



PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 7, 2011

7:00PM

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on March 7, 2011 at 7:00pm with Mayor Dougherty presiding and the following council members present: Councilmember's Martin, Cullum, Craig, Shank, Miller and Corrieri. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Dougherty and the opening prayer was performed by Mayor Dougherty.

A motion was made by Councilmember Corrieri and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to approve the minutes of February 22, 2011. Motion carries 6-0

PRESENTATIONS: A carbon monoxide power point presentation was given by Ms. Carol Mathis.

RECOGNITIONS:

Jack Smith, Havre de Grace Middle School Student was recognized for Student of the Month.

Ian Donovan Jones was recognized for achieving Eagle Scout.

The following Firefighters were recognized for Firefighter of the Month:

Mr. Tom Phelan (December 2010); Captain Bill Reeder, Lieutenant Steve Andrews, Lieutenant Gail Reeder, Firefighter Tom Phelan and Firefighter Rick Sova (December 2010 for life saving efforts); Firefighter Ed Grainger, Captain Ron Caldwell, Firefighters Earl Daugherty, Neil Campbell,, Mike Forgey, Chris Buchanan, Donald Wooten, Tom Phelan and Melvin Wolinski (January 2011, Duck Drop Committee)

VFW AWARDS: (Presented by VFW Post 8126; Commander Russ Levey, and President of the Men's Auxiliary Mark Deal)

Mr. Ed Grainger was recognized as Firefighter of the Year

Mr. Brain Minutoli was recognized as Emergency Medical Technician of the Year.

AED PRESENTATION (Presented by Ms. Kathy Harper and Brenda Desjardin and Chief Hurst)

An AED was presented to the Tidewater Players on behalf of the SHCO and the residents of Bulle Rock

CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR RECOGNITIONS (Presented by Mayor Dougherty and SHCO Chief Hurst and President Packard)

Recognitions were presented to Wal-Mart, Residents of Bulle Rock and Diane Smith for their generous donation and assistance acquiring over 300 carbon monoxide detectors.

APPOINTMENTS: NONE

OATH OF OFFICE: NONE

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL PURSUANT TO CITY CHARTER SECTION 34 SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MAGNET SCHOOL AT HAVRE DE GRACE HIGH SCHOOL AND REQUESTING FACILITY UPGRADES BE MADE.

A motion was made by Councilmember Craig and seconded by Councilmember Shank to introduce Resolution 2011-01. Motion carries 6-0; After the header was read and assigned a number Resolution

2011-01 was read into the record. A motion was made by Councilmember Craig and seconded by Councilmember Miller to adopt Resolution 2011-01. Motion carries 6-0.

Councilmember Craig stated the lack of magnet facilities puts the City at a distinct disadvantage. New members of the communities look at schools when they are moving into the area.

Councilmember Shank thanked Councilmember Craig as the driving force behind this Resolution. Councilmember Shank asked the business community to be involved since this is a critical issue.

ORDINANCES: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Carol Mathis; Director of Administration:

The first public work session to discuss the Parking Study will be held on March 10th, 2011 at 6pm.

Ms. Mathis will add a Susquehanna Hose Company link to the City's website for the acquisition of CO detectors.

Mr. Neal Mills; Director of Planning:

The Quarterly Planners meeting was held last week which was hosted by Havre de Grace. During this meeting the Harford County Masters Plan, Watershed Implementation plan and building activity was discussed. Building permits in the area, Bel Air 0, Aberdeen 5 and Havre de Grace 13 since January 1, 2011.

Ms. Tracy Conaway; Deputy Director of Finance:

No items to report

Mr. Larry Parks; Director of Public Works:

Mr. Parks reported Yard Waste pick up dates are April 1st, 15th, 29th and every Friday after.

Spring clean-up will be held Saturday April 23rd and April 30th from 8-12 at the Community Center

Captain Wayne Young; Havre de Grace Police Department:

Reported increase foot patrol will be present during the Mardi Gras parade and St. Patrick's Day.

The Police Department through a Homeland Security Grant was able to obtain eight radio units that saved the City over \$21,000.

The prescription drug take program will be held on April 30th, the time will be announced

Captain Young urges citizens to call if they witness suspicious activity

Business from Mayor Dougherty:

Mayor Dougherty stated there were many events last week. Many organizations raised a lot of money for good causes.

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

Friday night was the opening night for Tidewater players "Boys Next Door" this will run through March 19th 2011.

Mayor Dougherty reported the City has saved \$35,000 with LGIT.

The Mardi Gras parade will be held tomorrow evening.

Mayor Dougherty has received correspondence from the Water and Sewer Commission regarding the capitol cost recovery fees, annual rate and stimulus rate. He will be responding this week.

Mayor Dougherty thanked the Marina Commission for their recommendation.

Business from Council:

Councilmember Shank:

Tuesday, March 15th is the deadline to file for City Council and Mayor; Mr. Shank stated that he and two others from Bulle Rock took a class to encourage citizens to vote. Mr. Shank and voter applications and City Hall also supplies them. Voters can vote at St. Patrick's Church.

The Decoy Museum is having their Endowment dinner at the Bayou on March 11 2011. Sales and proceeds will go directly to the Decoy Museum. Mr. Shank thanked Pat and Jeanne Vincenti for their dedication. The Decoy Museum is celebrating their 25th anniversary and the Decoy Festival is celebrating their 30th Anniversary.

Mr. Shank reminded Council the Paddocks have seventy one homes and the small community generates \$150,000 in taxes. The Paddocks have requested City services and he is hoping admin committee will take that into consideration while the final resolution is being prepared.

The Street and Traffic Safety Committee made the recommendation to the State have a timed light placed at Lewis Lane to ensure safety. Dave Glenn was also present at the meeting.

The Lockhouse is sponsoring the Ellsworth Shank Lecture Series and David Craig will be the guest speaker and will be held at the Leblanc.

Mr. Shank announced that he will be running for Mayor during this election and will be filing in the morning.

Councilmember Correr:

Mr. Correr was present during a part of the Admin meeting where the Paddocks were discussed.

The Water and Sewer Commission met and forwarded recommendations to the Mayor.

Councilmember Miller:

Councilmember Miller states that County Councilmember Lisanti sends her regrets for not attending the meeting this evening.

Councilmember Miller states that the sponsors for the Triathlon met with the Public Safety Committee and their application will be turned in this week.

Mr. Miller is hoping that the repeal for the rental ordinance will be on the agenda for the next meeting

Mr. Miller read into the record a letter from Chief Mothershed regarding the Ambulance Corps participation at the Independence Day festivities.

Mr. Miller would like the administration to consider purchasing items on a local level.

Mr. Miller would like to review the rest of the Parking Study.

Councilmember Cullum:

Mr. Cullum corrected the misinformation that was reported in the paper regarding the parking study and zoning task force.

The work of the Zoning Task Force presented recommendations to the Planning Commission members and they will begin review.

Councilmember Craig:

Mr. Craig wished his wife Jessica a happy birthday.

Mr. Craig thanked Chief Hurst and the others that contributed to the acquisition of CO detectors

Thanked his colleagues for their support concerning the HHS Resolution; County Councilmember Lisanti has also been a big support

Mr. Craig does intend to file for Council this week; is looking forward to working through the challenges the City faces.

Council President Martin:

Mr. Martin stated Ms. Mathis will be facilitating the Parking Study Work Session; encourages citizens thoughts, concerns and solutions.

Mr. Martin agrees with buying local but would like administration to continue being fiscally responsible and prudent with purchases.

MSA testing is this week and next week; reminded parents to ensure a good night's sleep, a good breakfast and a "pep" talk before they leave for school.

Mr. Martin thanked Chief Hurst for following through on the CO detectors.

Comments from Citizens:

Mr. Kevin Racine- Stated Mr. Hawkins from Greyhound met with him and Mr. Shank concerning Greyhound services coming through Havre de Grace.

Curtis Coon, Granville Court: Supports the Resolution for HHS.

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Council President Martin to adjourn at 9:09pm; Motion carries 6-0.