



PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 3, 2012

A Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Wayne Dougherty at 7:00 p.m concerning Ordinance 935; AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, TITLE 5 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 34 OF THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CHARTER RESCINDING THE CURRENT FOREST CONSERVATION CODE IN CHAPTER 81 OF THE CITY CODE AND REPLACING IT IN ITS ENTIRETY. No comments from Citizens. Councilmember Cullum stated that Council received a list of editorials from Mr. Joe Kochenderfer. The City Attorney is reviewing these suggested changes. Councilmember Miller also stated there were definitions left out and referred to editorials as well. Mr. Ishak stated Mr. Miller may be reviewing an old version of the Ordinance. The City Attorney will review the changes and have them ready prior to the next meeting. The public hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on January 3, 2012 at 7:11 pm with Mayor Dougherty presiding and the following council members present: Councilmember's Martin, Cullum, Craig, Wagner, Miller and Correrri. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Dougherty and the opening prayer was performed by Mayor Dougherty.

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to approve the minutes of December 19, 2011. Motion carries 6-0;

RECOGNITIONS: None

PROCLAMATIONS: None

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Russ Levy of the VFW presented the Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award to Officer Aaron Sandruck.

APPOINTMENTS:

A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Craig to approve the appointment of Dr. William Russell as alternate member of the Planning Commission. Mr. Russell's term will be from January 3, 2012 to October 4, 2013. Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to approve the reappointment of Mr. Joe Gamatoria to the Street and Traffic Safety Advisory Board. Mr. Gamatoria's term will be from January 3, 2012 to January 3, 2015. Motion carries 6-0

OATH OF OFFICE:

Mayor Dougherty administered the Oath of Office to Dr. William Russell.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Steve Kester, Commander of VFW- Post 8126; Mr. Kester thanked the Mayor and Council for recognizing Aaron Sandruck and publically recognized all EMS for their service. Mr. Kester also thanked the City and all businesses for their support recognizing the National Guard in coming home.

RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCES: None

UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Carol Mathis; Director of Administration: No report

Mr. Neal Mills; Director of Planning:

Mr. Mills gave a first and second quarter report on the building permits.

Mr. Mills also stated that phase one of the Lorien Nursing Home Project is under way.

Mr. George DeHority; Director of Finance:

Mr. DeHority stated that the collection of the 2nd half payments on property taxes is the primary focus and closing the second quarter is almost complete.

Mayor Dougherty presented Mr. DeHority a check on for \$25,000 on behalf of Mary Ann Lisanti, Director of Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway for the walkway at the Lock House.

Mr. Larry Parks; Director of Public Works:

Mr. Parks stated the process for the dredging at Tydings Park has started.

Chief Teresa Walter; Havre de Grace Police Department:

Chief Walter congratulated Officer Sandruck on his award.

Chief Walter announced that the 1st Annual Duck Dunk will be January 21st 2012 and money pledged will go to SHCO.

The Polar Bear Plunge will be held at Sandy Point Park on January 28th 2012 to benefit the Special Olympics

Business from Council:

Councilmember Cullum:

Councilmember Cullum congratulated Officer Aaron Sandruck on his award.

Mr. Cullum also congratulated Dr. Russell for his appointment to the Planning Commission.

The Water and Sewer Commission will meet with Mayor Dougherty on January 11 2012

Councilmember Cullum advised citizens that Christmas Trees will be picked up every Friday with Yard Waste.

Councilmember Wagner:

Councilmember Wagner thanked Officer Sandruck for his service.

The Marina Commission will meet twice in January to prioritize capital projects and prepare a report for the Mayor and Council and the commission has a desire to have a public meeting for the slip holders to streamline complaints. The date for the public meeting is forth coming.

Councilmember Correrri:

Mr. Correrri congratulated Officer Sandruck and reflects on how he has been a positive addition to the Police Department.

Councilman Correrri also congratulated Dr. Russell for his appointment to the Planning Commission is glad to see Mr. Gamatoria's reappointment to the Street and Traffic Advisory Board.

Mr. Correrri commends the Duck Drop Committee for the successful New Year's Eve event.

Councilmember Miller:

Councilmember Miller congratulated Officer Sandruck.

The Planning Committee will meet on January 10, 2012

The Planning Commission will meet on January 23, 2012

Mr. Miller states that Allen Philippe will not seek to stay on as Chair of the Planning Commission

Councilmember Craig:

Mr. Craig reported the Arts Ball will be held January 28 2012 at the Community Center.

Councilmember Craig personally thanked Dr. Russell for taking on the responsibility to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Craig commended the team effort put forth at the Duck Drop

Mr. Craig thanked Officer Sandruck and his family for the sacrifice

Councilmember Craig commends the Chief for her leadership skills as well as command staff.

Council President Martin:

Council President Martin thanked and commended Officer Sandruck on his hard work.

Council President Martin thanked Dr. Russell for committing time to the Planning Commission

Mr. Martin will contact Council to set up council work sessions to discuss in depth the Water Sewer Commission Report and the Mayor's proposed Personal Property Tax Relief. Mr. Martin will send possible dates out to Council.

Business from Mayor Dougherty:

Mayor Dougherty presented Ms. Mathis with a Best Business Award in a the Small Business Community

Mayor Dougherty stated there is an opening on the Street and Traffic Safety Advisory Board

Mayor Dougherty attended many events around town, which included the Nativity Scene at St. Patrick's Church and the Duck Drop. Mayor Dougherty had a fantastic time at the Duck Drop and commends the committee.

Mayor Dougherty wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

Comments from Citizens:

Mr. Joe Fiocchi: 469 Commerce Street; Mr. Fiochhi commented on the last few meetings and gave his opinion again about the RAD Loan.

A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to adjourn at 8:17 pm; motion carries 6-0.