



PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 19, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Public Hearings:

Ordinance 972 concerning RB Waterfront Property – called to order at 7:00 p.m

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.

No public comments

Public hearing closed at 7:02 p.m.

Ordinance 973; concerning land acquisition: Called to order at 7:02

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 CITY CHARTER SECTIONS 34 AND 73 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DEED FOR THE CITY TO ACQUIRE TWO PARCELS OF LAND WHICH WILL BE USED FOR A PUBLIC OR MUNICIPAL PURPOSE AS A MUSEUM OR PARK.

Mr. Robert Carson: 345 Green Street. Represents Bob Burns and he would like to donate property to the City as stated in Ordinance 973. Would like Council to consider adoption of the ordinance tonight given the health of Mr. Burns.

Council President Gamatoria stated there have been several questions concerning the maintenance, ownership and cost if the City was to acquire this property. Would like to consider an inspection of the dwellings.

Joe Kochenderfer; Tydings Road; Mr. Kochenderfer suggested editorial changes and feels that acquiring the property would be a benefit for the City.

Members of the Historic Preservation Commission, (Ron Browning, Carol Nemuth, Kathy Keen and Bob Green) are all in support of the donation of the property as it is a Historical dwelling.

Charlie Hiner- Founation St; Mr. Hiner would like to also see an inspection of the dwellings prior to the adoption.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:45 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on October 19, 2015 at 7:46 p.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 Reverend Rick Haynes of Answered Prayers.

A motion was made by Council Member Hitchings and seconded by Council Member Martin to approve the Council meeting minutes October 5; motion carries 6-0

RECOGNITIONS: None

PRESENTATIONS: None

PROCLAMATIONS:

A proclamation was presented to Chief Hurst and the Susquehanna Hose Company for Fire Prevention Week.

APPOINTMENTS:

A motion was by Council Member Craig and seconded by Council Member Glenn to reappoint William Russell and Joe Kochenderfer to the Water and Sewer Commission. Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Council Member Glenn and seconded by Council Member Hitchings to approve the appointment of Charles Packard, Jr and John P. Correrri, Jr. to the Street and Traffic Safety Advisory Board. Motion; carries 6-0

OATH OF OFFICE:

Mayor Martin administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Packard and will administer the Oath to Mr. Correrri at a later date.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 973; An Ordinance concerning property acquisition

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A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria seconded by Council Member Glenn to introduce Ordinance 973 on second reading. Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Craig to suspend the rules and adopt Ordinance 973 tonight. Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Council Member Craig and seconded by Council President Gamatoria to adopt Ordinance 973: under the question there was several comments concerning the condition of the dwellings on the properties. There was a consensus among Council Members to have the dwellings inspected prior to the final vote on Ordinance 973.

A motion was made by Council Member Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Glenn to suspend the vote until the November 2nd Council Meeting. Motion carries 6-0

An Ordinance concerning off –street parking

AN ORDINANCE 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 AMENDING THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CODE SECTION 122-6 THE OFF STREET PARKING ORDINANCE.

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Hitchings to introduce Ordinance 974 on first reading. Motion carries 6-0

After the header was read and assigned a number a motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Hitchings to adopt Ordinance 974 on first reading. Motion carries 6-0

A public hearing is scheduled for 11/2/15 at 7pm.

UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Council Member Worrell and seconded by Council President Gamatoria to approve the Budget Amendment 2016-02; motion carries 5-0 (CM Martin stepped off the Dias and was not available for the vote)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Patrick Sypolt; Director of Administration:

Mr. Sypolt reminded citizens of upcoming events and announced the newest medallion for the Graw series.

The Final Farmers Market will be held October 31st.

The Opera House Foundation is still accepting donations.

The HDG Library is slated to open April 2016.

Mr. Sypolt was pleased with the Oktoberfest and the turn out in the community.

Adrean Troy- Director of Economic Development:

Mrs. Troy stated her first two weeks has been busy. There are several new businesses and ribbon cuttings in our downtown.

Mrs. Troy stated the Oktoberfest was a great success

Mrs. Troy stated we are soliciting ads for the Destination Guide, the signature marketing piece for the city.

Mr. Neal Mills: Director of Planning:

Mr. Mills stated 8 building permits were issued on Friday.

Mr. George DeHority; Director of Finance:

Mr. DeHority stated the Finance Department has started on the 2017 budget process.

The Audit Presentation will be on then 11/2 agenda.

Mr. Larry Parks; Director of Public Works:

Mr. Parks stated the milling and re- paving will begin on the 700 block of Bourbon and Girard St.

Mayor commented that he his goal is to pave two to three courts in a year.

Chief Walter; Police Department

Chief Walter announced Trick or Treat will be held October 31 from 6-8pm.

Chief Walter reminded everyone of the 30th Annual Halloween Parade will be held on October 30th and asked the community to be mindful of increased traffic and pedestrians.

Business from Mayor Martin:

Mayor Martin delivered the First Quarter Report

Mayor Martin stated the Oktoberfest exceeding his expectations and he is very proud of his staff.

Business from Council:

Council Member Hitchings

Council Member Hitchings announced the Tydings Park input sessions will be held on 10/21 and 11/3 from 6-8pm and is looking for feedback from the community.

Council Member Hitchings attended the Chamber of Commerce Bull Roast, the MML Cecil-Harford dinner meeting and the Oktoberfest.

Mr. Hitchings thanked the Mayor and Administration for a successful Oktoberfest

Council Member Hitchings reminded everyone the Halloween Parade will be on 10/30 in our downtown area.

Council Member Glenn:

Council Member Glenn attended the Chamber of Commerce Bull Roast and stated it was well attended and was successful.

Council Member Glenn attended the Oktoberfest at the American Legion and the City hosted Oktoberfest, felt a sense of community.

Mr. Glenn encouraged everyone to attend the Susquehanna Hose Company Open House and the Halloween Parade.

Council Member Glenn stated the Winter Wonderland Committee is hosting their Monster Ball on 10/31/15.

Council Member Glenn announced the next Street and Traffic Safety Advisory will meet on 10/26 .

Council Member D. Martin:

Council Member Martin attended the American Legion Oktoberfest and the City sponsored Oktoberfest.

Mr. Martin attended the Haunted History Tour.

Council Member Martin stated the Tourism Advisory Board met and discussed the needs for Havre de Grace

Council Member Worrell:

Council Member Worrell attended the MML Cecil- Harford Chapter Dinner and Chamber of Commerce Bull Roast.

Council Member Worrell attended the viewing of Madeline Shank and expressed condolences to the family.

Council Member Worrell volunteer at Oktoberfest and was pleased how successful this event was given it was planned in 4 weeks and she also Attended the American Legion Oktoberfest.

Council Member Worrell announced an event that supports the Boys and Girls Club, "Valley of the Haunted".

The Historic Perseveration Commission met on 10/13 and she encouraged citizens to participate.

Council Member Worrell is happy that Lafayette Trail blue line and medallions being installed.

Mrs. Worrell will be attending the Beacon of Hope Dinner, November 6 at Bulle Rock.
Mrs. Worrell announced that Girl Scout Troop 5957 attended the beginning of our meeting to earn a merit badge.

Council Member Craig:

Council Member Craig extended condolences to the Shank Family
Mr. Craig stated the Opera House Foundation is a project that is still very active and donations are still needed.

Council President Gamatoria:

Council President Gamatoria expressed condolences to the Shank Family
Mr. Gamatoria stated he volunteered at the Oktoberfest and recognized the success
Will be attending the Beacon of Hope November 6th 2015 at Bulle Rock.
Council President Gamatoria stated the building Code will be placed on the agenda for next meeting.

Comments from Citizens:

Amanda Bucci: Ontario St. Is concerned with a neighbor that is not in compliance with section 140 of City Code.
Is asking the City Council to investigate the complaint.

Chip Paradis 330 Cigar Loop; thanked everyone that attended the Chamber Bull Roast. Also thanked the City for organizing the Oktoberfest.

Bob Robinson; Stokes St. Attended the Maryland Democratic Meeting and advised a retirement party for Barbara Mikulski has been planned for 10/26.

Charlie Mike: Superior Street; would like to know what the status is with the park island and 2016 Fireworks.

A motion was made by Council Member Craig and seconded by Council Member Glenn to adjourn at 9:23pm.
Motion carries 6-0