The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on September 19, 2016 at 7:11 p.m. with Mayor Martin presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Councilmember’s, Worrell, Hitchings, Martin, Craig and Glenn were present. Council President Gamatoria was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor William Martin and the opening prayer was given by Greg Sampson.

A motion was made by Council Member Worrell and seconded by Acting Council President Craig to approve the meeting minutes of September 6, 2016; motion carries 3-0 with Council Member Hitchings and Martin abstaining from the vote.

RECONGITIONS: None

PROCLAMATIONS: None

PRESENTATIONS:
Rick McGregor gave a power point presentation about “Youth Sailing Comes to Havre de Grace”

Kerri Kneisley, Bethany Baker and Greg Kopatch; Fish, Fowl and Folk (F-Cubed) gave a recap of the weekend. Mayor Martin stepped off the Dias and presented a challenge coin to the Board members of the Youth Sailing program and also to the F-Cubed members.

APPOINTMENTS:
A motion was made by Council Member Worrell and seconded by Council Member Glenn to approve the following appointments to the Independence Day Commission; Christy Silverstein, Diana Saulsbury, Jason Robertson, Kerri Kateley, Scott Hurst, Taryn Martin, Nicolina Fournier, motion carries 5-0

A motion was made by Council Member Martin and seconded by Council Member Hitchings to appoint Stephanie Giordano to Tourism Advisory Board; motion carries 5-0

RE-APPOINTMENTS:
A motion was made by Acting Council President Craig and seconded by Council Member Glenn to re-appoint Bill Putland to the Board of Appeals; motion carries 5-0.

OATH OF OFFICE:
Mayor Martin administered the Oath of Office to Christy Silverstein, Jason Robertson, Kerri Kateley, Taryn Martin, Nicolina Fournier and Stephanie Giordano.

Diana Saulsbury and Scott Hurst will take the Oath of Office at a later date.
COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

**Dena Cardwell:** 138 Remington Ct., HdG.
Speaking on behalf of HHS and the Homecoming Parade application request and would like Council to consider the approval. The parade really brings in Warrior Spirit for the Homecoming weekend.

**John Flanagan,** Commodore of HdG Yacht Club & Havre de Grace Marina.
Very supportive program, excited about the future of the program and thanks to all of the volunteers. Looks forward to moving the program forward.

**Charles Strayhorn, Forest Hill, MD**
His child participated in the youth sailing pilot program and spoke of the great opportunities presented by the program. Look forward to seeing more families participating as well.

**Annie McLhinney Cochran, 430 Green Street, HdG**
Prepared comments, presented on behalf of multiple community members per her attestation. Thanked for the volunteers stepping forward. Feels strong about the festivities, especially the carnival. Carnival & its location was and still is a large part of the 4th of July celebration. Doesn’t want the location to change. Please keep the event status quo for at least one more year, and please put it to a vote.

**Michael McCauley, Commerce Street, Havre de Grace**
Supported Ms. McLhinney comments. Spent a lot of time on Commerce Street and a sense of pride felt from seeing people go by for the Independence Day Celebration activities. Consider leaving the carnival as part of the festivities.

**Mayor Martin:**
Mayor Martin stated no decision has been made on the carnival at this point. The Commission was sworn in tonight and will wait for their recommendations and there is no need for alarm...no decision made yet. Mayor Martin welcomed all comments from citizens.

**Jason Robertson, 517 Bourbon Street**
Welcomes anyone and everyone to assist with the Commission and they meet on the 2nd Mondays, 7PM at HdG Police Department. The Commission has set up separate committees to handle the tasks. Welcomes any citizens to participate as a member at large; those participants do not need to be sworn in.

**Fred Wills, 311D Red Head Way, HdG.**
Supports the HHS Homecoming Parade and supports of the sailing program.
RESOLUTIONS:
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 AND CITY CHARTER SECTIONS 33 AND 34 APPROVING OF AND SUPPORTING THE AWARD OF A GRANT FROM THE MARYLAND HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION TO UPPER CHESAPEAKE HOSPITAL.

A motion was made by Acting Council President Craig and seconded by Council Member Worrell to introduce Resolution 2016-18; motion carries 5-0
After the header was read and assigned a number, a motion was made by Council President Craig and seconded by Council Member Worrell to adopt Resolution 2016-18. Motion carries 5-0

UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS; Special Events
A motion was made by Council Member Hitchings and seconded by Council Member Worrell to approve the Halloween Parade: 10/30/16, 6-8pm- Motion carries 5-0

A motion was made by Council Member Glenn and seconded by Council Member Martin to approve the Christmas Parade: 12/2/16, 6-8pm- Motion carries 5-0

A motion was made by Council President Craig and seconded by Council Member Glenn to approve the Homecoming Parade 10/7/16, 5:30-6pm- Motion carries 5-0

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:
Mr. Patrick Sypolt; Director of Administration:
Mr. Sypolt presented several upcoming events and projects around the City.

Mr. Neal Mills: Director of Planning:
Mr. Mills stated this is last meeting and again thanked everyone for their comments over the last couple weeks. Mayor Martin read a letter submitted by John Correri Jr. thanking COL Mills for his service.

Mr. George DeHority; Director of Finance:
Mr. DeHority presented a Summary of Q1 information to date.

Mr. Tim Whittie; Director of Public Works:
Mr. Whittie stated DPW is finishing up crack sealing on Juniata St. this week and will be moving to side streets in future weeks. Notifications will be sent out to residents.
Ontario & Erie streets paving delayed for another two weeks due to contractor delays.
Will begin Fire Hydrant flushing starting 6 October.

Chief Teresa Walter, Police Department
Thanked everyone for a great turnout for Salute to Public Safety.
Prescription Drug Take back Day will be held Oct 22, 2016, 10a-2p at County Office Building in Bel Air MD State Police, Bel Air Barracks, HdG Police Department; No needles please.
Business from Mayor Martin:
Mayor Martin thanked the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum for hosting the Council Meeting. The Dog Park Grand Opening is scheduled for October 1st from 11-2pm. Mayor Martin stated misinformation was published online through editorials that he would like to address. The editorial in Friday, 16 September, 2016 The Record and Aegis newspapers addressing perceived misuse of Hutchins Park. Mayor Martin provided history on the development and use of Hutchins Park as proposed over the past number of years. Also referenced Resolution 2008-02 that Incorporates Hutchins Park into City Arts & Entertainment District. Stated everyone has a right to their opinion. The City has never restricted access to the park, pier, residences, etc. Tent is for public use and is part of the park. The City is going to start using the park for its planned and intended use over years of planning.

Business from Council:

Council Member Hitchings:
Thanked the Council and Mayor for supporting his absence during the last meeting. Thank you to the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum in hosting the Council Meeting for this evening’s meeting; and Thank you to all of our new & returning Commission members.

Council Member Glenn:
Council Member Glenn thanked the Decoy Museum for hosting the Council Meeting. Would like to see all safety aspects addressed during the Carnival and Parade. As a Chair of Public Safety we have to make sure we protect all our citizens during the festivities. Shared a few Warrior Proud moments to include the football game again Perryville and speaking at the Board for the replacement school. Sent a letter to the Secretary of Transportation regarding the bicycles on the bridge. CM Glenn shared kudos to a successful Salute to Safety. Thanked the Arts Commission for another great Children’s Art Festival. Council Member Glenn shared a story about 9/11 that he had not heard before.

Council Member D. Martin:
Council Member Martin addressed bulk trash pickup in Bulle Rock. Pickup does not include Bulle Rock due to lack of agreement on the part of the Bulle Rock community (held by the Developer and HOA). The City cannot send DPW into a gated community until an agreement is in place.

Council Member Worrell:
Council Member Worrell re-capped several events she attended since the last Council meeting. Thanked the City Staff and Barb Connelly for the efforts in making the Salute to Safety a success. Commended the Arts Commission for another successful Children’s Arts Festival.

Acting Council President Craig:
Acting Council President Craig stated working together is the solution as it pertains to the Independence Day festivities. There are certainly divided opinions and suggested interested parties attend the next meeting, Monday, 10 October 2016.
HHS as priority #1. Still needs to get through three other list (State, County Executive, and County Council). All lists need to align in order to bring this educational and economic engine to the community. Keep reminding our leaders that this school is critical to us.

Appreciation to taking Council Meetings on the road. He admits it was something he was nervous about, but has turned out well.

**Council President Gamatoria:** Absent

**Comments from Citizens:**

Joe K., Tydings Road - Hopes this is the last of all off-site meetings.

Julie Runkhe, 311d RedHead Way - thanks to Mayor in response to Letter to the Editor. Provided additional prepared comments.

Kirk Smith, 120 S. Washington Street. Commented about the quality of HdG water quality being so good and at risk from upstream Fracking.

Would like to see a resolution about being against Fracking.

A motion was made by Council Member Glenn and seconded by Council Member Worrell to adjourn at 9:27pm. Motion carries 5-0