



PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 13, 2011

The special council meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on June 13, 2011 at 7:06 p.m. with Mayor Dougherty presiding and the following council members present: Councilmember's Martin, Cullum, Craig, Wagner, Miller and Correrri. The reason for the special meeting is to consider a proposed Resolution by Councilmember Cullum concerning the proposed toll increases by the MDTA.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Resolution:

Introduction of a Resolution concerning the opposition of the proposed Hatem Bridge Toll rates
(Councilmember Cullum)

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND, A MARYLAND MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 24 OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION DECLARATION OF RIGHTS AND AMENDMENT V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Craig to introduce Resolution 2011-09. After the header was read and assigned a number, a motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to adopt Resolution 2011-09; motion carries 6-0.

Comments from Mayor and Council:

Councilmember Cullum:

Councilmember Cullum urges everyone to voice their opinion and attend the scheduled public hearings. Councilmember Cullum would like a copy of the signed resolution sent to the Governor and Lt. Governor.

Councilmember Miller:

Councilmember Miller advises citizens to visit the MDTA website and review the budget information.

Mayor Dougherty:

Mayor Dougherty sent a letter to MDTA on behalf of the council and citizens opposing the toll rate increase and has heard back.

Councilmember Wagner:

Councilmember Wagner also urges everyone to speak at the scheduled public hearings. Councilmember Wagner is concerned with the toll increase and how this will greatly impact the lowest paid citizens that live in our community. Councilmember Wagner is advocating for the AVI decals and opposing any toll increase.

Councilmember Correrri:

Councilmember Correrri states the toll increase impacts everyone economically both residents and businesses and it is important for everyone to speak against toll increases.

Councilmember Craig:

Councilmember Craig commented the importance of citizens showing support for the opposition of the tolls. Citizen support is vital; the legislators have made this decision and they need to understand how the citizens feel about this.

Council President Martin:

The council does not take the toll increase lightly. The Mayor and Council will show unity by attending the public hearing on June 16th at the Perryville High School. The Resolution is a product of what the Mayor and Council believe in and the effort will prevail.

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to adjourn at 7:28 p.m.; motion carries 6-0.