



PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 18, 2015

7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on May 18, 2015 at 7:00p.m. with Mayor Dougherty presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Councilmember's Craig, Martin, Gamatoria, Glenn, Cullum and Corrieri. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Wayne H. Dougherty and the opening prayer was given by Pastor Norman Obenshain

A motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Craig to approve the Council meeting minutes of May 4, 2015; motion carries 5-1 with Councilmember Corrieri recusing himself.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gamatoria and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to approve the Closed Session Minutes from April 20, 2015. Motion carries 4-0 with Councilmember Corrieri and Cullum from abstaining from the vote.

RECOGNITIONS:

Student of the Month recognition was presented to Havre de Grace Middle School student Kaeley Hitchings.

PROCLAMATIONS:

A proclamation was presented to the President of the HDG Ambulance Corps for National EMS Week.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. George Deibel presented the official election results for the City of Havre de Grace. See attached. Mayor Dougherty presented a gift of gratitude to Senator Bob Cassilly and Delegate Mary Ann Lisanti.

APPOINTMENTS: None

OATH OF OFFICE: None

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

A representative from Habitat for Humanity thanked the City for their support for the home on North Adams Street.

RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCES: None

UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance 967 An Ordinance concerning Property Maintenance:

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 AMENDING THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CODE CHAPTER 140 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CONCERNING STORAGE OF BOATS AND CITY CODE CHAPTER 31 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE REQUIRING CERTAIN NON-OWNER OCCUPIED STRUCTURES TO DISPLAY THE PROPERTY ADDRESS ON EACH SIDE OF A STRUCTURE WITH AN EXIT.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to introduce Ordinance 967 on second reading. Motion carries 6-0; A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to adopt Ordinance 967; under the question, a motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to amend the following:

40-4 Storage of junk, motor vehicles, appliances and furniture.

Strike the word "if" and replace with {WHERE THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING DETERMINES THAT} Motion carries 6-0.

A motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Gamatoria to add in bold; IN THE CASE OF A BOAT, IT MUST BE CURRENTLY REGISTERED AND SITUATED UPON A BOAT TRAILER THAT IS PROPERLY TAGGED, PARKING OR STORING A BOAT OTHER THAN UPON SUCH A BOAT TRAILER IS PROHIBITED, UNLESS SUCH USE {IS FOR SEASONAL STORAGE OR OTHERWISE} PERMITTED AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE ZONING REGULATIONS AND PAYMENT OF ANY APPLICABLE FEES, NO MORE THAN TWO BOAT TRAILERS WHICH ARE NOT REGISTERED TO THE PROPERTY OWNER CAN BE PARKED OR STORED ON A PROPERTY.

Ordinance 967 as amended was passed on roll call vote. 6-0

NEW BUSINESS:

A. A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to amend the First Friday Event Application so the City will sponsor the event in June and July: motion carries 6-0
June 5th 2015- (rain date June 12th)
July 3rd 2015- (rain date July 10th)

B. A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to approve the License Agreement for 518 N. Adams Street. Under the question, a motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Craig to approve and waive all fees associated with this License Agreement. Motion carries 6-0.

Council President Martin:

CP Martin thanked Mayor Dougherty, CM Cullum and Correrri or their service.

Business from Council:

Councilmember Correrri:

CM Correrri thanked his wife Linda for the support she has given while he served the City of HDG. CM Correrri also thanked the staff and the citizens.

Councilmember Cullum:

CM Cullum thanked his wife Kathy for the support she has given while he served the City of HDG. CM Cullum also thanked the staff and the citizens.

Councilmember Craig:

CM Craig thanked Mayor Dougherty and Councilmember's Correrri and Cullum for their time and dedication to the City of Havre de Grace.

Councilmember Gamatoria:

CM Gamatoria also thanked Mayor Dougherty and Councilmember's Correrri and Cullum for their time and dedication.

Councilmember Glenn:

CM Glenn thanked Mayor Dougherty and Councilmember's Correrri and Cullum for their time and dedication.

Business from Mayor Dougherty:

Mayor Dougherty gave his departing comments. He thanked his family, the staff and the citizens of this great City for their support.

A Motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to Adjourn Sine Die; motion carries 6-0

The Oath of Office was administered by the Honorable Emory Plitt to the following for a two year term.

William T. Martin- Mayor

Monica A. Worrell- Council Member

Randolph E. Craig- Council Member

David A. Martin- Council Member

The meeting was called to order at 9:20pm with Mayor Martin presiding and the following Councilmember's present: Councilmember's Worrell, Martin, Craig, Glenn and Gamatoria.

A motion was made by Councilmember Craig and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to move into closed session for the selection of Council President. Motion carries 5-0.

The Council Meeting was reconvened at 9:56pm with all members of Council present on roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilmember Craig and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to nominate Councilmember Gamatoria as Council President. Motion carries 5-0.

New Business:

Tax Ordinance

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.

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Councilmember Craig to introduce Ordinance 968 on first reading. Motion carries 5-0. After the header was read and assigned a number, a motion was made by Councilmember Craig and seconded by Council President Gamatoria to adopt Ordinance 968 on first reading. Motion carries 5-0

A public hearing is scheduled for May 26th at 6pm and June 1st at 7pm.

Water and Sewer Rate Ordinance

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.

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to introduce Ordinance 969 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 by Councilmember Glenn to adopt Ordinance 969 on first reading. Motion carries 5-0

A public hearing is scheduled for May 26th at 6pm and June 1st at 7pm.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Joan Scarlato; Deputy Director of Administration:
Ms. Scarlato congratulated the new Council Members.

Mr. Tom Lofland; Director of Economic Development:
Mr. Lofland gave an update on meetings he has attended.

Mr. Neal Mills; Director of Planning:
Mr. Mills congratulated the new Council Members.

Mr. George DeHority; Director of Finance:
Mr. DeHority is preparing for the audits and congratulated the new Council.

Mr. Larry Parks; Director of Public Works:
Mr. Parks stated an invitation for BID for Juniata Street paving project 2015 will be announced.

Chief Teresa Walter:
Chief Walter reminded everyone to wear their seatbelts.
Chief Walter congratulated all new Council.

Business from Mayor Martin:

Mayor Martin congratulated CM Gamatoria as Council President
Mayor Martin stated is priority is to solve the debt issue and stated the City has a great future.

Business from Council:

Councilmember Craig:

CM Craig congratulated Mayor Martin and looks forward to working with him and all of his Council colleagues.
CM Craig announced concerts in the Park on June 5th sponsored by the Arts Commission.

Councilmember Glenn

CM Glenn congratulated Mayor Martin, CM's Martin, Worrell and Craig.
CM Glenn thanked Mayor Martin's family for the sacrifice they are making.
Warrior Pride continues to speak on behalf of a replacement school.
CM Glenn announced the Memorial Day ceremonies.
CM. Glenn stated that Cancer Survivor Thomas Saacks has been cancer free for 2 years.
CM Glenn announced that Young at Heart meets every Wednesday at 10am at the Activity Center.

Councilmember D. Martin:

CM Martin thanked Wayne Dougherty, Bill Martin and John Correrri for their support during the election and thanked all the citizens for voting for him.

Councilmember Worrell:

CM Worrell stated it is an honor to serve the City of Havre de Grace and appreciates the voters.
CM Worrell thanked CP Gamatoria for meeting with her and bringing her up to speed on topics.
CM Worrell thanked Casey Cameron who worked on her campaign.
Mrs. Worrell stated she is going to strive to be the great example of what Mr. Cullum, Correrri and Dougherty are.

Council President Gamatoria:

CP Gamatoria stated it is an honor and pleasure to be seated next to the Mayor.

CP Gamatoria thanked Mr. DeHority for meeting with him, on several occasions and answering his concerns and questions about the water and sewer ordinance and tax ordinance and the Budget.

Comments from Citizens:

Mr. Charlie Hiner- Stated he will be an advocate for citizen concerns.

Mr. Wayne Dougherty- Bourbon Street: Asked the Council to keep in mind the citizens when they are making decisions.

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to adjourn at 10:40pm. Motion carries 5-0