



PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 3, 2011

7:22 PM

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order January 3, 2010 at 7:00pm with Mayor Dougherty presiding and the following council members present: Councilmember's Martin, Cullum, Craig, Shank, Miller and Correrri. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Dougherty and the opening prayer was performed by Retired Pastor Ed Heydt of the United Methodist Church.

Mayor Dougherty welcomed Meadowvale students that are in the audience.

A motion was made by Councilmember Shank and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to approve the minutes of December 20, 2010. Motion carries 6-0

RECOGNITIONS: NONE

PRESENTATIONS:

Dan Kenney and Lucas Matesa of the Reznick Group presented a summary of the 2010 audit report of financial statements.

PROCLAMATION: (Presented by Mayor Dougherty and Council President Martin)

A Proclamation was presented to Dr. Kenneth Spence Jr., for his extensive accomplishments during his medical career.

APPOINTMENTS:

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to approve the appointment of Barbara Wagner to full member to the Planning Commission. Motion carries 6-0. Ms. Wagner's term will be from January 3, 2011-January 3, 2014

A motion was made by Councilmember Shank and seconded by Councilmember Craig to approve the re-appointment of Mr. Ronald Hendrickson to the Tree Commission. Motion carries 6-0. Mr. Hendrickson's term will be from January 3, 2011-January 3, 2014.

A motion was made by Councilmember Shank and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to approve the re-appointment of Mr. Donald Horton to the Tree Commission. Motion carries 6-0
Mr. Horton's term will be from January 3, 2011-January 3, 2014

A motion was made by Councilmember Shank and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to approve the re-appointment of Ms. Angela Prandini to the Tree Commission. Motion carries 6-0
Ms. Prandini's term will be from January 3, 2011-January 3, 2014

A motion was made by Councilmember Shank and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to approve the reappointment of Mr. Tom Vorac to the Tree Commission. Motion carries 6-0.
Mr. Vorac's term will be from January 3, 2011-January 3, 2014

A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Craig to approve the re-appointment of Ms. Deborah Way to the Board of Appeals. Motion carries 6-0.
Ms. Way's term will be from January 3, 2011- January 3, 2014

A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Shank to approve the appointment of Ms. Marsha Jacksteit to full member to the Board of Appeals. Motion carries 6-0. Ms. Jacksteit term will be from January 3, 2011-January 3, 2014

OATH OF OFFICE: NONE

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Marsha Jacksteit: 409 Girard Street; Representative for the Heritage Museums: Ms. Jacksteit is asking for endorsement and support concerning the grant project/War of 1812. Ms. Jacksteit also introduced Heidi Gladfelter, project manger for the grant

Councilmember Craig: Personally thanks Ms. Jacksteit for picking up this important project in the untimely passing of Councilmember Brenda Guldenzopf.

Councilmember Martin: Stated the Mayor and Council support the project.

Councilmember Shank: Introduced Charlie Packard, who is on the Board for the Decoy Museum. Mr. Shank appreciates all the museums and what they are trying to accomplish.

Mayor Dougherty: Reassured Ms. Jacksteit the museums have the support of the Administration and the City. Mayor Dougherty thanked everyone involved in this project Thanked Council President Martin for acting as the liaison between the Heritage Museums and the City.

RESOLUTIONS:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE,
MARYLAND SUPPORT THE HERITAGE MUSEUMS' GRANT PROJECT.**

A motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to introduce Resolution 2011-01. Motion carries 6-0 After the header was read and assigned a number, a motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to adopt Resolution 2011-01. Motion carries 6-0.

ORDINANCES:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXISTING CITY CODE CHAPTER 9 ALARM SYSTEMS BY
ADDING CERTAIN LANGUAGE TO MAKE THE CODE CONSISTENT WITH THE CHARTER AND
THE HARFORD COUNTY CODE.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to introduce Ordinance 923. Motion carries 6-0. Under the question, a motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Shank to remove all smoke detector and CO wording and replace with the following: Motion carries 6-0. The following amendments were read into the record by Councilmember Cullum.

Header –

Remove all language and replace with:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXISTING CITY CODE CHAPTER 9 ALARM SYSTEMS BY
ADDING CERTAIN LANGUAGE TO MAKE THE CODE CONSISTENT WITH THE CITY CHARTER
AND THE HARFORD COUNTY CODE.**

Second Whereas-

Remove the following words: “in addition with being concerned with false alarms, Havre de Grace should required the installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors”. And replace with the following: the City Code should be modified to make it consistent with the City Charter and the County Code.

Title - ALARM SYSTEMS : Add the words: FALSE ALARMS

9-1. Purpose - Remove the following words: DUAL and also “and to set forth the alarm systems required to be in service in certain buildings in the city.”

9-2 Definitions –

ALARM SYSTEM

A. Remove all language and replace with:

An automatic alarm system is one that mechanically or remotely contacts the 911 center to alert an emergency response.

C. Remove all language.

ALARM USER:

Last line remove the words "required and"

FALSE ALARM:

Last line after the word emergency add "and is not deliberate" and in C. change call to signal.

9-3 False Alarms. :

Remove A and B and change to read: Two or more false alarms in the previous 12 month period.

9-4 Municipal infraction for false alarms.

Remove all language and replace with: The municipal infraction penalty for a false alarm violation shall be a fine of \$100.00 for the second false alarm within a 12 month period, \$500.00 for the third false alarm in a 12 month period and \$1,000.00 for each subsequent false alarm in a 12 month period. Funds collected hereunder shall be placed in the general fund of the City.

9-5 Defective alarm systems.

Remove A and B and change to read: two or more false alarms in a period of 12 months.

9-11 Municipal infractions for failure to provide proper notice.

B. Last line: Change \$50.00 to \$100.00 and change \$100.00 to \$200.00.

9-12 Installation and maintenance of alarm systems required.

Remove Title and all language and replace with: New title: **Enforcement.** And the following language: The enforcement of this chapter shall be the same as all other ordinances involving municipal infractions. The enforcement authority granted by this section includes the authority to bring appropriate actions in the District Court of Maryland.

Under the question a motion was made by Councilmember Shank and seconded by Councilmember Miller to amend Section 9-4 of Ordinance 923 by removing the last line and replacing it with the following: all funds collected under this code shall be deposited into a "public safety account" in the city's general fund designated for the purchase of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. These funds will only be used to reimburse the SHCO upon proof of their purchase of these detectors. (This was read into the record by Councilmember Correr) Motion carries 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Shank to adopt Ordinance 923 as amended. Motion carries 6-0.

Council President Martin thanked everyone for their hard work. He understands the importance of a CO ordinance as a stand alone Ordinance. He thanked Councilmember's Cullum and Shank for bring the Ordinance up to date.

Councilmember Craig thanked Council President Martin, fellow Councilmember's and staff for moving forward to provide a clean Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Carol Mathis; Director of Administration:

The City received a letter from Maryland Energy Administration and we have been awarded grant money that will allow the City to purchase heat pumps and boilers for the Community Center.

Mr. Neal Mills; Director of Planning:

Mr. Mills announced the Department of Planning for the City of Havre de Grace will hold a public meeting on Monday, January 31, 2011, at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers located at 711 Pennington Avenue in Havre de Grace. The purpose of this meeting is to review the requirements of Residential Rental Registration and Property Maintenance responsibilities.

Mr. George DeHority; Director of Finance:

Mr. DeHority reported the half year tax roll by comparison of last year we have eighty three properties verses eleven reported at this time last year.

Mr. Larry Parks; Director of Public Works:

Mr. Parks states that Christmas tree pick up will take place with yard waste pick up every Friday through the month of January.

Also, Public Works employees will pick up trees if the trees are on the curb side.

Chief Teresa Walter; Havre de Grace Police Department:

Thanked Mr. Mills and Mr. Parks for the preparation of the previous winter snow.

No increase of crime was noted during the holidays.

Thanked Mayor for the CO detectors he provided.

Business from Mayor Dougherty:

Mayor Dougherty expressed that this is a beautiful time of the year to be thankful.

Mr. Mayor reported the Duck Drop and Fireworks were fantastic and. Especially thanked Mr. Ed Grainger and his volunteers for making this event successful.

Mr. Richard Tome was present at the New Year's celebration.

Mr. Mayor informed Council he has started the budget process and is asking Council to email Carol anything they would like to see in the budget for consideration.

Mayor Dougherty stated there are two openings- one on the Planning Commission and one on the Board of Appeals.

Marina Commission interviews are wrapping up and would like to meet with Council President and Paul Ishak on Monday January 12, 2010 to discuss recommendations.

Business from Council:

Councilmember Shank:

Thanked the Public Works department for picking up his Christmas Tree.

Mr. Shank is requesting the minutes from the Council meetings posted on the website prior to approval.

Mr. Shank would like to see the follow up concerning the HOA paddocks in writing.

Mr. Shank congratulated Clovis and Ramona Bolen who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Shank informed citizens of the many activities at the Activity Community center if citizens are 50 years or older. Classes are held on Friday to instruct members how to use the gym equipment. For more information, please call Teri Glenn.

Mr. Shank wished Councilmember Miller a happy 52nd birthday

Arts by the Bay Gallery will be open on February 4th 7-9pm; Mr. Shank is encouraging citizens to support the local artist

Mr. Shank stated there will be a furniture maker moving to Havre de Grace

Councilmember Corrieri:

Mr. Corrieri reported that a letter was distributed to council regarding the Water and Sewer Commission. A presentation will be made at the January 18th 2011 Council meeting. Thanked everyone on the Commission for their hard work.

Mr. Corrieri congratulated the Bolen's who celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Corrieri wished everyone a happy new year.

Councilmember Miller:

The first public safety meeting for 2011 is scheduled for January 6, 2011; the CO Ordinance will be discussed. Open to public.

Councilmember Cullum:

Mr. Cullum thanked everyone that supported amendments to Ordinance 923.

Mr. Cullum stated the Duck Drop and Fireworks were fantastic.

Mr. Cullum will be attending the County Council meeting to support residential sprinklers.

Councilmember Craig:

Mr. Craig thanked council for moving forward on the false alarm Ordinance and pending CO ordinance.

The Budget and Finance meeting will be scheduled soon and they will be reviewing audit.

Business from Council President Martin:

Council President Martin discussed the timeline for the CO and smoke detector Ordinance. The introduction will take place on 1/18/2011, followed by a public hearing (date to be determined) and possible adoption on 2/7/11. Stated Council is committed to public safety and saving lives.

Mr. Martin stated he enjoyed the fireworks and duck drop.

The first Tuesday night Council meeting will be held on January 18th 2011

Comments from Citizens:

Kevin Racine: Informed the Mayor and Council that the Greyhound Bus is back on Route 40, from New York to Baltimore. He is asking municipalities to flag stops in key areas. Mr. Racine serves on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee and would like to know more about how he can help with the War of 1812 concerning bicycles routes.

Curtis Coon: 412 Granville Ct: Mr. Coon would like to have the agenda items in a more detailed forum, would like to be able to access agenda packet on the City's website.

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Martin to adjourn at 8:27pm. Motion carries 6-0.