



PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 21, 2014

7:00 p.m.

A Public Hearing concerning Ordinance 955- Water and Sewer Rates  
AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE XI-E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AND SECTION 37 OF THE CITY CHARTER AND CITY CODE CHAPTER 196 WATER AND SEWER RATES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING THE CITY WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2015 AS APPEARS IN CITY CODE CHAPTER 196 AND EXHIBIT A THERETO; AND SETTING FORTH THE BASIC RATE CHARGED FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE FOR FISCAL YEARS JULY 1, 2015 TO JUNE 30, 2016; AND JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017.

A public hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and closed at 7:04 p.m. with no citizen's comments.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on April 21, 2014 at 7:04 p.m. with Mayor Dougherty presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Councilmember's, Craig, Martin Smith, Glenn, Corrieri and Cullum. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Wayne H. Dougherty and the opening prayer was given by Pastor Norman Obenshain.

A motion was made by Councilmember Corrieri and seconded by Councilmember Martin to approve the Council meeting minutes of April 7, 2014; motion carries 6-0

**RECOGNITIONS:**

Mayor Dougherty presented recognitions to Co-Poet Colleen Webster and Larry O'Neal.

**PROCLAMATIONS:** None

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Ms. Tiffany Robinson; - Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Housing and Urban Development for FY 2014

Economic Development Advisory Board Presentation was made by Charlie Hiner and discussed their proposed recommendations concerning the Department of Economic Development.

Historic Preservation Commission Awards presented by Councilmember Martin, Judy Plitt and Ron Browning:

The award recipients are as follows:

Ron Browning; 226 N. Union Ave

Blue & Lance Arnold-; 718 N. Stokes St.

Wanda & Ronald Hirshey & Paul Gravenhorst-;218 S. Washington St.

Alice & Michael Boyd; 212 S. Union Ave.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Martin and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to approve the appointment of Ms. Darlene Perry to the Historic Preservation Commission. Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to approve the appointment of Mr. Robert Angelucci to the Planning Commission. Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve the appointment of Mr. Ed Rybczynski as an alternate member of the Planning Commission. Motion carries 6-0

**OATH OF OFFICE:**

Mayor Dougherty administered the Oath of Office to Darlene Perry, Robert Angelucci and Ed Rybczynski.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Charter Annexation Resolution 277 as amended**

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND, ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE XI – E AND THE PROVISIONS OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE SUBTITLE 3 – AMENDMENT OR REPEAL OF CHARTER AND SUBTITLE 4 ANNEXATION WHICH AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF A MUNICIPALITY TO ANNEX PROPERTY, IN THIS CASE PROPERTY BETWEEN CHAPEL ROAD AND LEVEL ROAD AND BY AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY; SPECIFICALLY APPENDIX A OF THE HAVRE DE GRACE CHARTER BY ADDING “SUBSECTION A.30 THE FIRST 2014 ADDITION TO THE CITY BOUNDARIES,” ALONG WITH THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE ACRES OF LAND WHICH WILL ENLARGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE BY ANNEXING THE LAND OF ANN W. GREEN, MONTGOMERY C.M. GREEN, ELIZABETH WATTS GREEN, JOHN RODGERS MEIGS GREEN, R. JONATHAN M. GREEN, ANN W. GREEN & MARIANNE SCHMITT HELLAUER TRUSTEES, MONTGOMERY M. GREEN, TRUSTEE, MARIANNE SCHMITT HELLAUER TRUSTEE & 2003 R. JONATHAN M. GREEN SPINOFF TRUSTEE (“GREEN”), PETER J. IANNIELLO & MARY C. IANNIELLO (“IANNIELLO”) AND CHARLOTTE PATRONE (“PATRONE”) CONSISTING OF A TOTAL OF 244.372 ACRES OF LAND MORE OR LESS ADJOINING THE EXISTING CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to introduce Charter Annexation Resolution 277 as amended; motion carries 6-0.

After the header was read, under the question, Councilmember Smith questioned the tax abatement with the Annexation Resolution 277; Councilmember Smith made a motion to strike section 4 to remove the tax abatement. Motion dies with a lack of a second.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Corrieri to adopt Charter Annexation Resolution 277 as amended on second reading. Motion carries 6-0

This Ordinance will be effective June 5, 2014.

**ORDINANCES:**

**Property Tax Rates; Introduction and first reading**

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY PROVIDED BY THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND TAX-PROPERTY ARTICLE TITLE 6 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2015 ON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF ASSESSABLE REAL PROPERTY, PERSONAL PROPERTY; AND PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL SPECIAL TAX LEVIED WITHIN THE CRITICAL AREA SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT AND SETTING THE SERVICE CHARGE FOR THE SEMI-ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT OPTION.

A motion was made by Council President Craig and seconded by Councilmember Corrieri to introduce Ordinance 956 on first reading; motion carries 6-0. After the header was read into the record, a motion was made by Council President Craig and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to adopt Ordinance 956 on first reading. Motion carries 6-0

A public hearing is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Jim Newby; Director of Administration

Mr. Newby gave an update on the grants for 701 Concord Street.

Mr. Neal Mills; Director of Planning

Mr. Mills gave an update on Scenic Manor.

Mr. Mills stated the bids have gone out for the demo for the Royal Farms property.

Mr. Mills stated the Planning Department is waiting on the flood plain report for Family Dollar that is proposed for Seneca and Revolution St.

Mr. George DeHORITY; Director of Finance

Mr. DeHORITY stated the finance department is in the legislative process with the budget and closing the third quarter.

Mr. Larry Parks; Director of Public Works

Mr. Parks stated Spring Clean-up will be held on 4/26/14 and 5/3/14 at the Community Center on LARGARET Lane.

Chief Teresa Walter; Chief of Police

Chief Walter advised citizens that Prescription Take Back will be held on 4/26/14 at the Police Department.

Chief Walter reminded the citizens with the warm weather to be aware of potential theft by keeping garage doors and sheds locked.

**Business from Mayor Dougherty:**

Mayor Dougherty congratulated Councilmember Cullum for being elected Vice President for Cecil-Harford Chapter of MML.

Young at Heart meets every Wednesday at 10am at the Activity Center.

**Business from Council:**

**Councilmember Smith:**

Councilmember Smith welcomed Jim Thornton to the Chambers, member of the Harford County Board of Education.

Councilmember Smith congratulated the Co-Poet Laureates/ Bob Greene/ Historic Preservation Commission award recipients and the three newly appointed citizens that were sworn in tonight.

Councilmember Smith attended the March for teachers that brought attention to funding for public schools.

Mr. Smith recognized Mr. Hiner, Chair of EDAB for his report.

Councilmember Smith believed that Tourism should fall under the Director of Economic Development.

**Councilmember Cullum:**

Councilmember Cullum congratulated the co-poet laureates who were recognized tonight.

Councilmember Cullum looks forward to working with the new appointees on the Planning Commission.

Mr. Cullum advised citizens of an Amtrak meeting scheduled on 4/28/14 at 5pm at the Activity Center. An informational meeting is concerning the replacement bridge project.

Mr. Cullum stated River Sweep on April 26 2014 and begins at 8:30am.

**Councilmember Correrri:**

Councilmember Correrri stated he attended the Susquehanna Hose Banquet and the Little League Opening Day.

Mr. Correrri congratulated Co-Poet Laureates that were recognized tonight.

Mr. Correrri recognized the members of EDAB and thanked them for all they do.

**Councilmember Glenn:**

Councilmember Glenn recognized the award recipients.

Councilmember Glenn attended the budget work sessions and thanks City staff for answering questions

Mr. Glenn attended the County Council meeting in support of the teachers.

Attended the SHCO banquet and recognized many firefighters from the evening.

Mr. Glenn attended the Bunny Run, Parks and Rec Easter Egg Hunt and Little League Opening Day

Councilmember Glenn announced that HHS Baseball Team won James Harris Tournament

**Councilmember Martin:**

Councilmember Martin stated the War of 1812 Weekend with the Lockhouse Encampment will take place May 2, 3, 4 2014.

The Pride of Baltimore II will arrive 5/1/14 and will be docked at Hutchens Park.

Councilmember Martin commends DPW for keeping the promenade well maintained, clean and free of spider-webs.

**Council President Craig:**

A motion was made by Council President Craig seconded by Councilmember Correrri to go into closed session. The following was read into the record.

Motion carries 6-0

In accordance with Section 10-508 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, The Havre de Grace City Council will meet in closed session on Monday, April 21, 2014 at the conclusion of the regularly scheduled City Council meeting. The purpose of this closed session is to discuss personnel and legal matters. In addition to the Mayor and the City Council; I am requesting the attendance of Mr. Paul Ishak, Legal Counsel.

**Comments from Citizens:**

Ms. Janice Grant; 428 S. Law St. Aberdeen, MD; commends that Mayor and Council and the Historic Preservation Commission for the work they do to preserve and restore historic homes in HDG.

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Martin to adjourn at 8:37 pm; motion carries 6-0