



# City of Havre de Grace

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## Public Notice

# Havre de Grace City Council Meeting

**PLACE:** City Council Chambers  
City Hall  
711 Pennington Avenue  
Havre de Grace, Maryland 21078

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

**DATE:** Monday, June 15, 2026

The public may attend the meeting or view it live by visiting the City of Havre de Grace website at [www.havredegracemd.com](http://www.havredegracemd.com) and click on the City YouTube Videos tab. The video will be available to view on the website immediately following the meeting.



## COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

June 15, 2026

711 Pennington Avenue, Havre de Grace, Maryland

7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Opening Prayer: Rev. Gene Proud, Proud Evangelistic Association
5. Approval of the Minutes:
  - A. City Council Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2026
  - B. City Council Public Hearing Minutes – Ordinance No. 1223 on FY 27 Budget – June 8, 2026
  - C. City Council Special Meeting Minutes – Ordinance No. 1223 on FY 27 Budget – June 11, 2026
6. Comments from Citizens
7. Appointments: None
8. Recognitions: None
9. Proclamations: None
10. Presentations: None
11. Resolutions: None
12. Ordinances: None
13. Old Business: None
14. New Business: None
15. Directors Report:
  - A. Dr. Chris Ricci – Director of Administration
  - B. Mr. Geoff Goins – Director of Planning
  - C. Ms. Bridgette Johnson – Director of Economic Development & Tourism
  - D. Mr. Abdul Abdi – Director of Finance
  - E. Mr. Joe Conaway – Director of Public Works
  - F. Chief Jonathan Krass – Chief of Police
16. Business from Council:
  - A. Council Member Jones
  - B. Council Member Clarke
  - C. Council Member Glenn
  - D. Council Member Boker
  - E. Council Member Ellis
  - F. Council President Boyer
17. Business from Mayor Martin
18. Adjournment



## **Council Meeting Proceedings**

**June 1, 2026**

711 Pennington Avenue, Havre de Grace, Maryland

7:00 p.m.

**Public Hearing on Application to the Maryland Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) was called to order on June 1, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Martin presiding. Council Members present: CP Boyer, CM Clarke, CM Ellis, CM Glenn, and CM Jones. Council Member absent: CM Boker.**

TO OBTAIN THE VIEWS OF CITIZENS ON COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND HOUSING NEEDS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE MARYLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG)

As part of the grant requirement, Adam Rybczynski read a statement into the record giving information on the grant program.

**Comments from Citizens:** No comments.

Public Hearing closed at 7:04 p.m.

**The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on June 1, 2026, at 7:05 p.m. with Mayor Martin presiding. Council Members present: CP Boyer, CM Clarke, CM Ellis, CM Glenn, and CM Jones. Council Member absent: CM Boker.**

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the opening prayer was led by Rev. Mary Whitehead, Spearhead Global Outreach.**

### **Approval of Minutes**

City Council Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2026 – CM Jones moved to approve the Council Meeting minutes of May 18, 2026. Second by CM Glenn. Motion carried 5-0.

City Council Closed Session Meeting Minutes on Selection of Council President – May 18, 2026 – CM Clarke moved to approve the Council Closed Session Meeting minutes of May 18, 2026. Second by CP Boyer. Motion carried 5-0.

City Council Closed Session Meeting Minutes on Consultation/Advice of Counsel – May 18, 2026 – CP Boyer moved to approve the Council Closed Session Meeting minutes of May 18, 2026. Second by CM Jones. CP Boyer read the vote from the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Comments from Citizens**

Jonathan Green, 2000-C Level Road, Havre de Grace, corrected the record from his comment at the meeting on May 4. At that meeting he stated a little over 2,000 trees would be planted on the Green property to be in compliance with the Forest Conservation Plan. When he went back to look it up, he found there will actually be over 8,000 trees planted. The trees are indigenous to this area, so they will grow well and be compliments to the environment.

### **Appointments**

CM Jones made a motion to reappoint Wynona Hilton-Stanley, Kevin Harewood, and Philip Samuel to the Arts Commission. Second by CP Boyer. Motion carried 5-0.

CP Boyer made a motion to appoint Lauren Paige to the Board of Appeals. Second by CM Glenn. Motion carried 5-0.

CP Boyer made a motion to reappoint Charles Hiner to the Economic Development Advisory Board. Second by CM Glenn. Motion carried 5-0.

CP Boyer made a motion to appoint Tammy Lynn Schneegas to the Independence Day Commission. Second by CM Clarke. Motion carried 5-0.

CP Boyer made a motion to reappoint Steve Lay to the Marina Commission. Second by CM Jones. Motion carried 5-0.

## **Oath of Office**

Lauren Paige was unable to attend, but will take the oath of office in the Mayor's office one day this week.

## **Presentations**

Kathleen Lee, Vice Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission presented the Historic Preservation Awards. The recipients were James & Mary Ann McCauley for their home at 601 Chesapeake Avenue and M-Cubed Realty LLC for their home at 667 Otsego Street. Ms. Lee presented historical information on each of the houses.

## **Resolutions**

### **Resolution to Authorize Submission of an Application for Community Development Block Grant Funds**

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND SECTIONS 33 AND 34 OF THE CITY CHARTER TO AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

A motion to introduce was made by CP Boyer. Second by CM Glenn. Motion carried 5-0. The resolution was assigned number 2026-06. A motion to adopt was made by CP Boyer. Second by CM Glenn. After a roll call vote, motion to approve carried 5-0.

### **Resolution to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Havre de Grace Arts Collective**

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND SECTIONS 33 AND 34 OF THE CITY CHARTER TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE AND THE HAVRE DE GRACE ARTS COLLECTIVE

A motion to introduce was made by CP Boyer. Second by CM Jones. Motion carried 5-0. The resolution was assigned number 2026-07. A motion to adopt was made by CP Boyer. Second by CM Clarke. After a roll call vote, motion to approve carried 5-0.

## **Ordinance**

### **Ordinance No. 1219 concerning Amending Chapter 205 Zoning regarding Data Centers: Second Reading**

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND, ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE XI-E OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION, AND THE LAND USE ARTICLE AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AND SECTIONS 33 AND 34 OF THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CHARTER TO AMEND CITY CODE CHAPTER 205 ZONING REGARDING DATA CENTERS

A motion to introduce was made by CM Jones. Second by CM Clarke. Motion carried 5-0. A motion to adopt was made by CP Boyer. Second by CM Clarke. CM Jones reported the Planning Commission reviewed the ordinance at their last meeting and unanimously supports the ordinance. CM Jones made a motion to amend the ordinance to expand the prohibition to the residential districts, so the prohibition will include all the districts [the specific amendments were read into the record]. Second by CM Clarke. Motion to approve the amendments carried 5-0. After a roll call vote, motion to approve the ordinance carried 5-0.

### **Ordinance No. 1220 concerning Establishing New Chapter 105 Titled "Leases": Second Reading**

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND, ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE XI-E OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AND SECTIONS 33 AND 34 OF THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CHARTER TO ESTABLISH A NEW CITY CODE CHAPTER 105 TITLED "LEASES"

A motion to introduce was made by CM Jones. Second by CM Clarke. Motion carried 5-0. A motion to adopt was made by CM Clarke. Second by CM Jones. After a roll call vote, motion to approve carried 5-0.

### **Ordinance No. 1222 concerning Establishing the City's Water & Sewer Rates for FY 2027: Second Reading**

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND, ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE XI-E OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, SECTIONS 33 AND 34 OF THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CHARTER, 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 to introduce was made by CM Ellis. Second by CP Boyer. Motion carried 5-0. A motion to adopt was made by CM Clarke. Second by CM Jones. CM Ellis made a motion for three amendments [the specific amendments were read into the record]. Second by CM Clarke. Motion to approve the amendments carried 5-0. After a roll call vote, motion to approve the ordinance carried 5-0.

### **Ordinance concerning Establishing City Budget for FY 2027: First Reading (CM Ellis)**

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE BY THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE XI-E OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 37 OF THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CHARTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING THE CITY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027, BY DESIGNATING THE ANNUAL PROJECTION OF ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND PROPOSED AUTHORIZED EXPENSES FOR THE CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

A motion to introduce was made by CM Ellis. Second by CM Jones. Motion carried 5-0. The ordinance was assigned number 1223. A motion to adopt was made by CM Clarke. Second by CM Glenn. After a roll call vote, motion to approve carried 5-0. The public hearing will be on Monday, June 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. The second reading will be on Thursday, June 11 at 6 p.m.

### **New Business**

Adam Rybczynski presented the special event application.

- Havre de Grace Fall Fest, October 17, 2026  
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., 400 Block of Franklin Street

A motion to approve the special event application was made by CP Boyer. Second by CM Clarke. CM Glenn commented he contacted the organizer to determine that the businesses were contacted regarding the closing of the street – he was told they were and are looking forward to the event. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Directors Report**

**Chris Ricci, Director of Administration:** Dr. Ricci was not in attendance and Mr. Rybczynski had nothing to report.

**Geoff Goins, Director of Planning:** Mr. Goins reported that Tony Cochran, who is a long-time DPW employee, is the new Code Enforcement Officer – he has replaced Earl Sweigart who retired. Permits in May: 10 new construction (Bulle Rock, Sion Hill, Greenway Farm, Taco Bell on Pulaski Highway), 16 renovations/additions, and 22 other minor permits. The Board of Appeals will meet June 4 for the Legacy’s Forest Conservation Plan appeal. At this time, there are no items for the Planning Commission for their June meeting.

**Bridgette Johnson, Director of Economic Development & Tourism:** Ms. Johnson thanked the Council members for reappointing Charlie Hiner to the Economic Development Advisory Board. The Department will be applying for DHCD funding through Community Legacy to replenish the funds in our Façade and Interior Improvement program; five applications have been approved and there are two open applications for Joe’s Mercantile store and Newberry Bakery, which is going in the former Goll’s Bakery location – both should be completed by August. Java by the Bay closed and the owner is seeking a new tenant. This Friday is First Friday – everyone is welcomed – the layout has been changed a little bit and there are additional attractions for the youth. The Freedom Truck will be visiting July 8 & 9 at the STAR Centre parking lot and will be open 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; it is free to the public.

**Abdul Abdi, Director of Finance:** Mr. Abdi thanked the Council for the approval of the water & sewer ordinance and the introduction of the budget ordinance. He reported on the current financial condition of General Fund 1, Water/Sewer Fund 9, and Marina Fund 8. The General Fund balance is \$3,708,000, which is \$117,900 below budget. The Water/Sewer Fund 9 balance is \$6,628,100, which is \$1,132,300 above budget. The Marina Fund 8 balance is \$1,178,000, which is \$10,900 below budget.

**Joe Conaway, Director of Public Works:** Mr. Conaway gave information on the paving project at Bayview Estates. The Harford County line striping crew will be in HdG to freshen up the vast majority of our double yellow lines. Harford Tree Experts will be in HdG beginning tomorrow for a 10-day project that will include McLhinney Park, Concord Point Park, Union Avenue and other areas as part of our annual tree care plan. On a sad note, a previous DPW employee, Richard “Ricky” Hickman was in a fatal motorcycle accident – he was 38 years old and leaves behind his 12-year-old daughter - please keep your thoughts and prayers with the Hickman family.

**Chief Jonathan Krass, Police Department:** Chief Krass congratulated our graduates. The PD is aware of social media rumors concerning a possible altercation at June's First Friday. These reports are currently unverified, but please contact PD if you have any information.

### **Business from Mayor Martin**

Mayor Martin commented he attended the Memorial Day Ceremony and thanked the American Legion for organizing the event and the VFW for putting out the flags; it was a touching ceremony. He had the privilege of attending the graduation of HdG High School seniors – he is proud of them and wished them luck; about 5 students are going into the service. The Independence Day Parade Grand Marshal was announced at the Independence Day Kickoff, which is a new event – the Grand Marshals will be Bill & Carol McIntyre who have many accomplishments and are amazing City of HdG folks – we are honored they accepted the offer to be the Grand Marshals. Our parade is July 5. The City will become transformed with American flags all around town soon.

### **Business from Council**

**Council Member Ellis:** CM Ellis attended the HdG graduation and congratulated the seniors. He reminded everyone Refuel for School is August 15, 3 to 6 p.m.; the volunteer signup will be coming up soon and they are looking for community partners to set up a table.

**Council Member Jones:** CM Jones attended the Memorial Day Ceremony – it was very touching. She attended the HdG graduation – she is excited for all the seniors who are going to do great things. Two upcoming events: History Untapped, at Coakley's Pub on Thursday at 7 p.m. will look back at local restaurants, and the Graw Alley Art Party is on Friday, 5-7 p.m.

**Council Member Clarke:** CM Clarke attended the Harford Community College graduation and the HdG High School graduation – congratulations to all of them. She hopes the Independence Day Kick-off Dinner will become an annual event. There will be a Community Cleanup Day at Somerset Manor on June 6. The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics will be on June 10 at 7:30 a.m. at the Lock House Museum – you can support it by purchasing a Torch Run shirt at the Police Department. SARC Paws for a Cause will be on June 13 at Concord Point Park at 9 a.m. She encouraged everyone to come out and support these causes.

**Council Member Glenn:** CM Glenn reported he will be reaching out to the county regarding the trailer at 1353 Old Post Road in an effort to clean up the gateway to HdG. The sidewalk at Zellman's Funeral Home will be repaired tomorrow. For Memorial Day, his thoughts and prayers are with all the Gold Star Families – their loved ones will never be forgotten. He requested prayers for former Councilmember Dave Martin who is having some health issues. He also asked to keep the Hemler family in your thoughts and prayers - Mark Hemler's wife lost her courageous battle to ALS. Congratulations to the Boy's Track & Field Team for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1A State Meet with special congratulations to Avery Jeannot who finished 1<sup>st</sup> in both the 100 meter and 200 meter, and the 4x100 Relay Team of Gavin Batten, Ryan Erby, Aiman Rai Delos Santos, and Avery Jeannot who brought home the 1<sup>st</sup> place medal – way to go Warriors! Congratulations to all the graduates and he wishes them the best in all future endeavors. Warrior Proud, Grace on Top!

**Council Member Boker:** CM Boker was not in attendance due to being in California on Army civilian work. CP Boyer read CM Boker's comments. He supported the reappointment of the three members to the Arts Commission. He congratulated the winners of the Historic Preservation Commission awards. He thanked Joe Conaway and his crew for sewer work that was completed.

**Council President Boyer:** CP Boyer recognized the history of past Council Presidents with Anna Long being the first female Council President. CP Boyer explained her approach as Council President, which will prioritize collaboration, transparency, and respect; she believes “together we serve” - none of them does the work alone. There are two budget sessions coming up – the public hearing is on June 8 at 6 p.m. and the second reading and adoption is on June 11 at 6 p.m.; she encouraged residents to attend, ask questions, and share their perspectives. Council members will be attending the Maryland Municipal League Summer Conference this month – this is an opportunity to learn about other municipalities, share HdG's successes, and bring home new ideas to strengthen our City. Our participation also ensures that we remain connected to best practices and advocate for the needs of our residents. She is grateful for the trust that has been placed in her. Together we serve.

### **Adjournment**

CP Boyer made a motion to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Second by CM Glenn. Motion carried 5-0.

Submitted by: Tamara Brinkman

**Video recording of the City Council Meeting may be viewed through the City of Havre de Grace YouTube channel.**



## **City Council Public Hearing FY 2027 Budget**

June 8, 2026

6:00 p.m.

City Hall, 711 Pennington Avenue, Havre de Grace, Maryland

**The public hearing was called to order on June 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Martin presiding.**

**Council Members present: CP Boyer, CM Boker, CM Clarke, CM Ellis, CM Glenn, and CM Jones.**

**Staff present: Abdul Abdi, Director of Finance; Geoff Goins, Director of Planning; Bridgette Johnson, Director of Economic Development & Tourism; Joe Conaway, Director of Public Works; Chief Jonathan Krass, Chief of Police; Adam Rybczynski, Senior Aide to the Mayor; April Ishak, City Attorney; Tamara Brinkman, Executive Assistant.**

### **Public Hearing for Ordinance concerning Establishing City Budget for FY 2027**

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### **Comments from Citizens:**

No comments.

### **Comments from Council Members:**

CP Boyer recognized CM Ellis for the prestigious award he was honored with at the Harford Leadership Academy Dinner – Harford Leadership Academy Alumni of the Year award.

### **Adjournment**

CM Boker made a motion to adjourn at 6:03 p.m. Second by CM Clarke. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Martin commented that the second reading of the ordinance will be on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 6 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

Submitted by: Tamara Brinkman, Executive Assistant



## **Special Council Meeting Proceedings**

June 11, 2026

711 Pennington Avenue, Havre de Grace, Maryland

6:00 p.m.

**The special meeting was called to order on June 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Martin presiding.**

**Council Members present: CP Boyer, CM Boker, CM Clarke, CM Ellis, and CM Jones.**

**Council Member absent: CM Glenn.**

**Staff present: Abdul Abdi, Director of Finance; Geoff Goins, Director of Planning; Bridgette Johnson, Director of Economic Development & Tourism; Joe Conaway, Director of Public Works; Major Joe Alton, Deputy Chief of Police; Adam Rybczynski, Senior Aide to the Mayor; April Ishak, City Attorney.**

### **Comments from Citizens on Agenda Item**

No comments

### **Ordinance No. 1223 concerning Establishing City Budget for FY 2027**

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A motion to introduce was made by CM Ellis. Second by CM Jones. Motion carried 5-0. A motion to adopt was made by CM Boker. Second by CM Jones. The staff were recognized for their work preparing the budget. After a roll call vote, motion to approve carried 5-0.

### **Adjournment**

CP Boyer made a motion to adjourn at 6:06 p.m. Second by CM Boker. Motion carried 5-0.

Submitted by: Tamara Brinkman, Executive Assistant