



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 1, 2014

7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on December 1, 2014 at 7:01 p.m. with Mayor Dougherty presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Councilmember's, Martin, Correrri, Cullum and Gamatoria and Councilmember Glenn. Councilmember Craig was absent during roll call. 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 17, 2014; motion carries 4-0 with Councilmember Glenn abstaining and Councilmember Craig is absent.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gamatoria and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to approve the closed meeting minutes of November 17, 2014. Motion carries 3-2 with Council President Martin Abstaining and Councilmember Craig was absent.

Councilmember Craig arrived at 7:07pm.

RECOGNITIONS: (Presented by Mayor Dougherty)

Student of the Month:

Havre de Grace Elementary School- Hannah Pacifici

Meadowvale Elementary School- Veterans Day Meadowvale Mustangs

Havre de Grace High School- Taylor Gross

Mayor Dougherty called a 5 minute recess and the meeting was called back to order with all members of Council present at 7:47p.m

PROCLAMATIONS: None

PRESENTATIONS: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Charlie Hiner; Fountain St. Mr. Hiner expressed concern that the Budget Amendments were not able to be reviewed on the website.

Mr. William Watson, Giles street. Mr. Watson supports the Public Art Plan and the Resolution on the agenda this evening.

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 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 Glenn to introduce Resolution 2014-10; motion carries 6-0. After the header was read, a motion was made by Councilmember Craig and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to adopt Resolution 2014-10. Under the question, a motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Corrieri to table the resolution until further review of Exhibit A is complete. Motion carries 6-0

ORDINANCES:

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 Glenn to introduce Ordinance 963 on second reading. Motion carries 6-0. After the header was read, a motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to adopt Ordinance 963. Under the question, a motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Corrieri to make the following amendments.

(To accept the **bold** and delete the underlined) Ordinance read into the record by Council President Martin **AFTER COMPLETION OF AN APPLICATION, AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE SAME BY THE CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT, OTHER THAN THE DEMOLITION PERMIT FEE, the City shall not charge a demo permit. THE COSTS AND FEES FOR WATERLINE OR SEWERLINE DISCONNECTIONS where a single-family DETACHED DWELLING OR A DUPLEX DWELLING home is demolished and rebuilt and a use and occupancy permit is issued FOR THE REBUILT DWELLING ON THE SAME LOT within four (4) years of the DATE OF THE demolition permit. The City shall not charge for the meter removal of **IN KIND METER** reinstallation on the same conditions noted above. Notwithstanding anything stated hereinabove, the City shall provide a one for one credit for water and sewer **CAPITAL COST RECOVERY connection** charges for any demolition and rebuild that meets the above requirements. **THE CITY SHALL PROVIDE THE PROPERTY OWNER WITH A LIST OF ALL THE CHARGES AND FEES THAT WERE ELIGIBLE TO BE WAIVED UNDER THIS INCENTIVE PROGRAM.** Should any use and occupancy permit nit be issues within the above mentioned four (4) year period, the City shall place a lien against the property for all the City's expenses and fees that otherwise would have been charged. This incentive program shall begin January 1, 2015 and expire on December 21, 2020.**

Motion carries 6-0

On roll call vote, Ordinance 963 as amended was adopted 6-0.

Old Business/Unfinished Business:

A motion was made by Councilmember Corrieri and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to approve the contract renewal of George DeHority, Director of Finance. Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to approve the contract renewal of Neal Mills, Director of Planning. Motion carries 6-0

New Business:

A motion was made by Councilmember Gamatoria and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to approve the Budget Amendment 2015-09 as it pertains to the Police Department.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gamatoria and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to approve the Budget Amendment 2015-10 as it pertains to Employee Steps. Under the question a motion was made by Councilmember Gamatoria and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to table the Budget Amendment until the 2nd meeting in January. Motion carries 5-1 with Councilmember Cullum opposing the motion.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Jim Newby: No report.

Mr. Lofland:

Mr. Lofland stated Wilhelm Automotive will open for operation in their new location in January. Mr. Lofland stated a new AM radio station will open in Havre de Grace.

Mr. Neal Mills;

Mr. Mills thanked Mayor and City Council for the vote of confidence. Mr. Mills thanked Mayor and City Council for the contract renewal.

Mr. George DeHority:

Mr. DeHority thanked Mayor and City Council for renewing his contract. Mr. DeHority stated the financial statements were filed with the State. The Auditors will be attending a Council meeting in the near future.

Mr. Bill Reeder:

Mr. Reeder stated the trash collection and recycles will be moved to the next day during the holidays. Mr. Reeder reminded citizens that Christmas Trees and leaves should be bagged and put out with yard waste.

Chief Teresa Walter:

Chief Walter thanked the Mayor and City Council for funding the two officers. Chief Walter stated the Christmas parade will be held this coming weekend and reminded citizens to be mindful of foot traffic.

Business from Mayor Dougherty:

Mayor Dougherty announced Young at Heart meets every Wednesday at 10am. Mayor Dougherty stated House of Cards donated \$2,000. Mayor Dougherty expressed condolences to Charlie Packard for the passing of his mother.

Business from Council:

Councilmember Correrri:

Councilmember Correrri stated the City is off to a good Holiday Season.

Councilmember Correrri thanked the Hose Company and the Ambulance Corps for responding to a fire on Pintail Drive.

Councilmember Cullum:

Councilmember Cullum excused himself at 8:30pm.

Councilmember Craig:

Councilmember Craig reminded citizens to shop local.

Councilmember Craig congratulated County Executive Glassman and Sheriff Gahler on their recent election.

Councilmember Gamatoria:

Councilmember Gamatoria congratulated the Students of the Month.

Councilmember Gamatoria is pleased with the schedule of the trash collection around town.

Councilmember Glenn:

Councilmember Glenn congratulated the students that were recognized tonight.

Councilmember Glenn stated the Street and Traffic Advisory Board has some concerns about the Royal Farms traffic pattern.

Mr. Glenn stated surveys were sent out to Lori Lane residents concerning the traffic pattern

Mr. Glenn attended the Turkey Trot at Bulle Rock and the Thanksgiving Feast sponsored by the Community Projects of HDG.

Councilmember Glenn congratulated Jimmy Shane on another World Championship

Councilmember Glenn extended condolences to the Packard Family for their loss and to the Annon Family who lost their home to a fire.

Council President Martin:

Council President Martin announced a Council Public Work Session on December 8th from 5:30-7:30 to discuss employee medical benefits.

The Candlelight tour is scheduled for December 13, 2014.

Comments from Citizens:

Kevin Racine: Mr. Racine stated he has been re-appointed to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Bill Watson: Mr. Watson would like to express displeasure with the reasons why the Public Art Plan was not adopted this evening.

Gabrielle Hannah: Teal Court; Ms. Hannah would like to discuss reasons that she is not getting reception at her home which she believes is a "dead zone".

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Motion carries 5-0.