



# City of Glenarden

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## Work Session Minutes – January 9, 2023

<b>Meeting Purpose: Council Work Session Meeting</b>		
<b>Date:</b> 01/09/2023	<b>Time:</b> 7:00 PM	<b>Room:</b> via Zoom
<b>Meeting Chair:</b> President Derek Curtis, II		<b>Scribe:</b> Acting Council Clerk – Robin Bailey-Walls

*P= present; T = present via teleconference; A= absence*

City Council		City Mayor	
A	Councilwoman Erika L. Fareed	Mayor Cashenna Cross	T
T	Councilwoman Kathleen J. Guillaume		
T	Councilman Maurice A. Hairston	<b>City Administration</b>	
T	Councilman James A. Herring	Acting City Manager/ Police Chief Regis Bryant	T
T	Councilwoman Robin Jones	Public Works Director Charles Simpson, Jr.	A
T	Council Vice President Angela D. Ferguson	Treasurer Dean Stewart	T
T	Council President Derek Curtis, II	HR Specialist Karen Shoultz	T
		Webmaster/Media Specialist Monay Ward	T
	<b>City Council Staff</b>	Lieutenant Darryn Robinson	T
T	Acting Council Clerk Robin Bailey-Walls	Michelle Cheeks – Police Dept. – Administrative Assistant	T
	<b>Guests</b>	<b>Guests</b>	
T	Thomas Himler	John O’Connor	T
T	Rick Gray (Cable Contractor)		
	<b>Residents</b>	<b>Residents</b>	
T	Carolyn Smallwood	Gail Cooper	T
T	Yvonne White	Veronica Escardo	T
T	Gary Edmonds	Tanya	T
T	Linda Mauldin	Mr. Powell	T
T	Celeste Wilson	Karen M.	T
T	Khyree		

- I. **Call to Order** - Council President Curtis
- II. **Invocation** – Vice President Ferguson
- III. **Roll Call** – Acting Council Clerk – Robin Bailey-Walls
- IV. **Motion to Adopt Agenda** – **Motioned by Vice President Ferguson; Seconded by CW Jones**
  - **VOTE**
  - CW Guillaume                      Yes
  - CM Hairston                            Yes
  - CM Herring                              Yes



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**CW Jones** Yes  
**Vice President Ferguson** Yes  
**President Curtis** Yes  
**Vote Carries 6/0**

## V. Minutes:

- November 7, 2022 Work Session
- November 15, 2022 Public Session
- November 29, 2022 Public Hearing
- December 5, 2022 Special Regular Session

## VI. Presentations

- **ARPA Project Manager – Thomas Michael LLC**
  - In business since 2018
  - Thirty-one years of experience; twenty-three years in public sector and 8 years private sector
  - Areas of expertise include Program Development and Implementation; Budget and Fiscal Matters; Public Policies and Procedures and Economic and Community Development
  - ARPA management began in 2021; CARES Act management also
  - Worked with Prince Georges County under Curry, Baker and Alsobrooks administrations
  - Ten clients PM Management include the following municipalities - LaPlata, District Heights, Hyattsville and Colmar Manor.  
**CW Jones** asked who the POC would be.  
**Mr. Himler** responded that would be the POC.  
**Mayor Cross** asked about the cost and mentioned concern that the opportunity didn't have three bids.  
**Mr. Himler** explained the cost; \$300 per hour for a twenty-four-month period is most of their client's preference; they try to obligate all funds by 2024. The city can ride off their competitive bid award.  
**CM Herring** - This is allowed according to our Charter  
**CW Guillaume** also reiterated that in the Charter, Section 818 C this is outlined
- **Grant Writer (Police & PW) – Municipal Grant Services - John O'Connor**
  - Twenty-three years of experience in the government; seven years in the military and two terms in St. Mary's County government
  - Has assisted in getting 7.5 M awarded in grants for police officers; also helped with policies and procedures in law enforcement.  
**CM Herring** asked if many grants came from the Federal government and the State.  
**Mr. O'Connor** said they come from a variety of resources, USDA, Crime Control, Department of Justice.



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### VII. Legislation:

➤ **O-03-2023 An Ordinance to Amend §149-22.1 Commercial Vehicle Parking Restrictions**

**CM Herring** – Residents need to park their cars. Look out for the broader community.

**Chief Bryant** – Code Enforcement was able to address concerns of manage three large commercial vehicles.

**CW Jones** mentioned parking in the church and laundry parking lots; In the past there were enforcement issues; the judge wouldn't follow through on.

**CM Herring** – There were issues with our legislation; the ticket books didn't address policies. This Ordinance reflects on equipment.

**CW- Guillaume** – There are citizens on both sides of this issue; people that work need their vehicles and can't park in their driveways; This impacts their livelihood; I wish there can be a compromise.

**CW Jones** – Why not consider the weight of the vehicles?

**CM Herring**- There are four pick-ups at one home; this is a business; there are resident complaints on Fisk and Haynes streets.

**Mayor Cross** – Use the permitting process for cars; tow spaces I front of each house

**Chief Bryant** - I'm in agreement with Jones, Herring and Chief. I'm thinking of smaller vehicles; there is room for the Mayor's suggestion. In Wards I and II there is more of an issue because of rooms being rented; let's not penalize hard working people.

**Vice President Ferguson** – We must consider those that have to bring their work vehicles to their homes; there are a fleet of trucks that are on Dellwood; Compromise; one or two vehicles per household; permits are a possible compromise.

**CM Herring** – Have the owner of lease to have two permits for the streets; enact Mayor's suggestion and off a caretaker permit. Code Enforcement must be diligent for this to work.

➤ **O-05-2023 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 16, "Ethics"**

**CM Herring** – This is required by law to have this in our code.

**Mayor Cross** – The Mayor signature block is missing and therefore currently a violation.

**CM Herring**- See no reason for the City Manager to attest legislation; they aren't an elected official; not required by the Charter.

**Mayor Cross**- inquired about the monthly cost

**Acting City Manager Bryant**- He and the Treasurer went over the figures; it equals two years- worth of PM services

**CW Jones** – ARPA does afford PM funding.

**CM Herring** - \$300 per hour is a lot; we have major programs to manage.

**President Curtis**- If ARPA funds are met; they will take the hit.

**CM Herring** – Asked for clarification; will they stop if they hit the max?



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**Vice President Ferguson** - Stated she heard they don't stop if they hit the maximum funding.

➤ **R-XX-2023 A Resolution to Draft and Award a Contract to Thomas & Michael LLC**

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**President Curtis**- If ARPA funds are met; they will take the hit.

**CM Herring** – Asked for clarification; will they stop if they hit the max?

**Vice President Ferguson** – Understood they don't stop if they've hit the maximum funding.

➤ **R-XX-2023 Resolution to Award a Contract to Municipal Grant Services for Grant Consulting and Project Management**

No Comments

➤ **R-XX-2023 A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Ford Police Interceptor from New Holland Group**

**CM Herring** – We voted on these already.

**Acting City Manager Bryant** – Spoke with Dean and the cars are already here.

**CM Herring** – How did we buy cars here? We need to do Resolutions first.

**Acting City Manager Bryant** – Purchase orders were done; We realized no Resolutions had been done.

**CW Jones** – Requested an updated vehicle list to include milage, year, and person assigned to vehicle.

**Vice President Ferguson**- Was a Resolution done for outfitting the vehicles?

**CW Jones** – Asked that the Purchase orders and supporting documentation be made available.

**Mayor Cross**- The voters voice was negated.

**President Curtis**- The funds were allocated in the budget; the voter's voice wasn't negated; the process needs to be tightened up- "See a Mistake, Own it and Move Forward".

➤ **R-XX-2023 A Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Two Ford Police Utility Vehicles from New 13 Holland Auto Group**

## VIII. Reports

- Mayor's Report
- Acting City Manager Report
- Chief of Police Report
- Director of Public Works Report

**President Curtis** appreciated the repair of the Cross Walk; students can safely walk there.





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## ➤ Treasurer's Financial Report

Topics of Discussion	Requestor
➤ Financial Literacy	CW Fareed (Tabled for the next Work Session)
➤ In-person meetings	CM Herring
<b>CM Herring</b> – Stated the Council should be at the meetings; if not, they should be counted as absent; we need to look at this	
<b>CW Jones</b> - One meeting I was diagnosed with COVID, so I attended on Zoom; I wasn't going to possibly inflict anyone with illness	
<b>Vice President Ferguson</b> – If you're ill but well enough to participate via Zoom that should be ok; Folks on travel and under certain circumstance should be able to be on Zoom.	
<b>President Curtis</b> - CW Jones informed him; If you want to make it a rule; decide concurrently and present a Resolution to add those changes.	
➤ Gold Room Crew Chief and Crew Members (minimum wage increase) – President Curtis	
Acting City Manager Bryant- help two interviews today; Mrs. Shoultz said the minimum hourly rate is now \$13.23 and Gold Room staff pay is currently \$12.85; an increase in wages is required	
CM Herring – Is a budget amendment required? In 2021 one position was frozen; salaries aren't competitive	
President Curtis – Six months have passed without the positions being filled; We may not need a budget amendment.	
Mrs. Shoultz- Will do a comparison of like locations	
➤ Call-A-Bus	President Curtis
<b>Acting City Manager Bryant</b> - the Call-A-Bus is out of service; Mr. Bazemore and CW Jones are working on getting another bus; is there possible funding through ARPA to purchase a ten to fifteen passenger van with a lift?	
<b>CW Jones</b> – They don't know when buses will be available; We can see if Jolene Ivey can lend assistance.	

## IX. Adjournment

**President Curtis Motioned to go into Closed Session to discuss the City Manager candidates and Strategic planning; Seconded by CW Jones**

**CM Herring** – The position doesn't close until the end of the month.

**Mrs. Shoultz**- There's nothing wrong with looking at the candidates.

**CM Herring** wants to wait until the position closes and then move forward.

**CW Jones** was hesitant about seconding the motion; wants to wait for all applicants and then review.

**Mrs. Shoultz** hasn't reached out to local candidates.



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➤ **VOTE**

CW Guillaume	Abstain
CM Hairston	Pass/No
CM Herring	No
CW Jones	No
Vice President Ferguson	Pass/No
President Curtis	Yes

**Vote Fails - 1 Abstention, 4 No and 1 Yes**

**President Curtis** asked Mrs. Shoultz to reach out to all the candidates; Once the position Closes; We will move forward

**Meeting adjourned at 8:59PM.**

Council Reserves the Right to Go in to Closed Session Anytime During a Public Meeting.

## Council Will Go into Closed Session to Discuss City Manager Candidates

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Should the Council retire to executive or closed session the chair will announce the reasons and a report will be issued at a future meeting disclosing the reasons for such closed session.



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## Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 17, 2022

<b>Meeting Purpose: Council Public Hearing</b>		
<b>Date:</b> 01/17/2022	<b>Time:</b> 7:02PM	<b>Room:</b> In-Person
<b>Meeting Chair:</b> President Derek Curtis, II		<b>Scribe:</b> Acting Council Clerk – Robin Bailey-Walls

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P	Councilman James A. Herring	Acting City Manager/ Police Chief Regis Bryant	P
P	Councilwoman Robin Jones	Public Works Director Charles Simpson, Jr.	P
P	Council Vice President Angela D. Ferguson	Treasurer Dean Stewart	P
P	Council President Derek Curtis, II	HR Specialist Karen Shoultz	P
		Webmaster/Media Specialist Monay Ward	T
	City Council Staff		
P	Acting Council Clerk Robin Bailey-Walls	Michelle Cheeks – Police Dept. – Administrative Assistant	T
	<b>Onsite</b>	<b>Onsite</b>	
P	Mario Cross	Mr. Powell	P
P	Rick Gray (Cable Contractor)	Carolyn Smallwood	P
		Celeste Wilson	P
	<b>Online</b>	<b>Online</b>	
T	Armstrong	Karen M.	T
T	Mrs. Butler	Khyree	T
T	Gary Edmonds	Tanya	T
T	Laletia Gaither		T

- I. Call to Order – President Curtis called the meeting to order at 7:02PM
- II. Invocation – Vice President Ferguson
- III. Roll Call – Acting City Clerk
- IV. Motion to Adopt Agenda  
CM Herring Motioned to Accept the agenda; Seconded by CW Guillaume

**VOTE:**

CW Fareed	Yes
CW Guillaume	Yes
CM Hairston	Yes
CM Herring	Yes
CW Jones	Yes
Vice President Ferguson	Yes
President Curtis	Yes

**VOTE Carries 7/0**



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## V. Citizen Comments on Pending Legislation:

- **O-03-2023 An Ordinance to Amend §149-22.1 Commercial Vehicle Parking Restrictions (Third Reading)**  
**CW Jones** asked Chief Bryant if the police patrols can check the number of commercial vehicles parking on the streets.  
**Mrs. Wilson** talked about two years’ worth of complaints about parking problems; she supports the Ordinance; she also voiced concern about the police vehicles being purchased.  
**Chief Bryant** responded they began are checking for commercial vehicles in the last two weeks.
- **O-05 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 15, “Ethics”**
- **R-20-2023 A Resolution to Draft and Award a Contract to Thomas & Michael LLC**
- **R-21-2023 Resolution to Award a Contract to Municipal Grant Services for Grant Consulting And Project Management**
- **R-22-2023 A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Ford Police Interceptor from New Holland Group**  
**Mrs. Smallwood** commented that the protocol to purchase of police vehicle wasn’t followed; she asked why not; stated the Treasurer could be dismissed for this error; also stated she would report the Council President to Open Meetings Act because the agenda wasn’t posted on time, and she had to wait for thirty minutes for the meeting package to be brought outside to her.
- **R-23-2023 A Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Two Ford Police Utility Vehicles from New 13 Holland Auto Group**
- **R-24-2023 A Resolution to Increase the Salaries of the Gold Room Staff**  
**Mr. Powell** asked why staff was getting raises in the Gold Room doesn’t make the city money.  
**President Curtis** explained the increase in pay is minimum wage law requirement.
- **R-25-2023 A Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Global Public Safety, LLC for the Purchase of Outfitting for Three Police Vehicles**

## V. Adjourn – President Curtis Motioned to go into Closed Session to Interview a Candidate for the Gold Room; Seconded by CW Jones

### VOTE:

<b>CW Fareed</b>	<b>No</b> and stated the Council are legislators; it is the responsibility of the City Manager to hire staff.
<b>CW Guillaume</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>CM Hairston</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>CM Herring</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>CW Jones</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Vice President Ferguson</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>President Curtis</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**VOTE Carries 6/1**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM**

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## Regular Session Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2023

<b>Meeting Purpose: Council Work Session Meeting</b>		
<b>Date:</b> 01/23/2023	<b>Time:</b> 7:37 PM	<b>Room:</b> In-Person
<b>Meeting Chair:</b> President Derek Curtis, II		<b>Scribe:</b> Acting Council Clerk – Robin Bailey-Walls

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P	Councilwoman Kathleen J. Guillaume		
P	Councilman Maurice A. Hairston	<b>City Administration</b>	
P	Councilman James A. Herring	City Manager Chief Regis Bryant	P
P	Councilwoman Robin Jones		
T	Council Vice President Angela D. Ferguson	<b>City Administration Staff</b>	
P	Council President Derek Curtis, II	Chief Regis Bryant	P
		Public Works Director Charles Simpson, Jr.	P
	<b>City Council Staff</b>	Treasurer Dean Stewart	P
A	Acting Council Clerk Robin Bailey-Walls	HR Specialist Karen Shoultz	P
	Council Deputy Vacant	Webmaster/Media Specialist Monay Ward (attendance not required)	T
	<b>Online (Couldn't see the participants, Only able to list those that commented in</b>		

- I. Call to Order - Council President Curtis
- II. Invocation - President Curtis
- III. Roll Call – President Curtis



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## IV. Motion to Adopt Agenda

Motioned to Approve by CW Jones; Seconded by CW Fareed

Vote:

CW Fareed	Yes
CW Guillaume	Yes
CM Hairston	Yes
CM Herring	Yes
CW Jones	Yes
Vice President Ferguson	Yes

Vote Carries 7/0

## V. Minutes:

CW Jones Motioned to Approved the Minutes; Seconded by CM Hairston.

- November 7, 2022 Work Session
- November 15, 2022 Public Session
- November 29, 2022 Public Hearing
- December 5, 2022 Special Regular Session

Vote:

CW Fareed	Yes
CW Guillaume	Yes
CM Hairston	Yes
CM Herring	Yes
CW Jones	Yes
Vice President Ferguson	Yes
President Curtis	Yes

Vote Carries 7/0

## VI. Legislation:

- O-03-2023 An Ordinance to Amend §149-22.1 Commercial Vehicle Parking Restrictions (Third Reading)

Motioned by CM Herring to Approve; Seconded by CM Hairston

Comments prior to the Vote:

CM Herring pointed out that this legislation is necessary because commercial vehicles continue to park in the city; this creates problems for residents; particularly for the elders and those living on narrower streets where emergency vehicles have challenges getting to residents that need help; Woodmore HOA already has restrictions for commercial vehicles in place. It's a quality of life issue for residents; the problem is further magnified by room rentals where multiple cars are taking up parking spaces. The County hasn't upheld cases in Court regarding the previous parking legislation.



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**Vote:**

**CW Fareed** No

She agrees it is a quality of life issue that can be addressed through street parking; is concerned that it’s discriminatory toward small businesses.

**CW Guillaume** No

**CM Hairston** Yes

**CM Herring** Yes/No

Stated it’s not discriminatory against small businesses

**CW Jones** No

We need to understand the impact of what’s going on; work in an efficient manner with the judicial system; address the renter issues

**Vice President Ferguson** No

**President Curtis** Abstain

Has heard both sides but has heard more comments from those who are concerned about their livelihood; would like to find common ground to work this out

**Vote Fails 1 Yes, 5 No and 1 abstention**

➤ **O-05 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 15, “Ethics” - First Reading**

➤ **R-20-2023 A Resolution to Draft and Award a Contract to Thomas & Michael LLC**

Motioned by CW Jones; Seconded by CW Fareed

**CM Herring** – Not comfortable with the contract; \$300 per hour; if we exceed them 108K will the work continue for free?

**Acting City Manager Bryant** – Yes

**Vote:**

**CW Fareed** Yes

**CW Guillaume** Yes

**CM Hairston** Yes

**CM Herring** Yes

**CW Jones** Yes

**Vice President Ferguson** Yes

**President Curtis** Yes

**Vote Carries 7/0**

➤ **R-21-2023 Resolution to Award a Contract to Municipal Grant Services for Grant Consulting and Project Management**

Motioned by CW Jones; Seconded by CW Fareed

**CM Herring** - \$3750 to do what GS Proctor was doing for 2K?

**Acting City Manager Bryant** – This is specifically for police grants

**CW Fareed** – It’s limited to police grants?

**Acting City Manager Bryant** – Mostly police but other grants are possible

**Vote:**

**CW Fareed** Abstain

**CW Guillaume** Abstain

**CM Hairston** Abstain

**CM Herring** Abstain



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CW Jones Yes  
Vice President Ferguson Abstain  
President Curtis Yes  
Vote Fails 2 Yes, 5 Abstentions

➤ **R-22-2023 A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Ford Police Interceptor from New Holland Group**

**Motioned by CW Jones; Seconded by President Curtis**

**CM Herring** – Asked when was this vehicle delivered?

**Acting City Manager Bryant** – July FY 22

**CM Herring** – Why was the PO done in September? He is upset this happened; the check was cut without a resolution.

**CW Guillaume** – Questioned how did we get here?

**CW Fareed** – Why are we voting on something that’s already been purchased; the vendor will provide vehicles without payment; we need to look at that policy with the vendor

**CM Herring** – We’ve bought ten or eleven cars from them; they know we’re good for it.

**CM Hairston**- It’s business on our end, not with Holland.

**CW Jones** – Holland has a relationship with a specific person.

**Acting City Manager Bryant** – As a result of COVID the process is slow for getting vehicles; they were procured in advance to get them in a timely manner; He’s learned the process only after working in the Acting City Manager capacity and wanted to be transparent.

**President Curtis**- Clarified the amount of the vehicles; stated the Treasurer is under heat; he, Mayor Cross and the Treasurer all signed the check; he took accountability for error; “Own it, Learn and Move Forward;” tighten up on the internal controls.

**CM Herring**- It’s not a complicated issue; the cut shouldn’t have been cut; policy wasn’t followed.

**CW Jones**- When the parking lot was paid for by the City Attorney stated it was ok to pay because money was in the budget; the vehicles were already procured; have compassion and move forward

**President Curtis** – The Treasurer has made good decisions; this is the first mistake; let’s not heap on him for this; he takes his job responsibilities very seriously and has held himself accountable.

**Vote:**

CW Fareed Yes  
CW Guillaume Abstain  
CM Hairston Abstain  
CM Herring Abstain  
CW Jones Yes  
Vice President Ferguson Abstain  
President Curtis Yes

Vote Fails 2 Yes, 5 Abstentions

➤ **R-23-2023 A Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Two Ford Police Utility Vehicles from New 13 Holland Auto Group**

**Motioned by CW Jones; Seconded by CM Hairston**

**CM Herring** – Asked if the cars have been picked up.

**Acting City Manager Bryant** – They have been delivered to be outfitted; not in our possession yet

**CM Herring** – You found the issue?

**Acting City Manager Bryant** - The PO wasn’t done until the fifth and given to the Treasurer; the PO and the invoice were found in the City Manager’s office.





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**Vote:**

CW Fareed	Yes
CW Guillaume	Abstain
CM Hairston	Yes
CM Herring	Yes
CW Jones	Yes
Vice President Ferguson	Yes
President Curtis	Yes

**Vote Carries 6 yes, 1 Abstentions**

➤ **R-24-2023 A Resolution to Increase the Salaries of the Gold Room Staff**  
**Motioned by CW Jones; Seconded by CM Herring**

**CM Herring-** Thought the wages were below minimum wage.

**Karen Shoultz-** Noted she was looking at the previous budget; notified Council that the salary was just above minimum wage.

**President Curtis –** Asked if the proposed salaries are competitive enough.

**Karen Shoultz –** Would prefer for there to be range in the salaries; suggested:

Coordinator rate be \$28 per hour

Crew Chief – between \$18 and \$19 per hour

Crew Member – between \$16-\$17 per hour

**Treasurer Stewart -** There is enough remaining in the budget to cover the increases; there haven't been staff in almost seven months.

**CM Hairston –** Lets table to make changes; not comfortable making changes on the spot

**CM Herring –** The Gold Room isn't making money; why increase salaries?

**Acting City Manager Bryant –** The Gold Room is running without a hitch; staff stepped up; with comparable salaries we have dedicated people to do the work; advertising needs to be done to take it to the next level.

**Curtis –** Let's vote on the current salaries and have another discussion on salaries later.

**Vote:**

CW Fareed	No Table
CW Guillaume	Yes
CM Hairston	No
CM Herring	Yes
CW Jones	Yes
Vice President Ferguson	Yes
President Curtis	Yes

**Vote Carries 5 yes, 2 No**

➤ **R-25-2023 A Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Global Public Safety, LLC for the Purchase of Outfitting for Three Police Vehicles**

**Motioned by CM Hairston; Seconded by CM Herring**

**CM Herring –** This is the second payment for equipment, not vehicles?

**Acting City Manager Bryant –** the Chief's car is outfitted

**CM Herring –** We need two separate Resolutions; the other two cars haven't been paid for.



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## **Vote: To have separate Resolutions/Table**

<b>CW Fareed</b>	<b>Table/Yes</b>
<b>CW Guillaume</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>CM Hairston</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>CM Herring</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>CW Jones</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Vice President Ferguson</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>President Curtis</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b><u>Vote Carries 7 yes</u></b>	

## **VII. Reports**

- Mayor's Report – In response to signing the check for Resolutions 22 and 23; It was good business to proceed with the payment; the thirty-day invoice was due.
  - Voiced objection to staff working in the Gold Room; stated it was double-dipping; should have hired a contractor to perform the work
  - Secured the snow removal contract
  - Serves on the Hope in Action Task Force selected by County Executive
  - Alsobrooks as the Chairman for the Community Assessment Committee. Eight
  - Asked Chief to up the excessive speed of police officers in Woodmore
  - Talked about the Council zeroing out her budget; she's not able to go to conferences or pay dues; can't represent the citizens' voices
  - Given an award for volunteer services
  - Youth conference is coming up on the fourth
  - Supported toy drives
  - Participated in the laying of wreaths
  - The Polar Express was a huge success
  - PG County helped a person facing homelessness
  - Talked about the proposed liquor store coming to Woodmore

**CM Herring** – Have to be very careful in using the term double-dipping; Admin is working during their duty hours; serious allegation to make; staff has always been utilized to keep the Gold Room functioning.

**Acting City Manager Bryant** – Outstanding staff; stepped to help; no difference in salaries

**CW Fareed** – Wouldn't that fall under other duties as assigned?

**Karen Shoultz** – Yes

**Mayor Cross** – The Gold Room is a separate enterprise.

**Karen Shoultz**- They are all under the same umbrella.

**CW Guillaume** – Are you getting compensated for working this weekend?

**Karen Shoultz**- Not directed to do so; volunteered to help.

**CW Guillaume** – Double-dipping typically is illegal; we're not doing anything illegal.

**President Curtis** – The Mayor has been requested to provide a list of gifts (receipts) and who you gave those gifts to (donations) for proper accounting to be done by the next regular hearing.

**Mayor Cross** – The treasurer has been provided all donations and tax dollars; they were not gifts to the Mayor; she has not accepted any gifts. She will work with the Treasurer to provide what's already been provided to him.



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- Acting City Manager Report
  - Successful in getting the snow removal contract
  - Cable contractor started
  - Meetings on the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Park
  - Meeting with Dittenhafer- Council Chamber renovation

- Chief of Police Report
  - Will investigate the speeding issue at Woodmore

- Director of Public Works Report
  - Repairs done to pick-up
  - Storm drain problem in Ward I taken care of by DPIE
  - Crosswalk on Fisk and Glenarden Parkway repaired

CW Jones – Can you look in to the drums on Dellwood and Glenarden Parkway; maybe a storm water Issue

CM Herring –

- Complaints about trash in Ward II and III; terrible on Reed Street.
- Is the Field Supervisor doing his job to Make sure these jobs are getting done?
- Things are not getting done now; in MLK Park leaves have been sitting there until a resident complained.
- Chairs and tables were left from the Harvest Day event on the trucks overnight.
- Is someone surveying the City to see what needs to be done?
- Missed spots with striping and waxing floors
- Men's bathroom wasn't clean
- Asked if overtime was paid to do floors
- Stated Mr. Simpson had admin locking the entry doors instead of Public Works
- He's been told that the team leaves at 3:30 pm; put off on admin to secure the building
- Essential employees; someone should be here during business hours
- Friends with employees
- Inquired about the passed Resolution for traffic calming

Director Simpson –

- Smallwood Landscaping was given the contract and the leaves were removed.
- Not aware of the issues being sited
- Ride the City daily
- He is here with admin staff; feels that's adequate
- There's a snow plan in place to manage inclement weather
- Have discussed street maintenance; paving and sidewalks with Acting City Manager and Treasurer; plans to move forward with traffic calming pilot
- Looking at 500K assessment for the street repairs; this is primarily Glenarden Parkway; a proposal along with a Resolution is forthcoming

President Curtis-

- Made a point of Order regarding personal attacks toward Director Simpson based on CM Herring's comment regarding being friends with his staff

CM Herring -

- Commented that it's his right to ask questions when it relates to taxpayers money



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- Responded that President Curtis wasn't going to reprimand him for his comments
- Need to know the total value of assessment to repair the streets

President Curtis – Point of Order regarding the back and forth conversation

CM Herring –

- Why was Mr. Simpson the only one that worked the Christmas party?

President Curtis – Point of Order; gave CM Herring a formal warning as comments were made regarding listening to CW Jones; Citizens don't want to hear petty comments going on back and forth.; asks questions; be professional and courteous to employees

CM Herring

- Where are we at with the roof? Is Mr. Simpson communicating with the field supervisor?

Director Simpson

- Communicates with the field supervisor daily; was not aware of any problems with the roof; no one has talked with me about the warranty on the roof.
- Not the proper venue to get into employee problems

CM Herring

- Complaints about the bushes on MLK and Church that are overgrown
- Commented about a specific employee hacking up Crepe Myrtle trees; asked not to send him to trim those bushes

CW Jones – took issue with comments made about Public Works personnel; they grew back and were fine.

President Curtis – thanked Public Works for the work on Fisk.

### ➤ Treasurer's Financial Report

CM Herring – What is the total Gold Room Revenue to date?

Mr. Stewart – As of November 2022 \$17, 384.00

CM Herring – What happened with the police vehicle Resolutions?

Mr. Stewart – When I came on board there were no protocols in place; like with the Director of Public Works, there was no one to advise or give historical information; information is hidden and then you come for us and that's not fair; Council, especially senior members need to step up and work with us for what's needed.

CM Herring – Has been more than open to you; listen to other Councilmembers that don't know what they're talking about; these policies have to be reviewed and approved by the Council.

President Curtis – No time to go back and forth. If there's pertinent information to be shared that's fine; no need to be repetitive. It is a difficult job managing these meetings; if there's more substance, please proceed.

CM Herring –

- Nothing can be spent without a Resolution; thinks all these policies are an attempt to mitigate that an error was made.
- How long does it take to cut a check?

Mr. Stewart – explained the process; a check can be cut in a few minutes

CM Herring – It takes too long to cut a check; often we try to get vendors paid up to the last minute.

### VIII. Citizen Comments

**Mrs. Wilson** - is very disappointed by the blatant disregard for Ward I citizens; there is favoritism; the Council isn't trying to resolve issues.

**Rosa Williams** – is disappointed; how did the HOA get a commercial vehicle policy; why can't the current Chief get commercial vehicles out of the city; preserve the city; agrees with a lot of





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what the Councilmember that talks a lot says; stand-up to him with the facts; Public Works Director has the responsibility; asks questions.

**IX. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 10:36 pm.**

## Council Reserves the Right to Go in to Closed Session Anytime During a Public Meeting.

Note: Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article Section 10- 508(a), the Council by majority vote may retire to executive or closed session at any time during the meeting. Should the Council retire to executive or closed session the chair will announce the reasons and a report will be issued at a future meeting disclosing the reasons for such closed session.

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