



Public Hearing called to order at 7:00 pm on December 19 2011.

Resolution 2011-18 as amended

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND CHARTER SECTION 34 OF THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CHARTER INDICATING SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SUSTAINABLE MARYLAND MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.

Councilmember Wagner read into the record comments from Mr. Gary Davis supporting Resolution 2011-18.

Mr. Chuck Maslin: 100 S. Washington St: Mr. Maslin is concerned with several areas of the current resolution and feels that Resolution 2011-18 is irresponsible and contradictory.

Mr. Bill Watson: 712 Giles St: Mr. Watson is concerned with the legislation and does not feel it is necessary for the City to participate in a voluntary program.

Ms. Nettie Owens: Feels that exploring green initiatives is important to moving forward.

Mr. Chuck Miller: 5 S Main Street: Mr. Miller supports Resolution 2011-18 and feels a lot of opportunities for the City will arise with the adoption of this resolution.

Mr. Tom Fitzpatrick: 704 S. Union Ave: Mr. Fitzpatrick supports Resolution 2011-18 and does not feel this resolution is a risk.

Mr. Walter Billard: Billard's Bikes: Mr. Billard states green initiatives with allow for additional funding for education.

Mayor Dougherty read his email response to Mr. Gary Davis and Ms. Becky Fitzgerald

Ms. Wagner read Ms. Ellie Mentzer and Amber Woods email supporting Resolution 2011-18 and green initiatives.

Councilmember Cullum: States he feels it's in the best interest of the City to move forward with resolution 2011-18.

Councilmember Craig: Councilmember Craig thanked Councilmember Wagner and the citizens for coming forward to voice their opinions. Councilmember Craig stated he supports green initiatives and supports the City going green however the program is incomplete and would like to review further in detail the program offered by the State of Maryland.

Councilmember Martin: Thanked the citizens and council for comments and will wait to hear from Councilmember Wagner and how she would like to proceed with this resolution.

The Public hearing was closed at 8:11 pm and Council President Martin requested a ten minute recess.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on December 19, 2011 at 8:25 p.m. with Mayor Dougherty presiding and the following council members present: Councilmember's Martin, Cullum, Craig, Wagner, Miller and Correrri. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Dougherty and the opening prayer was performed by Council President Martin.

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to approve the minutes of December 5, 2011 as amended. Motion carries. 6-0

Recognitions: (Presented by Mayor Dougherty, Councilmember Correrri and Chief Walter)

PFC Jonathan Sova was recognized for being a Drug Recognition Expert

PFC Aaron Sandruck (not present) was verbally recognized for being a Drug Recognition Expert

Proclamations: None

Presentations:

On behalf of the Water and Sewer Commission, Mr. Garrett Lyttle presented the Annual Report on the State of the 9-Fund Executive Summaries.

Mayor Dougherty requested a meeting with the Commission in the next few weeks.

Appointments: None

Oath of Office: None

Comments from Citizens on Agenda Items: None

Resolutions:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 34 OF THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CHARTER APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INSURANCE TRUST AGREEMENT.

A motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to introduce Resolution 2011-19; motion carries 6-0. After the header was read and assigned a number and the rationale of the resolution was explained a motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to adopt Resolution 2011-19; Motion carries 6-0 by roll call vote.

Ordinances:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, TITLE 5 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 34 OF THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CHARTER RESCINDING THE CURRENT FOREST CONSERVATION CODE IN CHAPTER 81 OF THE CITY CODE AND REPLACING IT IN ITS ENTIRETY.

A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to introduce Ordinance 935 on first reading; motion carries 6-0. After the header was read and the rationale of the Ordinance was explained a motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Wagner to table this Ordinance and allow the planning committee to review; motion dies 3-3 with Councilmember's Martin, Craig and Correrri opposing the motion.

A motion was made by Councilmember Craig and seconded by Councilmember Martin to adopt Ordinance 935 on first reading; motion carries 6-0 by roll call vote.

A public hearing has been scheduled for January 3 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Unfinished/Old Business: None

New Business: None

Directors Report:

Carol Mathis: (Director of Administration)

Ms. Mathis reports the City's website will be ready by the end of January.

Mr. Neal Mills: (Director of Planning)

Mr. Mills extended a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the Mayor, Council and citizens.

Mr. George DeHority: (Director of Finance)

Mr. DeHority stated he was notified by the MD department of State and Assessment and the ½ year report on all new properties have been delayed. February 1st will be the billing cycle for tax bills.

Mr. Bill Reeder: (Deputy Director of Public Works)

Mr. Reeder gave an update on the following projects: Giles Street water main, Canvasback back drive, Gerry Foster Way and the Crosswalk located at Canvasback.

Chief Teresa Walter (Police Department)

Chief Walter thanked the Mayor and Council for recognizing the officers tonight.

Increased patrol will be in the community during the holidays.

Business from the Mayor:

Mayor Dougherty wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and Happy New Year.

On January 9th 2012 David Craig will be launching the new bus route connecting Harford and Cecil County together. This will take place at David Craig Park.

Councilmember Cullum:

Councilmember Cullum congratulates the PFC's that were recognized this evening.

Councilmember Cullum wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilmember Wagner:

Councilmember Wagner informed the Mayor and Council of the passing of Mr. Dwayne Henry and she sends her condolences to Mr. Dwayne Henry's family.

Ms. Wagner wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Councilmember Correrri:

Councilmember Correrri also sends his condolences to Dwayne Henry's family.

Mr. Correrri recognized the hard work of the members of the Water and Sewer Commission.

Mr. Correrri also recognizes all the employees' and states it has been a pleasure to work with each of them.

Councilmember Miller:

Councilmember Miller wishes everyone a Merry Christmas

Mr. Miller also extends his condolences to the Henry Family.

The Planning Committee will meet on 12/20/11 and is asking that Neal bring the committee up to speed on proposed annexations.

Mr. Miller feels that the decision to paint the Opera House should have included the entire Council.

Councilmember Craig:

Mr. Craig thanked all employees for their hard work and wishes everyone Merry Christmas

Council President Martin:

Council President Martin thanked all members of the Lock House for working on the Candlelight Tour.

Mr. Martin thanked the Water and Sewer Commission for their hard work.

Mr. Martin asked everyone to keep our troops in their thoughts around the holiday season and extended a Merry Christmas to everyone.

Comments from the Citizens:

Mr. Charlie Vasilakis; 974 Chesapeake Dr. Thanked everyone that supported the Candle light tour and made it successful. The Lockhouse made \$18,000.

Mr. Glenn; Lewis Lane: Thanked everyone who attended the fundraiser for Karen Green.

Mr. Jeff Carhart: Mr. Carhart referred to an article regarding DuClaw Brewery that may move into the industrial park.

Mr. Kevin Racine; 900 Erie St; Mr. Racine stated that he has been selected to serve at a National level with transit and will not be attending Council meetings.

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Craig to adjourn at 9:44 pm Motion carries 6-0