PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 15, 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 Mayor William Martin.

A motion was made by Council Member Craig and seconded by Council President Gamatoria to approve the Council meeting minutes of June 1, 2015; motion carries 6-0.

RECOGNITIONS: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PRESENTATIONS:
Councilmember Glenn presented a $1,000 check to Chief Walter on behalf of Sue Jacobs. This donation is for the Summer Safety Camp

OATH OF OFFICE: NONE

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

RESOLUTIONS:
A Resolution concerning SARC
A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE SUPPORTING A PROJECT OF THE SEXUAL ASSAULT/SPOUSE ABUSE RESOURCE CENTER, INC (SARC) WHICH SEEKS TO BUILD A NEW SAFE HOUSE IN HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND.

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Craig to introduce Resolution 2015-04 on first reading. Motion carries 6-0
After the header was read, a motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to adopt Resolution 2015-04; Motion carries 6-0

A Resolution concerning the Boys and Girls Club
A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE SUPPORTING A PROJECT OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF HARFORD COUNTY WHICH WILL PROVIDE RESEARCH BASED EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMMING THAT WILL PROMOTE ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENT AND PROFICIENCY FOR YOUTH, AGES 6-18 IN HARFORD COUNTY.

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Glenn to introduce Resolution 2015-05 on first reading. Motion carries 6-0
After the header was read, a motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to adopt Resolution 2015-05; Motion carries 6-0

ORDINANCES:
ORDINANCE 970; Second reading and Adoption
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 second reading; motion carries 6-0

After the header was read; a motion was made Council Member Craig and seconded by Council President Gamatoria to adopt Ordinance 970; under the question; a motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Councilmember Craig to amend the budget Ordinance by adopting Summary 2 with attachments and on the condition that a wage freeze is in effect and a creation of an employee benefit and compensation commission will be established. Motion carries 5-1 with Councilmember Glenn opposing the amendment.

On roll call vote Ordinance 970 as amended passes 5-1 with Councilmember Glenn opposing.

UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:
A motion was made by Council Member Craig and Seconded by Council Member Hitchings to approve the 52nd Annual Art Show sponsored by the Soroptimist; August 14, 2015; motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Council Member Craig and seconded by Council Member Martin to approve the Hope for a Home 5K sponsored by New Hope Christian Church; September 12, 2015; motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Council Member Glenn and seconded by Council Member Craig to approve the Waterman's Appreciation Day- Cecil- Harford Waterman's Association; July 25, 2015 amendment to add alcohol and move the time to 11am-7pm. Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Council Member Glenn and seconded by Council Member Craig to approve the Back to School Block Party; August 1, 2015; Motion carries 6-0

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:
Mr. Patrick Sypolt; Director of Administration:
Mr. Sypolt announced a internal and external audit of the WWTP and WTP is underway and would hope that this is completed within two weeks.
New Greenway bike signage will be visual throughout HDG soon.
Independence Day Celebration and festivities will be held on Sunday July 5th
City Hall will be closed on July 3rd in observance of the holiday.

Mr. Jay Bautz: Deputy Director of Planning:
Mr. Bautz stated there have been four building permits in two weeks.

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

Mr. Larry Parks; Director of Public Works:
Last Thursday Mr. Parks received bids for the Juniata Street paving.

Chief Teresa Walter:
Chief Walter addressed the Union Ave Fire and commended all the public safety organizations. She gave recognition to Office Chad Smith who was first on scene.

Business from Mayor Martin:
Mayor Martin welcomed Patrick Sypolt and looks forward to working with him.
Mayor Martin commended the Lockhouse Board and all the volunteers for a very successful Buccaneer Bash.
Mayor Martin commended all the volunteers who responded to the Union Ave Fire.
Mayor Martin thanked Council President for working on the budget.
Mayor Martin announced that Executive Order #1 will take effect tomorrow which will place a hiring freeze within the City government.
Mayor Martin reminded everyone that Young at Heart meets every Wednesday at 10am at the Activity Center.

Business from Council:
Council Member Craig:
Council Member Craig stated there are six concerts left in the Park sponsored by the Arts Commission.
Council Member Craig congratulated all the graduates of 2015.

Council Member Glenn:
Council Member Glenn attended the Harford County Council Meeting where Mr. and Mrs. Shank were recognized.
Council Member Glenn sated he has been busy with different events throughout town.
Council Member Glenn thanked all the public safety organizations who assisted with the Union Ave fire.
Council Member Glenn congratulated the graduates of 2015.

Council Member D. Martin:
Council Member Martin congratulated the 2015 Economic Development Award Recipients

Council Member Martin stated the Tourism Advisory Board has two openings.
Mr. Martin stated the Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy has funding shortages for the Skip Jack Martha Lewis.

Council Member Worrell:
Council Member Worrell stated she attended many events in the last few weeks and has been very active.
Council Member Worrell wishes Mitch Shank a speedy recovery.

Council Member Hitchings
Council Member Hitchings attended Kids Fishing Day at the Elks Lodge sponsored by Zellman's Funeral Home.
Council Member Hitchings reminded the citizens of the Independence Day Celebration and thanked the Committee for their efforts.

Council President Gamatoria:
Council President Gamatoria thanked Council Colleagues, Mayor Martin, and the admin staff for working with him through the budget process.

CP Gamatoria commended all public safety who responded to the Union Ave fire.
Council President Gamatoria commended Mayor Martin for his speech given at the HHS graduation ceremony.

Comments from Citizens:
Mr. Joe Fiocchi: Commerce Street: Does not agree with employee cuts when projects in the City are still taking place.

Mr. Joe Ruff: Bern Drive: Mr. Ruff is concerned with the most recent property maintenance ordinance that was adopted.

Chip Paradis: Mr. Paradis thanked everyone who was involved in the Buccaneer Bash.

A motion was made by Council Member Glenn and seconded by Council Member Craig to adjourn at 8:45pm. Motion carries 6-0