PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 16, 2016
7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on May 16, 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 of AME Church.

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Glenn to approve the meeting minutes of May 2, 2016; motion carries 6-0

PROCALMATIONS:
Mayor Martin, Council President Gamatoria and Council Member Glenn presented a proclamation to Zach Coyle, President of the Ambulance Corps in honor of EMS Week- May 15-21 2016.

PRESENTATIONS
Mr. George Diebel, Chair of the Board of Election Supervisors presented the official election results.

APPOINTMENTS:
A motion was made by Council Member Worrell and seconded by Council Member Martin to approve Jean Johnson to the Historic Preservation Commission. Motion carries 6-0

OATH OF OFFICE:
Mayor Martin administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Jean Johnson.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCES:
Ordinance 978: Second Reading
AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE ("CITY') PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND CITY CHARTER SECTIONS 34, 38, AND 39 APPROVING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CITY BONDS TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY WATER PLANT TO INCREASE WATER CAPACITY ("WATER PLANT BONDS") UPON THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT AND A GENERAL OBLIGATION OF THE CITY SUBJECT TO BEING APPROVED BY THE CITY VOTERS AT THE GENERAL CITY ELECTION HELD ON MAY 3, 2016

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Martin to introduce Ordinance 978 on second reading. Motion carries 6-0; A motion was made by Council Member Glenn and seconded by Council Member Martin to adopt Ordinance 978, Under the question, a motion was made by Council Member Craig and seconded by Council Member Martin striking the word loan agreement and replacing it with repayment

agreement and pledge agreement throughout the Ordinance. Motion carries 6-0. Ordinance 978 as amended passes on roll call vote 6-0

Ordinance 979; Second Reading

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE ("CITY') PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND CITY CHARTER SECTIONS 34, 38, AND 39 APPROVING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CITY BONDS TO FUND THE COMPLETION OF THE RENOVATIONS ("RENOVATION BONDS") TO THE CITY BUILDING KNOWN AS THE OPERA HOUSE ON UNION AVE ("OPERA HOUSE") UPON THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT AND A GENERAL OBLIGATION OF THE CITY SUBJECT TO BEING APPROVED BY THE CITY VOTERS AT THE GENERAL CITY ELECTION HELD ON MAY 3, 2016

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Glenn to introduce Ordinance 979 on second reading. Motion carries 6-0

After the header was read into the record, a motion was made by Council Member Hitchings and seconded by Council President Gamatoria. Under the question, a motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Glenn to amend the Ordinance, striking the word loan agreement and replacing it with repayment agreement and pledge agreement. Motion carries 6-0

Ordinance 979 as amended passes on roll call vote 6-0.

Ordinance 980: An Ordinance concerning the Tax Rate; Second Reading

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY PROVIDED BY THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND TAX-PROPERTY ARTICLE TITLE 6 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017 ON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($100.00) OF ASSESSABLE REAL PROPERTY, PERSONAL PROPERTY; AND PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL SPECIAL TAX LEVIED WITHIN THE CRITCAL AREA SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT AND SETTING THE SERVICE CHARGE FOR THE SEMI- ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT OPTION.

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Hitchings to introduce Ordinance 980 on second reading; motion carries 6-0. After the header was read, a motion was made by Council Member Hitchings and seconded by Council Member Martin to adopt Ordinance 980; Motion carries 6-0.

Ordinance 981: An Ordinance concerning the Water and Sewer Rate; Second Reading

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AND THE CITY CHARTER SECTIONS 33 AND 34 AND CITY CODE CHAPTER 196 AND EXHIBIT A THERETO, ESTABLISHING THE CITY WATER AND SEWER RATES AND SERVICE PARTICIPATION FEES FOR THE USERS OF THE CITY WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM.

A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Martin to introduce Ordinance 981 on second reading. Motion carries 6-0; A motion was made by Council Member Hitchings and seconded by Council Member Martin to adopt Ordinance 981; under the question, a motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Craig to increase a 10% on the non-metered users of the flat fee of $180 per dwelling. Motion carries 6-0.

Ordinance 981 as amended passes on roll call vote 6-0

UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Council Member Hitchings and seconded by Council Member Glenn to approve the License Agreement for 424 N. Union Ave. Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Council Member Martin and seconded by Council Member Hitchings to approve the Reform Ride for the Homeless on July 8, 2016. Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Council Member Craig and seconded by Council Member Worrell to Adjourn Sine Die.

Mayor Martin administered the Oath of Office to:
Stephen J. Gamatoria, David W. Glenn, Michael R. Hitchings

Mayor Martin called the meeting to order and on roll call all members of Council were present.

A motion was made by Council Member Hitchings and seconded by Council Member Glenn to move into closed session to select the Council President. Motion carries 6-0

The Council meeting was reconvened at 8:22pm with all members of Council present on roll call.

A motion was made by Council Member Craig and seconded by Council Member Glenn to elect Council Member Gamatoria as Council President. Motion carries 6-0

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:
Mr. Patrick Sypolt- Director of Administration:
Mr. Sypolt gave an update on the upcoming events.

Mrs. Adrean Troy; Director of Economic Development; Maternity Leave

Mr. Neal Mills: Director of Planning: No Comment

Mr. George DeHority; Director of Finance:
Mr. DeHority gave a monthly financial recap.

Mr. Tim Whittie; Director of Public Works:
Mr. Whittie announced the construction on Canvasback Drive should be finished tomorrow.
Mr. Whittie also announced on May 27 the Water Treatment Plant will be shut down for valve replacement.
The hydrant flushing is complete.

Chief Teresa Walter, Police Department
Chief Walter congratulated the Council Members for being re-elected.
Chief Walter announced that May 15th is Police Officer Memorial Day.
Chief Walter asked citizens to keep all officers in their thoughts during Police Week.

Business from Mayor Martin:
Mayor Martin congratulated Council Members Gamatoria, Glenn and Hitchings and believes this is the finest council he has sever served with.
Mayor Martin announced the GEM Car.
Mayor Martin also stated the Farmers Market was a success with many new vendors.
Thursday Night Live will begin June 2 with the BStreet Band.
Mayor Martin announced the Fourth of July Committee needs volunteers and June 8th is their next meeting at 7pm.

Mayor Martin announced the passing of Lucille Correri who served as a Council Member in 1985-87.

Business from Council:

Council Member Hitchings:
Council Member Hitchings thanked everyone for their vote and is proud to be re-elected.
Council Member Hitchings stated he has attended many events in the last 2 weeks.

Council Member Glenn:
Council Member Glenn congratulated Council Member Gamatoria for being re-elected again as Council President.
Council Member Glenn announced Relay for Life will be held on May 20, 2016 at Harris Stadium.
Council Member Glenn congratulated Megan Thompson for her accomplishments in making the 1st Team All-Maryland JUCO Softball team.
Council Member Glenn thanked Rick Hauf for his dedication to the Music Boosters.
Council Member Glenn thanked John Narvell for his 50 years of service to the Parks and Recreation.
Council Member Glenn thanked his parents for their continuous support.

Council Member D. Martin:
Council Member Martin congratulated the newly re-elected Council Members.
Council Member Martin reminded citizens about the HDG tags for motorcycles.
Council Member Martin announced Landlord Tenant meetings are scheduled for June 7th, 14th and 21st from 6:30-7:30.
Thanked the Wage and Benefit Commission along with Patrick and George for their hard work in keeping the Healthcare cost the same to employees.

Council Member Worrell:
Council Member Worrell thanked the volunteers who made the After Prom a success.
Council Member Worrell congratulated the Council who were re-elected.
Council Member Worrell stated she attended many events in the City and County.
Budget and Finance will be meeting at City Hall on May 27, 2016.
Council Member Worrell congratulated her son who recently graduated.

Council Member Craig:
Council Member Craig attended the Secret Garden Tour.
Council Member Craig congratulated and thanked the Council for their hard work and dedication to the City.

Council President Gamatoria:
Council President Gamatoria stated the Admin meeting will be held on Wednesday at 4:30.
Council President Gamatoria announced an opening on the Water and Sewer Commission.
Council President Gamatoria extending thoughts to the Correri family for the passing of Lucille Correri.
Council President Gamatoria thanked the citizens who voted and is happy to be serving on Council.

Comments from Citizens:
Walter Pee Wee Glenn: Stated the SHCO raised over 80,000 for children's cancer.
A motion was made by Council President Gamatoria and seconded by Council Member Glenn to adjourn at 9:30 pm. Motion carries 6-0.