



PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 16, 2010

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order August 16, 2010 at 7:00 pm with Mayor Wayne H. Dougherty presiding and the following members present: Council President Martin, Councilmember's Cullum, Craig, Shank, and Miller. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Dougherty and the opening prayer was performed by Pastor Cordell Hunter of ST. James AME Church.

On motion by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Cullum and on five affirmative votes, the minutes of August 2, 2010 was approved.

RECOGNITIONS: NONE

PROCLAMATIONS: NONE

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Bill Reeder and Mr. John Allen gave a power point presentation on David Craig Park. Ideas and concepts were discussed for the future of David Craig Park.

Lori Maslin (100 S. Washington St.)

Lori Maslin thanked Mayor, Council, the City and DPW for the support given towards the Seafood Festival. Thanked Brigitte Peters and local businesses. Mrs. Maslin presented "Adopt a Crab" plaque to Mayor and Council. Mayor Dougherty thanked Mrs. Maslin for promoting the City of Havre de Grace. Council President Martin states Lori Maslin organizes an event with 100% effort.

County Executive David Craig: 453 Congress Ave; Presented a Honor and Remembrance Flag to Mayor and Council to fly in honor of the Men and Women that have served that have lost their life serving in the armed forces.

APPOINTMENTS:

A motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to appoint John P. Correrri to the vacant council seat. Motion carries 3-2 with Councilmember's Shank and Miller opposing the motion.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Judge Emory Plitt administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember John Correrri.
Mayor Dougherty administered the Oath of Office to Officer Teresa Adams.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

AN AMENDMENT OF CITY CHARTER SECTION 28 COUNCIL MEETINGS; HOLIDAYS CHANGING THE LANGUAGE WHICH CURRENTLY CANCELS A MEETING IF IT FALLS ON A HOLIDAY OBSERVED BY THE CITY, TO MOVING THE MEETING TO THE FOLLOWING TUESDAY.

A motion was made by Councilmember Martin and seconded by Councilmember Miller to introduce Charter Resolution 273, motion carries 6-0. After explaining the rationale of the Charter Resolution, a public hearing is scheduled for September 20, 2010 @7pm.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE MARYLAND MUNICIPAL CORPORATION TO SUPPORT THE CELEBRATION OF THE COMPLETION OF THE THOMAS J. HATEM MEMORIAL BRIDGE PROJECT

A motion was made by Councilmember Martin and seconded by Councilmember Miller to introduce Resolution 2010-12. Motion carries 6-0; after the header was read into the record and assigned a number; a motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to adopt Resolution 2010-12. Motion carries 6-0.

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 23A AND 66B OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND; CITY CHARTER SECTIONS 33 AND 34 AND CITY CODE CHAPTER 25 ARTICLE III. BOARD OF APPEALS SECTION 25-15B. (7) APPROVING OF ADDITIONAL RULES OF PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE BOARD OF APPEALS.

A motion was made Councilmember Miller and seconded Councilmember Cullum to introduce Resolution 2010-13; motion carries 6-0; after the header was read into the record, a motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to adopt Resolution 2010-13. Motion carries 6-0.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY-THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000).

A motion was made by Councilmember Martin and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to introduce Resolution 2010-14. Motion carries 6-0. After the header was read into the record and assigned a number, a motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Martin to adopt Resolution 2010-14. Motion carries 6-0.

Meghan Simmons, Manager of Economic Development explained the rationale of the resolution. This grant will allow the completion of the blue print.

Mayor Dougherty acknowledged Meghan Simmons for her Very Important Person Under 40 nomination.

ORDINANCES: None

Unfinished/Old Business: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to approve the Bradford Green Community Jamboree on Sept 4th 2010; 6-10pm. Motion carries 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to approve the Church picnic at Grace Reformed Episcopal Church on September 12, 2010 from 11-3. Motion carries 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to approve the Flag dedication at Grace Reformed Episcopal Church on November 13th 2010, 12-1pm. Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Corrieri to approve the Upper Chesapeake Health Hospice Regatta 2011; June 4 from 5-10pm at Concord Point Lighthouse. Motion carries 6-0

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

Ms. Carol Mathis- Director of Administration:

Ms. Mathis congratulated Meghan Simmons on her nomination and stated the Administration is very proud of her.

Neal Mills- Director of Planning:

Mr. Mills reported 719 Girard and 517 S Stokes demolitions are complete. The final check was this morning. Payment was released to pay invoices.

Mr. Mills stated the Planning department is busy with property maintenance and inspections.

George DeHority- Director of Finance:

Financial audit for 2010 will begin this Monday.

Supplemental Property Assessments were received this week and the bills will be going out this week.

Larry Parks- Director of Department of Public Works:

Mr. Parks stated Harford County will be sending out County wide information regarding recycling. He reports there will be little difference. The City of Havre de Grace will also be mailing out schedules in September

Acting Chief Wayne Young- Police Department

Mr. Young reported August 3rd, 2010 was National Night Out and it was successful. Thanked everyone that participated. Officer Teresa Adams is the newest officer to the police department. Two new field Officers will be starting soon. The Police Department is gearing up for the school year and reminded everyone to be mindful of the traffic patterns and crosswalks. Reports Chief Walter is half way through the FBI academy and will be graduating September 12, 2010.

BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR:

Stated the Seafood Festival was fantastic with a number of Citizens and Visitors that came out to enjoy the festivities. Young at Heart meets Wednesdays at the Activity Center on Lewis Lane in Havre de Grace. The 5th annual Forton/Lee memorial softball game is on September 18th @9am. This is sponsored by SMILES. Contact 410-808-3800 or 410-939-8570 for more information. The HDG Elks Lodge will have a Bull Roast on 10/16 from 2-7pm. Tickets are limited, call 410-939-9800. 47th Annual Art Show is this weekend at Tydings Park from 10-5. Contact 410-939-9342 for more information.

Councilmember Corrieri:

Councilmember Corrieri thanked everyone for their support including his wife and family. States he respects Councilwoman Guldenzopf and to fulfill her role is an outstanding honor. Also thanked House 59 for their support.

Councilmember Miller:

Councilmember Miller reported that Susquehanna Hose Company unexpectedly lost a fellow firefighter, Lt. Gene Burchette. Fire department services and viewing will be held tomorrow and the Funeral service will be held Wednesday at the Methodist Church. ***Mayor Dougherty lowered the City flag half staff in Honor of Mr. Gene Burchette.

Councilmember Shank:

Councilmember Shank requested clarification on the \$239,000 of City's fees and how the distribution will be allocated into the funds. Thanked Ron Browning from Historic Preservation Commission. Mainstreet's First Annual Antique Show will be August 28th and will be closing off 400 block of Franklin Street; 9-6pm. Councilmember Shank is concerned with obtaining the agenda off the website in PDF format. Mainstreet Ghost Tours will begin Friday September 3rd and continue through Halloween. September 4th begins Mainstreet Historic tours that highlight the historic district. Tours will begin in September, Saturdays 10am-2pm and Sundays at 2pm. Councilmember Shank expressed concerns with the lack of support at City Hall when he asks for assistance.

Mayor Dougherty stated all requests from Council need to be in writing and this is not a personal attack on anyone specific.

Councilmember Craig:

Councilmember Craig welcomed John Corrieri and is looking forward to working with him. The next Budget and Finance meeting will be August 18th at 1:30pm

Councilmember Cullum:

Councilmember Cullum welcomed John Corrieri and looks forward to working with him. The next Water and Sewer Commission meeting is September 17, 2010

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT MARTIN:

Council President Martin thanked Council for all their hard work during the last month. Also, thanked Councilmember's Shank and Cullum for attending the Marina meeting. Council President Martin reported the suggestion for Auxiliary Police is in the works. Commented that all requests from Council should be in an email request and should include Director of Administration, Council President and Mayor Dougherty; requests will not be denied to Council, however Administration would like to ensure that employees are not being overwhelmed with requests from Council.

Council President Martin is pleased with the appointment of Councilmember John Correrri and is honored to work with him. He stated the City is lucky to have Mr. Correrri as a resource.

Mr. Martin gave Committee updates and they are as follows: DPW: Councilmember Correrri- Chair; Planning: Councilmember Cullum- Chair; Water and Sewer- Councilmember Correrri; Parks and Harbor- Councilmember Correrri and Budget and Finance- Councilmember Correrri. An updated list will be sent to Council via email.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Dr. Gunther Hirsch (605 Giles St): Appreciated the honor and naming of City Hall and is greatly humbled by the recognition and Resolution presented at the last Council meeting.

Mr. Bob Robinson (320 S Stokes St.): Presented information that he has previously passed on to the City.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Craig to adjourn at 8:56pm