



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 17, 2014

7:00 p.m.

A public hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m

Ordinance 964; 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.

Citizens Comments:

Mr. Kochenderfer: Mr. Kochenderfer brought many concerns to the Mayor and Council regarding Ordinance 964. Please see attached.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on November 17, 2014 at 7:07 p.m. with Mayor Dougherty presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Councilmember's, Martin, Correrri, Cullum and Gamatoria and Craig. Councilmember Glenn was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Wayne H. Dougherty and the opening prayer was given by Mayor Dougherty.

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Council President Martin to approve the Council meeting minutes of November 3, 2014; motion carries 4-0 with Councilmember Craig abstaining and Councilmember Glenn is absent.

RECOGNITIONS: None

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Dougherty presented a proclamation to Councilmember Cullum for Maryland Government Works Month.

PRESENTATIONS:

Ms. Kathy Keen from the Historic Preservation Commission presented the mobile app for the Lafayette Trial.

APPOINTMENTS:

A motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to approve the appointment of George Cardona to the Ethics Commission. Motion carries 5-0

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Gamatoria to approve the appointment of Michael Ferry to the Water and Sewer Commission. Motion carries 5-0

Mayor Dougherty administered the Oath of Office to both Mr. Cardona and Mr. Ferry.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

RESOLUTIONS:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND CITY CHARTER SECTIONS 34, 65 AND 66 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURSUE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER RAIL BRIDGE PROJECT ADVISORY BOARD.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gamatoria and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to introduce Resolution 2014-09; motion carries 5-0. After the header was read and assigned a number a motion was made by Councilmember Gamatoria and seconded by Council President Martin to adopt Resolution 2014-09; Motion carries 5-0

ORDINANCES: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Council President Martin to approve the Running with the Reindeer 5 K on December 6, 2014, Motion carries 5-0.

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to approve the Restore Church Live Nativity at Tydings Park on December 21, 2014; motion carries 5-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Jim Newby:

Mr. Newby stated the HMAN project is complete.

Mr. Newby stated the Legislative Package will be submitted tomorrow.

Mr. Lofland:

No Report.

Mr. Neal Mills;

Mr. Mills gave an update on Family Dollar.

Mr. George DeHority:

No Report.

Mr. Larry Parks:

Mr. Parks stated the recycling will be collected the Friday after Thanksgiving and yard waste will be picked up Saturday.

Chief Teresa Walter:

Chief Walter introduced a Veterans Day Ceremony video produced by PFC Gilpin at Meadowvale Elementary School.

Business from Mayor Dougherty:

Mayor Dougherty commended the Tidewater Players for a great show.
Mayor Dougherty attended the Prayer breakfast.
Mayor Dougherty stated Young at Heart meets every Wednesday at 10am at the Activity Center.

Business from Council:

Councilmember Correrri:

Councilmember Correrri commended PFC Gilpin for the Veterans Day Ceremony.
Councilmember Correrri attended the Veterans Day Ceremony at Tydings Park, the ribbon cutting for the new Emergency Operations Center and attended the Board of Estimates hearing for Water Street.
Councilmember Correrri wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Cullum:

Councilmember Cullum commended the PFC Gilpin and Chief Walter for the video production of the Veterans Day Ceremony at Meadowvale.
Councilmember Cullum stated the Council Planning Committee will meet at 4pm on Wednesday and the Board of Appeals will meet on December 11th.
Mr. Cullum welcomed Mr. Ferry to the Water and Sewer Commission and announced Garrett Lyttle as the recording secretary for the Commission.
The Water and Sewer Commission will meet the 2nd Friday, every other month (odd)- at 3pm at City Hall.

Councilmember Craig:

Councilmember Craig stated he is pleased with the completion of the HMAN project.
Councilmember Craig also commended the Tidewater Players.
Councilmember Craig thanked Principal Freels and PFC Gilpin for the Veterans Day Ceremony video.

Councilmember Gamatoria:

Councilmember Gamatoria attended the Veterans Day Ceremony at Tydings Park.
Councilmember Gamatoria thanked PFC Gilpin for the video from the Veterans Day Ceremony at Meadowvale.
Mr. Gamatoria stated the Economic Development Round Table that was held on November 5th was enlightening.
Mr. Gamatoria attended his first Opera that was a fundraiser for the Opera House.

Councilmember Glenn: Absent

Council President Martin:

Council President thanked Principal Freels and PFC for the Veterans Day video.
Council President thanked the citizens that have allowed him to serve on Council. He also thanked his wife and family.

The following legal announcement 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 on Monday, November 17, 2014 at the conclusion of the scheduled Council Meeting. The purpose of this closed session is to discuss personnel and legal matters.

A motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to enter into a closed session at adjournment. Motion carries 5-0

Comments from Citizens:

Debbie Freels; Principal Meadowvale Elementary School: Mrs. Freels thanked Chief Walter, the HDG Police Department, the SRO, DPW, Mayor and Council for their endless efforts in assisting Meadowvale Elementary School.

Ralph Shapot; a representative from the Downtown Havre de Grace Hospitality Association brought concerns to the Mayor and Council regarding the most recent filming of House of Cards and in the downtown area.

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Council President Martin to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Motion carries 5-0