

Ordinance No. 953

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE MARYLAND PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND SECTION 5-202 AND CITY CHARTER SECTION 34 AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 25 BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS TO ADD THE DUTY TO PROVIDE AN ANNUAL PUBLIC REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL AND ATTEND A JOINT PUBLIC WORK SESSION AS ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF CITY BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS.

WHEREAS, the City Code Chapter 25 Boards, Committees and Commissions sets out the establishment of several City commissions and their general duties, powers and structure; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have found that when City related groups appear at a regular City Council meeting and present their reports or presentations, public awareness of their organization increases; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have found that a joint public work session with representatives of all of the boards, commissions and committees present shall benefit the coordination of activities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined that it is in the public interest to have the City boards, committees and commissions appear before Council at a regular City Council meeting at least once each year and report, and to also have them appear at a joint public work session with the Mayor and City Council at least once each year to coordinate activities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined that the manner in which to establish these requirements is to amend City Code Chapter 25 Boards, Committees and Commissions by adding an initial section setting forth this duty and renumbering the remaining sections:

NOW THEREFORE, be it decided, determined and ordained that the City Code Chapter 25 Boards, Committees and Commissions be amended as follows:

1. Add a new Article 1. Duties of Boards, Committees and Commissions to report to the Mayor and City Council and to also attend a public work session.

2. Add a new Section 25-0 Duty to Report/Duty to Attend Work Session. Each board, commission or committee in this Chapter by its chairmen or designee shall appear before the Mayor and City Council at a regular City Council meeting at least once each year and report on the board's or commission's or committee's activities, present copies of the prior year's meeting minutes, and account for any funds raised, including funding received from the City, and expenses paid, and any other information requested by the Mayor and City Council related to its operations. In addition, each City board or commission or committee by its chairmen or designee shall attend at least one annual joint public work session with the Mayor and City Council along with all of the other City boards, committees or commissions to facilitate the coordination of activities and other goals or concerns of the Mayor and City Council. The Mayor and City Council specifically reserve the right to add any other City related organization that receives funds from the City, but which are not listed within this chapter or are listed elsewhere in the City Charter or City Code to the list of attendees for the joint public work session in order to facilitate the coordination of activities.

3. Renumber Article I. Arts Commission to Article II. Arts Commission;

4. Renumber Article II. Appearance and Preservation Committee to Article III. Appearance and Preservation Committee;

5. Renumber Article III. Board of Appeals to Article IV. Board of Appeals;

6. Renumber Article IV. Planning Commission to Article V. Planning Commission;

7. Renumber Article V. Economic Development Advisory Board to Article VI. Economic Development Advisory Board;

8. Renumber Article VI. Tourism Advisory Board to Article VII. Tourism Advisory Board;

9. Renumber Article VII. (Reserved) to Article VIII. (Reserved);

10. Renumber Article VIII. (Reserved) to Article IX. (Reserved);

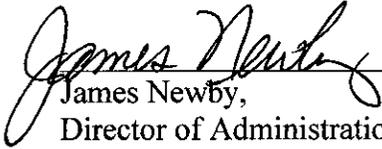
11. Renumber Article IX. Street and Traffic Safety Advisory Board to Article X. Street and Traffic Safety Advisory Board;

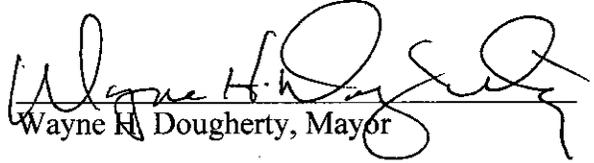
12. Renumber Article X. Water/Sewer Commission to Article XI. Water/Sewer Commission;

13. Renumber Article XI. Marina Commission to Article XII. Marina Commission.

WITNESS/ATTEST:

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF
HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND


James Newby,
Director of Administration


Wayne H. Dougherty, Mayor

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