RESOLUTION 2019-___


WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have considered a financial plan to fund capital improvements for the City’s water and sewer infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council commissioned Black & Veatch, a leading US based global engineering consulting and construction firm to perform a comprehensive study of the City’s water and sewer infrastructure, including a forecast of the renewal and replacement requirements for the water and sewer infrastructure, and aligning the existing Capital Improvement Plan with a financial plan; and

WHEREAS, the Water and Sewer Commission analyzed the Black and Veatch Study, performed public out-reach sessions, developed financial models and alternative financial options that were more conducive to the water users, than the Black and Veatch Study; and

WHEREAS, the Water and Sewer Commission recommendations for a path forward was presented to the Mayor and City Council on February 19th, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council held three “Open Public Work Sessions” and one “Open Public Input Session” and has determined that it is in the best interest of the City, that debt financing is required to address the costly and sorely needed infrastructure repairs:
NOW THEREFORE, be it determined, decided and resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Havre de Grace that:

1. The City Director of Administration is authorized to notify the City Election Board and/or his designee of a notice of Special Election to be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 from 7am to 8pm at 711 Pennington Avenue, Havre de Grace, Maryland 21078, for the purpose of a Special Referendum Ballot asking the registered voters of the City of Havre de Grace permission to solicit proposals and ascertain options to issue bonds, whether by public or private sale, and to issue such bonds (and obtain any necessary interim financing) on the full faith and credit and unlimited taxing power of the City, in order to obtain funding to address water distribution and waste water collection systems capital infrastructure projects.

2. The City Director of Administration is authorized to deliver to the City Election Board and/or his designee the attached ballot question (EXHIBIT A) related to the proposed financial plan to fund improvements to the City’s water distribution, and waste water collection systems as stated in the Department of Public Works Capital Infrastructure Improvement Plan.

ATTEST:  MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF
          HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND

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Patrick D. Sypolt    William T. Martin, Mayor
Director of Administration

Introduced: December 16, 2019
Adopted: December 16, 2019
Effective: December 16, 2019
BALLOT QUESTION

The City of Havre de Grace, upon the recommendation of the Water and Sewer Commission, has proposed a plan for the financing of improvements to the City of Havre de Grace’s water and wastewater systems. This plan includes the improvement and replacement of distribution and collection systems that are obsolescent and/or failing. Under this plan, the City may issue bonds upon the full faith, credit and unlimited taxing power of the City of Havre de Grace with a face value not to exceed $15,000,000.00 over the next five years. The City may pay back the bonds plus interest at a rate not to exceed 4.0% over the term of up to 25 years from issuance of the bond proceeds. Do you give the City permission to solicit proposals and ascertain options to issue bonds, whether by public or private sale, and to issue bonds (and obtain any necessary interim financing) on the terms and conditions stated above?

YES_______       NO_______