



PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 19, 2014

7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on May 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Dougherty presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Councilmember's, Craig, Martin, Glenn, Correr. Councilmember's Cullum and Smith were absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Wayne H. Dougherty and the opening prayer was given by Mayor Wayne Dougherty.

A motion was made by Councilmember Glenn and seconded by Councilmember Correr to approve the Council meeting minutes of May 5, 2014; motion carries 4-0

A motion was made by Council President Craig and seconded by Councilmember Martin to approve the closed session meeting minutes of April 21, 2014; Motion carries 4-0

RECOGNITIONS: None

PROCLAMATIONS:

A Proclamation was presented to Mr. Bob Bloom, Manager of WXCX in honor for 25 years in business.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. George Deibel of the HDG Board of Elections Supervisors presented the election results.

Stephen J. Gamatoria 695

David Glenn 791

Bill Martin 734

Robert L. Robinson 297

Mr. George and Rita Cardona- Co Chairs of the Bulle Rock Civic League and Mr. Bill Nichols presented event information on Museum Day

APPOINTMENTS: None

OATH OF OFFICE: None

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Carla Sparrow: 101 Stansbury Ct- HDG Housing Authority: Summer Jam 2014 will be held on June 14th and vendor tables are still available.

Chuck Maslin; 100 S Washington St; Mr. Maslin congratulated WXCX and thanked them for being a supporter of the Seafood Festival. Mr. Maslin would like to see a policy in which all sponsors of big events (such as the Art Show) in HDG contact all local businesses to see if they would like to participate.

Mike Ferry; 406 Brian Garth Ct. HDG; Feels the proposed Water and Sewer increase is not a dramatic increase. Feels very fortunate to have the services we do in town such as the Police and DPW.

RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCES:

Property Tax Rates; Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance 956
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 second reading. Motion carries 4-0
After the header was read, a motion was made by Councilmember Corrieri and seconded by Councilmember Martin to adopt Ordinance 956; motion carries 4-0

UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance 955 as amended

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

A motion to un-table Ordinance 955 as amended was not made. Therefore, Ordinance 955 as amended is still tabled.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Business from Mayor Dougherty:

Mayor Dougherty gave an update on the URS Traffic Impact Study for the proposed relocation of HHS.

Mayor Dougherty commented on the public school development impact fee annual report.

Mayor Dougherty announced that Young at Heart meets every Wednesday at 10am.

Councilmember Smith: Absent

Councilmember Cullum: Absent

Councilmember Correrri:

Councilmember Correrri congratulated WXCY for their recognition.
Mr. Correrri thanked the Bulle Rock Civic League for holding the Bulle Rock Museum Day.

Councilmember Glenn:

Councilmember Glenn thanked the citizens for recent election and is dedicated to the people.
Councilmember Glenn thanked his supporters and feels that it's an honor to sit on the Dias.

Councilmember Martin:

Councilmember Martin thanked Councilmember Glenn for all his efforts as the liaison to the Havre de Grace High School.
Councilmember Martin thanked his family and stated it is an honor to serve the citizens of Havre de Grace.

Council President Craig: No Comments

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Council President Craig to Adjourn Sine Die; Motion carries 4-0

The Oath of Office was administered by The Honorable Emory Plitt to the newly elected officials.

The Oath was administered to David W. Glenn, William T. Martin and Stephan J. Gamatoria

Mayor Dougherty called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m. with the following Councilmember's present Craig, Correrri, Gamatoria, Glenn and Martin.

A motion was made by Councilmember Craig and seconded by Councilmember Correrri, 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, May 19, 2014 during the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting. The purpose of this closed session is for Council to select the next Council President. Motion carries 5-0

Mayor Dougherty reconvened the Council meeting at 8:46 p.m. and the following members were present on roll call: Councilmember's Craig, Correrri, Gamatoria, Glenn and Martin.

A motion was made by Councilmember Craig and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to elect Councilmember Martin as the next Council President. Motion carries 5-0

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to approve the Summer Jam; HDG Housing Authority; June 14; motion carries 5-0

A motion was made by Councilmember Craig and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to approve the 51st Art Show; August 15, 16; Tydings Park; Motion carries 5-0

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Gamatoria to approve Movies at the Park; September 12; Tydings Park; Motion carries 5-0

A motion was made by Councilmember Glenn and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to approve the Color Run 5K; September 13; Tydings Park; motion carries 5-0

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Craig to approve the HMH 5K; September 20; motion carries 5-0

Councilmember Craig asked this Resolution to be removed from this agenda for further discussion. No objections were made by Council.

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND, PURSUANT TO SECTION 34 OF THE CITY CHARTER AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND TO CREATE A SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE AMTRAK/NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION PLAN FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND EXPANSION OF THE AMTRAK SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BRIDGE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE AMTRAK PLAN.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Jim Newby; Director of Administration

Mr. Newby gave an update on Citizens Care Park.

Mr. Newby thanked Vulcan Material for assisting with Community Gardens.

Mr. Jay Bautz; Deputy Director of Planning

Mr. Bautz gave an update on the Royal Farms and on the Havre de Grace Library.

Mr. George DeHority; Director of Finance

Mr. DeHority stated Thursday will be the initial advertisement for tax sale.

Mr. Larry Parks; Director of Public Works

Mr. Parks stated that Phase 1 of the Juniata Street paving project will begin around June 9th, 2014.

Chief Teresa Walter; Chief of Police

Chief Walter reminded citizens to be mindful of pedestrian's

Chief Walter thanked the Susquehanna Hose Company Dive Team for recovering a piece of evidence in the Bay.

Mr. Tom Lofland; Director of Economic Development:

Mr. Lofland stated his focus is the service and retail industry (downtown) and the Industrial Sector (Industrial Park) in the City of HDG

Business from Mayor Dougherty:

Mayor Dougherty stated he is looking forward to working with Council President Martin for another successful year.

Business from Council:

Councilmember Craig:

Councilmember Craig stated the Susquehanna Hose Company fund drive will start and mailings will be sent out to residents.

Councilmember Craig congratulated CP Martin and CM's Glenn and Gamatoria on the election.

Councilmember Correrri:

Councilmember Correrri congratulated CP Martin and CM's Glenn and Gamatoria on the election. Mr. Correrri welcomed Mr. Tom Lofland to the City of Havre de Grace.

Councilmember Cullum: Absent

Councilmember Gamatoria:

Councilmember Gamatoria thanked the citizens for electing him and stated it's a pleasure to serve and make a difference.

Councilmember Glenn:

Councilmember Glenn welcomed Mr. Tom Lofland

Councilmember Glenn thanked Mr. Reeder for his fast response to an issue concerning a curb.

Mr. Glenn announced the Memorial Day Service to be held on Monday May 26th at 11am at Tydings Park.

Mr. Glenn congratulated the Rugby Team and the HDG HS Teams for their recent accomplishments.

Councilmember Glenn congratulated CP Martin and CM Gamatoria on the election.

Council President Martin:

Council President Martin thanked his fellow Councilmembers on the Dias for working together and bringing individuality to the table. Mr. Martin is looking forward to another great year as Council President.

Comments from Citizens:

Kevin Racine: 900 Erie St: Mr. Racine commented on the proposed Royal Farm Store and how this may affect the current bus stop that is already in place in that area. He also is concerned with the Lewis Lane sidewalk next to the medical center.

Bob Robinson; 320 s. Stokes Street;

Mr. Robinson thanked the citizens for voting and thanked his family for support.

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to adjourn at 9:45 pm; motion carries 5-0