



September 3, 2019

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on September 3, 2019 at 7: 00 p.m. with Mayor Martin presiding and the following Council Members present: Council Member's, Glenn, Robertson, Ringsaker, Zinner, Boyer and Martin. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Martin and the opening prayer was led by Pastor Jim Sterner of Webster UCC. A motion was made by Council Member Zinner and seconded by Council Member Boyer to approve the council meeting minutes of the August 19, 2019. Motion carried 6-0.

Comments from citizens on agenda items: None

Recognitions:

Mayor Martin presented Mr. Stu Chapman a recognition for his induction to the Educators Hall of Fame.

Proclamations:

Mayor Martin presented a proclamation to Ken Beyer of Harbor of Grace and Suanne Blumberg of Upper Bay Counseling for Recovery Month.

Resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CHARTER SECTION 76 APPROVING OF A LEASE OF CITY PROPERTY BY RESOLUTION TO GO HAVRE HAVRE DE GRACE LLC FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS.

A motion was made by CM Ringsaker and seconded by CM Martin to introduce Resolution 2019-09. Motion carries 6-0. After the header was read into the record, and assigned a number, a motion was made by CM Ringsaker and seconded by CM Zinner to adopt Resolution 2019-09. Motion carries 6-0

Ordinances:

Ethics Ordinance: First Reading

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION ARTICLE XI-E, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE MARYLAND ANNOTATED CODE, AND CITY CHARTER SECTION 33 AND 34, AMENDING THE CITY CODE SECTION 67: ETHICS

A motion was made by CM Martin and seconded by CM Ringsaker to introduce Ordinance 1023 on second reading. Motion carries 6-0. After the header was read into the record, a motion was made by CM Martin and seconded by CM Boyer to adopt Ordinance 1023. Motion carries 6-0

New Business:

License Agreement

A motion was made by CM Ringsaker and seconded by CM Robertson to approve the license agreement 353 Bourbon St. Motion carries 6-0

Special Event

A motion was made by CP Glenn and seconded by CM Ringsaker to approve the 2020 Susquehanna River Running Festival; September 26, 2020. Motion carries 6-0

Directors Report:

Mr. Patrick Sybolt; Director of Administration

“On Friday, September 6th, marks another First Fridays! Come out and visit with your friends; shop our many eclectic shops and local artisans, listen to live music and partake of our fine restaurants and café seating areas, kids zone and more. The festivities begins at 5:00 p.m.

Also on Friday evening Rock Around the Jukebox with the Cruisers from 8:00 until 10:00 p.m. at the Cultural Center at the Opera House. Put on your bobby socks, roll up your old blue jeans and cruise into the 50’s and 60’s with the Cruisers. Again, show time is 8:00 p.m.

On Saturday, September 7th; the 31st Annual Children’s Arts & Crafts Festival will be held at Tydings Park from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There will be plenty of arts and crafts for the children, scarecrow making, and face painting. Free admission – children must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring child clothes up to size 6 and old panty-house to make the scarecrows.

The 9th Annual Blessing of the Animals and Pets Expo will be held at Tydings Park on Sunday, September 8th, beginning at 12:30 and running until 3:30 p.m. The blessing service will take place at 1:00 p.m. with individual pet blessings after the service. You also receive a free gift with each blessing. This is also National Pet - Memorial Day and we will recognize our loved pets who are no longer with us. There will be pet-oriented vendors, face painting with a children’s/pet craft table and a K-9 demonstration at 2:30, and a fun filled time at Tydings Park with your pets! A donation of pet food and linens for area shelters & rescues would be greatly appreciated as this is a free event. It is also expected that all animals will be leashed or crated and have required shots. For more information please call 410-939-6105 or email tbrinkman@verizon.net.

The Thursday Night Live concert series continues in fine fashion on Thursday, September 12th at the Cultural Center at the Opera House, featuring FOUR by FOUR celebrating the legendary music of the Beach Boys, the Beatles, the Bee Gees and Motown. Four by Four is an exciting new multi-tribute musical revue conceived and directed by award-winning Broadway producer/director Michael Chapman. A stellar cast of FOUR incredible entertainers perform the legendary hits of Four of the most iconic musical styles in pop music history. Show time is 8:00 p.m. This is going to be a great performance.

On Saturday, September 14th the “City-Wide Yard Sale” will be occurring from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. This has become a huge community event. There will be yard sales, sidewalk sales and garage sales with bargains galore. To participate or to find out more information please visit or call our tourism office located at 450 Pennington Avenue; phone: 410-939-2100 or speak with Ron Browning at 410-939-6562. The rain date is Sunday, September 15th.

Also on Saturday, September 14th at 10:00 a.m. the North Park Trail Walk begins from the Lock House Museum. The North Park Trail Walk is a guided nature/history walk which is free to the public. It’s an easy walk of 1.5 miles in about 90 minutes. The walk is for all ages, rain or shine. Sturdy footwear is recommended. Again, the walk departs from the Lockhouse.”

Mr. Shane Grimm: Deputy Director of Planning

"Building permit activity with respect to new construction has recently been down, as has previously been indicated by Mr. DeHority and Mr. Gamatoria during his presentation on the Water & Sewer CIP. We are hopefully in the coming months and new years that this trend will reverse with new projects coming online and other projects coming back to life."

Mrs. Erika Quesenbery Sturgill: Director of Economic Development-

"Welcome D&S Auto Collision Repair & Tires who have relocated their business to 918 Pulaski Hwy., Suite B, Havre de Grace, from Baltimore City. They offer everything from auto body and paint work to oil change, rotors, mufflers, brakes, mechanical and more. They have three lift bays and a paint booth and work on both foreign and domestic vehicles.

The Northeastern Maryland Technology Council Wine on the water event will be tomorrow from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Havre de Grace Seaplane Base on St. John Street. Havre de Grace Office of Economic Development is a wine glass sponsor again this year. The NMTC is Maryland's fastest growing technology association with over 200 members and supporters."

Mr. George DeHority: Director of Finance

Mr. DeHority gave a financial update.

Tim Whittie- Director of Public Works

Mr Whittie gave an update on current projects. The sewer main replacement on Warren St. is half complete. Bayview Dr. paving is complete. The Gold Star concrete project is also complete. The window replacement at City Hall will begin next week.

Chief Teresa Walter: Police Department

Chief Walter thanked everyone who donated a backpack during the fundraiser.

Chief Walter reminded everyone NOT to drive distracted.

Business from Mayor Martin

City Staff will be meeting tomorrow for preliminary Storm Preparations for Hurricane Dorian.

Early last month, the City of Havre de Grace launched a new tourism website. Explorehavredegrace.com

Last week the City installed an additional concrete pad containing up-lighting at the Gold Star Memorial.

Road paving and tree trimming continues throughout the City.

Attended the Waterfront Festival.

Participated in a ribbon-cutting for "Big Fish School of Fish".

First Friday is this Friday, September 6, 2019.

Dumpster Day will be September 14, 2019, from 8:00 A.M - Noon.

Business from Council:

Council Member Robertson:

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony, weather permitting, during First Friday, Friday, September 6, at 6 p.m., at Impressions Salon by Charm at 320 St. John Street. The salon, the second for the owner Charlene McMonigle who

also has Impressions Salon in North East. The ribbon cutting is being held by the Havre de Grace Chamber of Commerce.

Council Member Zinner:

CM Zinner congratulated Mr. Stu Chapman on his recognition.

CM Zinner would like to acknowledge all the students who returned to school and wished them a successful year.

CM Zinner announced the Children's Art Festival will be held Saturday, September 7th at Tydings Park .

The Arts Commission will be sponsoring the Queen Victoria Luncheon.

Council Member Boyer:

CM Boyer wished everyone good luck with the start of the school year.

Council Member Ringsaker:

CM Ringsaker announced the Wage and Benefit Commission will meet on 8/19.

Thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers for his daughters speedy recovery.

Council Member Martin:

CM Martin announced the 9/11 Memorial Ride will start at Darlington Fire Co.

Business from Council President Glenn:

"Great turn-out for the Waterfront Festival. Special thanks go out to Bambi Johnson, Johnny Boker and the entire Alliance Team for taking the lead for this event. I heard nothing but compliment after compliment. This event without a doubt has once again made Havre de Grace the destination of choice. I am so proud of our City and its outstanding volunteers. Their tireless dedication and selfless service is matched by "NO ONE." We continue to set the standard for all others to emulate. Thanks for all you do.

Met with the State Highway Administration to discuss a myriad of topics to include the traffic concerns at Route 40, Otsego Street and Ohio Street. We continue to pursue viable options to address the traffic congestion caused by motorists getting off at the Havre de Grace I-95 interchange to take advantage of the Hatem Toll discount. We will also be monitoring any anticipated impacts from the electronic tolling. Good news is that given the construction of the replacement school, safe pedestrian movement patterns will be installed at Revolution Street and Lewis Lane.

Auditorium/Gymnasium Update. The County is willing to surplus the respective property to the city of Havre de Grace. However, we have been informed that we will basically be getting the shell of a building. All the performance lighting and sound systems in both the auditorium and the Gym are being removed. Meaning it is all important to have a feasibility study conducted to determine what it will cost to ensure the buildings are ADA Compliant and are fully operational. We reached out to Harford County to see if they would help to fund subject study but they indicated no county funds would be made available. We will attempt to get revenue sources from the State, believe that most of the equipment to include sound and lighting will be stripped from the current building. Therefore a feasibility study which could cost approximately \$40K will be required to determine what it will take to get the building ADA compliant and operational. We are pushing hard to get support from the State.

Friendly Reminder: The Harbor of Strength 10K, 5K, and 1 mile walk is scheduled for Sep 14th, 8-11 AM at Tydings Park. Get out and support this worthy cause.

Today was the first day of school for many students. However for one very special teacher in the Havre de Grace Community, Mr. Rick Hauf, he will have to take a short leave of absence to undergo surgery. Mr. Rick, you will be in our thoughts and prayers and we all hope for your quick return to the classroom.

WARRIOR PROUD. With school now underway, the athletic programs are all in full swing and I wish them all the best. The Warrior Football Team will be competing in the Susquehanna Bowl this Friday night, Sep 6th against their rival, the Perryville Panthers at Perryville's home field. GO WARRIORS! Bring home a victory.

Mark your calendars, Upcoming Council Work sessions regarding the recent proposal from the Water and Sewer Commission are as follows: Sept 12, 6 PM, Oct 8, 6 PM, Oct 22, 6 PM all held in the Council Chambers"

Comments from Citizens:

Carrie Parson- 840 Otsego St. Ms. Parson's stated she appreciated CP Glenn and Steve Gamatoria for meeting with her. She also expressed her opinions on the Hidden Heroes presentation from the last meeting.

Joe Kochenderfer - Tydings Rd. Mr. K reminded citizens of the Joe K trail walk on September 14.

Mr. K also thanked Sharon and Frank Ducan for organizing a weed-eating party on the Joe K trail.

A motion was made by CP Glenn and seconded by CM Ringsaker to adjourn at 8:38 pm. Motion carries 6-0