



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 3, 2014

7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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.

No Citizen Comments.

Ordinance 963 An Ordinance concerning Demolition Fees -7:04 p.m.

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.

Mr. Kochenderfer; see comments attached.

Charlie Hiner: Feels the demo ordinance is a step in the right direction for the City.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on November 3, 2014 at 7:10 p.m. with Mayor Dougherty presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Councilmember's, Martin, Glenn, Corrieri, Cullum and Gamatoria. Councilmember Craig was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Wayne H. Dougherty and the opening prayer was given by Council President Martin.

A motion was made by Councilmember Corrieri and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to approve the Council meeting minutes of October 20, 2014; motion carries 5-0.

A motion was made by Councilmember Corrieri and seconded by Council President Martin to adopt the closed meeting minutes of October 20, 2014; Motion carries 5-0.

RECOGNITIONS: None

PROCLAMATIONS:

A proclamation was presented to Mr. Tom Lofland for Small Business Saturday.

PRESENTATIONS: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Joe Kochenderfer; Tydings Road: Mr. K advised Council that Exhibit A in the proposed Scenic Manor Ordinance was not made available to the public yet.

Eric Bannot; Mr. Bannot is a representative for the House of Cards appreciates Council support for allowing them to film in the downtown area.

RESOLUTIONS:

A Resolution concerning an MOU with the Susquehanna Hose Company

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND, PURSUANT TO THE SECTION 34 OF THE CITY CHARTER AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SUSQUEHANNA HOSE COMPANY TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FIRE/RESCUE BOAT.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gamatoria and seconded by Councilmember Corrieri to introduce Resolution 2014-08; motion carries 5-0. After the header was read and assigned a number; a motion was made by Councilmember Corrieri and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to adopt Resolution 2014-08; motion carries 5-0.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 958 Second reading and adoption; An Ordinance concerning residential fence requirements of the City Code.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND CHAPTER 34 OF THE CITY CHARTER AMENDING CHAPTER 205 ZONING SECTION 205-9 I (6) RESIDENTIAL FENCE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY CODE.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Corrieri to introduce Ordinance 958 on second reading, motion carries 5-0. After the header was read into the record, a motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Corrieri to adopt Ordinance 958; under the question, a motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Corrieri to amend the following: Section 1, item E- change right-of-way to **rights-of way**. Motion carries 5-0

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Corrieri to amend Section 1, item E- strike ~~Chain link fencing shall not be located in these yards and~~ replace **and shall not be of chain link material**. Motion carries 5-0; On roll call vote Ordinance 958 as amended was passed 5-0.

Ordinance 961; Second reading and adoption: An Ordinance concerning the Water and Sewer Commission

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.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to introduce Ordinance 961 on second reading; motion carries 5-0. After the header was read, a motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Council President Martin to adopt Ordinance 961; under the question the following amendments were made:

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Gamatoria to amend as follows: Motion carries 5-0

25-66 Organization and members

- A. Remove and replace with: The Commission shall consist of TEN members, of whom Eight shall be voting members and TWO shall be non-voting. (All of whom, hereinafter, may be referred to as "member or members").

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to amend as follows: Motion carries 5-0

25-67 Officer; proceedings; quorum

- A. The Commission shall be chaired by the non-voting City Council member, who shall be responsible for convening of each meeting. IN THE ABSENCE OF THE COMMISSION, THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION OR THEIR DESIGNEE SHALL ACT AS THE CHAIRPERSON. In the event of a tie-vote on issues before the Commission, ~~this member~~ **THE CHAIRPERSON** shall have the right, but not the requirement to cast a vote.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to amend as follows: Motion carries 5-0

25-68 Appointment of members, terms and replacement.

- C. Add sentence at the end that reads: **At the time of appointment the Mayor shall designate which of the council members will serve as the commission chairperson.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to amend as follows. Motion carries 5-0.

25-69 Meeting schedule.

After meeting add the words **and report** to read: **Meeting and report schedule.**

- A. Third line after the words Shall be add **held as needed.** and **A secretary shall be appointed** to read: Additional meeting shall be held as needed. A secretary shall be appointed each calendar year by the commission membership.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to suspend the rules to make this **Ordinance effective immediately.** Motion carries 5-0.

On roll call vote, Ordinance 961 as amended was passed 5-0

An Ordinance concerning Scenic Manor

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 AND CHAPTER 196 AND CHAPTER 155 OF THE CITY CODE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT FOR THE SCENIC MANOR AGREEMENT.

A motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to introduce Ordinance 964 on first reading. Motion carries 5-0; after the header was assigned a number and read into the record, a motion was made by Councilmember Gamatoria and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to adopt Ordinance 964 on first reading. Motion carries 5-0

A public hearing is scheduled for November 17, 2014 @ 7pm.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to approve the Filming of House of Cards in our downtown business district on November 6, 7, 2014; Motion carries 5-0

A motion was made Councilmember Gamatoria and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to approve the Budget Amendment 2015-08; motion carries 5-0

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Jim Newby:

Mr. Newby gave an update on the Legislative Packet and H-MAN installation.

Mr. Lofland:

Mr. Lofland reported there are six new business licenses for HDG.

Mr. Neal Mills;

No Report

Mr. George DeHority:

Mr. DeHority reported a 30 day extension has been granted due to technical difficulty with the auditors.

Mr. Larry Parks:

Mr. Parks advised citizens not to sweep leaves in the street.

Chief Teresa Walter:

No Report.

Business from Mayor Dougherty:

Mayor Dougherty thanked the HHS Warriors for their dedication as they are entering the playoffs. Mayor Dougherty met with Major General Bruce Crawford. Young at Heart meets every Wednesday at 10am at the Activity Center. Mayor Dougherty stated the Legislative Packets are due and asked Council to email topics to Mr. Newby and Ms. Glassman.

Business from Council:

Councilmember Correrri:

Councilmember Correrri thanked everyone for the birthday wishes. Councilmember Correrri will be attending the Ribbon Cutting at the Department of Emergency Services.

Councilmember Cullum:

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

Councilmember Craig:

Absent

Councilmember Gamatoria:

Councilmember Gamatoria thanked Council President Martin for working on the Scenic Manor Ordinance. Councilmember Gamatoria wished Mr. Correrri and Happy Birthday. Councilmember Gamatoria stated the Susquehanna River Rail Bridge Project Advisory Board is an active group and the advisories are coming quickly regarding the design and concerns for the new bridge.

Councilmember Glenn:

Councilmember Glenn thanked Mr. Parks for facilitating the trimming of the trees downtown. Mr. Glenn stated the Street and Traffic Safety Advisory Board will meet concerning the traffic patterns around the new Royal Farms. Mr. Glenn met with the Grace Manor HOA and HDG Hills HOA and they would like to address the speed limit in that community. Councilmember Glenn encourages citizens to shop Small Business Saturday. Councilmember Glenn stated he will be attending HDG Rec Fundraiser Bingo Friday at the Activity Center.

Council President Martin:

Council President Martin commended the HHS Varsity Soccer Team for their recent victories. Council President Martin stated that David Craig Park looks great and asked for an update on Citizens Care Park.

Comments from Citizens:

Mr. Bob Robinson: Mr. Robinson commented that there are tough issues that should be addressed such as the Conowingo Dam, Huber Company and Education.

Mr. Charles Packard: Offered thanks to Council for their support on the Resolution concerning the Rescue Boat. Reminded citizens to change batteries in their smoke detectors. Mr. Packard also stated the ISO recertification is complete and is hoping to maintain the ISO 2 rating.

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Council President Martin to adjourn at 8:44 p.m.