



PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 4, 2016

7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on January 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m with Mayor Martin presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Councilmember's, Gamatoria, Worrell, Glenn, Martin, Hitchings and Craig were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor William Martin and guest Mayor for a day Robert Wills and the opening prayer was given by Pastor Norman Obenshain of the HDG United Methodist Church.

A motion was made by Council Member Hitchings and seconded by Council Member Glenn to approve the Council meeting minutes December 22, 2015; motion carries 6-0

Mayor Martin introduced 6th grade student Robert Wills as Mayor for a day.

RECOGNITIONS: None

PRESENTATIONS: None

PROCALMATIONS: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

OATH OF OFFICE: None

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCES:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE XI-E OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AND SECTIONS 33 AND 34 OF THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CHARTER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING REQUIRED AMENDMENTS TO THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CODE CHAPTER 78, FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT.

A motion was made by Council Member Hitchings and seconded by Council President Gamatoria to introduce Ordinance 976 on first reading. 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 Glenn to adopt Ordinance 976 on second reading. Motion carries 6-0

A public hearing is scheduled for January 19, 2016 at 7pm.

UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Patrick Sypolt- Director of Administration:

Mr. Sypolt stated the Ice Rink continues to be a huge success.

City Hall will be closed on January 18th in observation of Martin Luther King Day.

The second Annual Masquerade Ball will be held on January 30th to support the Opera House Foundation.

Mr. Sypolt welcomed Mr. Whittie as today was his first day.

Mrs. Adrean Troy; Director of Economic Development;

Mrs. Troy stated the department is entering in the Grant Season and they are outlining projects and funding opportunities.

The Opera House Renovations project was awarded 200K in additional grant finding from DHCD Community Legacy.

The Think Local Campaign was extended and encourages citizens to take advantage of the promotions.

Mrs. Troy congratulated the City for the continuous accolades.

Mr. Neal Mills: Director of Planning: No comments

Mr. George DeHority; Director of Finance:

Mr. DeHority presented a quick snap shot of the financial results.

Mr. Tim Whittie; Director of Public Works:

Mr. Whittie stated he had a good first day.

Chief Walter; Police Department

Chief Walter asked citizens to be mindful during the cold weather and pay attention to the elderly.

Business from Mayor Martin:

Mayor Martin presented a challenge coin to guest Mayor, Robert Wills.

Mayor Martin stated the Duck Drop was a success.

Mayor Martin wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Business from Council:

Council Member Hitchings:

Council Member Hitchings wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Council Member Glenn:

Council Member Glenn thanked the Police Department for the three way stop on Lewis and Lori Lane.

Council Member Glenn also stated the Duck Drop was a success.

Council Member Glenn congratulated Bobby Wills.

Council Member Glenn asked the citizens to keep Deputy Chief Steve Allers in their thoughts and prayer.

Council Member D. Martin:

Council Member Martin announced Joe K's Icicle Walk.

Council Member Martin asked for continuous prayers for Council, EMS, Fire and Police.

Council Member Worrell:

Council Member Worrell wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Council Member Worrell is happy with how the events around town are showcasing our City.

Council Member Worrell stated that while at the ice rink she has met many people from out of town and has asked Patrick to start tracking out of town visitors by asking for their zip code.

Council Member Worrell thanked Mr. Whittie for coming on board with the City of Havre de Grace.

The Green Team will meet on January 14th at 7pm and they are looking for board applicants.

Council Member Craig:

Council Member Craig is thankful to start a new year.

Council Member Craig reminded everyone about the Opera House Fundraiser on January 30th at the Community Center.

Council President Gamatoria:

Council President Gamatoria appreciated Mr. Martins comment this evening.

Council President Gamatoria looks forward to working with Mr. Whittie.

Council President Gamatoria wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

Comments from Citizens:

Mr. Fred Wills; Red Head Way: Thanked the Mayor and Administration for making the "Mayor for a day" a memorable day for his son as guest Mayor.

A motion was made by Council Member Hitchings and seconded by Council Member Glenn to adjourn at 7:32 pm. Motion carries 6-0.