



PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 6, 2015

7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on June 15, 2015 at 7:00p.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.

A motion was made by Council Member Glenn and seconded by Council Member Craig to approve the Council meeting minutes of June 15, 2015; motion carries 6-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Ms. Debbie Rosenburg: Presentation for the HDG K-9 units (K-9 First Aid Kits)

Ms. Brigitte Peters; SHA signage

RECOGNITIONS:

Shane Andrews of Troop 965 was recognized for his Eagle Scout achievement.

APPOINTMENTS: None

OATH OF OFFICE: (Administered by Mayor Martin)

The following officers were sworn in as new Police Officers for Havre de Grace Police Department.

Officer Rosa Acevedo

Officer Bryan Adams

Officer Phillip Paciocco

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

RESOLUTIONS:

A Resolution concerning Community Legacy FY 2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION TO THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION SEEKING FINANCING FOR A COMMUNITY LEGACY PROJECT IN THE CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND; THIS RESOLUTION SUPPORTS THE REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF: 1) \$300,000.00 FOR THE OPERA HOUSE RENOVATION PROJECT- PHASE II; 2) HAVRE DE GRACE MAIN STREET TO CREATE AN INTERIOR FIT OUT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00; AND 3) THE FACADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$140,000.00, WHICH PROJECTS ARE TO BE FINANCED EITHER DIRECTLY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND OR THROUGH OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Craig to introduce Resolution 2015-06; 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 Glenn to adopt Resolution 2015-06. Motion carries 6-0.

ORDINANCES:

An Ordinance concerning the creation of an employee benefits and compensation commission
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 THE CITY CHARTER SECTION 34 AMENDING THE CITY CODE 25 BY ADDING ARTICLE XIII EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND COMPENSATION COMMISSION AND SECTIONS 25-77, 25-78, 25-79, 25-80, 25-81 AND 25-82 TO THE CITY CODE.

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Glenn to introduce Ordinance 971; 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 Martin to adopt Ordinance 971 on first reading. Motion carries 6-0

A public hearing is scheduled for July 20th 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 Signage and the 4th of July festivities.

Mr. Neal Mills: Director of Planning:

Mr. Mills gave an annual building permit report.

Mr. George DeHORITY; Director of Finance:

Mr. DeHORITY stated tax bills were mailed out.

Mr. Larry Parks; Director of Public Works:

Mr. Parks stated the Juniata Street reconstruction project will begin this week. The area of Revolution and Juniata will be closed to thru traffic. Will be completed by August 14, 2015.

Chief Teresa Walter:

Chief Walter thanked everyone to include the allied agencies for assisting with the First Fridays and the 4th of July.

Business from Mayor Martin:

Mayor Martin thanked DPW and PD for their efforts during the 4th of July week and stated he is proud that the city is able to handle such capacity of people.

Mayor Martin stated the Fire Marshall deemed the Island to wet for fireworks, the City could not find an alternative area and the 4th of July Committee along with the City are looking at dates to reschedule the fireworks.

Mayor Martin explained the Debt Service Fee.

Mayor Martin attend the MML convention and met with Comptroller Franchot. Comptroller Franchot will be visiting in August.

Mayor Martin extended his sympathy to Leo Heppner's family.

Business from Council:

Council Member Craig:

Council Member Craig sent condolences to the Heppner Family.

Council Member Craig reminded citizens of the Concerts in the Park sponsored by the Arts Commission.

Council Member Craig expressed his dissatisfaction with the outcome of the fireworks and would like to see a contingency plan.

Mr. Craig thanked Mayor Martin for the storm drain maintenance program.

Council Member Glenn:

Council Member Glenn attended the annual OPAC meeting and concerns were brought up to public safety.

Council Member Glenn stated the admin committee has been very proactive.

Mr. Glenn is happy with the success of First Fridays.

Mr. Glenn also attended the MML Convention.

Council Member Glenn congratulated the 4th of July Committee on another successful parade despite the cancellation of the fireworks.

Council Member Glenn congratulated the new officers.

Council Member Glenn expressed condolences to the Heppner Family.

Council Member D. Martin:

Council Member Martin concurs with comments made by Mayor Martin and Councilmember's Craig and Glenn.

Council Member Martin verbally recognized Chief Walter for being a great leader.

Council Member Worrell:

Council Member Worrell expressed condolences to the Heppner Family.

Council Member Worrell also attended the MML convention, the OPAC Annual Meeting and the Parade.

She thanked the officers for serving Havre de Grace.

Council Member Worrell stated she is lucky to be a part of this community.

Council Member Hitchings

Council Member Hitchings stated he met with Parks and Rec Committee on June 26th and they are welcoming to his role as Council Member.

Council Member Hitchings expressed his condolences to the Heppner Family.

Mr. Hitchings participated in the parade and thanked all the numerous volunteers and Warrior Pride supporters.

Council President Gamatoria:

Council President Gamatoria expressed his condolences to Leo Heppner's family.

Council President Gamatoria thanked the Chief and her officers working First Fridays and the 4th of July week.

Council President Gamatoria stated he was disappointed with the cancellation of the fireworks without a contingency plan. However, safety is the number one priority.

Mr. Gamatoria thanked the three new officers and appreciated their service.

Council President Gamatoria announced the Admin committee will meet at 4pm on Wednesday.

Comments from Citizens:

Bill Watson: 712 Giles St: Mr. Watson commented on supporting change in the City of Havre de Grace and expressed his condolences to Leo Heppner's family.

Vic Kilkowski: 413 A. Concord St. Wanted an update on Citizens Care Park.

Joe Smith 110 Flying Ebony: Thanked Council for the Community Legacy Grant and expressed his condolences to Leo Heppner's family.

Joe K: Tydings Rd: Thanked DPW for removing two trees in North Park.

Charlie Mike: 1413 Superior St. Chairman of the Independence Committee. Thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting the Independence Day Committee and assured the citizens that the committee and the City of Havre de Grace is working on a date to reschedule the fireworks.

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Glenn to adjourn at 8:39pm. Motion carries 6-0