



**PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 17, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on May 3, 2010 at 7:02 pm with Mayor Wayne H. Dougherty presiding and the following members present: Council President Craig, Councilmember's Cullum, Martin, Shank, and Miller and Guldenzopf. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Dougherty and the opening prayer was performed by Mayor Wayne Dougherty.

On motion by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Craig and on six affirmative votes, the minutes of May 3, 2010 were approved.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**A. Official Election Results:** As required by Charter, Mrs. Nancy Bratcher, member of the Havre de Grace Board of Elections presented official results of the recent election as follows:

**CITY COUNCIL:**

Bill Martin	802
Fred Cullum	554
Jim Miller	510
John Correrri	505
Sharon Duncan	404
Elizabeth Coakley	264

**BALLOT QUESTION:**

Question "A" For: 997 voted yes, against: 159 voted no.  
HDG has 8,094 registered voters and 1,179 votes were cast during this election.

**B. "Did you know awards"** (Mayor Dougherty and Councilmember Miller, Carol Mathis and Larry Parks) Mr. Bay Wettig and Mr. Ron Fears were awarded "Did you know" for outstanding attitude and dedication during winter storms. (Department of Public Works) Councilmember Miller commented on their continuous efforts of these individuals during the winter snow storms.

**C. Havre de Grace High School; Maryland Leadership Workshop;**

Seven students from Havre de Grace High School presented reasons why they would like to attend the Maryland Leadership Workshop and why they are asking for funds to attend. Students that spoke were Jenn Tate, Jillian Larrimore, Emily Caron, Erin Worthington, Alyx McClelland, Madeline Larrimore and Katie Bubb. Personal donations were provided from the Dias by Mayor Dougherty, Councilmember's Shank, Guldenzopf and Miller. Donations can be made to HDG High School Student Government Association.

**D. Meghan Simmons; Community Legacy Program and Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway**

Community Legacy program recap was given. HDG has been awarded 75,000 for HDG Mainstreet and Façade program from The Department of Housing and Community Development Grant. Havre de Grace is one of fourteen projects funded in Maryland out of 167 projects that applied for funding.

Chip Paradis330 Cigar Loop HDG; Chair of Economic Development Advisory Board read a letter into record on behalf of EDAB's support for the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway project. Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway received a \$100,000 grant for the design work and a new gateway into the city of Havre de Grace. Mrs. Simmons commented \$30,000 of the grant will be used for planning and developing a concept while \$70,000 will used for implementation of this project which the Economic Development and Advisory Board supports.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** Mr. Mike Hiob (Former Councilmember of Aberdeen) Mr. Hiob extended his congratulations to the returning Councilmember's.

Mary Martin – Ms. Martin requested a Stop sign at Commerce and Union to aid with safety of parents and children at Tydings Park. Councilmember Shank will discuss this at the next Street and Safety meeting. Ms. Martin also congratulated her brother Bill Martin for his re-election to Council.

**RESOLUTIONS: NONE**

**ORDINANCES:**

**A. Ordinance 916: 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 ENVIRONMENT 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 NO. 916 ESTABLISHING THE CITY WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2010 TO JUNE 30, 2011. (Council President Craig)**

A motion was made by Council President Craig and seconded by Councilmember Martin to introduce Ordinance 916 on second reading. Motion carries 5-1 with Councilmember Cullum opposing the motion. A motion was made by Councilmember Craig and seconded by Councilmember Shank to adopt Ordinance 916. Motion carries 4-2 with Councilmember Cullum and Guldenzopf opposing the motion.

**B. Ordinance 917: AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY PROVIDED BY THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND TAX-PROPERTY ARTICLE TITLE 6 AND THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND ARTICLE 23A, FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2010 TO JUNE 30, 2011 ON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF ASSESSABLE REAL PROPERTY, PERSONAL PROPERTY; AND PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL SPECIAL TAX LEVIED WITHIN THE CRITICAL AREA SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT. (Councilmember Cullum)**

A motion was made by Council President Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Craig to introduce Ordinance 917 on second reading. Motion carries 6-0. A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Martin to adopt Ordinance 917. Motion carries 4-2 with Councilmember Shank and Miller opposing the motion.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**A. Mrs. Carol Mathis- Director of Administration-** Mrs. Mathis reported updated Mayor and Council on Streetscape projects. The Franklin Street Streetscape is underway and we anticipate a signed contract for the five point intersection and Pennington Ave in mid June.

Mrs. Mathis also updated Mayor and Council on the office of Tourism. The office of Tourism has wrapped up the June issue of the Arrive magazine with a two page spread featuring fifteen partners of downtown businesses.

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

Comprehensive Plan mandated by House bill 1141, Municipal Element Growth Plan that needs to be added is circulating internally through the departments for review. Mr. Mills stated this will be completed within the next few weeks. Water Resource Element; anticipates no problems with meeting the States deadline of Oct 1.

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

Renewal of Health Care for upcoming fiscal year is being reviewed.

Mr. DeHority is researching potential unpaid personal property tax businesses.

Many efforts have gone towards answering budget questions from the budget hearings.

**D. Mrs. Donna Geiger- Deputy Director of Department of Public Works**

Remind citizens on Spring Clean up, dates and times, 5/22 and 5/29 from 8-noon at the Community Center.

Erie Street and Locust road project will begin this week.

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

Two new officers joining us

On Sat May 22 9-3pm a Bicycle rodeo in conjunction Upper Chesapeake, Susquehanna Hose Company and Billard's Bike. Bike inspections will take place at the Havre de Grace High School.

**BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR:** Deferred until later in the meeting

**BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

Council President Craig commented how important it is to recognize the young ladies that presented this evening from Havre de Grace High School.

Welcomed Judge Angela Eaves to the Council meeting.

Council President Craig thanked Council for the last year and appreciates their diligence with solving issues.

**BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL:**

**Councilmember Shank-**

Councilmember Shank will attend HDG High School music awards tomorrow night.

Councilmember Shank will participate in a drum band on the corner of Union and Warren sponsored by the Maryland Conservatory of Music. There is a five dollar charge to participate.

Thanked Jim Cameron for serving seven years on Planning Commission.

Thanked the Arts Commission for hosting the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Concert; gave a special thanks to Pat Fair for coordinating this event.

**Councilmember Cullum-**

Councilmember Cullum thanked citizens that supported him and re-elected him back in office; also commented that he is looking forward to moving the City forward. Commented that it has been a pleasure serving on Council.

**Councilmember Martin-** Defer until later in the meeting

**Councilmember Miller-**

Councilmember Miller thanked citizens that supported him and is looking forward to working with the citizens.

Started a list of amendments that need to bring the City Charter current.

**Councilmember Guldenzopf-** Defer until later in the meeting

Mayor Dougherty asked for a motion to Adjourn Sine Die. A motion was made by Council President Craig and seconded by Councilmember Martin to adjourn Sine Die. Motion carries 6-0.

**OATH OF OFFICE:** At this time, the Oath of Office was administered by the Honorable Angela Eaves to the newly elected Councilmember's- William Thomas Napier Martin X, Fred H. Cullum and James P. Miller

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and new City Council was called to order on May 17<sup>th</sup> 2010 at approximately 8:17pm with Mayor Wayne H. Dougherty presiding and the following members present: Council President Craig, Councilmember's Shank, Guldenzopf, Cullum, Martin and Miller.

**CLOSED SESSION:** In accordance with Section 10-508 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, The Havre de Grace City Council met in closed session. The purpose of the closed session is to select a Council President. A Motion was made by Council President Craig and seconded by Councilmember Martin to dismiss into closed session. Motion voted on and approved 6-0.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dougherty called the meeting back to order at 10:17pm. A roll call was taken with Mayor Wayne Dougherty presiding and the following members present: Council President Craig, Councilmember's Shank, Guldenzopf, Cullum, Martin and Miller.

**MOTION FOR ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Guldenzopf to nominate Councilmember Bill Martin as Council President. Motion voted on and passed 6-0 by roll call. Mayor Dougherty congratulated Council President Martin on his presidency. Mayor Dougherty also thanked Councilmember Craig for his term as Council President.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS:**

**Ordinances: (none)**

**Resolutions: (none)**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Guldenzopf and seconded by Councilmember Miller to replacing existing chain link fence; 634 Ontario Street; located in Ontario Street right- of- way motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Councilmember Guldenzopf and seconded by Cullum to replace pre existing red canopy; will extend into St. John Street right of way approximately 30 inches.;321 St. John Street; Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Councilmember Guldenzopf and seconded by Councilmember Miller to place a new handicap ramp and new full width porch roof; 325 N. Union; both structures will be in Union Ave City right of way. Motion carries 6-0

**BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR:**

Mayor Dougherty stated that this month has been an extremely busy month for Mayor and Council. The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra was successful because of the hard work of the Arts Commission.

Attended a Fourth of July Fundraiser at Vandiver Inn. This fundraiser was successful and thanked John and Susan Muldoon and Mrs. Carolyn Narvall.

Through Mainstreet, Shalon organized a successful fundraiser for Christmas decorations.

Attended a reunion of 1960's band of "The Runabouts"; they played at the community center and raised money for The Heritage Museums. Over 500 spectators were present.

Wednesday's at 10am Young at heart at the Community Activity Center on Lewis Lane.

Looking forward to working with Council President Martin.

**BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL:**

**Council President Martin:**

Council President Martin commented that he had a fun time at "The Runabouts" reunion. Also commented that this event was a reflection of the memories and heritage the Havre de Grace has.

Council will be voting on the budget in June and asked the Council to be prepared.

**Councilmember Miller:**

Thanked everyone that he has served with on committees in the last year. Thanked Larry, Donna, Bill, and Neal, Jay and Steve Young. He stated he is looking forward to getting back to work.

Councilmember Miller donated \$50 to the HDG High School students for the MD Leadership Conference.

**Councilmember Cullum:**

Councilmember Cullum congratulated Council President Martin and he is looking forward to a productive year.

Councilmember Cullum thanked Arts Commission for organizing the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra event in Havre de Grace.

Councilmember Cullum commented on the Joe k Trail and apologized for missing the ribbon cutting.

**Councilmember Shank- deferred:** See comments earlier in the meeting.

**Councilmember Guldenzopf:**

Councilmember Guldenzopf congratulated to newly elected members

Councilmember Guldenzopf pledged \$50.00 for the Maryland Leadership Conference

Also commented on the success of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra event organized by the Arts Commission.

Comprehensive Zoning Review Committee will meet Tuesday at 7pm in the Council chambers

**Councilmember Craig:**

Councilmember Craig congratulated Council President Martin  
Thanked Councilmember Mitch Shank and Carol Mathis for working on the special events application  
Personally thanked Paul Ishak for working diligently on the ADMIN committee and dealing with some challenging issues.  
Councilmember Craig commended the Arts Commission for organizing the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.  
Stated "The Runabouts" concert was a success and was a great cause. Many of the spectators were citizens of Havre de Grace  
Councilmember Craig would like to be aggressive about Auxiliary police in the next year.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

Mr. Kochenderfer: Commented on the Joe K/North Park elevated walkway. Great amount of work was completed from start to finish. Mr. K would like to give a special thanks to Jim Newby for working closely with him during the building of the elevated walkway.

Mr. K also commented on the concepts of connecting the Joe K/ North Park Trail to the Lockhouse with the Water Veil Bridge.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to adjourn. 10:45pm