PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 3, 2016
7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on October 3, 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 Cordell Hunter.

A motion was made by Council Member Worrell and seconded by Council Member Hitchings to approve the meeting minutes of September 19, 2016; motion carries 5-0 with Council Member Craig abstaining from the vote.

RECONGITIONS: None

PROCLAMATIONS: None

PRESENTATIONS:
Mr. Joshua Bloom of the Blue Group spoke about Economic Development Strategy for Downtown
Mr. Johnny Boker and Mr. Craig Reeling: Gold Star Families Memorial Monument
Mr. Volney Ford: Susquehanna River Rail Bridge Advisory Board

APPOINTMENTS:

RE-APPOINTMENTS:
A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Martin to approve the following re-appointments to the Susquehanna River Rail Bridge Project. Motion carries 6-0
Volney Ford, Stephen Gorski, Charles Lilly, Michael Oliver, Jeff Andrews, Emory Plitt Jr., Raymond Ryan III

OATH OF OFFICE: None

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:
Michael Hatem, 108 Market Street.
Seeking clarification of closing Market Street for Oktoberfest.

Jen Morris, 708 Lewis Street - representing Relay for Life
Would like to move Relay for life to the lighthouse grounds at Concord Point Park
CM Worrell - She had questions before coming to the dais. There have been other citizens expressing concerns with closing areas for events. Need to make sure we reach out to the surrounding neighborhood before a decision is rendered to minimize the potential backlash. Need to ensure proper coordination with emergency services.

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 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXPLORE A SUITABLE LOCATION ON CITY PROPERTY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A GOLD STAR FAMILIES MEMORIAL MONUMENT.

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Glenn to introduce Resolution 2016-19; motion carries 6-0

After the header was read and assigned a number, a motion was made by Council Member Glenn and seconded by Council Member Martin to adopt Resolution 2016-19; motion carries 6-0

UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by CP Gamatoria and seconded by CM Hitchings to close Congress Ave from Hutchings Park to Market Street and Park Closure. Hutchins Park will be closed to vehicular traffic from 8am-8pm on October 15, 2016. Access to pier will be permitted.

The property owners will be notified this week and notifications will be posted for park patrons.

The rain date will be October 16, 2016.

Motion carries 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS; Special Events

A motion was made by Council Member Hitchings and seconded by Council Member Worrell to approve the Cats and Bats 5K; 10/29/16: Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Council Member Hitchings and seconded by Council Member Craig to approve the Rudolph Run 5K: 12/24/16; Motion carries 5-1 with Council Member Worrell opposing the motion.

A motion was made by Council Member Glenn and seconded by Council President Gamatoria to approve the Tomahawk Run 5K; 4/10/17; Motion carries 6-0

Concerns on the Dias about 5K races. The admin committee will be revisiting the possibility of an event fee schedule.

A motion was made by Council Member Worrell to table the Relay for Life 2017 special event application until the next meeting. Motion carries 6-0 No further discussion after a tabled motion.

A motion was made by Council Member Hitchings and seconded by Council Member Martin to approve the License Agreement for 247 Lewis Street. Motion carries 5-0 (Council Member Worrell stepped off the Dias)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Patrick Sypolt; Director of Administration:

Mr. Sypolt gave a lengthy report on upcoming events in the City

Mr. Jay Bautz: Department of Planning

Mr. Bautz captured the permits for Q1 of the past three years.
2015: 12 Permits
2016: 8 permits
2017: 22 permits

Erika Quesenbery: Economic Development

Mrs. Quesenbery gave a summary of Economic Development and outreach.

Mr. George DeHority; Director of Finance:

Mr. DeHority stated the 2016 Financial Statements will be presented at the next meeting.

Mr. Tim Whittie; Director of Public Works:

Mr. Whittie stated the Department is working on water lines, hydrant flushing, and some repaving coming. The crack sealing project is moving forward, and can happen year round.
The Scenic Manor project: the stop work order lifted last week and they are installing updates sediment & erosion control measures, should be starting work soon.

Chief Teresa Walter, Police Department

Chief Walter stated the National Drug Takeback will be held on October 22, 2016 10a-2p,
October is National Domestic Violence awareness month. Domestic violence is increasing in HarCo. SARC is available for help 410-836-8430.

Business from Mayor Martin:

Mayor Martin stated the City the Burns Property at 710 Market Street, at Lafayette & Market Streets will be part of 2017 Candlelight Tour. The house dates back to 1847 and has some great value to the City for historic reflection. The City recently acquired these two parcels and Phase 1 site assessment and archeological dig (soft scan) will be done to seek some historical relevance, especially in suspected previous well sites.
Mayor Martin is pleased with the Dog Park Opening.

Business from Council:

Council Member Hitchings:

Council Member Hitchings attended the Dog Park Opening.
Council Member Hitchings stated three Little Free Libraries were installed over the weekend.
Havre de Grace HS Homecoming festivities are next weekend.
We be attending the MML Fall Conference along with CM Worrell, Martin and Erika Quesenbery.
Council Member Hitchings stated he has been approached with questions about the site work adjacent to APGFCU on US40.

Council Member Glenn:

Shared Warrior Pride moments, recognized Mrs. Presbery, Boys Soccer Team; Devan Martin.
Congrats to SHCO for their successful Open House

Congratulated the Mayor for the successful Dog Park Opening.
Wished his Grandson Jordan a Happy Birthday.

Council Member D. Martin:
Council Member Martin encourages citizens to visit the Little Free Libraries and make a commitment to build one.
Mr. Martin also encouraged citizens to take advantage for the Drug Take Back Program but not to turn in needles.

Council Member Worrell:
CM Worrell gave an update on events that she has attended.
The Grand Opening of the Dog Park was great. Thanked Mayor and City Staff
HDG Business Appreciation at Tidewater was a great turn out during Business Appreciation Week.
Thanked the LSHG for their presentation.
Thanked the Arts Commission for their luncheon at the Bayou- Lunch with Emily Dickinson
Businesses were concerned with the closing of the Street Closures with Safety Day.
CM Worrell stated HDG Marine Center is offering many amenities.
She is happy to report that she will be attending the MML Fall conference with her colleagues.

Council President Craig: No Comment

Council President Gamatoria:
A motion was made by CP Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Glenn to move into closed session to discuss legal and real property acquisition matters, after the close of regular business. Motion carries 6-0

Thanks to CM Craig for his leadership in his absence.

Comments from Citizens:
Bob Robinson: 320 S. Stokes St.: commented on the paper voting in November.

Mr. Hatem: Commerce St: 108 Market St:
Feels the Community Center is a good place to have a concert.
Believes the Council should have voted earlier to close Hutchins Park for Oktoberfest.

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Hitchings to adjourn at 9:35pm. Motion carries 6-0