



PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 17, 2015

7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on August 17, 2015 at 7:02p.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 Rick Haynes from Lighthouse Mission Church and Answered Prayers.

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Martin to approve the Council meeting minutes August 3, 2015; motion carries 6-0.

A motion was made by Council Member Hitchings and seconded by Council Member Glenn to approve the Closed Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2015. Motion carries 6-0

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Martin announced his appointments to the Tydings Park Commission.

RECOGNITIONS: None

APPOINTMENTS:

A motion was made by Council Member Worrell and seconded by Council President Gamatoria to approve the following to the Economic Development Advisory Board appointments. Motion carries 6-0

Lisa Scott- Coleman, New Appointment

Kerry Hall, New Appointment

Elizabeth B. Hopkins, New Appointment

Mary Kearney, New Appointment

Stacey Lambert, New Appointment

Beetle Smith, New Appointment

Joseph Smith, New Appointment

A motion was made by Council Member Worrell and seconded by Council Member Glenn to approve the appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission. Motion carries 6-0

Grace Dennis, Reappointment

Judy Plitt, Reappointment

Ronald Browning, Reappointment

Kathy Keen, Reappointment

Marita O'Connell, New Appointment

A motion was made by Council Member Hitchings and seconded by Council Member Worrell to approve Albert Caffo to the Tree Commission. Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Glenn to approve the following appointments to the Board of Appeals. Motion carries 6-0

Candice Bossoli- Reappointment
Ben Martorana- New Appointment

A motion was made by Council Member Martin and seconded by Council President Gamatoria to approve the following appointments to the Tourism Advisory Board. Motion carries 6-0

Billee Smith- Reappointment
Susan M. Deeney- Reappointment
Ronald Browning- Reappointment
Chrissy Potter- New Appointment

A motion was made by Council Member Glenn and seconded by Council Member Hitchings to approve the re-appointment of Rocco DiGiovanni to the Marina Commission. Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Council Member Martin and seconded by Council Member Glenn to approve the appointment of John P. Correrri Jr. to the Ethics Commission. Motion carries 6-0

OATH OF OFFICE: (Administered by Mayor Martin)

The Oath of Office was administered to the following individuals.

***Economic Development Advisory Board**

Lisa Scott- Coleman
Kerry Hall
Elizabeth B. Hopkins
Mary Kearney
Stacey Lambert
Beetle Smith

***Historic Preservation Commission**

Marita O'Connell

***Tree Commission**

Albert Caffo

***Board of Appeals**

Ben Martorana

***Tourism Advisory Board**

Chrissy Potter

***Tydings Park Commission**

Mark Hemler

Scott Hurst

Mary Martin

James Clark

Jan Vanderhoff

Darryl Leonetti

Philip Powell

Debby Stathes

Mr. John Correrri and Mr. Joseph Smith will be sworn in at a later date in the Mayor's office.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

RESOLUTIONS:

A Resolution concerning the lease extension of 352 Commerce Street (Council President Gamatoria)

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AND SECTION 76 OF THE CHARTER OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND, TO APPROVE A LEASE OF CITY PROPERTY TO DANA E. CARO JR., INDIVIDUALLY AND TRADING AS PIEDMONT PROPERTIES, LLC ("CARO"), BY APPROVING OF A LEASE EXTENSION FOR THE USE OF THE CITY'S BUILDING LOCATED AT 352 COMMERCE STREET IN TYDINGS PARK.

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Glenn to introduce Resolution 2015-07 on first reading, motion carries 6-0. After the header was read and assigned a number, a motion was made by Council Member Craig and seconded by Council Member Glenn to adopt 2015-07. Motion carries 6-0.

ORDINANCES: None

UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS:

Main Street- MOU

Council President Gamatoria stated that Council has a few options concerning the Main Street MOU. The options consist of dissolving the MOU, tabling the MOU or approve the MOU that has been rewritten.

A motion was made by Council Member Martin and seconded by Council Member Hitchings to table the Main Street MOU; Motion carries 4-2 with Council Member Gamatoria and Craig opposing the motion to table.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Craig to table the Fall Festival Application; Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Council Member Martin and seconded by Council Member Hitchings to approve the River City Oyster Festival on September 20, 2015. Motion carries 6-0

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Patrick Sypolt; Director of Administration:

Mr. Sypolt stated that events in the City have been successful and complimented the efforts of volunteers, citizens, the Police and Emergency Services.

Mr. Sypolt extended sincere appreciation to all the newest members that were sworn in.

Mr. Neal Mills; Director of Planning:

Mr. Mills stated that 230 Superior Street will be demolished.

Mr. George DeHority; Director of Finance:

Mr. DeHority stated the primary focus has been the preparing the financial statements.

Mr. Larry Parks; Director of Public Works:

Mr. Parks reported that Juniata Street is open to the public.

Captain Roy Mitchell:

Captain Mitchell thanked allied agencies for their assistance during special events. The first day back to school will be held on August 27th and Captain Mitchell asked citizens to be mindful of children and buses.

Business from Mayor Martin:

Mayor Martin stated Comptroller Franchot toured our City and parks today as well as the Opera House. Mayor Martin stated the fireworks were successful and the traffic was a smooth transition. Young at Heart meets every Wednesday at 10am at the Activity Center. The next Council meeting will be held on September 8th 2015.

Business from Council:

Council Member Hitchings

Council Member Hitchings stated he has attended several events in the City. Council Member Hitchings looks forward to working with the Tydings Park Commission and notes the commission will be on an aggressive schedule with deadlines.

Council Member Glenn

Council Member Glenn attended National Night Out, attended the Summer Safety Camp graduations, and attended the visit with Comptroller Franchot, Art Show, Fireworks, Farmers Market and the Lix Concert. Thanked PD and DPW for their hard work during the events in our City.

Council Member D. Martin:

Council Member Martin thanked the Police Department and sponsors for Safety Camp. The Skipjack Martha Lewis is coming back to Havre de Grace and he is hoping for a MOU in the near future for permanent placement. Mr. Martin stated 16 benches will be placed at Citizens Care Park and if citizens are interested in bench plaque to contact City Hall.

Council Member Worrell:

Council Member Worrell thanked the citizens for stepping up and serving on the Boards and Commissions. Council Member Worrell stated she has been busy the last two weeks with attending events. She thanked DPW, PD, Fire and Police for working so hard.

Council Member Craig:

Council Member Craig personally thanked the citizens who stepped up to be commission members. Council Member Craig thanked the Police Department and Staff who assisted with the Safety Camp. Council Member Craig stated the Opera House is a project that started in 2009 and will be an economic engine for our downtown.

Council President Gamatoria:

Council President Gamatoria stated the most valuable thing one can offer is time and thanked the citizens for stepping up. The CP thanked the Police Department and Department of Department of Public Works for their hard work during the summer events. CP thanked DPW for the progression of Citizens Park. The Water and Sewer Commission toured the Waste Water Treatment Plant and was very pleased. The Hose Company fund drive mailing was mailed to citizens and encouraged citizens to donate.

Council President Gamatoria stated the Fireworks Display and Art Show Combo worked out to be very successful.

Comments from Citizens:

Dana Caro- Promenade Grille; 352 Commerce St. Thanked the Mayor and Council for approving the Lease Extension. He is looking forward to serving the City for many years.

Bob Robinson: 320 S. Stokes St. would like the storm drain repaired near the High School.

Charlie Hiner; Fountain St.; Suggested a mediator to resolve the issues between the City of Havre de Grace and Main Street.

Lori Maslin: 100 S. Washington:

Thanked the City for their assistance during the Seafood Festival.

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Glenn to adjourn at 8:45pm. Motion carries 6-0