



PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
September 21, 2015  
7:00 p.m.

A public hearing concerning Ordinance 964 was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Ordinance 964- (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 AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT FOR THE SCENIC MANOR DEVELOPMENT.

Public comments:

Mr. Joe K; Tydings Road: See attached comments

Mr. Jim Szachta; 220 War Admiral Way- Representing residents on War Admiral:  
Commented that the extension of the road is a safety issue and the residents of War Admiral do not benefit the widening of the road, it benefits scenic manor. Feels that widening of the road is unfair to the residents.

Ms. Grace Zaczek; 214 War Admiral Way: concerned with the berm, is also concerned with the area during inclement weather on the road. Also would like to consider burying the powerlines for an attractive look.

Mr. Stan Fierakowski; 216 War Admiral Way: Closest property to the road and feels widening of the road is dangerous and has serious safety concerns.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on September 21, 2015 at 7:17p.m with Mayor Martin presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Councilmember's, Craig, Worrell, Glenn, Martin and Hitchings were present. Council President Gamatoria was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor William Martin and the opening prayer was given by Ed Rybczynski of Susquehanna Lodge No. 130.

A motion was made by Council Member Glenn and seconded by Council Member Hitchings to approve the Council meeting minutes September 8, 2015; motion carries 5-0.

A motion was made by Council Member Hitchings and seconded by Acting Council President Craig to approve the Closed Council Meeting minutes for September 8, 2015. Motion carries 5-0.

Acting Council President Craig made a friendly amendment to remove item 15B which is the proposed budget amendment 2016-01 from the agenda. Also Council President Craig would like to add item 8C- a presentation of the CAPER report by Barbara Richardson. No objections from Council.

**RECOGNITIONS:** None

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Brady Stroh; President of Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy gave an update on the Martha Lewis.

Patrick Vincenti; Introduced the new Executive Director Kerri Kneisley for the Decoy Museum

Barbara Richardson; presented the CAPER (Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report)

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**OATH OF OFFICE:** None

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**RESOLUTIONS:** None

**ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance 964**

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A motion was made by Council President Craig and seconded by Council Member Glenn to introduce Ordinance 964 as amended on second reading; Motion carries 4-1 with Council Member Martin opposing the motion.

After the header was read into the record, a motion was made by Council President Craig and seconded by Council Member Glenn to adopt Ordinance 964 as amended

Under the question Council Members thanked citizens for coming out and voicing their concerns and issues. Council Member Martin voiced concerns with the safety aspect on the right hand turn on Vista Bay. Council Member Worrell concurs.

Council President Craig stated this project has been challenging for many years, given the comments from the citizens, a motion was made by CP Craig and seconded by Council Member Worrell to table this Ordinance until the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion carries 5-0.

**An Ordinance concerning RB Waterfront Property (Council Member Hitchings)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND CITY CHARTER SECTION 34 AMENDING THE RB ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR PUBLICALLY OWNED WATERFRONT PROPERTIES TO PROVIDE AND PRESERVE PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE WATERFRONT.

A motion was made by Council Member Hitchings and seconded by Council President Craig to introduce Ordinance 972 on first reading. Motion carries 5-0

After the header was read and assigned a number, a motion was made by Council President Craig and seconded by Council Member Glenn to adopt Ordinance 972 on first reading. Motion carries 5-0

We will advertise for 2 weeks for public notification and a public hearing date is set for October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Council President Craig and seconded by Council Member Martin to approve the Oktoberfest to be held on October 17<sup>th</sup> 2015 from 3-8 p.m. at Hutchins Park. Motion carries 5-0

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Patrick Sypolt; Director of Administration:

Mr. Sypolt announced that Business Appreciation Week starts today.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

October 2<sup>nd</sup> will mark the final "outside" First Friday of the season.

The Farmers Market continues throughout the month of September and October on Saturdays at 9am to noon.

Mr. Neal Mills: Director of Planning:

Mr. Mills stated he and Dianne Klair will be attending Maryland Department of Planning Quarterly meeting tomorrow.

Mr. George DeHority; Director of Finance:

Mr. DeHority presented a snap shot of how we are doing financially throughout the year.

Mr. Larry Parks; Director of Public Works:

Mr. Parks stated Fall Clean-up will be held on 9/26 from 8-3 and 10/17 from 8-3 with a paper shredder present until noon.

DPW will be flushing fire hydrants starting 10/4/15.

Chief Walter; Police Department

Chief Walter announced that the Annual Drug Take Back will be held on 9/26 and medicines can be dropped off at the HDG PD in the drop box.

**Business from Mayor Martin:**

Mayor Martin presented the Fiscal 2015 Financial Results.

Mayor Martin announced that the park behind Citizens Care Center is now ready to be named. He proposed to Council to name the park "Veterans Park". Each year Veterans will be honored that represents their service. A motion was made by Council Member Martin and seconded by Council Member Glenn to adopt the name Veterans Park. Motion carries 5-0.

**Business from Council:**

**Council Member Hitchings**

Council Member Hitchings stated the Cruise for a Cause will be held on Saturday at the Legion.

Council Member Hitchings is discouraged with the BOE as Havre de Grace High School did not make the list for the Capital improvement plan for FY2017. Encourages everyone to support the efforts of a new school.

**Council Member Glenn:**

Council Member Glenn stated the weather did not cooperate for the Annual Art Show and Salute to Safety on 9/12. Appreciates the hard planning efforts that went into both events.

Council Member Glenn attended the Planning Commission meeting on 9/14 and was pleased with the dialogue among staff, commission members and citizens.

There is a Public Safety Committee Meeting on 9/22 with SHA, onsite at Ohio Street to address safety issues.

The Marina Commission will be on 9/24.

Council Member Glenn announced that the Hall of Fame inductees will be honored October 2<sup>nd</sup> during the Homecoming Game.

Also supports all efforts for the new Havre de Grace High School and encourages citizens to do so as well.

**Council Member D. Martin:**

Council Member Martin thanked all the volunteers who work with all the events to make them happen.

We will be attending MML Legislative Session in Annapolis on Wednesday.

Council Member Martin reminded citizens to share the road with motorcycles, especially as they come through our town for Cruise for a Cause.

**Council Member Worrell:**

Council Member Worrell thanked the ladies of the Children's Art Show who worked to set up and break down the event.

Council Member Worrell announced November 1<sup>st</sup> will be dinner with Eleanor Roosevelt at the Bayou hosted by the Arts Commission. Tickets can be purchased at the Visitors

Council Member Worrell attended the Women's Giving Circle event which benefits women and children.

Council Member Worrell thanked the volunteers who assisted with the Art Show and Salute to Safety.

Council Member Worrell welcomes Butch Tilley as the President of the Harford Sheriff's Foundation.

Also attended the Harford Crime Solvers Bingo.

If citizens are interested in history, please call Ron Browning of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Council Worrell attended the Planning Commission meeting last Monday night.

Council Member Worrell encouraged citizens to get involved with the High School Improvement Projects.

**Acting Council President Craig:**

In accordance with the Annotated Code of Maryland 3-305; A motion was made by Council President Craig and seconded by Council Member Glenn to move into closed session to discuss personnel matters and obtain legal advice. Motion carries 5-0

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm for closed session.

The Council Meeting was reconvened at 10pm with all members of council present, excluding Council Member Gamatoria, as earlier stated.

**Comments from Citizens:**

Kevin Racine 900 Erie Street: Concerned with the additional \$25 quarterly fee on his water bill. He will make an appointment to see Mayor Martin.

A motion was made by Council President Craig and seconded by Council Member Glenn to adjourn at 10:02pm. Motion carries 5-0