



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 15, 2014

7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on December 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Dougherty presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Councilmember's, Martin, Correrri, Cullum and Gamatoria, Glenn and Craig. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Wayne H. Dougherty and the opening prayer was given by Father James Snodgrass of St. Johns Episcopal Church. A Christmas verse was sang by Mrs. Hathaway.

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to approve the Council meeting minutes of December 1, 2014; motion carries 6-0.

RECOGNITIONS: (Presented by Mayor Dougherty)

The 10U Warrior State Champions were presented a recognition for their most recent accomplishment. Mr. Tommy Meehan was presented a recognition for his dedication as Head Coach to the 10U Warrior Football Rec team.

PROCLAMATIONS: None

PRESENTATIONS:

Barbara Wagner; President of Green Team and Carol Zimmerman; Chair of Community Gardens thanked the Mayor and Council for their support during the year. Encouraged citizens to become a part of this community initiative.

APPOINTMENTS: None

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

David Martin: 143 Snowchief Drive: Mr. Martin states he does not support the new proposed Ordinance concerning Greenway Farm when other communities are not built yet. The deficit needs to be addressed and this proposed Ordinance will cause an impact of the Bulle Rock Residents.

Ben Martorana: 306 Bounding Home Court; New Elected HOA President spoke about the following concerns. 1. The process of the proposed Ordinance needs to be addressed with a new site plan. 2. The Water and Sewer connection fees are an issue, as Bulle Rock has already paid over 20 million dollars in fees. 3. The competitive disadvantage. 4. The Zachman Way Bridge as a connector road will be an issue. The HOA is requesting a meeting with Council to discuss those issues.

A representative from the following addresses agree with Mr. Ben Martorana:

318 Bounding Home Ct.

548 Ferdinand Drive.

324 Summer Squall

106 Flying Ebony Ct.

235 Smarty Jones Terrace

326 Summer Squall
136 Touch of Gold
202 Admiral Drive.
117 Flying Ebony
108 Snow Chief
223 Spectacular Bid Drive
329 Cigar Loop
212 Admiral Way
335 Snow Chief
303 Seattle Slew Place
305 Seattle Slew Place
211 Touch of Gold

Note: Over 150 citizens from the Bulle Rock Community were present and in support of Mr. Ben Martorana's comments. Names and Addresses were omitted from the minutes due to the difficulty of sound during the taping of the meeting. All citizens are seen on the DVD that is held at City Hall however the sound is muffled because citizens were not at the microphone.

Jeffrey Carhart; 306 Summer Squall Court. Agrees with Mr. Martorana

Norman Rice: 303 Seattle Slew Place: Would like to know how Council is prepared to deal with the loss with the incentive program that is proposed.

Bob Bayne: 303 Bounding Home Ct. Concerned with the water and sewer rate within the new legislation.

Chip Paradis: 330 Cigar Loop; Suggested to talk to builders and developers to see what kind of incentives they are looking for to build in our area.

Ray Schisslor: Flying Ebony Court: would hope whatever is decided that this is done equal across the board as it pertains to Water and Sewer. Also feels out of the loop- residents had no knowledge of connector road and would like Council to obtain citizen input.

David Miners, MTBR LLC: Mr. Miners is asking Council to hold off until February for a public hearing, would like to obtain traffic studies and review prior to the public hearings.

Charlie Hiner: Stated the community should be involved when proposals to expand affect them. Mr. Hiner also suggested obtaining from the gold course amusement tax.

Mr. Ishak explained the rationale of the Ordinance and reassured citizens that there comments are being heard. Rates are high because we are paying for the new Water Treatment Plant that is the one of the best. Mr. Ishak stated the City has been listening to the builders and are addressing many of the issues that were brought forth this evening.

Mayor Dougherty called for a 10 minute recess at 8:30 p.m.

The Council Meeting was reconvened at 8:42 pm with all members of Council present.

RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCES:

An Ordinance concerning Greenway Farms (Council President Martin)

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 CITY CHARTER AMENDING THE WATER AND SEWER CONNECTION CHARGES FOR PHASES 2 AND 3 IN GREENWAY FARMS AS AN INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT AND THE ANNEXATION RESOLUTION FOR THE PROPERTY.

A motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to introduce Ordinance 965; motion carries 6-0. After the header was read and the rationale of the Ordinance was explained, a motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to adopt Ordinance 965 on first reading. Motion carries 6-0

A public hearing is scheduled for January 5, 2015 at 7:00.

Old Business/Unfinished Business:

Resolution 2014-10; a resolution concerning the Public Art Plan (Councilmember Craig)

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 SECTION 34 BY AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY PROJECTS OF HAVRE DE GRACE, INC. TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PUBLIC ART PLAN

A motion was made by Councilmember Craig and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to un-table Resolution 2014-10; motion carries 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilmember Craig and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to adopt Resolution 2014-10; motion carries 6-0

New Business:

Special Event (Ms. Glassman)

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Craig to approve the Independence Day Celebration 2015. Motion carries 6-0

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Jim Newby:

Mr. Newby stated he we received a grant from SHA for the paying of Juniata St.

Mr. Lofland:

Mr. Lofland stated he attended the Ribbon cutting for MDIC Urgent Care.

Mr. Lofland also stated Ameriprise Financial Office on Washington St will be opening.

Three business licenses were issues between December 5th and December 10th.

Mr. Neal Mills; No Report

Mr. George DeHority:

Mr. DeHority stated the semi-annual property taxes are due.

Mr. Larry Parks:

Mr. Parks stated the Old Bay Lane railroad will be paved in the future.

Chief Teresa Walter:

Chief Walter wished everyone a Happy New Year and reminded citizens to have a designated driver if they will be drinking.

Business from Mayor Dougherty:

Mayor Dougherty stated the 7-11 on Ohio Street has closed.

Mayor Dougherty stated he met Anna Harrington who is walking across America and visiting each Shriner's Hospital along the way.

Young at Heart meets every Wednesday at 10am.

Business from Council:

Councilmember Correrri:

Councilmember Correrri congratulated the 10U team.

Councilmember Correrri thanked the Green Team, Barbara Wagner and Carol Zimmerman for attending the Council meeting.

Mr. Correrri thanked the Bulle Rock Residents for attending and commenting on Ordinance 965.

Mr. Correrri congratulated St. James Church for celebrating their 165th Anniversary.

Councilmember Correrri wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Cullum:

Councilmember Cullum stated the Planning Commission will meet on 12/22 in the Chambers.

The Water and Sewer Commission will meet on January 8th.

Councilmember Cullum congratulated the 10U Warrior Team.

Councilmember Cullum is looking forward to being the Liaison to the Green Team.

Councilmember Craig:

Councilmember Craig thanked the Admin, Council President and Mayor for having the public work session on employee benefits. Feels valuable information was presented.

Mr. Craig wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Gamatoria:

Councilmember Gamatoria feels that water sewer debt and health care costs are serious matters which both are under review.

Mr. Gamatoria is hoping for developments so we can obtain more users and generate more revenue.

Mr. Gamatoria applauded Mr. Lofland for his second round table.

The Susquehanna Advisory Board will be presenting another advisory soon.

The Budget and Finance Committee and will meet on Wednesday at 3:00.

The Candlelight Tour was magnificent and was proud to be a part of it.

Thanked Mr. Newby for the folder of information that was put out from DPW out for new residents.

Councilmember Glenn:

Councilmember Glenn stated the traffic patterns around the Grace Manor and Havre de Hills are still a concern and he is hoping to bring forth legislation soon.

Councilmember Glenn wrote a letter to County Executive Glassman concerning the new proposed High School and hopes for favorable consideration.

Mr. Glenn attended the public forum on the Susquehanna Rail Road Bridge, attended the Reindeer Run and the Candlelight Tour.

Mr. Glenn congratulated the 10U Warrior Team for their recent accomplishment and Winter Wonderland Committee for the Parade and Tree Lighting.

Council President Martin:

Council President Martin would like to clarify a comment he made concerning the cost of health care cost. In 2008 the Health Care Cost was 1.5 million (*previously stated 800, 000*) and FY2014 the costs have increased to 2.225 million.

Council and Administration had a very informative meeting last week and he is hoping to find significant changes that is both beneficial to the employee and the City.

Mr. Martin attended an enjoyable Christmas Parade.

Council President Martin thanked the volunteers that assisted in the candlelight tour.

Council President congratulated the 10U Warrior Football Team.

Comments from Citizens: None

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to adjourn at 9:51 p.m. Motion carries 6-0.