



## PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 7, 2010

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on June 7, 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 Pastor Ed Heydt.

On motion by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Miller and on six affirmative votes, the minutes of May 17, 2010 were approved.

**RECOGNITIONS:** Student of the month recognitions were presented to Meadowvale Elementary School student's Danae Johnson and Timothy Echeverria- Daughton Jr.

**PROCLAMATIONS:** A proclamation was presented to Ms. Frances Scarcille, Author of "A Dreamer's Heart"

**PRESENTATIONS:** Mr. Tom Vincenti of "The Run Abouts" and Mayor Dougherty presented a donation to each of the Museums. The Decoy Museum, The Lock House, Skipjack Martha Lewis, Maritime Museum and Concord Point Lighthouse each received a check totaling \$1, 235.60.

Mayor Dougherty presented a donation on behalf of the Mayor's Ball committee to The Heritage Museums and to Grace Place. Marsha Jacksteit accepted on behalf of the Heritage Museums and Mrs. Wettig accepts on behalf of Grace Place. Each non profit organization received \$5,000. The Boys and Girls Club of Havre de Grace will also receive a \$5,000 donation. These funds were raised at the Third Annual Mayoral Ball.

**APPOINTMENTS:** A motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Miller to approve the appointment of Betty Coakley to the Ethic Commission. Her term will expire June of 2014. Motion carries 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilmember Shank and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to approve the appointment of Kevin Racine to the Street and Traffic Safety Advisory Board. His term will expire June 2013. Motion carries 6-0.

### **OATH OF OFFICE:**

Ms. Betty Coakley is out of town and will make arrangements to be sworn in at a later time.

Mr. Kevin Racine 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 Council President Martin to introduce Ordinance 918 on first reading. Motion carries 6-0. After the header was read into the record and assigned a number, a motion was made by Councilmember Craig and seconded by Councilmember Guldenzopf to adopt Ordinance 918 on first reading. Councilmember Cullum is requesting a list of items that have changed. Motion carries 6-0. A public hearing will be scheduled June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 @6pm and a budget work session will follow.

**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.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Guldenzopf and seconded by Councilmember Craig to introduce Ordinance 919 on first reading. Motion carries 6-0. After the header was read into the record and assigned a number, a motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Council President Martin to adopt Ordinance 919 on first reading. Motion carries 6-0. A public hearing is scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 at 7pm.

Councilmember Craig personally thanked Mr. Neal Mills for his involvement with the 2009 building Code and his assistance with moving this forward.

**New Business:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Craig and seconded by Councilmember Miller to approve the RAD Loan application for Best Choice Driving School LLC. Motion carries 6-0.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**A Mr. Jim Newby- (setting in for Carol Mathis)**

Mr. Newby reports that LGIT renewals are being completed and the finalization of the fiscal year will be complete in the next few weeks.

**B. Mr. Neal Mills- Director of Planning:**

Reports seventy eight permits were issues between January to present date. The trend is increasing on a monthly basis. Also reports revenue of \$624,000 dollars of water fees and \$1,029,600 dollars in sewer fees.

The Planning Department is soliciting bids for two structures that will be demolished; 517 S. Stokes St and 719 Girard St.

**C. Mr. George DeHority- Director of Finance:**

The budget has been finalized in the last few weeks and new budget books were presented this evening.

The 2010 Audit is being completed, auditors are present.

Mr. DeHority is working with Larry Parks and Chief Walter on FEMA reimbursement for February snow storm.

**D. Mr. Larry Parks- Director of Department of Public Works:**

A Transformer unit is being transported on RT. 155 this evening beginning at 7pm.

The Bourbon Street Water line renewal and extension started today. The estimated time for completion is 60 days.

The Franklin Street project is delayed due to BG & E. They will resume on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Waste Water Treatment Plant will have their ribbon cutting on Friday June 11, 2010 at 1pm.

**E. Chief Teresa Walter- Police Department**

Chief Walter reports an increase in theft at the Marina. She encourages citizens to report any suspicious activity.

The first bicycle rodeo was successfully. Thanked the Susquehanna Hose Company, Ambulance Corps, Billards Bikes and Upper Chesapeake Health Link.

The Chief reminded everyone to use caution when driving while school is out.

**BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR:**

Mayor Dougherty commented "Kids Fishing Day" was successful. He thanked Fred and Tara Zellman for organizing this event. Reports the City of Havre de Grace now owns 814 Giles Street. The City purchased this property for \$125,000 as part of the Lilly Run project. Funds from the Critical Area can be used toward this project.

A new budget introduction sheet and budget book was presented this evening.

Code Enforcement is picking up signs that are in violation. Mayor Dougherty suggests that Council look at the sign Ordinance and make this a legislative matter.

Mayor Dougherty stated he met with Mayor Eberhardt and Delegate Rudolph regarding a Hatem Bridge Walk/Ribbon cutting in August of 2011. More details will follow in the near future.

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

Mayor Dougherty announced Mayoral Committee appointments. See memo attached.

A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Craig to approve Mayoral Committee Appointments for 2010-2011. Motion carries 6-0.

Mayor Dougherty commented on the Memorial Day Service. A considerable amount of people were present and he had the distinct honor of introducing Col. Neal Mills as the keynote speaker.

County Executive David Craig was present in the audience at the Council meeting. He presented a portrait to Mayor Dougherty and Chief Walter of James Walker to hang in the Police Department.

**BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

Council President Martin commented that Council is on track with the budget that was presented by Mayor Dougherty. There will be another work session on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 following the public hearing. He would like to discuss final questions and concerns. He asked Council to send him topics of interest so an agenda can be presented.

Council President Martin asked Mr. Parks for an update on Tidewater Drive and Bayview. Mr. Parks stated the Micro seal is complete and has to sit for about two weeks before line stripping is applied.

Councilmember Craig also asked Mr. Parks to explain the variance between the type of material and how the material was applied. Mr. Parks stated this is not paving this is an asphalt application. The application will settle, the material does not compress and the City saved over \$100,000.

Council President read into the record the Havre de Grace City Council Committee Assignments. See attached.

Council President Martin commented on the substantial amount of money that was donated to the non-profits by "The Runabouts".

**BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL:**

**Councilmember Shank-**

Councilmember Shank stated he attended the ribbon cutting at the Best Choice Driving School.

June 28 will be the first Street and Traffic Safety Committee meeting at City Hall.

Congratulated Jennifer Tate for receiving a Drum Major Scholarship

Councilmember Shank met with Jim Ports, Harford County Director of Transit last week. He stated the County will be installing new signs at the bus stops. Mr. Jim Ports appreciates the assistance that he has received from Neal Mills.

On June 18<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, at the Aberdeen Senior Center a discussion on expanding routes in the route 40 corridor will take place.

The next Ellsworth Shank Lecture Series will be Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 2010 at City Hall. This will be a round table discussion. The topics will be "The pros and cons of starting a historical society", "Who was the greatest visitor that came to Havre de Grace" and "Name three business in Havre de Grace that has made a significant impact"

**Councilmember Cullum-**

The Waste Water Treatment Plant ribbon cutting will be held Friday June 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. This project is a 40 million dollar project and encourages citizens to take a tour.

Habitat for Humanity will not be purchasing the homes in Bradford Greens because a settlement was not made in the time frame as stated in our City Charter.

Expressed concerns with the property on Giles Street that the City now owns. Stated he does not want the City to become a rental business.

Maryland Municipal League awarded two scholarships in the Harford-Cecil Chapter, out of the eleven submitted, seven came from Havre de Grace High School.

**Councilmember Craig-**

Councilmember Craig is announced that Goll's Bakery will be celebrating their 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Councilmember Craig stated he is interested in the Mayor's comments for the Hatem Bridge Walk 2011. Would like Council to review current traffic patterns and examine possible changes.

He commented Meadowvale Elementary School has done a commendable job this year recognizing the Student of the Month. Also commends Mrs. Karen Jankowiak for being an aggressive partner with this program.

**Councilmember Miller-**

Councilmember Miller announced the first Public Safety meeting was June 3, 2010. Stated the committee will start re-capping the special events.

Councilmember Miller asked Mr. Parks to examine the trees downtown due to the potential problems that can occur with our vision impaired citizens.

**Councilmember Guldenzopf-**

Thanked the Mayors Ball and "The Runabouts" for supporting the non profit organizations.

Stated free Concerts will be held at Tyding's Park every Friday in the month of June and July.

Councilmember Guldenzopf stated she would like Council to think about long term measures in preserving the Bay and is suggesting a monthly clean up day in the City of Havre de Grace.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

Mr. Chris Schmidt: LaRouche Political Action Committee: Mr. Schmidt would like the Mayor and Council to consider bringing a resolution forward to shut down derivative markets.

Mr. Stevens- represents Best Choice Driving School: Thanked the Mayor and Council for attending their ribbon cutting and supporting their business.

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