



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 20, 2014

7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing called to order at 7:01

Ordinance 961

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND CITY CHARTER, SECTION 34, MODIFYING THE CITY CODE CHAPTER 25 RELATED TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS IN ARTICLE XI WATER/SEWER COMMISSION SECTIONS 25-66; 25-67; AND 25-69

No public comments. Public hearing closed at 7:02

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on October 6, 2014 at 7:03 p.m. with Mayor Dougherty presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Councilmember's, Craig, Martin, Glenn, Correrri, Cullum and Gamatoria. 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 Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to approve the Council meeting minutes of October 6, 2014; motion carries 6-0

RECOGNITIONS: None

PROCLAMATIONS: None

PRESENTATIONS: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 962 An Ordinance concerning the Ethics Code;

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND OF MARYLAND, TITLE 15 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE AND SECTION 34 OF THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CHARTER AMENDING THE CURRENT ETHICS CODE IN CHAPTER 67 OF THE CITY CODE AND REPLACING IT IN ITS ENTIRETY.

A motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Craig to introduce Ordinance 962 on first reading. Motion carries 6-0; after the header was read and

assigned a number a motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Gamatoria to adopt Ordinance 962 on first reading. Motion carries 6-0

Council President asked Mr. Ishak to give an executive summary on why the Ethics Ordinance is being read again tonight. The State received the City's comments and in the meantime the laws have changed and a redraft has been sent back to the State. We are waiting on the State for their comments.

A public hearing is scheduled for November 3, 2014.

Ordinance 963 An Ordinance concerning Demolition Fees

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 34 OF THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CHARTER AMENDING THE CURRENT WATER/SEWER CITY CODE CHAPTER 196 AND ADDING A NEW SECTION.

A motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Craig to introduce Ordinance 963 on first reading. Motion carries 4-2 with Councilmember's Cullum and Correrri opposing the vote ; After the header was read and assigned a number; a motion was made by Councilmember Craig and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to adopt Ordinance 963 on first reading; motion carries 4-2 with Councilmember's Cullum and Correrri opposing the vote.

A public hearing is scheduled for November 3, 2014.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Jim Newby: Absent

Mr. Lofland: No Report

Mr. Neal Mills;

Mr. Mills gave an update on the demolition schedule for the Public Library.

Mr. George DeHority:

Mr. DeHority stated the Finance Department is closing out the quarter.

Mr. Larry Parks:

No report

Chief Teresa Walter:

Chief Walter gave out Halloween Tips and Safety Precautions.

Business from Mayor Dougherty:

Mayor Dougherty gave the Fiscal 2015 First Quarter Financial Results.

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

Business from Council:

Councilmember Correrri:

Councilmember Correrri commented on the article regarding HDG Surviving Businesses.

Councilmember Cullum:

Councilmember Cullum stated the Planning Commission is working on the off street parking ordinance and the fence ordinance.

Councilmember Cullum stated the next Water and Sewer Commission meeting will be held on November 7th at 3pm.

Councilmember Craig:

Councilmember Craig reminded citizens the importance to get out and vote.

Councilmember Gamatoria:

Councilmember Gamatoria stated the new Susquehanna River Rail Bridge Project Advisory Board is very active.

Councilmember Gamatoria stated the Budget and Finance Committee will meet at 4pm on Wednesday.

Councilmember Glenn:

Councilmember Glenn stated he will be having a meeting with Grace Manor and Havre de Hills on the traffic study.

Councilmember Glenn stated there are many upcoming events in our City.

Council President Martin:

Council President commends the relationship that the City of Havre de Grace and MASN made over the last year.

Council President Martin noted the HDG Ad in the Baltimore Sun and the Ad was nicely done.

Mr. Martin thanked Mr. Parks about information regarding the Playground equipment.

Council President Martin commented on his concerns about the Lafayette Trail.

Mr. Martin reminded citizens to get out and vote.

Comments from Citizens:

Mrs. Robin Shane; Mrs. Shane would like the Zoning Ordinance to be adopted. She stated the Planning Commission did the leg work and has had 14 public hearings and feels as Council is not taking this seriously.

Mr. Chris Scarlato; Voiced concerns and topics that the Downtown Havre de Grace Hospitality Association would like addressed

Mr. Bob Robinson-Mr. Robinson stated he would like to see the storm drained on Juniata Street installed. He also stated Lyons Pharmacy was sold.

A motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Corrieri to go into a closed session at the end of the Council meeting. The following public announcement closed session was read into the record. *In accordance with Section 10-508 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Havre de Grace City Council will meet in closed session tonight, Monday, October 20, 2014 at the conclusion of the scheduled Council Meeting. The purpose of this closed session is to discuss legal matters. In addition to the Mayor and Council, I request the attendance of Mr. Paul Ishak and Mr. Neal Mills. Motion carries 6-0 Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.*