PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 1, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing:
AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY PROVIDED BY THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND TAX-PROPERTY ARTICLE TITLE 6 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2015 TO JUNE 30, 2016 ON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($100.00) OF ASSESSABLE REAL PROPERTY, PERSONAL PROPERTY; AND PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL SPECIAL TAX LEVIED WITHIN THE CRITICAL AREA SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT AND SETTING THE SERVICE CHARGE FOR THE SEMI-ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT OPTION.
No Citizen Comment

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 THE CITY CHARTER SECTIONS 33 AND 34 AND CITY CODE CHAPTER 196 AND EXHIBIT A, THERETO, WATER AND SEWER RATES, ESTABLISHING THE WATER AND SEWER RATES CAPITOL COST RECOVERY CHARGES, DEBT SERVICE FEES AND SERVICE PARTICIPATION FEES FOR THE USERS OF THE CITY WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM.

Mr. Garrett Lyttle: 308 Miller Court: Mr. Miller is in support of Ordinance 969 and speaks on behalf of the Water and Sewer Commission.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on June 1, 2015 at 7:10 p.m. with Mayor Martin presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Councilmember's Gamatoria, Craig, Worrell and Glenn. Council Member Martin was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor William Martin and the opening prayer was given by Chaplain Ed Rybczynski of Susquehanna Lodge #130.

A motion was made by Council Member Craig and seconded by Council Member Worrell to approve the Council meeting minutes of May 18, 2015; motion carries 4-0 with Councilmember Martin absent.

RECOGNITIONS:
Student of the month recognitions were presented by Mayor Martin to the following students. Dakota Bakke of HDGES, Meadowvale Mustang Green Team Members and Lannon Fritts of HDGMS.

APPOINTMENTS:
A motion was made by Council Member Glenn and seconded by Council President Gamatoria to appoint Mr. Michael Hitchings to the vacant Council Seat. Motion carries 4-0

OATH OF OFFICE:
The Honorable Emory Plitt administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Hitchings.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:
Mr. Joe Smith; Flying Ebony Court: Extended congrats to new Council. Also supports the Tenant Fit Out program and supports the entire package that is before Council for approval.

Mr. Steve Sheppard: 810 S. Union Ave: Wanted to make sure Council didn't have any questions regarding the Tenant Fit Out program that is before Council.

RESOLUTIONS:
A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND, PURSUANT TO SECTION 34 OF THE CITY CHARTER, CHAPTER 190 OF THE CITY CODE AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO REDUCE THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT AND DESIGNATE ADDITIONAL NO PARKING ZONES ALONG GRACE MANOR DRIVE AND A PORTION OF LEWIS LANE.

A motion was made by Councilmember Glenn and seconded by Councilmember Gamatoria to introduce Resolution 2015-03, motion carries 5-0; after the header was read and assigned a number, a motion was made by Council Member Glenn and seconded by Council Member Hitchings to adopt Resolution 2015-03. Motion carries 5-0

ORDINANCES:
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A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Glenn to introduce **Ordinance 968** on second reading; motion carries 5-0. After the header was read, a motion was made by Council Member Craig and seconded by Council Member Worrell to adopt Ordinance 968. Motion carries 5-0

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A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Worrell to introduce Ordinance 969 on second reading; motion carries 5-0

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Glenn to adopt Ordinance 969; under the question:

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Craig to accept several editorial amendments suggested by Mr. Joe K; motion carries 5-0

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Craig to amend on page 2, paragraph 2, remove 2008 and replace with 2015, remove "$13", add "purchase of 2000 gallons of water" remove "charge plus 75% surcharge" and add "and a $10.00 Debt Service Fee". Motion carries 5-0

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Craig to amend page 4, under Residential Units 1. Remove $8,000 and replace with $4,000 July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017 per unit. Motion carries 5-0

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Craig to amend page 7; paragraph B remove And Debt Service Fee and to add the following
A DEBT SERVICE FEE SHALL BE IN EFFECT FOR A TWO YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 2015 UNTIL JUNE 30, 2017 AND INCLUDED ON THE QUARTERLY WATER AND/OR SEWER BILL AND IS BASED ON THE QUARTERLY WATER USAGE AS SHOWN ON THE TABLE BELOW.

ESTIMATED QUARTERLY WATER USE	QUARTERLY DEBT SERVICE FEE
0 – 49,999 GALLONS	$25.00
50,000 – 75,999 GALLONS	$30.00
76,000 – 99,999 GALLONS	$40.00
100,000 – 999,999 GALLONS	$100.00
1,000,000 OR MORE GALLONS	$250.00

DEBT SERVICE FEES COLLECTED SHALL ONLY BE USED BY THE CITY TO PAY DOWN THE EXISTING DEBT THE CITY OWES IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS RELATED TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM. THESE FUNDS SHALL NOT BE USED FOR OPERATIONS.

Motion carries 5-0. Ordinance 969 as amended passes on roll call of 5-0.

An Ordinance concerning Budget FY 2016, First Reading
AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 37 OF THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CHARTER ESTABLISHING THE CITY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016, BY DESIGNATING THE ANNUAL PROJECTION OF ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND PROPOSED AUTHORIZED EXPENSES FOR THE CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016.

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Glenn to introduce Ordinance 970 on first reading. Motion carries 5-0. After the header was read and assigned a number, a motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded Council Member Craig to adopt Ordinance 970 on first reading. Motion carries 5-0

A public hearing is scheduled for 6/8/15 at 6pm.

UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS:
A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to delete and replace 2014-08 with the new 2014-08 (as replaced) Motion carries 5-0

NEW BUSINESS:
A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Worrell to approve the Tenant Fit Out program for 313 and 315 St. John Street. Motion carries 5-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:
Ms. Joan Scarlato; Deputy Director of Administration: No report

Mr. Jay Bautz: Deputy Director of Planning:
Mr. Bautz stated we have 31 new building permits.

Mr. George DeHority; Director of Finance:
Mr. DeHortiy stated the Budget has been the primary focus.

Mr. Larry Parks; Director of Public Works:
Mr. Parks advised Council that an engineer survey will be in the area.

Captain Wayne Young:
Cpt. Young stated the SRO will be present at First Fridays doing a demonstration. Also the Special Olympics kick off tomorrow.

Business from Mayor Martin
Mayor Martin read the Council Liaisons.
Mayor Martin welcomed Mr. Hitchings to Council.
Mayor Martin reminded everyone that Young at Heart meets every Wed at 10am.

Business from Council:
Council Member Craig:
Council Member Craig reminded everyone about Concerts in the Park sponsored by the Arts Commission.
Council Member Craig welcomed Council Member Hitchings to the Dias.

Council Member Glenn:
Council Member Glenn congratulated Student of the Month.
Council Member Glenn congratulated Meghan Thompson and Rebecca Ashman for their athletic sportsmanship.
Council Member Glenn congratulated Council Member Hitchings and welcomed him.

Council Member D. Martin: Absent

Council Member Worrell:
Council Member Worrell thanked the Mayor for filling the vacant seat.
Council Member attended the Harford Leadership Academy and was a guest speaker

Council Member Hitchings
Council Member Hitchings stated it is an honor and privilege to be on council.
Council Member Hitchings announced the upcoming events that are going on at the Lockhouse

Council President Gamatoria:
Council President Gamatoria welcomed Council Member Hitchings.
Council President Gamatoria announced his committee assignments.
Mr. Gamatoria will be attending the Summer Jam sponsored by the Housing Authority.

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Hitchings to move into closed session to discuss the Director of Administration contract. Motion carries 5-0.

The Council Meeting was reconvened at 9:45pm with all members of Council present except Council Member Martin, as he was absent.

A motion was made by Council Member Craig and seconded by Council Member Glenn to approve the appointment of Mr. Patrick Sypolt as the Director of Administration. Motion carries 5-0

Mayor Martin administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Patrick Sypolt.

Comments from Citizens:
Charles Packard: 712 Shawnee Brooke Dr.: Thanked the Mayor and Council for the Resolution concerning the fire boat and funding.

A motion was made by Council Member Craig and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to adjourn at 10:24pm. Motion carries 5-0