



## PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 20, 2016

7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on June 20, 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 President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Worrell to approve the meeting minutes of June 6, 2016; motion carries 6-0

Council Member Hitchings made friendly amendment to remove item 12B which is the Comcast Franchise Agreement and 15A is a License Agreement for 131 S. Union Ave.

Motion carries 6-0

**RECOGNITIONS:** Presented by Mayor Martin

Destination Imagination; Meadowvale Nerdy Narwhals

Samuel Teefy, Michael Maroney, Adeline Murray, Anna Bonitatibus, Abigail Bond, Alana Cymek

**PROCALMATIONS:** None

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Mr. Brady Stroh- Update on Skipjack Martha Lewis

Dr. Reier and Bari Klein: H.E.A.L (Healthy Eating City Program)

Mr. Joe Swisher; Special Presentation. Presented a memorial frame on Victor Kilkowski

Mrs. Camay Murphy- Ernest Burke Presentation

**APPOINTMENTS:**

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Hitchings to approve Daniel Wusinich to the Water and Sewer Commission. Motion carries 6-0

**OATH OF OFFICE:**

The Oath of Office was administered by Mayor Martin to Daniel Wusinich.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

Mr. Kochenderfer; Tydings Road: Welcomed Mr. Wusinich to the Water and Sewer Commission.

Commented on the Comcast Franchise Agreement- glad to see no exclusivity in the agreement for the franchise. Page 2 of the Agreement, Item 4(A) - Comments in the past that have been received by the City have sometimes been about programming, not about the terms of the agreement.

Page 2 of the Agreement, Item 3. Perhaps we should say "fifty (50) state of the art computers"

There should be a list of stockholders provided.

Havre de Grace Alliance MOU- Item 5(4) - perhaps this should state that candidates should remain Candidate Neutral in all elections such that the officers aren't construed as carrying an endorsement of any candidate on behalf of the City.

Kirk Smith, 120 S. Washington Street: Speaking in support of item 12(a) for the resolution on Garrett Island as it's a great connection of history and waterways.

Brian Bangs, 820 Ontario Street. Seeking an update on the License Agreement: 131 S. Union Ave; Handicap Ramp.

Dr. Mike Presti, 131 S. Union Avenue: Seeking Council support for his application. Currently use portable ramps which work for wheelchair, but not for gurney or walkers.

Joe Smith, 110 Flying Ebony Way: Asking Council for support for the Havre de Grace Alliance MOU. Thanked to Council for their time, patience, and attention to the Alliance.

Mayor Martin requested a short recess at 8:40. The Council Meeting reconvened at 8:54pm with all members of Council present.

#### **RESOLUTIONS:**

##### **A resolution concerning Garrett Island**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTAED CODE OF MARYLAND AND CITY CHARTER SECTION 34 SUPPORTING THE TRANSFER OF GARRETT ISLAND TO THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AS A COMPONENT OF THE CAPTAIN JOHN SMITH CHESAPEAKE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL TO SECURE PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE ISLAND.

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Hitchings to introduce Resolution 2016-08; 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 Glenn to strike the word "Battery Island" on page 2 section 1, motion carries 6-0  
On roll call vote Resolution 2016-08 as amended passes 6-0

#### **ORDINANCES:**

##### **Ordinance 982; An Ordinance concerning the Budget FY 16-17; Second Reading and Adoption**

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.

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Hitchings to introduce Ordinance 982 on second reading. Motion carries 6-0. After the header was read, a motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Glenn to adopt Ordinance 982. Motion carries 6-0.

**UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Council Member Worrell and seconded by Council President Gamatoria to approve the MOU for the Food Forest. Under the question, Council Member Worrell made the motion to amend by adding the word "first" to item #6, Item #12 - Strike the word "The Green Team agrees to cover the cost of any excess use of water from the hydrant" add replace with "The Green Team agrees to only use the water only for the purpose of and watering the plants, Item #4 - Add the phrase "as defined by the DPW Director" between "amount of water" and "at no cost" Council President Gamatoria seconded the motion. On roll call vote the MOU Food Forest is approved 6-0.

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Glenn to approve the Havre de Grace Alliance MOU. Motion carries 6-0.

A motion was made by Council Member Craig and seconded by Council Member Martin to approve Margarita Night @ Hutchins Park: Fundraiser for the Skipjack Martha Lewis; under the question Council Member Glenn motioned with Council Member Worrell seconded to table the event application for further evaluation. Motion to table carries 6-0

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

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

Mr. Sypolt gave updates on the upcoming events.

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

Mr. Mills gave an update on the Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission. Holding their next meeting in Sept 26, 1-4pm.

Mr. Mills gave an update on the Maritime Museum Project that is split between DPW and Planning.

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

Mr. DeHority thanked the Mayor and Council for approval of the budget.

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

Mr. Whittie gave an analysis of the City Recycling Program- we are meeting State requirements but we are still behind other municipalities.

**Chief Teresa Walter, Police Department**

Chief Walter reminded citizens that school is out for the summer and to watch for the children.

**Business from Mayor Martin:**

Mayor Martin thanked the Council for supporting him on budget.

Mayor Martin announced the debut of the Little Free Library.

**Business from Council:**

**Council Member Hitchings:**

Congratulations to the Nerdy Narwhals on their accomplishment.

Congratulations to Mr. Wusinich on his appointment.

Had the pleasure to attend both the opening of the new Havre de Grace Branch of the Harford County Public Library. If you haven't gone, please go.

Looking forward to the Independence Day celebration.  
Please remember to stay extra vigilant as there are more kids out playing during daylight and evening hours enjoying the summer sun!

**Council Member Glenn:**

Council Member Glenn congratulated the Nerdy Narwhals from Meadowvale.  
Thanked Dan Wusinich for volunteering for the Water and Sewer Commission.  
Congratulated Garrett Reynolds, Evan Hartmann and Rachel Sacks for their recent accomplishments.  
Marine Unit 552 will be in service soon- hopefully by the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.  
Prayers to a member of the Little League who sustained an injury.  
Council Member Glenn attended many events in the last two weeks supporting the City, non-profits and other groups.  
Council Member Glenn stated he is proud to serve on the Council.

**Council Member D. Martin:**

Council Member Martin stated the Gazebo and Tydings Park has a new roof.  
The second Landlord tenant meeting will be June 21st at 6:30.  
Thanked the Administration for their quick responses and availability during the budget process.  
Council Member Martin reminded everyone to be cautious of the Motorcycles and to share the road.

**Council Member Worrell:**

Council Member Worrell stated the Budget and Finance will meet at 3:30 June 24<sup>th</sup>  
Thanked the Realtor Association for their collaborative efforts with the Historic Preservation Commission and the City.  
Attended the Landlord Tenant Meeting and encourages citizens to attend, also attended the Susquehanna Workforce meeting in Cecil County.  
Thanked everyone who participated in the Torch Run to benefit the Special Olympics.  
Attended the Chamber Lunch, the EDAB Meeting, the preview of the new Library and the Grand Opening of the Library.  
Thanked the Green Team for their initiatives.

**Council Member Craig:** No comment

**Council President Gamatoria:**

Thanked Mr. Stark for his visit serving tonight as Legal Counsel.

**Comments from Citizens:**

Bob Robinson, 320 S. Stokes Street: Review of Harford County Council discussion on land development.  
Camay Murphy, Sit on the Board of St. Johns towers & St. Johns comments. Spoke on the quality of life and longevity.  
Kurt Smith, 120 S. Washington Street: Thanks to the Food Forest MOU. Seeking 3rd quote for insurance coverage, will be coordinated with DPW and Administration. Counts toward the sustainable communities.  
Recycling - member of the team working on a tool to increase recycling among children. Greater education among the young promotes greater stewardship.

A motion was made by Council Member Craig and seconded by Council Member Worrell to adjourn at 10:16pm.  
Motion carries 6-0.