



PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 6, 2011

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on June 6, 2011 at 7:00pm 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 Mayor Wayne Dougherty

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Correr to approve the minutes of May 16, 2011. Motion carries 6-0

RECOGNITIONS:

(Student of the Month Recognitions were presented by Mayor Dougherty)

Havre de Grace Elementary School: Tymia Dixon and Julienne Berdanier

Meadowvale Elementary School: Luke Hahn

Havre de Grace Solo and Ensemble students: Emil Brandau, Robert Bringardner, Adrienne Harris, Kaley Harris, Taylor Glassman, Isaiah Keith, Jeffrey Newton, Delis Mattei- Lopez.

Havre de Grace High School: Anthony Cofrancesco

Recognition for "Distribution System Operator of the Year" was presented to Mr. Jay Shipley.

PRESENTATIONS:

Ms. Mable Cully and Ms. Nancy Bratcher from the American Legion presented "poppy program" to the Mayor and Council.

Ms. Hollee Sifford and Ms. Tina Schaal presented recognition to the Mayor and Council on behalf of the American Cancer Society

Mr. Larry Parks- Director of Public Works: Mr. Parks gave an overview of the Rt 155 and Bayview Drive construction that will be in the near future.

Mr. Patrick Vincenti introduced Mr. C. John Sullivan as Director of Operations for the Decoy Museum. Mr. Vincenti and Mr. Sullivan also presented the Mayor and Council a painting of 1870 carved decoys.

PROCLAMATIONS: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

OATH OF OFFICE: None

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Garrett Lyttle: 308 Miller Ct; Mr. Lyttle supports proposed Ordinance 931

Chief Jeremy Mothershed: HDG Ambulance Corps; 1601 Level Road; Supports the proposed resolution that names the HDG Ambulance Corps as primary EMS in Havre de Grace and Harford County.

Charlie Packard: President of SHCO; supports the proposed resolution that names the fire department as primary fire/rescue service in HDG.

A motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Miller to break for ten minutes. Motion carries 6-0.

The council meeting was reconvened at 8:45 pm with all members of Council present upon roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE MARYLAND MUNICIPAL CORPORATION TO SUPPORT THE SUSQUEHANNA HOSE CO., INC. AS THE PRIMARY FIRE / RESCUE SERVICE IN THE GREATER HAVRE DE GRACE AREA OF HARFORD COUNTY.

A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to introduce Resolution 2011-07; after the header was read and assigned a number, Councilmember Craig explained the rationale of the Resolution. A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to adopt Resolution 2011-07. Motion carries 6-0

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE MARYLAND MUNICIPAL CORPORATION TO SUPPORT THE Havre de Grace Ambulance Corp., Inc. AS THE PRIMARY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE GREATER HAVRE DE GRACE AREA OF HARFORD COUNTY.

A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to adopt Resolution 2011-08; motion carries 6-0. After the header was read and assigned a number, a motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Miller to adopt Resolution 2011-08. Motion carries 6-0

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 931

An Ordinance concerning the water and sewer rates for the fiscal year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012
AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE XI-E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2 OF ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, TITLED "CORPORATIONS – MUNICIPAL," THE ENVIRONMENTAL ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND SECTION 37 OF THE CITY CHARTER, FOR THE PURPOSES OF ENACTING THIS ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CITY WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2012.

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to introduce Ordinance 931 on second reading. Motion carries 6-0; A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Craig to adopt ordinance 931 on second reading; under the question a motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Craig to amend the Ordinance per the recommendations of the water and sewer commission which would exclude meters on dedicated fire service lines from the base fee; motion dies 4-2 with Council President Martin, Councilmembers Cullum, Miller and Wagner opposing the motion.

Under the question, a motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Miller to amend Ordinance 931 and *make 1. C Two sub sections.*

The current language becoming A. and the following language being B.: Any water meter connected to the City Water System that is used solely for the purpose of supplying a Fire Suppression System, regardless of the meter size, shall be charged the base service charge as a 1 inch meter motion carries 5-1 with Councilmember Correrri opposing the motion. On roll call vote, Ordinance 931 as amended is adopted 5-1 with Councilmember Miller opposing.

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 2012 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 Correrri to introduce Ordinance 932 on first reading; Motion carries 6-0. A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Council President Martin to adopt Ordinance 932 on first reading; Motion carries 5-1 with Councilmember Miller opposing. A public hearing is scheduled for June 13 at p.m.

UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to approve the 48th Annual Havre de Grace Art Show sponsored by the Soroptimist International of Havre de Grace. The event will be held on August 19th and 20th 2011 located in Tydings Park. Motion carries 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to approve the Havre de Grace Green Expo; sponsored by HDG Main Street. The event will be held on September 17th 2011 located at Hutchins Park. Councilmembers Wagner and Miller recused themselves due to their involvement with the event. Motion carries 4-0.

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Council President Martin to approve the Havre de Grace Relay for Life sponsored by the American Cancer Society. The event will be held June 10th and 11th at Harris Stadium. Motion carries 6-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Carol Mathis; Director of Administration:
Ms. Mathis read a letter from the State Ethics Commission.

Mr. Neal Mills; Director of Planning:
Mr. Mills gave a building permit update. Two have taken advantage of the Stimulus program.

Mr. George DeHority; Director of Finance:
Mr. DeHority thanked everyone involved with the refunding of bond Ordinances.

Mr. Larry Parks; Director of Public Works:
Mr. Parks reminded everyone about the public input session on June 13th at 6:30.

Chief Walter; Havre de Grace Police Department:
Thanked everyone who participated in the Havre de Grace Police Department Open House.
Chief Walter states the kick off for the Special Olympics will be on June 7th @7:30 beginning at North Park.
Chief Walter has reminded citizens the July 4th festivities will take place on Sunday July 3rd 2011.

Business from Mayor Dougherty:

Mayor Dougherty attended the graduation ceremony at Havre de Grace High School.
Young at Heart meets every Wednesday at 10 am.

Business from Council:

Councilmember Wagner:
Councilmember Wagner has attended many events in the last few weeks that include The Living Flag ceremony at Meadowvale, the Memorial Day Ceremony at Tydings Park and the rally against the toll increase that was coordinated by Senator Nancy Jacobs.
Ms. Wagner announced the public hearing dates concerning the Hatem Bridge toll increase.

Ms. Wagner is on a fact finding mission for green initiatives and would like to move forward in this direction for the future.

Councilmember Correrri:

Councilmember Correrri thanked Mayor Dougherty for the Mayoral Appointments and Council Liaisons.

Mr. Correrri also attended the Memorial Day ceremony at Tydings Park.

Mr. Correrri thanked the Water and Sewer Commission for their hard work and dedication and looks forward to working with them as the Council Liaison.

Councilmember Correrri attended First Fridays and enjoyed the time he spent downtown.

A fundraising event will be held on July 30th at the Community Center to benefit the local museums. Macgregor's and LIX will be sponsoring this event.

Councilmember Miller:

Councilmember Miller urges everyone to attend the public hearing on June 16th and June 27th to attest the Hatem Bridge Toll increase.

The plane that landed on the Hudson River will be traveling down I-95 tomorrow. It is currently in Perryville.

Mr. Miller would like to see Erie Street reopened now that the bridge is open.

Councilmember Cullum:

Councilmember Cullum urges everyone to attend the public hearing on June 16th and June 27th to attest the Hatem Bridge Toll increase.

Councilmember Craig:

Mr. Craig does not support the logic of the toll increases and urges everyone to attend the public hearings.

Councilmember Craig thanked everyone for their support during his surgery and recovery.

Council President Martin:

Council President Martin stated Council will be protesting the toll increase.

Mr. Martin read Committee assignments into the record.

A public hearing will be held on June 13th at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. concerning the proposed budget, a public input session will be held at 6:30 to discuss the route 155 and Bayview construction followed by a special council meeting at 7:00 p.m. to introduce and adopt a resolution opposing the Hatem Bridge Toll increase

Mr. Martin thanked the Police Department for a great open house

Council President attended a successful First Friday on June 3rd as well as a ribbon cutting at the Rampent Lion on St. John Street.

Comments from Citizens:

Kevin Racine- 900 Erie Street:

Mr. Racine would be happy to be the liaison between the local and state government.

Mr. Racine does not support the increase in tolls on the Hatem Bridge.

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to adjourn at 9:56 p.m.