



PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 21, 2010

A public hearing for Ordinance 919 was held at 7pm. No comments from the citizens.

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE XI-E OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AND SECTIONS 33 AND 34 OF THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CHARTER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CODE CHAPTER 31 BUILDING CONSTRUCTION ARTICLES I, II, III, IV AND V.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on June 21, 2010 at 7:01 pm with Mayor Wayne H. Dougherty presiding and the following members present: Council President Martin, Councilmember's Cullum, Craig, Shank, and Miller and Guldenzopf. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Dougherty and the opening prayer was performed by Nick McDonald from Upper Chesapeake Hospital.

On motion by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Miller and on six affirmative votes, the minutes of June 7, 2010 were approved.

RECOGNITIONS: Mayor Dougherty presented Firefighter of the month recognitions to Captain Bill Reeder and Firefighter Steve Gamatoria.

PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Dougherty and Council President Martin presented the Maryland Economic Development Association Award to Carol Bruce for the Sawyer Revitalization Project.

PROCLAMATIONS: Mayor Dougherty presented a proclamation was presented to The Lock House members for "Pirate Days" weekend.

Mayor Dougherty presented a proclamation to Bonnie Sullivan Raymond, Author of "The Portal to Forever"

APPOINTMENTS: A motion was made by Councilmember Guldenzopf and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to approve the appointment of John Correrri to the Planning Commission. Motion carries 6-0.

A motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Guldenzopf to approve the reappointment of Frank Roth to the Historic Preservation Commission. Motion carries 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Craig to approve the reappointment of Garrett Lytle to the Water and Sewer Commission. Motion carries 6-0.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Mr. John Correrri and Mr. Garrett Lytle are out of town and will make arrangements to be sworn in at a later time.

Mr. Frank Roth was administered the Oath of Office by Mayor Dougherty.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

RESOLUTIONS: NONE

ORDINANCES:

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL PROJECTION OF ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND PROPOSED EXPENSES FOR THE CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011 BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND ARTICLE 23A AND THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CHARTER SECTION 37

A motion was made by Councilmember Craig and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to introduce Ordinance 918 on second reading. Motion carries 6-0. After the header was read into the record, a motion was made by Councilmember Craig and seconded by Council President Martin to adopt Ordinance 918 on second reading. Motion carries 4-2 with Councilmember's Shank and Miller opposing the motion.

Unfinished/Old Business: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Guldenzopf to approve the Antique Crawl Special Event that will be held August 28, 2010. Motion carries 5-0; Councilmember Shank recused himself from the vote due to his involvement with Mainstreet.

A motion was made by Councilmember Guldenzopf and seconded by Councilmember Shank to approve Laughing Crab Catering License agreement to operate at Hutchins Park. Motion carries 6-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

Carol Mathis- Director of Administration:

"American Spirit" cruise line will be docked at Tidewater on the following dates, July 3rd and July 17th.

Neal Mills- Director of Planning:

Mr. Mills stated he awarded contract for demolition for two properties, 719 Girard Street and 517 S Stokes Street.

Mr. Mills stated the department is active with Code Enforcement and violations.

George DeHority- Director of Finance:

Closing process on contracts for fiscal year and rolling them into next year.

Mr. DeHority is requesting permission to add Citizen's phone number and email address into the system database in case of an emergency.

Larry Parks- Director of Department of Public Works:

The Department of Public Works is preparing for the July 4th events by elevating branches in the area.

Mr. Parks stated an Eagle Scout Program will reseal the tops of 742 posts located on the promenade as part of their volunteer service project.

Chief Teresa Walter- Police Department

Chief Walter reminded everyone that Tydings Park closes at 10:30pm on July 4th, 2010. She is asking parents to pick up their children by 10:30.

Designated streets will be assigned on July 4th for the line up and emergency personnel. Tickets will be issued to those who are in violation.

Chief Walter reminded everyone that open alcoholic containers will not be permitted.

BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR:

"American Spirit" cruise arrived in the City as a last minute change to their original plan. Mayor Dougherty feels proper communication was facilitated to the City as Tourism received the information. Thanked Tidewater Marina for allowing them to dock.

Thanked Council for working diligently on the budget and appreciates their collaboration.

Young at Heart is held at 10 am on Wednesday's at the Activity Center on Lewis Lane.

Mayor Dougherty will not be attending MML and a refund has been issued.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT MARTIN:

Council President Martin thanked Mayor Dougherty, Council and Directors for working on the budget.

Council President Martin stated he will be absent for the July 19th Council Meeting and has asked Councilmember Cullum to act as Council President. No objections from Council.

Council President expressed concerns with many Council meetings that fall on Federal Holidays. Does not feel that this is an efficient way to run City business and would like to review possible changes to the Charter during the admin meetings.

Events in the City that involve non profits: A motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Shank to allow the non-profits and those supporting non-profits with approved special events to put up signs in City right away 21 days prior to their event. The signs must be removed within 48 hours after the event. An amendment to the motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Miller that signs cannot

not exceed six square feet. Motion carries 6-0. Chief Walter will retain the power of authority to remove signs that may obstruct traffic patterns. Motion passes with six affirmative votes.

Council President Martin wished everyone a happy and healthy Fourth of July.

Councilmember Guldenzopf:

Museums in town have applied for several grants and will be able to report of them at the next meeting.

The Maritime Museum has started the team boat school and several active students are building canoes from scratch.

Councilmember Cullum:

Congratulated the Sawyer family and Meghan Simmons for the work they have done downtown.

Councilmember Cullum would like to wish everyone a healthy and happy Fourth of July.

Would like to talk more with Council President about the possibility of changing the Charter regarding Council meetings that fall on Federal Holidays.

Commends Mayor, Council and Directors for their hard work on the budget. Feels that the budget worked out because the City was prepared a head of time.

On behalf of the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenways, June 24th 6-8:30 at the Conowingo Dam Visitors Center, a meeting will be held to discuss and look at ways to have the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway a scenic byway route.

Councilmember Craig:

As Chair of Budget and Finance, reported many items are being reviewed including Budget Amendment Process and Procedure. The Committee is asking they receive a two week notice of any budget amendments.

Also, Councilmember Craig would like to consider and review moving Enterprise funds to a calendar year for approval of rates.

Councilmember Craig is looking forward to discussing objectives and moving forward, The Budget and Finance committee will meet the first and third Wednesday of the month at 1:30 at City Hall.

Councilmember Miller:

The Public Safety meeting will meet July 8th at 5pm at City Hall.

Councilmember Shank:

Councilmember Shank thanked the administration for organizing the MML packet for the upcoming convention.

Councilmember Shank introduced Indy, a new intern that will be assisting Councilmember Shank.

Apologized to the tax payers, believes that Council did not do enough to save the tax payers money.

HDG Mainstreet is excited about the "American Spirit" visiting our City. Councilmember Shank is looking forward to the ship spending more time in our City.

Mainstreet is looking for vendors for the Antique Show in August. The Antique show will be adding the eleven antique stores into the concept.

The Farmers Market is every Saturday morning and is a great event for our town.

July 2nd is the next First Friday, many bands will be performing.

An organizational meeting will take place on July 9th @ 6:30, 226N Union Ave. There will be a discussion about implementing a Historical Society into our City.

The next Parks and Marina meeting will be held Wednesday at 4pm in the Large Conference Room.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Mr. Joe Kochenderfer: Tydings Road; Expressed concerns with the motion that was adopted regarding the signs for non profits. Mr. Kochenderfer stated he was disappointed with the process of which this was done. The public did not have a say and he felt the public was blind sided.

Mrs. Betty Coakley: Expressed the way the budget was addressed was positive.

Mr. Kevin Racine: 900 Erie Street. Reminded everyone the next transit meeting is this Thursday at the Bel Air Library.

Mr. Curtis Coon- Granville Court: Thanked Mayor and Council for diversity and opinion when working through the budget. Mr. Coon complimented the City Council for working together and in unity.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Council President Martin to adjourn 9:02pm