

# PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 15, 2010

City of Havre de Grace, Maryland

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on March 15, 2010 at 7:00 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 Pastor Ron Smith of the First Baptist Church in Havre de Grace.

On motion by Councilmember Martin and seconded by Councilmember Shank and on six affirmative votes, the minutes of March 1, 2010 were approved.

## RECOGNITIONS: (Presented by Mayor Dougherty)

Recognition was presented to Kevin Racine for his re-appointment to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee by Governor Martin O' Malley.

## PRESENTATIONS:

- A. "Did You Know" award was presented to Marisa Willis, Department of Planning.
- B. Sue Jacobs spoke and encouraged walkers and runners to join the "Women's 5 K by the Bay event on April 25, 2010"

## PROCLAMATIONS: (Presented by Mayor Dougherty)

A Proclamation was presented to the Boys and Girls Club for "National Boys and Girls Club Week"

APPOINTMENTS: None

OATH OF OFFICE: None

## COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Chad Packard, 1601 Level Road, Havre de Grace: Mr. Packard is the President of the Ambulance Corps. He thanked the Mayor and City Council for the consideration for \$12,500. He feels these additional funds will assist the Ambulance Corps as they continue to serve citizens.

Charles Packard Sr., 712 Shawnee Brook Drive, Havre de Grace: Mr. Packard is the President of the Susquehanna Hose Company. He thanked the Mayor and City Council for the consideration of the additional funds. Mr. Packard also informed the Mayor and Council that ISO will be in Havre de Grace on Friday and they will rank the Fire Company and City.

Mayor Dougherty thanked Mr. Packard Sr. and Chief Scott Hurst for arranging the ISO report and investigation.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**CHARTER RESOLUTION NO. 272: AN AMENDMENT OF CITY CHARTER SECTION 5 ALTERING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF CITY VOTERS TO MAKE THE CITY CHARTER CONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW REGARDING REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.**

A motion was made by Council President Craig and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to introduce Charter Resolution 272. After the header was read and assigned a number, a motion was made by Council President Craig and seconded by Councilmember Shank to adopt Charter Resolution 272. Motion carries 6-0.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Guldenzopf to introduce Budget Amendment Request 2010-09. After Councilmember Cullum read and explained the rationale of Budget Amendment 2010-09, the motion was passed on a roll call vote, motion carries 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Miller to introduce Budget Amendment Request 2010-10. After Councilmember Cullum read and explained the rationale of Budget Amendment 2010-10, the motion was passed on a roll call vote, motion carries 6-0.

**BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR:**

**Directors Reports:**

**Mrs. Carol Mathis- Director of Administration;**

**March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 @ 5pm will be the last day to file for City Council.**

**A proposal was sent to Dutch Ruppertsburger's office for a grant to pay for Old Bay Lane.**

**Maryland Department of Energy has granted us \$75,000. We will be working with them to develop a project.**

**Community Legacy Funding Grant (State) will be used for the following projects. Franklin Street Streetscape, 5 points pedestrian walkways, 300 and 400 Block Pennington Ave. Streetscape, Retail Market Study, Façade Improvement Program.**

**Community Development Block Grant (Federal) will be used for the following projects. Repaving of Girard and Revolution Street and the Opera House Elevator.**

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

**Reported since March 1, 2010, a total of 20 permits have been processed in the Planning Department.**

**The Home Owners Association documents for Greenway have been approved.**

**The site development plans are under review for St. Johns Commons, the Dollar Tree at Harbor Place and Firehouse #3.**

**George DeHority- Director of Finance-**

**Reported the preliminary budget is complete.**

**Mr. DeHority is the process of reviewing the winter storms and looking for maximum return.**

**The departments are reviewing a new IT plan**

**If Citizens have not paid Real Property Taxes, the tax sale process will begin. An eighty dollar fee will start April 1, 2010.**

**Mayor Dougherty stated he is still waiting for the Resolution from the White House regarding the February Storms.**

**Larry Parks- Director of DPW-**

**Stated "Spring clean up" is scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at the community center. Must be a HDG citizen with proof of resident. No hazardous waste permitted.**

**The City will be conducting hydrant flushing throughout it distribution system. The flushing will begin on April 11<sup>th</sup> and continue for 90 days there after.**

**On March 22, 2010, the Stop sign at Bulle Rock Parkway and Chapel Road will be removed.**

**ISO has requested information from the City for there inspection.**

**DPW will be replacing a water/sewer line on Bloomsbury Ave and Erie and Locust Rd removing storm drain that is connected to our sewer line. DPW is also replacing man holes.**

**The construction of 1200 block of Lewis Lane will begin in a few months.**

**Paving will begin in Bayview Estates in about one month.**

**Chief Walter-**

**Chief Walter reports there have been boats broken in to encourage everyone to check their boat. If someone finds belongings have been stolen, they are to call the Police Department immediately.**

**Chief Walter thanked Paul Ishak and Chad Packard for the in service training. She also thanked the Hose Company for assisting with the possible burglary on Washington Street. They were able to use there equipment to assist.**

**The Chief reminded citizens during warmer weather that more people are out and to use caution.**

**Wednesday is St. Patrick's Day, Nationally this has become a more dangerous holiday with an increasing amount of drunken driving accidents. The Chief has asked citizens to call 911 or HDG police department to report drunk driving.**

**HDG Police Department will increase foot patrol and car patrol on St. Patrick's Day.**

**Mayors Report:**

**The Mayor called on Major Van Gilder to update the Council on the Lilly Run Project.**

**Major Van Gilder reported that he had been working with Mr. Miller to obtain the approval from Harford County Schools and to obtain the appropriate signatures to submit the Joint Federal/State Application for the Alteration of Any Floodplain, Waterway, Tidal or Non-tidal Wetland in Maryland. Mr. Brown from Harford County Schools signed this application on March 10, 2010. The final signature necessary to submit this necessary permit application had to be from the City of Havre de Grace. The Mayor signed the application, which is to be submitted to the URS Corporation (Lilly Run Project Engineers) for submission to the Department of the Environment on March 16, 2010. The Mayor thanked Major van Gilder and Mr. Miller for their work on Lilly Run.**

Mayor Dougherty announced "Young at Heart" meets on Wednesday's membership is open. Friday night the Mayor attended the Endowment Dinner at the Bayou and was presented a plaque.

#### **BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

##### **Council President Craig:**

There will be three RB Zoning Ordinances that will be placed in the read file; they include the Definitions, Permitted Uses and Adult Entertainment. The plan is to have these Ordinances on the April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Council Agenda.

Council President Craig thanked Chad Packard and Charlie Packard for the comments made this evening. He stated he agrees with many of the comments made and the annual expenses should be thoroughly evaluated.

##### **Councilmember Cullum:**

The next Water and Sewer Commission meeting will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 3pm. The Commission will be taking a tour of the Water Treatment Plant.

He announced that he is glad to see the Lilly Run project progressing.

##### **Councilmember Martin:**

Councilmember Martin stated he was glad to vote for the Budget Amendment and to see the line added item to assist the Opera House. Stated it seems the volunteer organizations come forward each year and Council needs to talk to the organizations and see what the future costs are.

##### **Councilmember Miller:**

Councilmember Miller stated a DPW meeting was held a few weeks ago. Stated he had no further comments since Larry covered everything.

##### **Councilmember Guldenzopf:**

Councilmember Guldenzopf encourages everyone to clean their storm drains.

Announced the next Planning meeting will be held Friday at 2pm.

The next Zoning Review Committee will be held tomorrow and will discuss the Historic Preservation guidelines.

Stated she has been working on Park Service Grants for the Museums.

##### **Councilmember Shank:**

Councilmember Shank reminded Citizens that dogs are not permitted on the promenade.

Complimented Meghan Simmons with her work on the Community Legacy Grants, stated that HDG was complimented on how they use there money.

Stated he and Diana Brommell testified in Annapolis on behalf of MainStreet.

On April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 @2pm, a re grand opening of the Lockhouse will take place. On Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, membership annual meeting for the Decoy Museum will take place.

On April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 the Liquor Control Board will present to non profits, how to obtain a one day Liquor License. Citizens are welcome to attend.

#### **Comments from the Citizens:**

**Cindy Beane, 121 N. Union Ave: Thanked the Mayor and City Council for their continued support.**

**Also, thanked the Mayor and City Council for the approval of the Bull and Oyster Request, however is with drawing the request.**

**Barbara Wagner, President of HDG Mainstreet: Personally thanks the Mayor for the additional signs that were installed that directs visitors.**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Martin to adjourn at 9:37 pm.**