



PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 22, 2011

7:00PM

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order February 22, 2011 at 7:01pm with Mayor Dougherty presiding and the following council members present: Councilmember's Martin, Cullum, Craig, Shank, Miller and Correrri. Mayor Dougherty asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of former Councilmember Barney Mills. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Dougherty and the opening prayer was performed by Pastor Gary Sieglein of Rock Run and Darlington Methodist Church.

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Council President Martin to approve the minutes of February 7, 2011. Motion carries 6-0

RECOGNITIONS: NONE

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Jim Newby- Acting Director of Administration presented a short power point presentation on carbon monoxide detectors. Chief Hurst stated the first 300 CO detectors were acquired using the donations from Bulle Rock, Wal-Mart, Diane Smith, Mayor Dougherty and SHCO. Thanked the citizens and everyone involved.

Ms. Brigitte Peters introduced Editor Dan Patrell of Maryland Life Magazine who presented the Mayor and Council with a "Best Historic Downtown" certificate.

Ms. Meghan Simmons introduced Mr. Howard Kohn of the Chesapeake Group. Mr. Howard Kohn presented the Parking Study to the City Council and Havre de Grace Main Street.

Council President Martin announced two public work sessions to discuss the proposed parking study; open to the public; March 10th and March 15th from 6-8pm at City Hall.

PROCLAMATION: NONE

APPOINTMENTS:

A motion was made by Councilmember Craig and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to approve the appointment of Ms. Elaine Fiocchi to the Arts Commission; term 2/22/11-2/22/2013; motion carries 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to approve the appointment of Mr. Jeffrey Carhart as the alternate member of the Planning Commission; term 2/22/11-10/4/13; motion carries 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Craig to approve the reappointment of Pastor Ed Heydt to the Ethics Commission; term 2/22/11-2/22/14; motion carries 6-0.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Mayor Dougherty administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Elaine Fiocchi and Mr. Jeffrey Carhart.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

RESOLUTIONS: NONE

ORDINANCES: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: (Special Events, presented by Ms. Shyla Glassman)

A motion was made by Councilmember Shank and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to approve the First Fridays sponsored by Main Street; Motion carries 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Shank to approve the Antique Crawl sponsored by Main Street on May 21st and September 10th from 7am-6pm. Council President Martin. Motion carries 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Shank to approve the Mardi Gras parade sponsored by Laurrapin Grille, Heritage Museums and the HDG Rec Committee to be held on March 8th, 2011. Motion carries 6-0

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Jim Newby; Acting Director of Administration:

Mr. Newby stated the Directors are deeply involved in the budget process

Mr. Newby reported the sound in the Council Chambers will be updated.

The City website is currently under review for an update

Mr. Newby states Capital projects are being finalized before the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Neal Mills; Director of Planning:

Mr. Mills gave an update on housing permits since July 2010; 48 permits have been issued.

Mr. George DeHority; Director of Finance:

Mr. DeHority states the budget process in moving forward.

The finance department is working on financial impact statements.

Mr. Larry Parks; Director of Public Works:

Mr. Parks gave an update on the snow and ice removal for the February 22, 2010 event

Chief Teresa Walter; Havre de Grace Police Department:

Chief Walter is working on fiscal impact statements and thanked Mr. DeHority for his assistance.

Working on several grants that pertain to communication

Would like to remind everyone that extra patrol will be present during the St. Patrick's Day festivities

Chief Walter is looking forward to working with Meghan, Council, Main Street and the public concerning the parking study.

Business from Mayor Dougherty:

Mayor Dougherty expresses condolences to the family of former Councilmember Barney Mills; arrangements will be announced as the family releases them.

Councilmember Craig is proffering a resolution regarding the Havre de Grace High School Magnet School and thanked him for his hard work and dedication.

Thanked Barbara Wagner for being an active part of the Green Committee which was formed within Main Street; would like to set up a meeting with Ms. Wagner, himself and Council President Martin as this moves forward.

Residential Rental Properties; The Planning Department has over 2,000 applications, letters regarding citations which are on file which Council can also review. Council is to contact Neal Mills to review these files.

The SMILES spaghetti dinner will be held at St. Patrick's church on February 25th from 5-7pm

Young at Heart meets every Wednesday at 10am at the Activity Center on Lewis Lane

Mayor Dougherty read a Memo concerning the Construction Stimulus Program into the record

Business from Council:

Councilmember Shank:

Mr. Shank announced many events that will be going on February 25th, to include the SMILES spaghetti dinner, Good Cause will be hosting a Bag Bingo at the American Legion and the "Little Shop of Horrors" play at the HHS. Also on Friday, a fundraiser for the Maritime Museum will be held at Tidewater Grill. The next Street and Traffic Safety Committee will be held on Monday 2/28 at 6pm at City Hall. The Green Committee had their first meeting and looks is positive about moving forward. Mr. Shank has requested the Paddocks community to be included in the BID process for the upcoming Budget. HDG warriors Basketball Team placed 2nd in the County.

Councilmember Correrri:

DPW committee met on February 16th 2011 and thanked Committee members for a great meeting. In the last water and sewer commission meeting, a motion was passed to meet with the budget and finance committee. Mr. Correrri expressed condolences to the family of Mr. Barney Mills.

Councilmember Miller:

The Landlord Tenant Commission met two weeks ago; this commission recommended that the Council do away with the rental property registration ordinance. Would like to see a Ordinance to rescind this Ordinance from the Charter. Mr. Miller announced the next Public Safety meeting will be held on March 3rd, 2011; Mr. Miller would like the downtown parking enforced. Mr. Miller would like the website to go out to BID.

Councilmember Cullum:

The Marina Commission will meet Thursday at 6pm at City Hall. Council Planning Committee had begun review of the Zoning task force. Great information and suggestion came from the Zoning Task Force. A joint session between Council Planning and Planning Commission will be held on 2/28 at 7pm in the Council Chambers. Welcomed Mr. Carhart to the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Craig:

Mr. Craig commended the volunteers that serve on the Committees and Commissions. Appreciates the staff that has been working on the legislative proposals. Mr. Craig would like to identify the value of the data within our Trash/Recycling hauling contract. Appreciates the Mayors report and commented he has concerns. Commends Mr. Shank and thanked him for working diligently on the HHS Resolution.

Council President Martin:

Mr. Martin is looking forward to the update of the City's website. Mr. Martin will hold off on scheduling a public hearing regarding speed cameras due to the upcoming budget and parking study work sessions. Thanked Mr. Newby for presenting the CO power point and plans to have this presentation on the next three agendas.

Comments from Citizens:

Barbara Wagner: 410 N Union Ave; Havre de Grace Main Street has established a Green Committee and would like Mayor and Council support. The "Be Smart" program is a City wide program and is requesting community outreach, volunteers and press.

A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Shank to adjourn at 8:44pm.; Motion carries 6-0.