



PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 5, 2016

7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on July 5, 2016 at 7:00 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 Mary Whitehead.

A motion was made by Council Member Hitchings and seconded by Council Member Glenn to approve the meeting minutes of June 20, 2016; motion carries 6-0

**RECOGNITIONS:** None

**PROCLAMATIONS:** None

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Mr. and Mrs. Friedman presented a donation of \$100,000 to the City of Havre de Grace for the Opera House.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**OATH OF OFFICE:** None

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

Bill Watson: 712 Giles St. Represents the Public Art Committee and they support the Ernest Burke Resolution.

Camay Murphy: 564 Green St; thanked the Mayor and Council for the proposed Resolution on Ernest Burke.

**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 SECTION 34 RECOGNIZING A HAVRE DE GRACE NATIVE FOR THEIR DISTINGUISHED ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SERVICE TO THE NATION.

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Glenn to introduce Resolution 2016-09; motion carries 6-0. After the header was read and assigned a number, a motion was made by Council Member Martin and seconded by Council President Gamatoria to amend the header and remove the word "their" and replace with the word "his". Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made Council Member Glenn and seconded by Council Member Worrell to adopt Resolution 2016-09 as amended. Motion carries 6-0

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 SECTION 34 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LETTER CONFIRMING A FINDING OF AN IMPACT ON JEAN ROBERTS PARK BY THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER RAIL BRIDGE PROJECT AS PROPOSED BY THE NATIONAL PASSENGER RAILROAD CORPORATION

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Hitchings to introduce Resolution 2016-10; 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 2016-10. Motion carries 6-0.

**ORDINANCES:** None

**UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Council Member Hitchings and seconded by Council Member Worrell to approve the License Agreement for 131 S. Union Ave. Motion carries 6-0

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

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

Mr. Sypolt gave updates on the projects that Administration is working on.

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

Mr. Mills reported that 59 permits were issued in FY16.

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

Mr. DeHority reported that we are now into the new fiscal year.

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

Mr. Whittie reported on June 29<sup>th</sup> he met with MES to discuss efforts in recycling initiative. The MS-4 Biding is scheduled for July 14, 2016.

**Chief Teresa Walter, Police Department**

Chief Walter thanked several people for their support during the Fourth of July festivities.

**Business from Mayor Martin:**

Mayor Martin announced the next Council meeting will be held on July 18 at Hutchins Park.

Mayor Martin announced that the City of Havre de Grace has two Little Free Libraries' and commends the efforts of a young girl named Isabella for designing and constructing the very first one.

Mayor Martin announced that a Dog Park will be available within 1-2 months behind Lagaret Lane.

Mayor Martin thanked the Fourth of July Committee, the HDGPD and other agencies who made the festivities successful and safe for our City.

**Business from Council:**

**Council Member Hitchings:**

Council Member Hitchings thanked the Friedman's for their generosity.

Council Member Hitchings stated his daughter is working on a Little Free Library as part of her Silver Award. Council Member Hitchings also thanked the Fourth of July Committee for their dedication and hard work.

**Council Member Glenn:**

Council Member Glenn thanked the Friedman's for their generosity.  
Council Member Glenn also thanked Mrs. Murphy for her dedication to the Ernest Burke Project.  
Council Member Glenn commended the Fourth of July committee and all the dedicated employees and staff for successful festivities.  
Council Member Glenn thanked Mr. Dennis Bolen who is a Fourth of July Committee Member- who was ill during the festivities but was still working around the clock.  
As Chair of Public Safety, Council Member Glenn reminded everyone to keep their doors locked at all times. Mr. Glenn also stated the bicyclist on the Hatem Bridge was approved by the State, not by HDG or Perryville and he will continue to express the public safety issue with this topic.  
Council Member Glenn attended MML and noted HDG was the "talk of the town" and was debuted and showcased at many different vendor booths.

**Council Member D. Martin:**

Council Member Martin concurred with all the previous comments.  
Council Member Martin a Land Lord Tenant meeting will be held on July 12 at 6:30.

**Council Member Worrell:**

Council Member Worrell stated she also attended MML conference and attended many courses that were beneficial. She noted that CM Martin was in the Parade of Flags and was proud of him.  
Council Member Worrell announced that HPC and Tourism hosted three motor coach tours in our City. The Green Team will meet on July 13<sup>th</sup> at the Police Station.  
Council Member Worrell announced that she is glad to see Marine Unit 552 in the water.  
Council Member Worrell thanked the Fourth of July Committee/ Carolyn Narvell and Charlie Mike and all the members of Public Safety for making our City safe during the festivities and of course DPW.  
Council Member Worrell reminded citizens the Fish, Fowl and Folk Festival will be August 5, 6, 7 2016.  
Council Member Worrell wrapped up her comments by thanking Mr. and Mrs. Freidman for their generous donation.

**Council Member Craig:**

Council Member Craig noted a lot of positive action within the Council and the City of Havre de Grace.  
Council Member Craig thanked the Mr. and Mrs. Friedman for being good stewards of the City.  
Council Member Craig thanked the Fourth of July Committee, Chief of Police, DPW and employees and staff who worked during the festivities.  
Council Member Craig recognized Camay Murphy for her dedication and passion to the Ernest Burke Project.

**Council President Gamatoria:**

Council President Gamatoria announced the Admin Committee will meet July 6 at 4:30, the Water and Sewer Commission will meet Friday July 8 @3pm, and the Wage and Benefit Commission will meet at 6:30 on July 12<sup>th</sup>.  
Council President Gamatoria thanked Chief Walter. Mr. Whittie and the Fourth of July Committee.  
Council President Gamatoria expressed condolences to the Asher Family for their loss.

**Comments from Citizens:**

Camay Murphy: Mrs. Murphy introduced the niece of Ernest Burke.

Allen Fair: 3 Concord Place: Mr. Fair asked the Chief for an update on the auxiliary police.

Bob Robinson: 320 S. Stokes St: Mr. Robinson said a prayer for the Asher family and also stated he visited the Seaplane Base.

Dennis Bolen: 107 Deaver St: Thanked everyone for their support during the Fourth of July Festivities.

Kirk Smith: 120 S. Washington St. Thanked DPW staff and the increased recycling trash cans.

A motion was made by Council Member Craig and seconded by Council Member Martin to adjourn at 8:46 pm.  
Motion carries 6-0