



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

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on February 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Dougherty presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Councilmember's, Craig (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Martin, Gamatoria, Glenn, Corrieri and Cullum. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Wayne H. Dougherty and the opening prayer was given by Pastor Paul Simmons of Rock Run Methodist Church.

A motion was made by Councilmember Corrieri and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to approve the Council meeting minutes of January 20, 2015; motion carries 5-0. (Councilmember Craig was not present for vote)

RECOGNITIONS:

Student of the Month: (Presented by Mayor Dougherty)

Havre de Grace Elementary School: Alayna James
Meadowvale Elementary School: Nicholas Vitello
Havre de Grace Middle School: Amaya Caggino
Havre de Grace High School: Emily Bubb

PROCLAMATIONS: None

PRESENTATIONS:

Lucas Matesa; CPA (Cohn Reznik); Financial Statements 2014
Mr. Garrett Lyttle; State of the Water and Sewer System- FY 2013-14

APPOINTMENTS:

A motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Craig to approve the re-appointment of Carol Nemeth to the Historic Preservation Commission

Oath of Office: None

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Chip Paradis; 330 Cigarloop; would like to make sure the Financial Statements were on the website.

RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCES:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND PURSUANT TO THE LAND USE ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 34 OF THE CITY CHARTER AND CITY CODE SECTION 34 OF THE CITY CHARTER AND

CODE CODE SECTION 205 AMENDING THE CITY ZONING CODE SECTION 205 BY DELETING IT IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW SECTION.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to introduce **Ordinance 966** on first reading; motion carries 6-0. After the header was read and the rationale of the Ordinance was explained, a motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to adopt Ordinance 966 on first reading. Motion carries 5-1 with Councilmember Craig opposing the motion.

Councilmember Cullum has requested a council work session with the chair of the Planning Commission to discuss the Ordinance. Councilmember Correrri concurs and feels a work session will help council and citizens understand the complex document. Councilmember Cullum is pleased to see the Ordinance on the agenda for first reading after many years of meetings, reviews and revisions.

Councilmember Craig states this may be a comprehensive review verses comprehensive changes. Feels changes should happen as they need to be done and will be voting against the motion to adopt this evening.

A public hearing is scheduled for February 17th at 7:00 pm

UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Dougherty asked for a motion to remove Budget Transfer 2015-10; (Employee Step Increases) off the table. A motion was not made to take the Budget Transfer off the table.

Ordinance 962: AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, TITLE 15 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE AND SECTION 34 OF THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CHARTER AMENDING THE CURRENT ETHICS CODE IN CHAPTER 67 OF THE CITY CODE AND REPLACING IT IN ITS ENTIRETY

A motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to accept the changes from the State Ethics Commission and adopt the attachments for this Ordinance. Motion carries 6-0. A public hearing is scheduled for February 17, 2015 at 7pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Council President Craig to approve the 3rd Annual Bunny 5K, April 4, 2015; motion carries 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilmember Craig and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to approve the Tomahawk Run 5K, April 12, 2015; Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to approve River Sweep on April 18, 2015; Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to approve the Women's 5K by the Bay 5K, April 26, 2015; Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to approve the Decoy and Wildlife Festival, May 1, 2, 3 2015; Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Councilmember Craig and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to approve the HHS Music Booster 5K May 9, 2015; motion carries 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded and Councilmember Cullum to approve Race to Feed the Hungry 5K, May 16, 2015; Motion carries 6-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Jim Newby; Director of Administration: No report

Mr. Tom Lofland; Director of Economic Development: No report

Mr. Neal Mills; Director of Planning: Mr. Mills gave a report on Wilhelm Auto Repair

Mr. George DeHority; Director of Finance: No report

Mr. Larry Parks; Deputy Director of Public Works: Mr. Parks gave a report on Back Flow.

Teresa Walter; Chief of Police: Chief Walter stated there is a 15% reduction in crime.

Business from Mayor Dougherty:

Mayor Dougherty stated Young at Heart meets every Wednesday at 10am.

Mayor Dougherty commented on "Bits O Grace" and how the City was names the 11th out of 50 best small downtowns.

Business from Council:

Councilmember Correrri:

Councilmember Correrri thanked the Water and Sewer Commission for their dedication and hard work.

Councilmember Correrri welcomed his new great niece to Havre de Grace.

Councilmember Cullum:

No Comment

Councilmember Craig:

No Comment

Councilmember Gamatoria:

Councilmember Gamatoria thanked the Mayor and City Council for the sprinkler law after hearing the news on a recent fire near Annapolis.

Councilmember Glenn:

Attended the retirement dinner for Mark Hemler.

Attended the Virtual Town Hall meeting and spoke on behalf of the new Havre de Grace High School.

Attended the Public hearing on proposed reductions for Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Plans on attending the County Council Meeting to listen to the County Executive

Council President Martin:

A motion was made by Council President Martin seconded by Councilmember Correrri to go into closed session. Motion carries 6-0

The following public announcement was read into the record. In accordance with Section 10-508 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Havre de Grace City Council will meet in closed session on Monday, February 2, 2015 at the conclusion of the scheduled Council Meeting. The purpose of this closed session is to discuss legal matters. In addition to Mayor and Council, I am requesting the presence of Paul Ishak, Legal Counsel, Jim Newby, Director of Administration, Mr. George DeHority, Director of Finance and Mr. Lofland, Director of Economic Development.

Comments from Citizens:

Garrett Lyttle: Miller Court; Spoke about the Water Authority and feels that HDG should remove itself from the authority.

Mr. Charlie Hiner: Mr. Hiner stated he hopes the Zoning Review does not affect the property values.

Robin Shane: Is happy the Zoning Review is on the agenda. The Ordinance should be reviewed as a whole first then broken down as needed. Offered her assistance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Council President Martin to adjourn at 8:50 pm