



PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 20, 2015

7:00 p.m.

A public hearing was called to order at 7:00 pm. concerning Ordinance 971:

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 THE CITY CHARTER SECTION 34 AMENDING THE CITY CODE 25 BY ADDING ARTICLE XIII EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND COMPENSATION COMMISSION AND SECTIONS 25-77, 25-78, 25-79, 25-80, 25-81 AND 25-82 TO THE CITY CODE.

Comments: PFC Jeff Gilpin expressed his concerns about the wage and benefit commission.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on July 20, 2015 at 7:17p.m. with Mayor Martin presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Councilmember's Gamatoria, Craig, Worrell, Glenn, Martin and Hitchings were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor William Martin and the opening prayer was given by Mayor William Martin.

A friendly amendment was made by Council President Gamatoria to remove item 12; a Resolution concerning Mainstreet.

A motion was made by Council Member Hitchings and seconded by Council Member Martin to approve the Council meeting minutes of July 6, 2015; motion carries 6-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Ms. Lauren Harris, Project Development Manager for Solar City

RECOGNITIONS: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

OATH OF OFFICE: None

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCES: None

UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Patrick Sypolt; Director of Administration:
No Report

Mr. Neal Mills: Director of Planning:

Mr. Mills stated the reason Upper Chesapeake/University of MD has a hold on the hospital is because the State of MD has changed their reimbursement system which in turn affects the funding.

Mr. George DeHority; Director of Finance:
No Report

Mr. Larry Parks; Director of Public Works:

Mr. Parks stated DPW will advertise again for BIDS for the Promenade Extension project. Only one BID came in and the project requires two BIDS.

Chief Teresa Walter:

Chief Walter announced the next Drug Take Back will be September 26th from 10-2pm.
Thoughts and Prayers go to the family of Bel Air Chief of Police.

Business from Mayor Martin:

Mayor Martin announced the fireworks will be rescheduled for August 14th at 9:30. The best place to view the fireworks will be along the waterfront and shoreline. The fireworks will be let off from a barge.

Mayor Martin stated the goal is to have the city buildings and street lights ran by solar power by December 2016. (Just municipal power, not residential)

Recycling bins will be placed throughout public thoroughfares.

Mayor Martin read Executive Order #2 which is the establishment of the Tydings Park Commission.

Mayor Martin stated the Farmers Market was well attended.

Business from Council:

Council Member Craig:

Council Member Craig stated the City has out grown Tydings Park and the expansion of Water Street property would benefit and bring many opportunities to the City.

Council Member Craig thanked the Mayor and staff for moving the Farmers Market to Hutchins Park.

Council Member Glenn:

Council Member Glenn expressed his thoughts and prayers to the Family of Bel Air Chief of Police.

Council Member Glenn stated the Amin committee is working at an aggressive speed.

Council Member Glenn thanked PFC Gilpin for his comments, thanked Mr. Parks for working fast on the handicap parking on Commerce Street and thanked the HDGPD for organizing another Safety Summer Camp for the community.

Councilmember Glenn announced that Council Member Hitchings is now the Vice President for MML Cecil Harford Chapter.

Council Member D. Martin:

Council Member Martin would like input on other parks in HDG. Please send comments, suggestions and thoughts to the Parks and Harbor Committee.

Council Member Worrell:

Council Member Worrell thanked Mayor Martin for the creation of the Tydings Park Commission meetings. Council Member Worrell stated she attended the Historic Preservation Commission and the Economic Development Advisory Board meetings. Council Member Worrell thanked the Mayor for the green initiatives that he is moving forward with.

Council Member Hitchings

Council Member Hitchings attended the Tree Commission and Planning Commission. Council Member Hitchings thanked SRO's for the Safety Camp. Council Member Hitchings feels that the Solar City initiative will benefit our City. Council Member Hitchings will be attending the change of command at APG.

Council President Gamatoria:

Council President Gamatoria stated the Admin committee will meet on Wednesday at 4:30. Council President Gamatoria will be sending editorial changes to Paul concerning Ordinance 971. The Water and Sewer Commission toured the WTP and will be touring the WWTP on 8/14. Council President Gamatoria thanked Lauren Harris from Solar City for her presentation. Thanked Mayor and Larry Parks for the progressive on Citizens Care Park. CP Gamatoria stated Amy Seitz from Main Street will meeting with the Admin Committee in the near future. Council President Gamatoria would like to address some of the issues and challenges that our public safety officials are faced with post carnival.

Comments from Citizens:

Bob Robinson: 320 S. Stokes Street- Believes everyone should get together and solve problems to break discrimination.

Kayli Veres; 1309 Pulaski Highway: Is concerned with the organizers of the Seafood Festival and would like the City to consider not to sponsor the event. A peaceful rally is scheduled for August 7th at 2:30.

John Knapstein 2640 Bay Blvd: Thanked Mayor and Council for the tent at Hutchins Park.

Kevin Racine; informed Council that he has been traveling up the east coast corridor dealing with the rail lines.

A motion was made by Council Member Glenn and seconded by Council Member Hitchings to adjourn at 8:35pm. Motion carries 6-0