



PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
August 1, 2016  
7:00 p.m.

**Public Hearing: ORDINANCE 983**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND CITY CHARTER SECTIONS 34 AND 73 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACQUIRE A PORTION OF THE BED OF CHAPEL ROAD FROM HARFORD COUNTY FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES OF THE CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE.

A public hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with all Council Members present and no citizen comments were noted.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on August 1, 2016 at 7:03 p.m. with Mayor Martin presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Councilmember's, Gamatoria, Worrell, Hitchings, Martin, Craig and Glenn were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor William Martin and the opening prayer was given by Pastor Rick Haynes.

Havre de Grace Poet Laurette Larry O'Neal presented a poem about summertime.

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Worrell to approve the meeting minutes of July 18, 2016; motion carries 5-1 with Council Member Craig abstaining from the vote.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**A Resolution concerning the franchise agreement with Comcast (Council President Gamatoria)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND SECTION 5-204 (d) AND CITY CHARTER SECTION 34 AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH COMCAST.

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded Council Member Hitchings to introduce Resolution number 2016-13; motion carries 6-0

After the header was read and assigned a number, a motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Worrell to adopt Resolution 2016-13. Motion carries 6-0

**ORDINANCES:** None

**UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Council Member Martin and seconded by Council Member Glenn to approve the Annual Cruise for a Cause; sponsored by Upper Chesapeake; Sept 24, 2016. Motion carries 6-0

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Mr. Patrick Sypolt- Director of Administration:**

Mr. Sypolt gave a detailed report on upcoming events and current projects.

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

No Report

**Mr. George DeHority; Director of Finance:**

Mr. DeHority stated the finance department is working on the bond that the citizens voted on.

Mr. DeHority also stated the auditors will be back next week for field work.

**Mr. Tim Whittie; Director of Public Works:**

Mr. Whittie states the new bulk pick up program starts this week.

**Chief Teresa Walter, Police Department**

Chief Walter announced that two weeks of Safety camp is over and has been successful. One week of camp is left in August.

Chief Walter stated August 2, 2016 is National Night Out.

Chief Walter thanked St. James AME Church for inviting her to speak on the relationships between the community and law enforcement.

Chief Walter thanked Kaeley Hitchings for her volunteerism and assistance at the Police Department.

**Business from Mayor Martin:**

Mayor Martin announced that all proceeds from the Kiss Concert will be donated to the Benevolent Fund.

Mayor Martin gave an update on the Dog Park.

Mayor Martin offered his condolences to the family of former Council Member Philip Angelini.

**Business from Council:**

**Council Member Hitchings:**

As Planning Committee Chair, a motion was made by Council Member Hitchings and seconded by Council Member Worrell to hold a public hearing on August 15, 2016 at 7pm on the proposed development on the Ianniello, Green and Patrone properties. Motion carries 6-0

Council Member Hitchings commended the Police Department for making the Safety Camp a success.

**Council Member Glenn:**

Council Member Glenn stated the DOT liaison met with Elected Officials concerning the bikes on the bridge. Concerns and discussions were noted however a no solution was provided yet.

**Council Member D. Martin:**

Council Member Martin thanked Larry O'Neal for attending the Council meeting.

Council Member Martin supports the Little Free Libraries and encourages citizens to take part in this.

Council Member Martin thanked St. James A.M.E Church for inviting him to be a part of the discussions between the community and law enforcement.

**Council Member Worrell:**

Council Member Worrell stated she is proud to serve as the liaison to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee.

Council Member Worrell is working on the Green Initiatives.

Council Member Worrell reminded citizens about the Fish, Fowl and Folk Festival on August 5, 6, 7, 2016.

**Council Member Craig: No Comment**

**Council President Gamatoria:**

Council President Gamatoria recognized Kaeley Hitchings for helping at the HDG PD.

CP Gamatoria thanked CM Hitchings and Ms. Scott on the MML Leadership.

Council President Gamatoria commented on the new recycling bins on the Promenade and is talking Recycling with Joe K.; some recommendations forthcoming.

Met with other Elected Officials and MD DOT and spoke on the City's position on those topics; emphasized need to coordinate with the new rail bridges.

Thanked to Mr. Larry O'Neal for his attendance and poem tonight.

Council President Gamatoria commented on the Independence Day Celebration; Council is supporting the transition to the new Committee

Challenges: Confirmed with Carolyn Narvell - the existing 501(c) (3) will be disbanded by the old committee. A new mechanism for supporting tax-deductible donations will need to be established.

Committee is not a committee of the City. They are an independent non-profit organization.

**Comments from Citizens: None**

A motion was made by Council Member Craig and seconded by Council Member Glenn to adjourn and enter into a closed session to discuss legal matters at 8:10pm. Motion carries 6-0