



PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 18, 2011

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on July 18, 2011 at 7:00 pm with Mayor Dougherty presiding and the following council members present: Councilmember's Martin, Cullum, Craig, Wagner, Miller and Correr. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Dougherty and the opening prayer was performed by Chaplain Nick McDonald, Upper Chesapeake Medical Center.

A motion was made by Councilmember Correr and seconded by Councilmember Wagner to approve the minutes of July 5, 2011. Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Correr to remove item 10B due to lack of information. Motion carries 6-0.

RECOGNITIONS: None

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Kevin Racine made a presentation of the 2011 System Map for the Maryland Transit Administration. Mr. Racine presented a map of Harford County and the City of Havre de Grace.

PROCLAMATIONS: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

OATH OF OFFICE: None

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Dr. Gunther Hirsch thanked the Mayor, Council and Staff for organizing the dedication of City Hall. Mr. George Wagner (North Union Ave); Feels that the Parking Ordinance and Fines are not being enforced. Feels enforcement is an issue and should be reviewed. Concerned with a two hour parking sign 6pm-8pm across from the Vandiver Inn.

RESOLUTIONS:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CHARTER SECTION 34 AND THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CODE CHAPTER 190 SECTION 190-2B TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT ONE- WAY STREET.

A motion was made by Councilmember Correr and seconded by Council President Martin to introduce Resolution 2011-10; Motion carries 6-0. After the header was read and the rationale of the resolution was explained a motion was made by Councilmember Correr and seconded by Councilmember Miller to adopt Resolution 2011-10; Motion carries 6-0.

ORDINANCES:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND ARTICLE 23A AND HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CODE CHARTER 190 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC SETTING FINES AND PENALTIES FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS.

A motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Correr to introduce Ordinance 933 on first reading; Motion carries 6-0. After the Ordinance was read and assigned a number, a

motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to adopt Ordinance 933 on first reading; Motion carries 6-0. A public hearing is scheduled for August 1, 2011 at p.m.

UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Carol Mathis; Director of Administration:

Ms. Mathis advises the Mayor and Council that group photos are in the near future.

Mr. Neal Mills; Director of Planning:

Mr. Mills updated the building permit summary; 64 new building permits

The construction stimulus package has been utilized for four new dwellings.

The water resource element and municipal growth element constitutes a six year update for the comp plan.

The effort to update is under way.

Mr. George DeHority; Director of Finance:

Mr. DeHority states the incorrect tax file from Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation was received and expects the revised file to come out shortly. The goal is to mail out revised bill asap. The revision to the Homestead Property Tax Credit should result in a reduction on the bill to the ones who were affected.

Mr. Larry Parks; Director of Public Works:

Mr. Parks reminded everyone of the new trash and recycling schedule that takes effect on August 1st 2011

Chief Walter; Havre de Grace Police Department:

Chief Walter stated that August 2, 2011 is National Night Out

The Seafood Festival begins August 12th along with the Charlie Daniels concert.

Business from Mayor Dougherty:

Mayor Dougherty announced that on July 30th, Mcgreogors and Lix invite you to a fundraiser for the HDG Museums located at the Community Center.

Young at Heart meets every Wednesday at the Activity Center at 10 am.

Thanked Planning and Finance for their report.

Gave an update on the projects that are in full swing in the Department of Public Works that include the Opera House, Tydings Park sidewalk, David Craig Park, Engineering on Old Bay Lane and 400 Block of St John Street, Scada valve replacement, Lewis Lane and Land Acquisition and Canvasback Drive.

Business from Council:

Councilmember Wagner:

Councilmember Wagner states tickets for the July 30th fundraiser are available at Vincenti Decoys, One Stop Liquors and McGregors

Green initiatives are growing and WAMD will be promoting and highlighting our downtown business and are now launching a new promotion "morning green minute" that will give tips on how to be green.

Councilmember Correrri:

Mr. Correrri attended the City Hall dedication ceremony for Dr. Gunther Hirsch and would like to recognize him.

The Public Safety Committee met and the Chief will be sending out a report.

Mr. Correrri stated Elkton has raised their water rates 60%

Councilmember Miller:

Councilmember Miller stated the smoke testing is now complete.

Councilmember Cullum:

Mr. Cullum also stated that Elkton raised their water rates 30% last year.

Mr. Cullum advised citizens the County will be raising the tipping fee. The tipping fee does not apply to recycles and encourages everyone to recycle.

Mr. Cullum has asked Mr. VanGilder to look into grant money so the City can purchase recyclable containers for the public.

Councilmember Craig:

The tipping fee is a big expense for the City and recycling will help with the cost reductions

The Finance Committee will be meeting in the next few weeks. A date has not been determined. The finance department is in the process of closing the FY.

Council President Martin:

No comments

Comments from Citizens: None

A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Craig to adjourn at 7:50pm