



## COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

June 6 2016

7:00 p.m.

### 1. Call to Order

- a. Time: 1908
- b. NOTE:
  - i. No audio due to technical difficulties.
  - ii. HCN Departed prior to the meeting due to lack of audio.

### 2. Roll Call -

- a. Mayor Martin
- b. CP Gamatoria
- c. CM Craig
- d. CM Worrell
- e. CM Martin
- f. CM Glenn
- g. CM Hitchings
- h. Patrick Sypolt
- i. Paul Ishak
- j. Chief Walter
- k. George DeHority
- l. Jay Bautz

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

### 4. Opening Prayer:

- a. Pastor Bo Van Dyke; Christ the King Church

### 5. Approval of the Minutes:

- a. Friendly Amendment: Remove Items
  - i. 15.c. - Food Forest MOU
  - ii. 19.a. - Motion to enter into closed session
    1. Supported without objection from Council.
- b. Council Meeting Minutes- May 16, 2016
  - i. Motion to Accept: CM Hitchings
  - ii. 2nd: Glenn
  - iii. Question/Discussion:
  - iv. Vote: 6-0 Approved

### 6. Recognitions: (Presented by Mayor Martin)

- a. Student of the Month Recognitions
  - i. Havre de Grace Elementary School: Nina Armstrong (5th Grade)
    1. Matriculating 5th grader.
    2. Moved her administrator to tears.

3. Noted for her hard work, and how she makes it look easy.
4. Lots of support in the audience.
- ii. Havre de Grace Middle School: Coniah Zoogah (7th Grade)
  1. Very kind and laudable words.
  2. Great student, great accomplishments. Great words.
- b. B. Mr. Garrett Lyttle:
  - i. Accompanied by Ms. Doris Lyttle
  - ii. CP Gamatoria joined Mayor Martin in the well.
  - iii. Overview of Mr. Lyttle's history
    1. Councilman 2006-2008
    2. W&S Commission - Inception to Present
    3. Independence Day Committee since 2007
  - iv. CP Gamatoria Comments
    1. Helped found the W&S Commission
    2. Served on the RAD Loan Committee since inception.
  - v. Comments by Past Councilman Lyttle
    1. Overview of his time on W&S Commission
      - a. Mayor & City Council = Brain of W&S
      - b. DPW and Staff = Body & Heart of W&S
      - c. W&S Commission = Conscience of W&S
  - vi. Accompanied by Joe K and Dr. W. Russell.
  - vii. G Lyttle: Noted that the current administration has done more for the water system in HdG than any other administration in recent history.
  - viii. Mayor Martin read the proclamation.
    1. Presented with proclamation
    2. Presented with City Flag
    3. Presented with Challenge Coin

**7. Proclamations:** None

**8. Presentations:** None

**9. Appointments:** None

**10. Oath of Office:** None

**11. Comments from Citizens on Agenda Items:**

- a. Kirk Smith, HdG Green Team, 120 S. Washington Street
  - i. Sustainable Maryland resolution (item 12.a.).
  - ii. Supporting the resolution is supportive of the residents, children, and all citizens of Havre de Grace.
  - iii. Commissions exist for nearly all other groups and priorities.
  - iv. Sustainable Maryland is the way to go to ensure we stay on the right path for our residents.
- b. Mildred Morris, 101 Snowchief Drive
  - i. First time at a City Council meeting, only second time in the building.
  - ii. Honored by the recognitions of the students, inspiration to the young residents of the community.
  - iii. Pledges herself to come out to more meetings and learn more.
  - iv. Tonight was part of a class she is participating in at UMUC and will share the great stories with her class.

**12. Resolutions:**

- a. Motion: CW Worrell: Motion to introduce for First Reading- **A Resolution concerning Sustainable Maryland (Council Member Worrell)**
  - i.
    1. 2nd: CM Martin
    2. Question/Discussion:
    3. Vote: 6-0 Approved
  - ii. Resolution 2016-07:A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE 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
  - iii. Motion to Adopt Under First Reading: CM Glenn
    1. 2nd: CM Worrell
    2. Question/Discussion:
      - a. CM Worrell - three amendments:
        - i. 2nd Whereas: After "create", add "or endorse an existing"
        - ii. 5th Whereas: scratch "several: and replace with "at least two"
        - iii. Under Now Therefore, Item #3, Omit and replace with:
          1. The City of Havre de grace will support the existing Havre de Grace Green Team, an independent 501(c)(3) organization, that has been operating successfully since 2012.
        - iv. CM Craig: Clarification - restate the 5th Whereas
        - v. CP Gamatoria
        - vi. Question:
        - vii. Vote (on all three amendments at once): 6-0 Approved
      - b. Comments from CM Worrell (get her notes)
      - c. Question from Counsel P. Ishak - There is a Council Liaison (CM Worrell) as part of the requirements.
      - d. Comments from CM Worrell: City Employment Liaison - Director of Administration - P. Sypolt.
      - e. Amendment: Now Therefore, item #2
        - i. Motion: ...and appoint a City Council Liaison, by the Mayor
        - ii. 2nd: CM Craig
        - iii. Question:
          1. CM Craig - appointment
          2. Ishak: with approval by the City Council
        - iv. Vote: 6-0 Approved
      - f. CM Craig:
        - i. Appreciates the HdG Green Team with their work and initiatives for our City and initiatives.
        - ii. A resolution like this is like merit badge collection rather than results. An opportunity to show thanks for an organization.
        - iii. Since we're not under obligation to expend funds, what is the point?

- iv. Sustainable Maryland certification program has already established that there are additional steps required to maintain certification.
  - v. In the future, grants may be available from the State.
  - vi. Would rather seek actions from the State:
    - 1. Reduction of Gas Tax
    - 2. Support of our Law Enforcement officers through state funding.
  - vii. Priority should be placed on sustainable programs such as a greater and sustainable Water & WW Fund (Fund 9).
  - viii. These are important, but more of a "Feel-good" initiative.
  - ix. Feels that it will only increase some press.
  - x. Plans to vote no, but will vote yes for future actions that provide substantive action.
- g. CM Worrell - thanks CM Craig for his comments, reflecting on details from a discussion a year ago. He advised that the program needed to have teeth and bite.
- i. Sustainable Maryland will provide us with more credence when applying for funds (provides us with the +1 factor).
  - ii. She likes the program for the fact that it recognizes and rewards every day work that is done.
  - iii. Going through the meat & potatoes of the program - you have to meet two initiatives and garner 150 points in their ranking program.
  - iv. Green initiatives met are there due to dedication from the Citizens of Havre de Grace.
  - v. Probably would not have looked as hard at this if not for his inspiration

3. Vote: Roll Call

- a. CM Glenn - Yes
- b. CM Craig - No
- c. CM Martin - Yes
- d. CW Worrell - Yes
- e. CM Hitchings - Yes
- f. CP Gamatoria - Yes

**13. Ordinances:**

- a. **Motion to Introduce on First Reading: CP Gamatoria - An Ordinance concerning the Budget FY 16-17; First Reading (Council President Gamatoria)**
  - i. 2nd: CM Craig
  - ii. Question/Discussion:
  - iii. Vote: 6-0 Approved.
  - iv. Ordinance 982 - AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 37 OF THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CHARTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING THE CITY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017, BY DESIGNATING THE ANNUAL PROJECTION OF ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND PROPOSED AUTHORIZED EXPENSES FOR THE CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017.
  - v. Motion to Accept Under First Reading: CP Gamatoria
    - 1. 2nd: CM Glenn

2. Question/Discussion:
  - a. CP Gamatoria -
    - i. Option 1: Monday, 13 Jun 2016, Open Work Session
    - ii. Option 2: Introduce amendments at 2nd Reading.
  - b. CM Craig - his intention to propose amendments at 2nd reading after the public hearing, no Open Work Session Necessary.
3. Vote: Roll Call
  - a. CM Craig - Yes
  - b. CM Martin - Yes
  - c. CM Worrell - Yes
  - d. CM Hitchings - Yes
  - e. CP Gamatoria - Yes
  - f. CM Glenn - Yes
4. Public Hearing: Monday, 13 Jun 2016, 6PM.

**14. Old Business: None**

**15. New Business:**

**a. Special Events**

- i. Blessings by the Bay: August 7, 2016- Hutchins Park (Mr. Sypolt)
  1. Motion to Accept: CM Worrell
  2. 2nd: CM Martin
  3. Question/Discussion:
    - a. CM Worrell - No DPW Costs? She thought there was some trash cleanup included that would render DPW cost. Please confirm.
      - i. P. Sypolt will validate.
  4. Vote: 6-0 Approved

**b. License Agreement**

- i. Permeable Driveway at 728 Water Street (Council Member Hitchings)
  1. Motion to Accept: CM Hitchings
  2. 2nd: CW
  3. Question/Discussion:
    - a. Comments by M. Hitchings
  4. Vote: 6-0 Approved.

**c. ~~Food Forest MOU (Council Member Worrell)~~**

- i. ~~Withdrawn by friendly amendment. (See Item 5.a.i above)~~
- ii. ~~Motion to Accept:~~
- iii. ~~2nd:~~
- iv. ~~Question/Discussion:~~
- v. ~~Vote:~~

**16. Directors Report:**

- a. Mr. Patrick Sypolt: Director of Administration
  - i. Thursday Night Live - Great success. Thanks to all that made it such a great success.
  - ii. Friday, 10 Jun 2016 - Pirate Pub Crawl
  - iii. Saturday, 10 Jun 2016 - Pirate 5K (AM), Gala (PM)
  - iv. BUdget Work Session
  - v. HdG Library - Grand Opening, 15 Jun 2016
  - vi. Summer Concert Series - 10 Jun 2016 - Bluegrass, 17 Jun 2016 - Calypo
  - vii. Thursday Night Live - Re-Live the Beatles, 23 Jun 2016.
  - viii. Wed, 22 Jun 2016, 7PM - St. John's Church - forum on addiction, Heroin.

- ix. Susquehanna Lodge #130 AF&AM - Tuesday, 28 Jun 2016; Blood Drive. Can reserve ahead of time.
- b. Mr. Neal Mills: Director of Planning - Jay Bautz providing comments
  - i. Good News
    - 1. Jan - Jun 2015: 11 Building Permits
    - 2. Jan - Jun 2016: 32 Building Permits
      - a. ~20 in the past three weeks.
- c. Mr. George DeHority: Director of Finance
  - i. 3.5 weeks left in FY16. Year is reaching the end of the coffers as we are typically front loaded. No shortfalls anticipated through the end of the FY.
- d. Mr. Tim Whittie: Director of Public Works
  - i. Lafayette Trail being redone. Blue line being replaced with medallions 10-14 Jun 2016.
  - ii. Advertised four (4) projects in MS4 program
    - 1. Concord Point pond retrofit
    - 2. David Craig Park - microscale practice
    - 3. Frank J. Hutchins Park - hydrodynamic structure
    - 4. Parking lot behind WTP - microscale practice
  - iii. Consumer Confidence Report for WTP due out by the end of the week to the residents.
- e. Teresa Walter: Chief of Police
  - i. 07 Jun 2016, 7am - start of Maryland Special Olympics torch run start at North Park. Request attendance.
  - ii. Saturday, 11 Jun 2016 - Housing Authority Summer Jam, Noon - 4PM. Open to Harford County Residents. Please come out and support the programs.
  - iii. SHCO e-mail noted replacement of 16 AED's for the Police Department, saving the City ~\$16K, and SHCO and Ambulance Corps will provide training. SHCO, Ambulance Corps, Bulle Rock, and others made this work through the Turkey Trot.

**17. Business from Mayor Martin:**

- a. Continue on the AED's - this is significant for first responders where seconds do matter. Great collaboration between groups.
- b. B-Street Band - great event, ~250 people attending. Noted the Beatles on 6/23. They will do 3 sets of ~40 minutes covering each era. Tickets are \$20 each.
- c. Thursday Night Live is a new program to bring folks downtown during the week.
- d. Memorial Day Ceremonies were very moving. Thanks to the VFW and American Legion and those that paid their respects.
- e. Attended HHS Graduation. PRincipal Reynolds recognized those that are entering the Armed Forces, and there were a good number. The 1% that keep the other 99% safe...right CM Craig.
- f. Sustainable Maryland - City is committed as always to being responsible stewards of the beautiful geographic location we have on this planet. There's no way we cannot be given the bay, the river, the topography. The City, Citizens, Council and Administration are committed to this action. Efforts to increase recycling v. trash. If you need a recycling sticker, City Hall has them. Recognition of Green Team. Setting the standard for the future. We don't need to change who we are to set the standard for the future.

**18. Business from Council:**

- a. Council Member Hitchings:
  - i. Congratulations to our Students of the Month and also Mr. Lyttle for his dedication to our great City.

- ii. We are nearing the end of the school year. Please stay attentive to children and students coming and going as they turn from school mode to summer mode!
- iii. I received a note from the Department of Transportation today: On February 10, 2016 at the Annual Bike Maryland Symposium, Maryland Transportation Secretary Rahn announced that starting July 1, 2016, bicyclists will be able to cross the Susquehanna River over the Hatem Memorial Bridge (U.S. 40). Attached to the e-mail was a flyer and an example of a postcard that is being distributed to Havre de Grace and surrounding residents.
  - 1. I just want to go on record with that I think this is a very dangerous idea, and presents a significant risk, and a second thought.
  - 2. Given that the bridge just received a major reworking and re-decking, and now, after the re-decking project is done, the biking idea is brought forth.
  - 3. This should have been accomplished earlier when accommodations like bike lanes could have been incorporated into the design and construction, not now as an unsafe afterthought.
- b. Council Member Glenn:
  - i. Recognition of our Students. Invaluable contributions.
  - ii. Green Team Note - Steve Hillyer, HHS, noted at the Green Teacher for the State for secondary education.
  - iii. New fire boat arrived in Havre de Grace today. This increases our chances of a rescue over a recovery.
  - iv. Recount of the AED initiative. Read Chief Walter's response to the Citizens. This is a Win-Win for our community.
- c. Council Member D. Martin:
  - i. 7 Jun 630-730 - Landlord Tenant Resolution meeting at City Hall
  - ii. Public Safety - Drug Awareness program at St. John's Church...awareness starts at home and with the youngest kids. Saving a child's life is important.
  - iii. Thank you to G. Lyttle and our City volunteers.
- d. Council Member Worrell:
  - i. B&F Committee Meeting postponed from 5/27. Will be re-scheduled for Tuesday, June 24th.
  - ii. Re-iterate DPW Whittie comments on Lafayette Trail. Harford County Realtor's Association has really stepped up to help in this effort. Thanks to the Mayor for the Administration's support and the DPW team efforts, especially L. Dawson.
  - iii. Historic Preservation symposium in Annapolis, Saturday 11 Jun 2016. Information relevant to the downtown district during this meeting.
  - iv. Congratulate local graduates, Classes of 2016. HHS students walking through HdG Elementary School...inspire the young students.
  - v. Congratulate CM Martin on completion of Harford Leadership Academy on Thursday, 9 Jun 2016.
- e. Council Member Craig:
  - i. DPW Committee Meetings - Last Wednesday of each month, at 4PM. Please post for notice.
  - ii. Reminded by Mayor Martin's comments that those war dead noted through town are City residents that were all someone's child. During graduation season, think of your children. F. Lewis McIlhenny, as a young man was a soldier in the D-Day invasion, just a couple of years after his graduation, and as an Eagle Scout. He went to the front three separate times, where he finally gave his life at only 20 years old. Would he be proud of the town today? He would. We have done a lot, but there is a lot to do. Looking forward to this legislative session and doing great things for our children. Honored to be from this town.

## 19. Business from Council President Gamatoria

- a. Thanks CM Craig for his reflection. We often forget those that blazed the trails before us.
- b. Congratulate the students of the Month, G. Lyttle, and Graduates
- c. 7 Jun 2016 - Wage & Benefit Meeting in the Boardroom.
- d. Council Committees - Set by CP. They will remain as they were in 2015-2016.
- e. Withdrawn by friendly amendment. (See Item 5.a.ii above)
  - i. ~~Motion to enter into closed session~~

## 20. Comments from Citizens

- a. G. Petrisof - filled out form online, but not present.
- b. S. Groff - 110 Remington Circle
  - i. Secretary - HdG Green Team
  - ii. Thanks for the City for the Sustainable Resolution.
  - iii. Thanks for the Council for being very involved in our City and community.
  - iv. Why is the Sustainable effort critical
    - 1. Common Core is part of the daily life of our students and families. The Government has not thought about the whole program.
    - 2. Maryland Sustainable program, another hoop, but with a positive outcome.
    - 3. By acquiring the "merit badge" we qualify for federal and state grant funds, now that we are seeking the certification.
    - 4. In order to gain the additional funding through grants, we need to complete those actions that make us a certifiable City.
    - 5. Thank you for looking to the future of the City.
    - 6. Talked with Joe K about the history of the recycling initiative in the City.
    - 7. There is a lot to do with the programs, seeking the grant funding, seeking the support, etc.
    - 8. Thanks for the efforts of Mr. Joe K for all he does.

## 21. Adjournment

- a. Motion to Adjourn: CM Hitchings
- b. 2nd: CM Martin
- c. Question/Discussion: None
- d. Vote: 6-0 Approved.
- e. Time: 8:57 PM