



PUBLIC HEARINGS 7:00pm

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, ADOPTED PURSUANT TO CITY CODE CHAPTER 25 ARTICLE III AND ARTICLE IV BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS, SECTION 19 OF THE CHARTER OF HAVRE DE GRACE, AND THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND ARTICLE 66B.

The public hearing was closed at 7:01pm, no citizens comments noted.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING December 6, 2010 7:01PM

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order December 6, 2010 at 7:01pm with Mayor Wayne H. Dougherty presiding and the following council members present: Council President Martin, Councilmember's Cullum, Craig, Shank, Miller and Corrieri. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Dougherty and the opening prayer was performed by Retired Pastor Ed Heydt of the Havre de Grace United Methodist Church.

A motion was made by Councilmember Shank and seconded by Councilmember Corrieri to approve the minutes of November 15, 2010. Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Councilmember Shank and seconded by Councilmember Corrieri to approve the minutes of the closed session on November 1, 2010. Motion carries 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Miller to amend the agenda and add Resolution 2010-17 to the agenda. The adoption of this Resolution is time sensitive. Motion carries 6-0.

Mayor Dougherty commented on the critical situation over the weekend. The Water Treatment Plant was not able to provide water to the west side of route 40. Failure of intake was the reasoning; Susquehanna Hose Company brought water into the plant. Mayor Dougherty thanked the Department of Public Works, Larry Parks, Donna Geiger, Bill Reeder and Chief Hurst for their quick thinking to resolve the issue.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor Dougherty and Council President Martin presented the Havre de Grace Varsity Football Team a proclamation and Key to the City for achieving the Class 1A Regional Champions.

RECOGNITIONS: Mayor Dougherty and Council President Martin presented Student of the Month recognitions to the following students: Katie Klisavage of Havre de Grace Elementary School, Karli Chancey of Meadowvale Elementary School, Emilee Bubb of Havre de Grace Middle School and Lauren Gregory of Havre de Grace High School.

Mayor Dougherty and Councilmember Miller presented Firefighter of the Month recognitions to the following members of the Susquehanna Hose Company: Assistant Chief Wayne Carroll, Assistant Chief Steve Allers, Captain Ron Cardwell, Vice President Joe Steelman, and Firefighter Ed Grainger. Firefighter Melvin Wolinski was recognized as well however he was unable to attend the Council meeting.

Mayor Dougherty presented recognition to Ms. Marcy Boyle and Mr. Don Angert celebrating the 65th Lions Club Charter Anniversary.

PRESENTATIONS: Mr. Chris Stathis gave an overview of the Candlelight Tour in Havre de Grace. The Candlelight Tour will be held on December 12, 2010 from 4-8pm, rain or shine. A total of eight Historic and new homes will be participating in the tour. Light refreshments will be served from 7-9pm at the Vandiver Inn following the Candlelight tour to anyone the purchased a tour ticket. Shirley Graves of the "Lockhouse Ladies" gave an overview of the Christmas Boutique.

APPOINTMENTS: NONE

OATH OF OFFICE: NONE

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Chief Scott Hurst: Susquehanna Hose Company; 720 Teal Court, HDG MD 21078: Reiterated the Susquehanna Hose Company's support for the CO Legislation.

Fire Marshall Mark Bilger; Maryland State Fire Marshall's Office

Mr. Bilger made comments concerning the need for smoke and CO detectors and also answered many questions from Councilmember's.

Bill Watson: Feels the proposed CO Ordinance is in conflict with personal liberty guaranteed to citizens under the U.S. Constitution.

A recess was made by Mayor Dougherty and reconvened with all Councilmember's present by roll call vote at 9:15 pm.

RESOLUTIONS:

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A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to introduce Resolution 2010-17 on second reading. Motion carries 6-0. After the header was read and the rationale of Resolution 2010-17 was explained, a motion by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Shank to adopt Resolution 2010-17 on second reading. Motion carries 6-0.

ORDINANCES:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 84 SECTION 84-1 BY ADDING CERTAIN LANGUAGE TO PROHIBIT FORTUNE TELLING TO PERSON(S) UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE (21) UNLESS WITH THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF A PARENT OR GUARDIAN

A motion was made by Councilmember Martin and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to introduce Ordinance 922 on second reading. Motion carries 5-1; Councilmember Shank opposed the motion. Under the question a motion to amend Ordinance 922 was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Miller to lower the minimum age to eighteen years of age instead of twenty one. Motion carries 5-1; Councilmember Shank opposed the motion.

A motion was made by Councilmember Martin and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to adopt Ordinance 922 as amended; on roll call vote motion carries 4-2; Councilmember Craig and Shank opposed the motion.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 9 ALARM SYSTEMS SECTION BY ADDING CERTAIN LANGUAGE TO REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION OF SMOKE DETECTORS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN BUILDINGS IN THE CITY.

A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Shank to introduce Ordinance 923; upon a roll call vote of 5-1 the Ordinance was introduced for first reading. The title of the Ordinance was read and given a number. On motion by Councilmember's Cullum and Shank and upon a roll call vote of 5-1 Ordinance 923 was adopted on first reading. Councilmember Craig opposed the motion. A public hearing is scheduled for December 20, 2010 @ 7pm.

Comments:

Councilmember Miller: Feels that the Ordinance should a stand alone Ordinance; however, he feels that it is a good starting point.

Councilmember Craig: Feels that a CO Ordinance should be a stand alone Ordinance. He recommends that a public work session be held to discuss options.

Councilmember Cullum feels that adding requirements within the new subsection is important.

Council President Martin called upon City Attorney and asked why the CO Ordinance was not a stand alone Ordinance, the idea is to have one location where the public can look to find various City requirements.

Councilmember Correrri has no problem with the Ordinance as a starting point.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Councilmember Shank "I move to authorize the Administration to install a fifteen minute parking sign at the first space south bound on St. John Street at the intersection of St. John Street and Franklin Street. Additionally, all fifteen minute signs in the city shall be designated Monday through Saturday 9:00am to 5:00pm". Councilmember Miller seconded the motion. Motion carries 5-1; Councilmember Craig opposed the motion.

Discussion: Councilmember Craig would like to define "all" fifteen minute parking.

Councilmember Craig would like the recommendations from the downtown business study so a more comprehensive review of the parking can be considered.

A motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to approve the second amendment to the existing contract for the Chief of Police; motion carries 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilmember Martin and seconded by Councilmember Corrieri to approve Employee Christmas Bonus's which would consist of \$100 for full time employees and \$50 for part time employees; motion carries 5-1 with Councilmember Shank opposing the motion.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Carol Mathis; Director of Administration:

Ms. Mathis reminded citizens to have their special event applications turned in for the approval process in January and February.

Mr. Neal Mills; Director of Planning:

Attended a FEMA meeting in Bel Air regarding flood plains

Mr. George DeHority; Director of Finance:

Reminded citizen's that annual payments due by the end of the month

Marina slip rental agreements are due by the end of the month

January 3, 2010 the Reznick Group will provide their audit report

Mr. Larry Parks; Director of Public Works:

Defer comments

Chief Teresa Walter; Havre de Grace Police Department:

Explained the new legislation for a traffic ticket

Business from Mayor Dougherty:

Thanked the Chief for her dedication and states it is great to have her for another three years.

Mayor Dougherty is still accepting applications for the Marina Commission and interviews will be scheduled within the next 1-2 weeks.

Mr. Phil Barker has resigned from the Planning Commission; Mrs. Barbara Wagner will fill the term of Mr. Barker. An alternate position is now available.

Mayor Dougherty was impressed with the Christmas parade, decorations and tribute to the Warriors.

Business from Council:

Councilmember Shank:

Mr. Shank stated the tickets for the Candlelight tour were donated by Bill Martin.

Mr. Shank was able to obtain recycling stickers from the Mayor's office.

Stated Brigitte Peters and he attended a ribbon cutting to celebrate the new computer lab at the Boys and Girls Club. Best Buy donated \$150,000 to several clubs in Harford County.

Mr. Richard Tome will be in town December 14th, 2010 and the Lions Club will be assisting him with obtaining a new pair of glasses.

Mr. Shank congratulated Katie Klisavage for her recognition.

Mr. Shank attended the inauguration for David Craig and County Council members.

Attended the 50th Anniversary for the Havre de Grace Branch Library with Mayor Dougherty, Council President Martin, Councilmember Miller and Corrieri.

Councilmember Corrieri:

Mr. Corrieri congratulated Library staff for the 50th Anniversary of the Havre de Grace Branch.

Congratulated the Chief on her contract and is happy that she is with the City for another three years.

A DPW meeting will be scheduled within a few weeks.

Congratulated the Havre de Grace Warriors for their accomplishments.

Councilmember Miller:

Mr. Miller stated at the last Public Safety meeting the CO ordinance was discussed.

The Community of Grace Manor had complaints about the increase in traffic in the development; several citations were given.

Mr. Miller stated there is a concern at the intersection of Lewis Lane and Revolution St; there is standing water that becomes a sheet of ice which becomes a safety issues; would like this to be a priority.

Commented on Old Bay Lane; the Ambulance Corps is having difficulty getting patients to the helipad because of the conditions at the crossing. Would like consider the paving at the crossing to resolve this issue

Councilmember Cullum:

Mr. Cullum congratulated Chief Walter on her contract renewal.

Councilmember Cullum would like to consider reducing personal property tax for the upcoming budget.

Councilmember Craig:

Councilmember Craig supports the reduction of personal property tax and would like to meet with George to discuss this consideration.

Councilmember Craig requested the report that was completed at Grace Manor.

Councilmember Craig complimented Brigitte Peters, Havre de Grace Main Street and Susquehanna Hose Company for a great parade. Thanked Chipparelli's for the outreach and the meal provided to the Warriors. Councilmember Craig also thanked Anderson Bus Company for donating the bus's that provided transportation to M & T

Council President Martin:

Council President Martin wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked everyone for making the Christmas parade possible.

Comments from Citizens:

Ms. Becky Fitzgerald; 5 Paradise Drive; Owner of the Lantern Queen and Vancherries Restaurant:

Thanked City employees for services and is providing a free breakfast to Vancherries. The voucher will be in the last pay check of the year.

Brigitte Peters:

Thanked the Mayor and Council for approving the special event application. Ms. Peters also thanked the endless volunteers that contributed time and efforts in making the Christmas Parade a successful and wonderful event.

A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Corrieri to adjourn at 10:54pm; motion carries 6-0

