



PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 18, 2011

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on April 18, 2011 at 7:00pm with Mayor Dougherty presiding and the following council members present: Councilmember's Martin, Cullum, Craig, Shank, Miller and Corrieri. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Dougherty and the opening prayer was performed by Mayor Wayne Dougherty

A motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to approve the minutes of April 4, 2011. Motion carries 6-0

Recognitions: None

Presentations: None

Proclamations: None

Appointments: A motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Corrieri to appoint Mr. Chris Stathes to the Economic Development Advisory Board. Motion carries 6-0

Oath of Office: Mayor Dougherty administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Chris Stathes

Comments from Citizens on Agenda Items:

--Mr. Joe Kochenderfer: Tydings Rd Spoke about proposed Construction Stimulus Program; supports Ordinance

-- Mr. Rod Gaston: 746 Monarchos Drive: spoke about the Resolution that concerns the streets in the Paddocks; supports the Ordinance

--Mr. Jess Bousa: 304 Whitney Ct: spoke about the Special event application on the Agenda "Movies at the Park"

--Mr. Jeff Tosi; 7127 Ambassador Rd: spoke about his support for the Capitol Cost Recovery Fee Ordinance

--Mr. Will Nori: 115 Tim Tam Court; spoke about his support for the Capitol Cost Recovery Fee

--Councilmember Shank would like to consider offering the option of the balance due on the day of settlement

Resolutions:

A Resolution concerning the conversion of private streets to public streets: Paddocks

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTIONS AND COMPLETE THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS TO PROCEED WITH THE CONVERSION OF THE PRIVATE STREETS IN THE PADDOCKS COMMUNITY TO PUBLIC STREETS AND ACCEPT THEIR TRANSFER TO THE CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE.

A motion was made Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Shank to introduce Resolution 2011-03; motion carries 6-0. Council President Martin explained the rationale of Resolution 2011-03 and a public hearing date of May 2nd will be held at 7pm.

Ordinances:

ORDINANCE 925 as amended

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL PURSUANT TO CITY CHARTER SECTION 34, AMENDING HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CODE CHAPTER 147 RENTAL PROPERTY BY DELETING THE ENTIRE CHAPTER 147 FROM THE CITY CODE.

A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Corrieri to introduce Ordinance 925 on second reading. Motion carries 6-0; after Councilmember Cullum explained the rationale of the Ordinance, A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Shank to adopt Ordinance 925 on second reading. Motion carries 6-0

ORDINANCE 926

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL PURSUANT TO CITY CHARTER SECTION 34, AMENDING HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CODE CHAPTER 25 ARTICLE VIII SECTIONS 25-50 THROUGH 25-56 BY DELETING SECTIONS 25-50 THROUGH 25-56 FROM CHAPTER 25 OF THE CITY CODE.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Corrieri to introduce Ordinance 926 on second reading. Motion carries 6-0; after Council President Martin explained the rationale of the Ordinance, a motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Corrieri to adopt Ordinance 926 on second reading. Motion carries 6-0

Ordinance 927

Introducing and first reading; An Ordinance concerning Capitol Cost Recovery Fees

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND PURSUANT TO CITY CHARTER SECTION 34, CITY CODE CHAPTER 196, AND ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND MODIFYING THE SCHEDULE FOR THE PAYMENT OF CAPITAL COST RECOVERY CHARGES.

A motion was made by Councilmember Corrieri and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to introduce Ordinance 927 on first reading. Motion carries 6-0; A motion was made by Councilmember Corrieri and seconded by Councilmember Miller to adopt Ordinance 927 on first reading, Under the question, a motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Corrieri to amend Ordinance 927 to the following: “First line remove the words (are) and replace with (may be paid), remove the word (payable) and replace with(may be paid in full upon application for a building permit, or by); add a second section that states the following: Motion carries 6-0; a motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded Councilmember Corrieri to amend Ordinance 927 to state: by Unless otherwise extended by action of the Mayor and City Council, this Ordinance and all terms and conditions within, shall end (24) twenty-four months after adoption”. After discussion, Councilmember Cullum withdrew his motion and Councilmember Corrieri withdrew his motion, A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Corrieri to amend the Ordinance to state the following: Unless otherwise extended by action of the Mayor and City Council, the deferred payment portion of this Ordinance shall end Twenty- four (24) months after adoption” Motion carries 6-0;

On roll call vote; Ordinance 927 as amended was adopted on first reading. Motion carries 5-1; Councilmember Craig opposing.

A public hearing is scheduled for April 25th at 6pm.

Ordinance 928

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 ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND ARTICLE 23A, FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2012 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 Councilmember Craig and seconded by Council President Martin to introduce Ordinance 928 on first reading. Motion carries 6-0; Under the question; the rationale of the Ordinance was discussed; A motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to adopt Ordinance 928; on roll call vote, the motion dies with three supporting the Ordinance (Council President Martin, Councilmembers Correrri and Craig) and three opposing the Ordinance (Councilmembers Cullum, Miller and Shank)

A public hearing is scheduled for May 2nd, at 7pm. The existing tax rate remains the same until June 30th 2011.

Ordinance 929

Introduction and First Reading; An Ordinance Concerning refunding Bonds, Series 2011 (1987 and 2000Series A)

AN ORDINANCE to authorize and empower the Mayor and City Council of Havre de Grace (the "City") to borrow, upon its full faith and credit, and to issue and sell its bonds or other form of indebtedness therefore, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed Two Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,100,000), to be designated as "Mayor and City Council of Havre de Grace Refunding Bonds, Series 2011" (the "Refunding Bonds"), the proceeds thereof to be used for the purpose of refunding: (a) such amounts of the City's Sewerage Facilities Bond of 1987, in the original principal amount of \$1,300,000 and (b) such amounts of the City's Infrastructure Bonds, 2000 Series A, in the original principal amount of \$1,500,000 (collectively, the "1987 and 2000A Refunded Bonds");

A motion was made by Councilmember Craig and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to introduce Ordinance 929 on first reading; motion carries 6-0. After Councilmember Craig explained the rationale of the Ordinance, a motion was made by Councilmember Craig and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to adopt Ordinance 929 on first reading. Motion carries 6-0; a public hearing is scheduled for May 2nd at 7pm.

Ordinance 930

Introduction and First Reading; an Ordinance Concerning Refunding Bonds Series 2011 (1992 Series A)

AN ORDINANCE to authorize and empower the Mayor and City Council of Havre de Grace (the "City") to borrow, upon its full faith and credit, and to issue and sell its bonds or other form of indebtedness therefore, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000), to be designated as "Mayor and City Council of Havre de Grace Refunding Bonds, Series 2011" (the "Refunding Bonds"), the proceeds thereof to be used for the purpose of refunding: (a) such amounts of the City's Infrastructure Bonds, Series 1992A, in the original principal amount of \$886,400 (the "1992A Refunded Bonds")

A motion was made by Councilmember Craig and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to introduce Ordinance 930 on first reading. Motion carries 6-0; after Councilmember Craig explained the rationale of the Ordinance, a motion was made by Councilmember Craig and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to adopt Ordinance 930 on first reading. Motion carries 6-0; a public hearing is scheduled for May 2nd at 7pm

Unfinished Old Business: None

New Business:

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to approve the Chiapparelli's temporary sign in City right of way; 400, 416, 420, 425 N. Union Ave; motion carries 6-0..

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to approve a fence in City right of way at 913 Elizabeth Street; motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Miller to approve a free standing sign at South East Corner of Otsego and Stokes St; motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Shank to approve the 1st Annual Blessing of the Animals and Pet Expo at Tydings Park sponsored by HDG United Methodist Church. Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to approve Movies at the Park (8/6, 8/13, 8/20, 8/27) sponsored by Restore Church.
8/6 and 8/27 @ Tydings Park; 8/13 and 8/20 @ Hutchins Park; a motion was made by Councilmember Shank and seconded by Councilmember Miller to amend the time of the event to 6-10pm; motion carries.
On roll call vote motion carries 6-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Carol Mathis; Director of Administration:
No comments

Mr. Jay Bautz; Deputy Director of Planning:
Mr. Bautz summarized a report on building permits.

Mr. George DeHority; Director of Finance:
Mr. DeHority reports that Finance Department has been working on the Ordinances that were presented this evening and preparing for the budget work sessions.

Mr. Larry Parks; Director of Public Works:
Mr. Parks reported the schedule for flushing the system.
Mr. Parks announced the Spring Clean Up dates
The storm caused damaged to the floating piers by the lighthouse.

Chief Walter; Havre de Grace Police Department:
Chief Walter thanked DPW, SHCO and Ambulance Corps for assisting the Police Department during the Storms
Chief Walter thanked the two dispatchers for taking and receiving numerous calls during the storm
May 21st 11-3 an open house at the Police Department is scheduled.
April 30th from 10-2pm Prescription Drug take back Program; County office building and the HDG PD will be drop off locations

Business from Mayor Dougherty:

Mayor Dougherty thanked Department of Public Works, Police Department and The Ambulance Corps for their assistance during the storms.
The SHCO will be assisting the City with the Tydings Park Clean Up
Mayor Dougherty attended many events over the weekend; opening Day for the Little League, The MS Walk, SHCO fundraiser, HDG Recreation Bull and Oyster Roast, Ducks Unlimited Bull Roast and Good Cause Coffee.
Young at Heart meets every Wednesday at the Activity Community Center.
Mayor Dougherty stepped off the Dias to read into the record the third quarter financial results

Business from Council:

Councilmember Shank:
Mr. Shank reminded citizens the 30th Annual Decoy Festival will be held May 6th, 7th and 8th and stated the new Chairman of the Decoy Festival is Scott Krieger.

Decoy Museum awarded three members lifetime achievement awards to Alan Fair, Mert Street and Madelyn Shank
Mr. Shank announced the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday at Tydings Park at noon.
Mr. Shank announced that his campaign has raised \$3,901 to date.

Councilmember Correrri:

Mr. Correrri reported the DPW committee met April 6th and will be meeting again soon.
Mr. Correrri commended the efforts of our emergency responders during the storms

Councilmember Miller:

Mr. Miller attended the HDG Rec meeting and reports that River Sweep is being held on April 23rd.
The School Board has decided that parks and rec will not be able to use the turf field without permission.
Reminded citizens that sunflower seeds are not allowed on the turf field.

Councilmember Cullum:

Mr. Cullum thanked the Chief and the officers for their efforts during the storm.
Mr. Cullum states we have to set a tax rate and at the budget meeting this should be priority so at that May 2nd meeting we can announce what the tax rate will be.

Councilmember Craig:

Mr. Craig states the tax payers fund the facilities such as the turf field and we need to maximize the use of these facilities.
Mr. Craig said the first step to improving HHS is a feasibility study and encourages citizens to express their thoughts to the Harford County Council.

Council President Martin:

Council President Martin discussed the findings from the parking study; increase parking from two hour to three hour parking, which has been completed and motorcycle parking which are now in designated areas in town. The increase in parking fines from ten dollars to twenty five dollars is still being discussed.
Mr. Martin reminded citizens about the May 2nd public hearing concerning the Paddocks Resolution

Comments from Citizens:

Mr. Don Mulligan- 744 Mulligan; Mr. Mulligan is in favor of the Paddocks Resolution

Ms. Lynn Jurkowski- 740 Monarchos Dr; Ms. Jurkowski is in favor of the Paddocks Resolution

Mr. Joe Kochenderfer- Mr. K encourages everyone to join River Sweep this Saturday from 8:30am –noon
Mr. K also commented during the last storm the North Park Bridge sustained minor damage
The Arbor Tree Ceremony will be held on April 29th at 10am

Mr. Cecil Hill; 505 Congress Ave; Supports budgets cuts where needed.

Mr. Rodney Gaston; 746 Monarchos Dr: Reiterates the City needs a tax rate before June 30th 2011.

Ms. Lori Maslin- Washington St: Thanked the Chief Walter and commends the Police Department for responding to her home during an incident.

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Council President Martin to adjourn at 9:12pm; motion carries 6-0.

