvest Day Rewind will serve as a community outreach enrichment day where the residence can meet all of the police officers who serve the community.
- **Acting Chief Jackson** – Regarding the speeding, just last week on their overlap shift Acting Chief Jackson assigned some of his senior officers to be in charge of the traffic unit. Since the speeding cameras have been moved around the Acting Chief will be scheduling radar enforcement training for the less experienced officers which is a five-day training session starting in November.
- Presentation on Traffic Calming Measures
  - **E. Fareed** – Some citizen concerns are speeding. In terms of speeding cameras, traffic lights, or speeding bumps, what is the county vs. city responsibility? Can the city move forward with installing more speed bumps or is that something that needs to be organized at the county level?

- **Councilwoman Jolene Ivy** – Acting Chief Jackson can address any speeding concerns or question the citizens may have. The City of Glenarden does have the authority to put up speed bumps or install any traffic calming measures that is deemed necessary within the City of Glenarden limits/boundaries. Any road that is a Glenarden owned road...it is your road! If there is an issue with a county road you would need to go through the process of requesting street service through Councilwoman Jolene Ivy's office, or Mrs. Andrea Lasker of DPW&T:
  - Nikki Greco Constituent Services for CM Jolene Ivey, District 5 (240) 539-0474 [NEGreco@co.pg.md.us](mailto:NEGreco@co.pg.md.us) or [councildistrict5@co.pg.md.us](mailto:councildistrict5@co.pg.md.us)
  - Andrea Lasker of the [PG County Public Works & Transportation](#) (W) 301-883-5600, or (CP) 240-676-5640
    - [Neighborhood Traffic Issues | Prince George's County, MD \(princegeorgescountymd.gov\)](#)
    - [What is Vision Zero Prince Georges? | Prince George's County, MD \(princegeorgescountymd.gov\)](#)
    - Email: [VisionZeroPrinceGeorges@co.pg.md.us](mailto:VisionZeroPrinceGeorges@co.pg.md.us)
- **Councilwoman Jolene Ivy** – There are fund available to the municipalities via the [American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\)](#) . [Non-profit Prince George's](#) recently did a workshop for local mayors to show how the ARPA funds can be used; there will be another workshop coming up soon. You can find out more information on this by calling 240-582-5654 or by emailing [info@nonprofitpg.org](mailto:info@nonprofitpg.org)
- **Councilwoman Jolene Ivy** – Another resource that you might find useful is the Community Partnership Presentation. This organization holds a meeting a few times a year:  
<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/37608/Community-Partners-Presentation-Fall-2021>
- **Councilwoman Jolene Ivy** – Contact 311 regardless of your issue, you will then be presented a ticket number in reference to your complaint. You can then present your ticket number to Councilwoman Jolene Ivy's office who will follow up on your behalf to find a resolve to: [NEGreco@co.pg.md.us](mailto:NEGreco@co.pg.md.us),

[councildistrict5@co.pg.md.us](mailto:councildistrict5@co.pg.md.us). The best form of communication with Mrs. Nikki Greco is by text messages at (240) 539-0474.

- Citizens Comments: R-03-2022 A Resolution to Appoint Jeffrey P. Hammond to the Glenarden Youth Advisory Committee.
  - **C. Smallwood** – What qualifications as being able to serve on the Youth Advisory Committee...what does he do and what has he done to ensure he will bring youth programs into the city?
    - **President Curtis** – Mr. Hammond has over 20 years' experience working with the youth in DC. He founded the B&D Weekend Delivery Program for the City of Glenarden as a summer youth work program. The candidate has been formally reviewed by the Council and Mayor Casheena A. Cross where there was a consensus that Mr. Hammond is highly qualified.
  - **C. Smallwood** – What age group will Mr. Hammond be working with?
    - **President Curtis** – As of right now Mr. Hammond is just on the advisory committee and only giving advice on ways to engage our youth. Currently Mayor Cross has to form the entire committee...the Council President will refer to Mayor Cross for further details related to this question.
      - **Mayor Cross** – The committee was founded in Feb 2012 by resolution and is to consist of 5 committee members. This committee will hold regular meeting, distribute an agenda and provide reports to the City Council, and maintain a list of serving officers. The youth will range from various ages. Mr. Hammond has passed both the required finger printing, background check, and drug screening with flying colors.
      - **C. Smallwood** – Mrs. Smallwood felt her question was not answered and inquired about the specific age range of these children.
      - **Mayor Cross** – There is no age range specified in the resolution/bylaws that enacted this committee. The Mayor stated that there would not be any babies.
      - **C. Smallwood** – What age group will Mr. Hammond be reaching out to regarding this Youth Advisory Committee Group...I just need an age range

- **Mayor Cross** – The age range would be from 13-21. If there need to be a definitive age range established, a resolution modification would be needed to include such information in the bylaws for this committee. This committee is to suggest various programs and services to uplift the youth, and to serve as a liaison between the local youth groups and the Administration to make sure they have a voice and representation in the city.
- R-03-2022 A Resolution to Appoint Jeffrey P. Hammond to the Glenarden Youth Advisory Committee:  
Motion to appoint Jeffrey P. Hammond to the Glenarden Youth Advisory Committee adopted by Councilman James A. Herring - Second by Councilwoman Kathleen J. Guillaume.  
  
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Councilwoman – Kathleen J. Guillaume - Yes  
Councilman – Maurice A. Hairston - Yes  
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**7 Yes, 0 No – PASSED**
- Administrative Reports
  - Treasurer’s Report
  - Chief’s Report
  - Mayor/City Managers Report
    - **Mayor Cross** – The city will have to redo the application for DPIE regarding the demolition of the MLK Park site, because it was introduced by the late Chief O’Donnell who can no longer serve as a point of contact due to his passing.
      - **J. Herring** – Councilman Herring asks Mayor Cross why has a hold been placed on the demolition permit for the MLK Site by the Administration? Almost 100 Glenarden citizens signed a petition to have this building taken down. Councilman Herring would have appreciated if the Administration would have communicated with him as the Ward 1 Council Representative first before this decision was made. Councilman Herring states that this building holds no historical value, and per the Historical Register there are no historical sites within the City of

Glenarden, MD. A City Manager is not required as a point of contact in order to move forward with the proceedings of this permit. Acting City Manager Wayne Jackson, or Code Enforcement Officer Jerry Thomas can act as a Point of Contact (POC) on this permit. The citizens have spoken and want this building down! If we do not move forward with the demolition of this building the Administration would have to turn back in the grant money received for this project. Until this project is complete, the City of Glenarden will not be eligible to apply for another open space grant. Returning the grant money could negatively impact our ability to receive grants in the future. Why is the permit being placed on hold?

- **Mayor Cross** – The Mayor states that she has received some request from citizens to preserve and not to demolish the MLK site. Mayor Cross says she has not put a hold on this project, she simply asked Code Enforcement Officer Jerry Thomas to update the permit. The permit needs updating, because we do not have a City Manager. Mayor Cross suggest that Councilman James A. Herring step up as a Point of Contact (POC) on this project since he is a consistent member of this project.
- **J. Herring** – Councilman Herring feels Code Enforcement Officer Jerry Thomas is the best person to serve as the POC, because he is full-time employee with the City of Glenarden.
- **Mayor Cross** - Mayor Cross feels Code Enforcement Officer Jerry Thomas presents a conflict of interest serving as the POC.
- **J. Herring** – Councilman Herring disagrees with Mayor Cross about Code Enforcement Officer Jerry Thomas being a conflict of interest, being that he approves permits and enforces the code of the city. There is not a conflict as Officer Thomas is a full-time employee of the city and has been a point person so far...so to say Code Enforcement Officer Jerry Thomas is a conflict of interest that is simply not true.
- **Mayor Cross** – Mayor Cross will follow up with DPIE to find a resolve. She states that is she is not causing a hold up in the demolition process. The issue stems from the original POC's not being available to manage



the ongoings of the permits. If you would like access to the asbestos report, please feel free to email Mayor Cross at

[ccross@cityofglenarden.org](mailto:ccross@cityofglenarden.org)

- **J. Herring** – You stated that you attended the MML Winter Conference, which Councilman Herring wanted to attend, however, he was under the impression that the city doesn't own a credit card. Does the city have a credit card? We did not have one once Mr. Bratton left...has that been resolved?
  - **Mayor Cross** – Yes, that has been resolved. The credit card was not used in this event, but a purchase order and check were mailed out prior to the event date. Mayor Cross had to finance her own hotel expenses due to the long processing and mailing of the check causing an issue with securing her lodging reservation. The check did not arrive to the hotel in time to secure her room; the hotel was fully booked by the date of arrival and the check had to be canceled. We do need to work on staff receiving their per diem before they go out the door to a conference as well as Mayor Cross had to finance her own travel expenses and submit a PO for reimbursement. The finance manager has the credit card in his possession for future city use.
  - **J. Herring** – You are still entitled to a per diem and should submit your receipt to accounting for reimbursement.
  - **J. Herring** – Who's name is on the credit card?
  - **Mayor Cross** – The credit cards are in the names of the Treasurer Mr. Dean Stewart and the name of Mayor Casheena A. Cross. There hasn't been a decision made on the city manager as of yet, however, once the city manager is on board a credit card will be placed in the city managers name as well.
  - **J. Herring** – Councilman Herring has a problem with a city credit card being placed in the name of a temp. Mr. Dean Stewart is a temporary hire being provided by Robert Half Office Team Temp Agency.

- **Mayor Cross** – Mr. Stewart has been brought on in the compacity as Treasurer and given the authority to represent the city in audits and in other regards.
- **President Curtis** – Treasurer Dean Steward contacted President Curtis regarding receiving the credit cards and was instructed not to use the cards until a comprehensive credit card policy has been put in place, reviewed and approved by the council. A draft policy has been received by President Curtis; however, it still needs to be finalized and agreed on by council.
- **Mayor Cross** – Mr. Bratton has his name on the city credit card when he was a temp from Robert Half from what she was told. We do have a use policy that will be foundation. The city does need a credit card to conduct city business to ensure things are being paid in a timely fashion. The credit card comes with a track record and history of use. The city will prosecute anyone who violates the usage agreement with the fullest extent of the law.
- **J. Herring** – The city should not open their selves up to that type of liability when you have a credit card being used by someone in a temp position...they can be gone today or tomorrow. The card should be in a permanent employee's name.
  - **J. Herring** – In regards to the different programs you are having...you are holding a Pajama Jam where kids can come in their pajamas and bring a blanket to watch movies from 7pm – 10pm? Please clarify....
  - **Mayor Cross** – We are having a Christmas Polar Express Event. The children are welcome to come in whatever clothing they want. The intent is to have something for our children other than presents by Santa, as we traditionally only throw a holiday party for the adults. Mayor Cross wants to get Santa and the pink fire truck

to hand out presents to the children throughout the city.

- **J. Herring** – Councilman Herring doesn't agree with have children in the municipal center in their pajamas and blankets after what recently happened. This event should be taken place between the hours of 12pm – 4pm. Councilman Herring doesn't think anything is going to happen; however, he is just not comfortable with this movie and pajama jam idea after the Deonte Carraway case.
- **Mayor Cross** – Mayor Cross is sorry that the city experienced the Deonte Carraway case. She is suggesting that we do not throw the baby out with the bathwater and limit our kids. This administration will always be aware and alert in regards to events catering to our children. The idea in theory is when the adults are having their Christmas party upstairs the children will be attending their own Polar Express event down stairs in the nutrition center. The children's parents will be present in the building. This is not a daycare where the adults will be able to just drop their kids off to go elsewhere.
- **J. Herring** – Councilman Herring still doesn't agree and has safety concerns with the children being downstairs while their parents are upstairs at a party. If you are going to do this, we should throw two separate events where the parent can be present at both events. Councilman Herring doesn't want to open ourselves up to lawsuits and is particularly careful when it comes to our children.

- **J. Herring** – During last weeks meeting the Mayor stated in the chat section of the meeting that Councilman Herring did in fact received the ballots which isn't true...why would you stay that?
  - **Mayor Cross** – The Mayor doesn't recall saying this. The answer to this is inquiry does not fall on the administration. This has now been pushed to the board of elections and the city attorney which advised Councilman Herring to obtain a court order by the circuit court to get access to the ballots. Per the charter the responsibility rest on the council and the board of elections to make this decision to release the ballots.
  - **J. Herring** – Councilman Herring states that the mayor attended the same meeting with the city attorney as the council, and it is on the Mayor as the head of the administration. Councilman Herring took the steps to submit his request to the administration in accordance to our rules under the Maryland Public Information Act. The election board has no more say in this and it is the mayor responsibility to provide copies of the ballots per Councilman Herring's request to the administration. Councilman Herring does not want to take this to court and is requesting that the administration do the right thing and release the records.
- **J. Herring** – Councilman Herring seen a video of Mayor Cross endorsing Peter Franchot via [YouTube](#). Councilman Herring requests that going forward that the mayor not speak on the behalf of the other Glenarden elected officials regarding endorsements. The City of Glenarden is not endorsing Peter Franchot...The Mayor is free to say that she is directly endorsing Mr. Franchot. Mayor Cross does not represent the City of Glenarden and all of its elected officials as a whole to speak on

behalf the council. Councilman Herring will announce his endorsements personally to the public.

- **Mayor Cross** – Mayor Cross did not wear any city paraphernalia for this very reason. Mayor Cross did not mention anything about the City of Glenarden endorsing Mr. Franchot but rather stated that she herself supports his efforts as a resident and voter.
- **Mayor Cross** – If there are any citizens that want access to the board of elections written response and stance on the voter's ballot request by Councilman Herring, please contact her at [ccross@cityofglenarden.org](mailto:ccross@cityofglenarden.org). Mayor Cross states the 10 board of elections members want to be compensated for labor cost and loss wages, as they would have to take time off of their day jobs to make copies of the ballots to complete Councilman Herring's request.
  - **J. Herring** – Request that the Mayor please read the [Maryland Public Information Act](#). Our law clearly states how much you can be charged to produce copies per the (PIA) Public Information Act. PIA states there is a \$0.25 fee per page. The law does not require the election board members (10) to take off work to accumulating loss of wages to make copies. What they are doing is against the law trying to stack a debt with unethical fees that are not mandated by (PIA) so you can't afford to get the information you are requesting and by law have the right to have. Councilman Herring doesn't want anything redacted from the ballots, as the ballots are completely anonymous.
- **J. Herring** – Where are the financial reports for July - August 2021?
  - **Mayor Cross** – I will make sure they are turned in to Councilman Herring.

- **President Curtis** – Please send the report to the whole council.
- **Mayor Cross** – Notates the .25 per page fee that can be invoiced to Councilman Herring by the Board of Elections for the copies of the ballots. Mayor Cross also notates that Councilman Herring is not will to pay a loss wages fee, as it is not necessary for them to reserve time off of work to complete this assignment.
  - **K. Guillaume** – To clarify, Councilwoman Guillaume states during a closed session with the City Attorney Mr. Karpinski did state that the release of ballots responsibility are out of the City Council's hands.
- **K. Guillaume** – The Glenarden Housing Authority will need to appoint a new member. Please feel free to contact Councilwoman Guillaume if you need further information regarding this vacancy.
  - **Mayor Cross** – Mayor Cross recently received a recommendation to review Ms. Lang for appointment consideration to the Glenarden Housing Authority Board.
- **K. Guillaume** – Seconds Councilman Herring's request for a copy of the July – August 2021 management reports
- **K. Guillaume** - Can you please provide an update regarding the meeting/sandwich boards? Most recently the aesthetics of the meeting board notifications around the city have not been a good representation of the city.
  - **Mayor Cross** – The new signage/sandwich board have been ordered, and receipt of this order was forwarded to Council President Curtis. The Mayor apologizes for the notifications/sandwich boards that went up with misspelled words...that was unacceptable! For that the administration offers its sincerest apologies.

- **K. Guillaume** – Going forward please be sure to include all members of the council on all correspondences and replies to ensure proper communication is being had with all parties.
- **E. Fareed** – Can we please return back to the original comprehensive format of the financial report where is list out from year to date on each line item so the citizens can have an idea on the current run rate?
- **E. Fareed** – Councilwoman Fareed seconds Councilwoman Guillaume statement on it being our hope and endeavor to coordinate and support as many collaborative event efforts as possible, however, the council needs to be given the proper communication. During this meeting Councilwoman Fareed just learned about two events (Christmas Polar Express Event, and Thanksgiving Giveaway “Oh Give Thanks”) that had not been communicated between the administration to the council. It is very important that the councilmembers are aware of the ongoing events to respond to citizen inquiries and provide support to the administration.
- **E. Fareed** – Can you please provide an update on the new website? The website currently looks busy. The challenge we are having with the website will be remedied by the launch of the new web page.
- **M. Hairston** – Please do whatever needs to be done to close out the request for the election ballots.
- **R. Jones** – Regarding Councilman Herring’s concerns about the MLK site. There was a resolution signed to approve having that site demolished by the prior council that would still be in affect and could be used as a reference.
- **R. Jones** – There is a request from citizens to have trees pruned on Johnson & Glenarden Pkwy due to the fact they have over grown past the stop sign. On 704 & Johnson Ave the bushes are

hindering your view of traffic. At 704 & Glenarden Pkwy the trees are also a hindrance. The flag at the tobacco shop is also causing a view hindrance as well. Please have Public Works address this.

- **Mayor Cross** – Requested the Council Clerk to provide a copy of the resolution for the MLK site demolition.
- **R. Jones** - Councilman Herring stated that if we do not spend the grant money provided for the demolition of the MLK site by June 2022 we would be in breach of satisfying the terms of that grant. Councilwoman Jones offered her assistance to Code Enforcement Officer Jerry Thomas to assist with Dpi.
- **E. Fareed** – Request Mayor Cross to provide context regarding the event communication resolve between the administration and the council.
  - **Mayor Cross** – The administration will be sending a quarterly flying/post card mailing detailing all upcoming events to the citizens. We can coordinate an events calendar review meeting. Mayor Cross is in the office from 3pm – 5pm and can be contacted at [ccross@cityofglenarden.org](mailto:ccross@cityofglenarden.org).
  - **Mayor Cross** – The Administration will move forward to improve the work conditions of the Public Works facility.
  - **Mayor Cross** – Corrective actions have been taken by the Administration to improve the quality of the marquee per the citizen’s request.
- Citizens Comments
  - **C. Smallwood** – Requested that Council Comments be made during the work session so it does not take up citizen comment time going forward.
  - **C. Smallwood** – Former Councilwoman Smallwood seconds Councilman Herring’s statements regarding the MLK site demolition and concerns regarding the Polar Express Pajama Jam Christmas Party. Former Councilwoman Smallwood provided context history of the MLK site project. She states that phase one of the MLK site demolition



was initiated by Mr. Peter Jones in 2012 where he obtained an open space grant in the amount of \$214k to demolish the MLK site. We are only allowed one open space project at a time. You have to complete one open space project before you can be given another one. The council has been working to move towards stage two in the demolition project of the MLK site since former City Manager Eddie Tobias managed this project in 2017. However, Mrs. Smallwood states there was a delay in progress prompted by confusion caused by resident Mr. Winston who is not an official City of Glenarden Historian. Mr. Winston has been providing misinformed information about the building being a historical site. Mrs. Smallwood, Mrs. Butler, and Mr. Winston all attended a meeting at the historical society in 2013 where it was determined that the City of Glenarden does not have any historical sites within its city parameters.

- **C. Smallwood** – Mrs. Smallwood clears up the notion that a City Manager is needed to move forward with a demolition permit at Dpi...this is not true as well, and we need to move forward with the completion of this open space grant project. Mrs. Smallwood asked Mayor Cross to do whatever she needs to do to see this matter to completion with respect to the citizens who requested its removal. The petition with 25 signatures of residents asking to keep the MLK site are not ward 1 resident where the site resides in. Please give respect to the ward 1 residents and their request for removal.
- **C. Wilson** – Former Councilwoman Wilson feels it is a disrespect to the citizens who pushed for the removal of the MLK site to place a hold on its site management and permits approval. This hold could potentially place the city in default of the grant terms where the city would be forced to return the money for an incomplete project. It is Officer Jerry Thomas' job to enforce code, the building causes a safety issue and the Mayor should not stand in the way of its removal! Officer Jerry Thomas does not create a conflict of interest for the city.
- **C. Wilson** – Please do not put the city in jeopardy with the Polar Express Christmas Event.
- **C. Wilson** – The marquee is not readable...please make a correction so that the citizens sitting at the light can read it.
- **C. Wilson** – The temporary treasurer Mr. Dean Steward should not have a city credit card in his name...please do not put the city in jeopardy!

- **C. Wilson** – Request the council to bring back the public hearing so the citizens can know the legislation coming forth and make comments on it before the vote.
- **C. Wilson** – Request the live meeting be placed on the cable station.
- **Jessy Huff Jr.** – Feels the website is too busy and would like it modified to a more organized and cohesive format.
- **Jessy Huff Jr.** – Previously there has never been a problem with Trunk or Treat, we have always had two events and not sure on what the actual issue is.
- **Jessy Huff Jr.** – Seconds Councilwoman Jones notion regarding the tree overgrowth issues, as it has extended over into ward 2 by the library, and Glenarden Pkwy and Reeves Street. Request a four way stop sign be put up at Glenarden Pkwy and Reeves Street.
- **Jessy Huff Jr.** – When is the city going to make the sidewalks wheelchair accessible?
- **Jessy Huff Jr.** – Regarding the ballots...why is there such a problem giving Councilman Herring the ballots if it has been approved for him to receive them? The delay makes Mr. Huff think there is something being hidden.
- **Richard Arroyo-Montgomery** – Mr. Arroyo-Montgomery just wants protocol to be followed regarding the release of the ballot information...nothing is being hidden. A decision on the request for copies of the ballots have made and submitted to all parties, the requestor, and city attorney for full transparency. Any hold up would be on the behalf of the requestor.
- **Richard Arroyo-Montgomery** – Mr. Arroyo-Montgomery received a private text in the zoom chat allegedly from Councilman Herring during the meeting stating that if he has to take this action to court, he will directly and solely be naming Mr. Richard Arroyo-Montgomery not the Board of Elections. Mr. Arroyo-Montgomery feels this is a personal attack and wants the council and administration address and handle this accordingly.
- **Mrs. Crutchfield** – What is Councilman Herring's purpose for requesting the ballots?
  - **J. Herring** – I want them and I have that right as a citizen of the state of Maryland.
- **R. Jones** – To address the ADA compliant sidewalks, the city still has the plans drafted by engineer Charles P. Johnson to do the sidewalk. This has been in the budget for the past two years...all we need to do it get a vendor. Councilwoman Jones will share the plans with the council for review.

- Adjourn at 10:02pm

Submitted by:

Victoria Lewis, Council Clerk

APPROVED