



PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 16, 2016

7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on February 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Martin presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Councilmember's, Gamatoria, Worrell, Glenn, Hitchings, Martin and Craig 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 Hitchings and seconded by Council Member Glenn to approve the Council meeting minutes February 1, 2016; motion carries 6-0;

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Hitchings to approve the closed session minutes of February 1, 2016. Motion carries 6-0

RECOGNITIONS: None

PRESENTATIONS:

PFC Chad Smith is awarded "The Policeman of the Year" from VFW Post 1826. Presented by Steve Koester, Jr. Vice Commander and Robert Schmidt, Post Quarter Master.

PROCALMATIONS: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

OATH OF OFFICE: None

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Ms. Sara Rider: Speaking on behalf of the Farmers Market. Thanked the Mayor and Council for the support of the Market and is looking forward to 2016.

RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCES: None

UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Council Member Hitchings and seconded by Council Member Craig to approve the Farmers Market Application for 2016; motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Council Member Hitchings and seconded by Council Member Worrell to approve the License Agreement for 726 S. Washington St. Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Council Member Worrell and seconded by Council Member Martin to approve Budget Amendment 2016-03; motion carries 6-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Patrick Sypolt- Director of Administration:

Mr. Sypolt gave a presentation on the condition of the Water Treatment Plant.

Mrs. Adrean Troy; Director of Economic Development;

Absent

Mr. Neal Mills: Director of Planning:

Absent

Mr. George DeHority; Director of Finance:

Mr. DeHority gave a summary of the financial progress through the end of January.

Mr. Tim Whittie; Director of Public Works:

Mr. Whittie stated that trash collection shifts by one day because of the holiday.

Mr. Whittie stated the bids for the Community Center roof will be submitted 2/25.

Mr. Whittie gave an estimated cost of the last two snow storms.

Chief Walter; Police Department

Chief Walter stated that last week was a tough week for law enforcement. She asked that we honor and remember the fallen Deputies. She thanked Mayor Martin, Council and citizens for everything they have done and they support they have shown.

Business from Mayor Martin:

Mayor Martin expressed his condolences for the fallen Deputies. Mayor Martin thanked all law enforcement that surround us on a daily basis.

Mayor Martin read Executive Order 2016-01- which states the Administration shall no longer enforce Resolution 2011-11. Executive Order 2016-01 also permits a right hand turn onto route 40 and the speed Limit will be 20mph on Erie St. See attached Executive Order 2016-01.

Business from Council:

Council Member Hitchings:

Council Member Hitchings stated his heart goes out to the families of the fallen Deputies. Council Member Hitchings encourages citizens to thank law enforcement for their dedication and sacrifice.

Attended two Upper Chesapeake Medical Center- University of Maryland sessions regarding the development proposal of a new hospital.

Council Member Glenn:

Council Member Glenn congratulated PFC Chad Smith for his of "Policeman of the Year" recognition.

Council Member Glenn asked citizens to pray for all law enforcement each day so they return their families.

Council Member Glenn received a call from Thomas Saacks- who is on the Lego League and they have made it to the State Level.

Council Member Glenn also attended the public meetings concerning Upper Chesapeake Hospital. As the proposal moves forward, Council and the citizens need to know how this is going to impact our citizens and community.

Council Member Glenn stated his thoughts and prayers go out to the families of the Fallen Deputies of Harford County.

Council Member D. Martin:

Council Member Martin sends his thoughts and prayers go out to the Fallen Deputies and their families. Council Member Martin states the Ethics Commission meets next week.

Council Member Worrell:

Council Member Worrell sends thoughts and prayers to the Fallen Deputies and to their families. She is grateful for the service and sacrifice.

Council Member Craig:

Council Member Craig thanked his colleagues for expressing their heartfelt and sincere appreciation to the law enforcement. He too extends heartfelt appreciation.

Council President Gamatoria:

Council President also expressed his heartfelt appreciation for the fallen Deputies and their families.

Council President stated the Admin Committee will meet tomorrow at 4:30

Council President Gamatoria stated the Wage and Benefit will meet March 1 at 6pm and invites Council to attend. Pat Holecek will be attending to present and question answer session.

Council President stated he too attended the Upper Chesapeake Meetings.

Council President stated the Farmers Market is now part of the Community Projects of Havre de Grace.

Council President stated he is grateful for the path forward as it concerns the Water Treatment Plant.

Comments from Citizens:

Molly Maslin; Erie Street; Ms. Maslin supports the HDG Seafood Festival that is run by Lori Maslin.

Jim Cameron; Bayland Drive; Mr. Cameron is happy with the handicap ramp at the Promenade Grille. Would like Public Safety to take a look at the bump outs on Canvasback Drive.

Bob Robinson; S. Stokes St; Supports the upgrades that have been done to the WTP and WWTP. Also thanked Mayor Dougherty for his past service.

Fred Wills; Wanted to make a clarification, the Wage and Benefit Commission will meet at 6:30 (not 6pm)

A motion was made by Council Member Glenn and seconded by Council Member Hitchings to adjourn at 8:42 pm. Motion carries 6-0.