



PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 2, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Public Hearings:

Ordinance 974 -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.

Mr. Kevin Mahoney: 112 S. Main Street Bel Air, Represents the developer of the Bulle Rock project and states the Ordinance should apply to public roads not private roads.

Public hearing closed at 7:06

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on November 2, 2015 at 7:06 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 Pastor Norman Obenshain of United Methodist Church.

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Hitchings to approve the Council meeting minutes October 22, 2015; motion carries 6-0

RECOGNITIONS:

Student of the Month recognitions were presented by Mayor Martin to the following students:

Havre de Grace Elementary School: Jay Jay Velez

Meadowvale Elementary School: Anthony Chang

Havre de Grace Middle School: Marissa Yancone

Havre de Grace High School: Jose Garcia

PRESENTATIONS: None

PROCALMATIONS: None

OATH OF OFFICE: None

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 972 concerning RB Waterfront Property

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 President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Glenn to introduce Ordinance 972 on second reading. Motion carries 6-0.

After the header was read, a motion was by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Glenn to adopt Ordinance 972; motion carries 6-0

Ordinance 973 concerning property acquisition; second reading and adoption

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.

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Hitchings to introduce Ordinance 973 on second reading. Motion carries 5-1 with Council Member Martin opposing.

After the header was read and discussion on the Dias took place, a motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Worrell to adopt Ordinance 973; motion fails on roll call vote with all members opposing the motion.

The consensus among Council that the donation of land and property is generous however they are concerned with the deed requiring the city to maintain it in perpetuity. If those requirements weren't attached perhaps council would be in favor.

An Ordinance concerning the Building Code

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE XI-E OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AND SECTIONS 33 AND 34 OF THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CHARTER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CODE CHAPTER 31 BUILDING CONSTRUCTION ARTICLES I, II, III, IV AND V.

A motion was made by Council Member Hitchings and seconded by Council President Gamatoria to adopt Ordinance 975 on first reading. Motion carries 6-0

After the header was read and assigned a number, a motion was made by Council Member Hitchings and seconded by Council Member Craig to adopt Ordinance 975 on first reading. Motion carries 6-0

A public hearing is scheduled for 11/16/15 at 7pm.

UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Patrick Sypolt; Director of Administration:

Mr. Sypolt gave an update on the upcoming events in town.

Adrean Troy- Director of Economic Development:

Ms. Troy gave an update on her department, meetings that she has attended and gave an update on statistics from social media as it relates to The City of Havre de Grace.

Mr. Neal Mills: Director of Planning:

No Comments.

Mr. George DeHority; Director of Finance:

Mr. DeHority apologies for the audit presentation being cancelled. The electronic version will reach council soon.

Mr. Larry Parks; Director of Public Works:

Mr. Parks announced his retirement as of December 31, 2015.

Chief Walter; Police Department

Chief Walter stated the Halloween Holiday was uneventful.

Chief Walter reminded citizens that the Holiday season is fast approaching and asked citizens to be mindful of their surroundings.

Business from Mayor Martin:

Mayor Martin announced the Veterans Day Services.

Mayor Martin announced two upcoming public work sessions.

Mayor Martin introduced family friendly characters that will be seen around town. These characters will help educate the public.

Business from Council:

Council Member Hitchings

CM Hitchings reminded everyone about the Tydings Park Commission Public Input Session on 11/3/15 at 6-8pm.

CM Hitchings stated he attended several events around town.

The Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held 11/26 from 11-3 at the HDG Community Center.

Council Member Glenn:

CM Glenn thanked Mr. Parks for his dedication and forty years of service. Wishes him the best in his retirement.

CM Glenn thanked Mrs. Karen Green for serving the City of Havre de Grace.

CM Glenn also attended several events around town.

CM Glenn wished the HDG Warriors best of luck in their upcoming games.

Council Member D. Martin:

CM Martin thanked Larry Parks for his dedication and forty years of service.

CM Martin thanked the citizens who volunteer and encourage others to volunteers.

CM Martin also attended several events around town.

Council Member Worrell:

CM Worrell thanked Mr. Parks for his years of service and wishes him the best of luck.

CM Worrell attended several events to include the MML Fall conference.

Council Member Craig:

CM Craig thanked Mr. Parks for his years of service.

Council President Gamatoria:

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Hitchings to add an additional Saturday for Farmers Market at Hutchins Park on 11/21; motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Craig to amend the language in Resolution 2015-01; typo error paragraph 2; The resolution should read April 2015 and July 2015 for the purchase. Motion carries 6-0

CP Gamatoria is glad to see a public work session scheduled per Ordinance 953.

CP Gamatoria stated the next Susquehanna River Rail Bridge project public hearing will be held on 11/10 at Perryville High School.

CP Gamatoria states the Halloween parade was a success as well as the Monster Ball.

CP Gamatoria thanked Mr. Parks for his years of service and congratulated the Student of the Month recipients.

Comments from Citizens:

Bob Robinson; 320 S. Stokes St: Attended the Duck Calling Contest at the Decoy Museum and won an award.

A motion was made by Council Member Glenn and seconded by Council Member Hitchings to adjourn at 9:05pm. Motion carries 6-0