



PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 21 2016

7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on March 21, 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 Rick Haynes.

A motion was made by Council Member Hitchings and seconded by Council Member Martin to approve the meeting minutes of March 7, 2016; motion carries 6-0

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Martin debuted the Decoy Cam

Mr. Larry O'Neal – Poet Laureate presented a Spring Poem

Mr. Sam O'Hare debuted the Havre de Grace Jingle

RECOGNITIONS: (Presented by Mayor Martin)

Mayor Martin presented a recognition, challenge coin and Flag to Mrs. Deborah Mateer- Teacher of the Year Finalist.

PROCALMATIONS: None

PRESENTATIONS:

Council Member Hitchings presented the Tydings Park Commission Final Recommendation Report

APPOINTMENTS:

A motion was made by Council Member Hitchings and seconded by Council Member Glenn to approve the new Appointment of Melissa Kuzma to the Tourism Advisory Board. Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Council Member Craig and seconded by Council President Gamatoria to approve the re-appointment of Lou Ann Swam to the Arts Commission. Motion carries 6-0

OATH OF OFFICE:

Mayor Martin administered the Oath of Office to Melissa Kuzma.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Charlie Mike: 1413 Superior St.: Mr. Mike praises the Tydings Park Commission and would like to see the survey report and a better view of the proposed sidewalks.

Mayor Martin requested a 5 minute recess @ 8:25 pm. All council in favor 6-0
The Council Meeting reconvened with all members present at 8:34pm

RESOLUTIONS:

A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Havre de Grace, Maryland Pursuant to the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and City Charter Section 34. (To name a Poet Laureate)

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Hitchings to introduce Resolution 2016-04; motion carries 6-0

After the header was read and assigned a number, a motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Hitchings to adopt 2016-04. Motion carries 6-0

ORDINANCES:

An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Havre de Grace Pursuant to the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and City Charter Section 34 Amending the City Code Chapter 169 Storm Water Management and Chapter 49 Critical Areas to Establish Procedures to Address the Detection and Elimination of Illicit Discharges in the City.

A motion was made by Council Member Craig and seconded by Council Member Worrell to introduce Ordinance 977 on first reading; motion carries 6-0

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A public hearing is scheduled on April 4 at 7pm

UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Special Events (Presented by Ms. Scott)

A motion was made by Council Member Worrell and seconded by Council Member Martin to approve the Fish, Fowl and Folk Festival on August 6, 2016 at Concord Point Heritage Area. Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Council Member Glenn and seconded by Council Member Martin to approve the Salute to Safety event on September 17, 2016; motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Council Member Hitchings and seconded Council Member Worrell to approve Oktoberfest on October 15, 2016; motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Council Member Worrell and seconded by Council Member Hitchings to approve Budget Transfer 2016-04: motion carries 6-0

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Patrick Sypolt- Director of Administration:

Mr. Sypolt stated modifications are underway at Hutchins Park for the tent placement.

Mr. Sypolt reported Public Works has begun lot improvements to 710 Market Street.

Mr. Sypolt announced work crews have begun replacing the decking on the Promenade beginning at the gazebo. The promenade will be receiving improvements to the lighting, benches and cameras.

Mrs. Adrean Troy; Director of Economic Development;

Absent: Maternity Leave

Mr. Neal Mills: Director of Planning:

No Report

Mr. George DeHORITY; Director of Finance:

Mr. DeHORITY stated Finance is supporting departments with the budget.

Mr. Tim Whittie; Director of Public Works:

Mr. Whittie stated that flushing hydrants will start on April 17.

Chief Walter; Police Department

Chief Walter announced National Drug Take Back will be held April 30.

Chief Walter thanked the Mayor and Council for the Budget Transfer tonight.

Business from Mayor Martin:

Mayor Martin presented the FY17 Budget.

Mayor Martin stated a Bond Bill for the Opera House and Water Treatment Plant will be on the next agenda and explained the reasoning behind each Bond Bill.

Mayor Martin commented where the City stands on the new hospital; states he needs more information before making a statement supporting the new hospital or not. Would like more information on what will be done with Harford Memorial Hospital and the new hospital.

The City will continue to be good stewards, but will not be providing a resolution of support at this time.

Business from Council:

Council Member Hitchings:

Council Member Hitchings thanked Mr. O'Neal and Mr. O'Hare for their presentations this evening.

Council Member Hitchings congratulated Mrs. Mateer as Teacher of the Year Finalist.

Council Member Hitchings thanked the Tydings Park Commission members for their hard work and dedication.

Mr. Hitchings stated he attended the Madison Mitchell Endowment dinner, Troop 965 Spaghetti Dinner and the HDG Ambulance Corps banquet.

Council Member Hitchings stated that Upper Chesapeake has to come back to the Planning Commission for approval for any changes in their proposal. He also agreed with Mayor Martin, he is full support of full service hospital but we need more information before taking a stance.

Council Member Glenn:

Council Member Glenn stated the Street and Traffic Safety Advisory Board met and as of July 1, cyclist are permitted to cross the Route 40 Bridge. The new fire boat was also discussed and should be here around July. Also discussed flags for all fire hydrants.

Mr. Glenn attended the fundraiser for the Harford County Benevolent Fund.

The Marina Commission met and has determined a senior pass will cost \$50 per year.

Mr. Glenn also attend the Spaghetti Dinner for Pack 965

In addition, attended a neighborhood watch meeting to discuss the drug problem and cameras for the hot spots were suggested.

Mr. Glenn congratulated Teacher of the Year Finalist Mrs. Mateer.

Attended the HDG Ambulance Corps banquet.

Mr. Glenn sated he also would like to have more information about the new hospital before making stance on the proposed plans. The Council cannot make an informed decision until more facts are given.

Council Member D. Martin:

Council Member Martin states we cannot endorse the hospital until more information is provided. Council Member Martin announced upcoming events.

Council Member Worrell:

Council Member Worrell stated Budget and Finance will meet on 3/25.

Council Member Worrell is excited about the Jingle and how it will fit into our marketing piece.

The last two weeks have been busy- attending meetings, banquets and dinners supporting many non-profits and organizations.

Council Member Worrell congratulated Haley Kane as top responder for 2015.

Council Member Worrell stated the Green Team met and elected new officers. Is happy with how the Green initiatives are working in our City.

Council Member Craig:

Council Member Craig stated he is impressed with Director Whittie's hands on initiatives.

Council Member Craig commended the HDG Police Department for their professionalism.

Council President Gamatoria:

The Council Work Sessions are scheduled for April 11 and April 25. Council President Gamatoria would like to discuss Fund 1, Constant Yield, Debt Service, Referendum vote and Fund 9 on April 11.

Council President Gamatoria stated he agrees with Mayor Martin's comments on the hospital. Council President states we are not standing in UCH way but would like to know what is happening with 500 Block of Union Ave.

Also added that if other municipalities or jurisdictions are concerned with what this Council is doing they are encouraged to reach out to him personally.

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Craig to enter into a closed session at the conclusion of this meeting to discuss legal issues. Motion carries 6-0

Comments from Citizens:

Mr. Charlie Mike- Superior St.: Mr. Mike gave an update on carnival and parade. Mr. Mike sated this will be the biggest parade and fire work show so far. He encourages citizens to volunteer. Mr. Mike also stated this will be his last year on the committee.

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Craig to adjourn at 10:08 pm. Motion carries 6-0.