



PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 2, 2014

7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on June 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Dougherty presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Councilmember's, Craig, Martin, Glenn, Correr and Gamatoria. Councilmember Cullum was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Wayne H. Dougherty and the opening prayer was given by Reverend Baron Young from St. James AME.

A motion was made by Councilmember Correr and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to approve the Council meeting minutes of May 19, 2014; motion carries 5-0 with Councilmember Cullum abstaining from the vote since he was absent.

RECOGNITIONS: Presented by Mayor Dougherty
Student of the Month
Havre de Grace Elementary; Christopher Breeden
Meadowvale Elementary; Rajesh Vasani
Havre de Grace Middle School; Kaitlyn Murphy
Havre de Grace High School: Emeka Iheacho

PROCLAMATIONS:

A proclamation was presented to Buddy Schweers of the Havre de Grace Ambulance Corps for EMS Month.

PRESENTATIONS: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

OATH OF OFFICE: None

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Roger Leffler: Armstrong Ave: Feels the Water and Sewer fees have been a problem for years. Would like to know if there is anything the Council can do with hook-up fees. Also has a concern at the bottom of the 155 and would like safety devices to avoid the accidents that are happening. City expenditures are issues and would like Council to review these at length.

RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCES:

Budget Ordinance for FY 2015 (Councilmember Gamatoria)

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL PROJECTION OF ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND PROPOSED EXPENSES FOR THE CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CHARTER SECTION 37.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gamatoria and seconded by Councilmember Corrieri to introduce Ordinance 957, motion carries 6-0; after the head was read and assigned a number, a motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Craig to adopt Ordinance 957 on first reading.

A public hearing is scheduled for June 11th 2014 @ 6pm.

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 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE 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 motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Council President Martin to untable Ordinance 955 as amended; motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Craig to introduce Ordinance 955 as amended for second reading and adoption; motion carries 6-0

After the header was read, a motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Martin to adopt Ordinance 955 as amended; under the question, a motion was made by Councilmember Martin and seconded by Councilmember Corrieri to make the following amendments (amendments are noted in **bold**): Motion carries 5-1 with Councilmember Cullum opposing the amendments.

Beginning July 1, 2014, the basic rate for City water service shall be ~~\$5.75~~ **\$5.05** per 1,000 gallons of water delivered. Beginning July 1, 2015, the basic rate for City water service shall be ~~\$6.05~~ **\$5.30** per 1,000 gallons of water delivered. Beginning July 1, 2016, the basic rate for City water service shall be ~~\$6.35~~ **\$5.30** per 1,000 gallons of water delivered. Such users shall pay the basic rates in effect when billed. User charges shall be payable quarterly upon receipt of the bill at the rate reflected on the bill.

In Exhibit A Section Three entitled "City Sewer Charges Within the City," delete the language and replace it with the following:

Beginning July 1, 2014, the basic rate for City sewer service shall be ~~\$8.65~~ **\$7.55** per 1,000 gallons of water delivered. Beginning July 1, 2015, the basic rate for City sewer service shall be ~~\$9.05~~ **\$7.95** per 1,000 gallons of water delivered. Beginning July 1, 2016, the basic rate for City sewer service shall be ~~\$9.55~~ **\$7.95** per 1,000 gallons of water delivered. Such users shall pay the

basic rate in effect when billed. Non-metered users shall pay a flat fee of \$180.00 per dwelling unit per quarter. All user charges shall be payable quarterly upon receipt of the bill at the rate reflected on the bill.

Ordinance 955 as amended was adopted on roll call vote 5-1 with Councilmember opposing.

NEW BUSINESS:

(Special Events: Presented by Ms. Glassman)

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to approve the amendment to the First Friday's special event application to add Rain Dates. Motion carries 6-0;

The Promotions Chair for Havre de Grace Main Street has requested an amendment to the First Fridays Special Event Application for 2014. The amendment as requested is to include rain dates as follows:

June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14 and December 12.

The following policy will take effect once this request to amend is approved by Council.

Victoria Thanner- Promotions Chair of Main Street is the point of contact and will make the decision to proceed with the rain date.

The decision to cancel First Friday must be decided no later than 1:00 p.m.

Victoria Thanner will contact Mr. Larry Parks and Mr. Joe Conaway to advise of the cancellation no later than 1:00 p.m. at 410-939-1800 x 1130.

Victoria Thanner will then notify the Police Department at 410-939-2121.

Once a decision has been made, that decision cannot be retracted and Main Street will proceed with the rain date as scheduled.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Jim Newby; Director of Administration

Mr. Newby gave an update on the H-man installation and IT is working closely with them for updates.

Mr. Tom Lofland; Director of Economic Development: Mr. Lofland gave an update on the current projects.

Mr. Neal Mills; Director of Planning: Absent

Mrs. Tracy Conaway; Deputy Director of Finance: No Comment

Mr. Larry Parks; Director of Public Works

Mr. Parks stated the Juniata paving will start July 7th.

Captain Wayne Young: Captain Young stated the PD is gearing up for the July 4th festivities. He also reminded citizens to use caution with the increased foot traffic.

Business from Mayor Dougherty:

Mayor Dougherty reminded everyone that Young at Heart meets every Wednesday at 10 am.
Mayor Dougherty attended Memorial Day Services.
Mayor Dougherty recognized volunteer Mary Wettig for her years of service with Grace Place.
Mayor Dougherty congratulated the all the graduates.

Business from Council:

Councilmember Cullum:

Councilmember Cullum apologized for missing the last meeting.
Councilmember Cullum feels that Council is not doing the best for the citizens in regards to the Water and Sewer Ordinance that was adopted tonight with only the 5% increase. This will not solve the problem.

Councilmember Craig:

Councilmember Craig congratulated the HHS graduates.
Councilmember Craig would like to have a discussion on the mural at the bottom of 155 and would like support from Council to put a stop order until further discussion.

A motion was made by Councilmember Craig and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to put a temporary stop work order on the mural until further discussion. Motion carries 6-0.
Councilmember Craig stated the mural is a great concept but poorly executed.

Councilmember Correrri:

Councilmember Correrri saluted the Veteran's.
Councilmember Correrri thanked all the Emergency Medical Services in the area.
Mr. Correrri attended the Parks and Rec dinner.
Mr. Correrri also recognized volunteer Mary Wettig.

Councilmember Gamatoria:

Councilmember Gamatoria congratulated the Student of the Month recipients
Councilmember Gamatoria recognized the Emergency Medical Services and thanked them for their service.
Councilmember Gamatoria attended the Memorial Day Services and thanked everyone who participated.
Mr. Gamatoria congratulated his niece Anna on her graduation.
Mr. Gamatoria reminded everyone that June 24th is the primary election and encouraged everyone to get out and vote.
Mr. Gamatoria thanked Mr. Lofland for being proactive and looks forward to the follow up.
Mr. Gamatoria stated the Water and Sewer Commission and the Council is collectively working together.
Mr. Gamatoria would like to meet with Mr. Leffler about his concerns.

Councilmember Glenn:

Councilmember Glenn recognized Andrew Gresock, Boy Scout from Troop 965 in our audience tonight.
Councilmember Glenn recognized Mr. Rick Hauf for his outstanding national nomination.
Mr. Glenn attended the Parks and Rec Dinner and recognized John Narvell for his fifty years of service.
Mr. Glenn congratulated all the students of the month.
Mr. Glenn attended the First Christian Church for their celebration.

Councilmember Glenn attended the Memorial Day Service.

Council President Martin:

Council President Martin stated a Public Hearing on the budget is scheduled for June 11th followed by a Council work session.

Council President Martin announced the Ribbon Cutting for Concord Point Park will be held on June 7th at 11:00 a.m.

Council President Martin also attended the Memorial Services at Tydings Park.

Comments from Citizens:

Steve Sheppard: President of Main Street: Thanked the Mayor and Council for approving the rain dates.

Mike Blizzard: 304 Squaw Court; Thanked the Mayor and City Council for the reduction in the water rate. Mr. Blizzard also encouraged citizens to visit voterpowermd app on their phones. This helps citizens keep track on legislation.

Mr. Joe K: Tydings Road: We already have a program in place to assist with the debt.

Bob Robinson: 320 South Stokes St. Thanked all the EMS providers in the area.

Charlie Mike; 1413 Superior St; would like to get businesses to sponsor the July 4th Festivities.

Andrew Gresock: A potential solution to the Water and sewer issues would be to privatize the Water and Sewer sector to private companies.

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to adjourn at 9:27 pm; motion carries 6-0