

**PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

February 6, 2006

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on February 6, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. with Mayor John P. Correr, Jr. presiding and the following members present: Council President Gary Wasielewski, Councilmen Fred Cullum, Wayne Dougherty, Vincent Way and Ernest Anderson. Councilmen Bernard Mills was absent due to family matters.

Mayor Correr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion by Councilmen Cullum and Dougherty, the Minutes of December 19, 2005 were approved.

On motion by Councilmen Cullum and Anderson, the Minutes for the Closed Session for the meeting on November 21, 2005 were approved.

EXPENDITURES

No questions were presented.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Councilman Ernest M. Anderson announced his resignation from the City Council as of this date. Councilman Anderson has accepted an employment position and will be commuting to Annapolis and will relocate his family residence. Councilman Anderson thanked everyone for the privilege of serving on the City Council and the citizens of Havre de Grace. He then excused himself from the meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

On motion by Councilman Dougherty and Cullum, and on a vote of four affirmative votes, the nomination by Mayor Correr of George M. DeHority as Director of Finance for The City of Havre de Grace was approved.

George M. DeHority was sworn in as Director of Finance for The City of Havre de Grace by Mr. James E. Reilly, Clerk of the Circuit Court.

On motion by Councilmen Dougherty and Council President Wasielewski, the appointment of Gabriele Hanne to the Street Safety Committee was approved.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Correrri and Council President Wasielewski presented a Recognition Award to Madeline Fuestel as Student of the Month at Meadowvale Elementary School.

Mayor Correrri and Council President Wasielewski presented a Recognition Award to Shekinah Hollingsworth as Student of the Month at Havre de Grace Elementary School.

Mayor Correrri and Council President Wasielewski presented a Recognition Award to Kelly Rae Slentz as Student of the Month at Havre de Grace High School.

Mayor Correrri and Councilman Dougherty presented a Recognition Award to the St. James A.M.E. Church Male Choir for the celebration of the 21st Anniversary of performances in the community and abroad. Councilman Dougherty also recognized Black History Month. The Choir performed one song upon accepting the award.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments from citizens regarding agenda items.

Comments from citizens regarding other issues were presented at this time.

Barbara Zachary of Girard Street complained about the removal of the stop sign at Adams and Fountain Streets. She also mentioned that neighboring property resurfacing is causing some water run-off onto her property.

Barbara Ferguson of Muscovy Court also expressed concern for the removal of the stop sign at Adams and Fountain Streets.

The Street Safety Committee will re-visit the stop sign issue. The Department of Economic Development and Planning will inspect the property water issue. The Department of Public Works also will review the issue.

RESOLUTIONS

On motion by Councilmen Way and Dougherty and, on a roll call vote of four affirmative votes, **RESOLUTION NO. 2006-01** was introduced for second reading, and after second reading, on a roll call vote of four affirmative votes, adoption was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF AN ENGINEERING STUDY OF LILLY RUN TO INCLUDE FLOOD PLAIN ANALYSIS AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT.

Funding for the study will come from the Critical Area fund in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 budget.

On motion by Councilmen Cullum and Way and, on a roll call vote of four affirmative votes, **RESOLUTION NO. 2006-02** was introduced, and after reading, on a roll call vote of four affirmative votes, adoption was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-02

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND ESTABLISHING A DESIGNATED EMERGENCY RESERVE FUND

On motion by Councilmen Dougherty and Council President Wasielewski and, on a roll call vote of four affirmative votes, **RESOLUTION NO. 2006-03** was introduced.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND SUPPORTING THE ENTERPRISE ZONE DESIGNATION RE-APPLICATION FOR THE GREATER ABERDEEN-HAVRE DE GRACE AREA AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO SIGN SAID APPLICATION

A public hearing will be at 7:30 p.m. prior to the next Council Meeting on March 6, 2006 in Council Chambers. Announcement will be published in the local newspaper two times starting at least two weeks prior to the public hearing date.

ORDINANCES

On motion by Councilmen Way and Dougherty and, on a roll call vote of four affirmative votes, **ORDINANCE NO. 871 CONCERNING THE DEMOLITION OF PROPERTY AND STRUCTURES** was introduced for second reading

On motion by Councilmen Cullum and Way and, on a roll call vote of four affirmative votes, the following amendments regarding **ORDINANCE NO. 871** were approved:

Sixth line in introduction paragraph - change to read “amending and clarifying”

Line three in second WHEREAS paragraph - change to read “establishing and clarifying”

Line two in fourth paragraph - change to read: vested “in” The Mayor and line four - change to read “purpose of establishing and clarifying”

Section 1.

1. change to read “if the structure of property is to be razed by anyone other than the property owner.”

2. B. - change to read “Complete the asbestos abatement form and send or deliver to the department for review along with a completed Demolition Permit application and applicable permit fee.”

2. C. – change to read “Contractors shall submit a certificate of liability insurance.”

2. D. – change to read “The building inspector shall contact the applicant to schedule an inspection of the structure to be razed.”

2. E. – change to read “Maryland Historical Trust” and the “City Historic Preservation Commission”

2. H. – change to read “The permit applicant shall contact the Havre de Grace Police Department for approval of the location of dumpsters on any City property, streets, roads, alleys and lanes.”

2. G. – change to read “roads, and alleys and lanes” and change flagmen to flagman, and add “the items must be obtained from the Havre de Grace Police Department”

2. K. - changes in formatting.

2. L. - change in formatting and last line to read “If the job is in phases, the starting area must be completed before starting the next phase.”

2. M. – change in formatting.

2.N. – change in formatting.

Section 2.

Change “resolution” to “resolutions”

On motion by Councilmen Dougherty and Cullum and, on a roll call vote of four affirmative votes, **ORDINANCE NO. 871 AS AMENDED** was approved.

On motion by Council President Wasielewski and Councilman Cullum and, on a roll call vote of four affirmative votes, **ORDINANCE NO. 872 ENTITLED ZONING CONCERNING THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING AND CLARIFYING THE PRINCIPAL PERMITTED USES IN RESIDENTIAL, R-2, ZONING DISTRICTS** was introduced and, on a roll call vote of four affirmative votes was approved on first reading.

A public hearing regarding **ORDINANCE NO. 872** will be at 7:00 p.m. prior to the next Council Meeting on March 6, 2006 in Council Chambers.

On motion by Councilmen Cullum and Way and, on a roll call vote of four affirmative votes, **ORDINANCE NO. 873 CONCERNING 2006 SERIES A BOND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF INFRASTRUCTURE BONDS** was introduced and, on a roll call vote of four affirmative votes was approved on first reading.

A public hearing regarding **ORDINANCE NO. 873** will be 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers on February 21, 2006. Announcement will be published in the local newspaper two times prior to the public hearing date.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

On motion by Councilmen Dougherty and Cullum and, on a vote of four affirmative votes, the license agreement the fence in the right-of-way at 733 Warren Street, contingent upon the owner of the property lowering the height of the newly installed fence to the same height as the previous old fence was approved.

On motion by Councilman Dougherty and Council President Wasielewski and, on a vote of four affirmative votes, the license agreement for 555 Alliance Street for a sign in the right-of-way was approved.

On motion by Councilmen Dougherty and Cullum and, on a vote of four affirmative votes, the license agreement for Union Avenue at the Harford County Library for a sign in the right-way was approved.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Christopher Totoro of South Washington Street complained to The Mayor and City Council that his new taxi cab business is having difficulty working and communicating with the Police Department. He believes the PD is harassing him and intentionally slowing the process for acquiring permits for his drivers. Chief Walter expressed her department's efforts to comply with all requirements and codes for the issuance of permits. Mr. Totoro complained that the four to six weeks for criminal background investigations is too long. Councilman Dougherty agreed with Chief Walter that every code must be followed and compliance with the requirements is necessary.

BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Correrri attended the homecoming ceremony for the military troops at the National Guard Armory on Sunday, February 5, 2006. It was a most memorable, heart filled experience he will never forget.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL

Councilman Cullum discussed issues regarding the three-year construction improvement plan to the Hatem Bridge. He attended a meeting that encouraged the SHA to allow for a reduction in rates when motorists detour to I-95 Bridge. Also, he discussed traffic concerns due to a one-lane reduction for traffic flow. Councilman Cullum has been attending the Maryland Municipal League (MML) legislative committee meetings. The issues discussed at these meeting mainly concern replenishing financial funds back to the municipalities that had been canceled in the past because of budget cuts. He attend the DPW Committee Meeting, discussed the safety issues concerning sprinkler systems included in code for all new construction within Havre de Grace, and suggested there be a Council sub-committee to explore this topic.

Councilman Wasielewski announced the Board of Appeals meeting will be February 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. February 13, 2006 will be a Planning Commission meeting. Zoning Task Force has nearly completed its mission but would like to continue meeting to hear the scheduled results upon completion by the consultant.

Councilman Way thanked everyone for their assistance with the Demolition Ordinance. He also discussed the urgent need for the Lilly Run Engineering study.

Councilman Dougherty is working on the amendments to the Critical Area Ordinance and has secured a 30-day extension from the State on this project. He is also working on the Adequate Public Facilities (APF) plan with the Planning Committee members. Mr. Dougherty was proud to attend the homecoming ceremony at the armory for the troops.

A motion by Councilmen Cullum and Dougherty to adjourn the Council meeting at 10:10 p.m. was approved.