

**PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2007
CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on October 15, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Wayne H. Dougherty presiding and the following members present: Council President Stephen Gamatoria, Council Members Garrett Lyttle, James Miller, Randolph Craig, Barbara Ferguson and Joe Kochenderfer.

Mayor Dougherty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening prayer was led by Reverend Gary Sieglein (Darlington/Rock Run U.M.C.).

On motion by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Kochenderfer and, on six affirmative votes, the Minutes of October 1, 2007 were approved.

At this time, Council President Gamatoria requested four (4) changes to the Agenda. Those being, as follows:

- 1. Item #10 Resolutions (Community Legacy Grant Application – FY2008) Asked that this be removed from tonight’s Agenda and replaced next meeting.**
- 2. Item #12 (A) Budget Amendment #2008-8 – Asked to be introduced by Councilmember Miller rather than himself.**
- 3. Item #12 (B) Budget Amendment #2008-9 - Also asked to be removed from tonight’s Agenda and held for another meeting.**
- 4. Lastly, Item #13 (B) Lease – Maritime Museum – Also asked to be removed from tonight’s Agenda and held until the next meeting.**

Mayor Dougherty verified that the entire Council approved of these requested changes; it was verified that this was a unanimous decision, therefore, the Mayor moved forward with the Agenda.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

A. Mayor Dougherty and Council President Gamatoria presented a Proclamation to Council Member Joe Kochenderfer honoring his recent 2007 winning of Harford’s Most Beautiful Person. The week of October 22nd through 26th has been designated here in Havre de Grace as “Joe Kochenderfer” week.

B. Certificates of Recognition were also presented to Kevin Racine and Cecil Wettig – both 2007 nominees of Harford’s Most Beautiful People.

APPOINTMENTS

On motion by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Ferguson and, on six affirmative votes, the appointment of Elisabeth (Lisa) Andreassi to the Landlord/Tenant Commission was approved.

On motion by Councilmember Lyttle, seconded by Councilmember Miller and, on six affirmative votes, the appointment of John (Jack) W. Fox to the Historic Preservation Commission was approved.

Following this appointment, Mayor Dougherty administered the oath of office to Elisabeth (Lisa) Andreassi, just appointed to the Landlord/Tenant Commission. The Mayor then administered the oath of office to John (Jack) W. Fox, just appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission. Additionally, the oath of office was administered to Robert E. Green, who had been appointed at the October 1, 2007 meeting to also serve on the Landlord/Tenant Commission.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS

- None -

RESOLUTIONS:

Community Legacy Grant Application (FY2008) Resolution was withdrawn from Agenda per Council President's request.

ORDINANCES:

- None-

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Budget Amendment #2008-8 (Presented by Councilmember Miller)

Councilman Miller explained this Amendment is to request an increase of \$25,000 in "CDBG Grant" revenues (Acct. #01-4-0001-4897) to the "Paving Program" (Account # 02-7-1251-7013), the same account where the current funding for Market Street resides. **Councilmember Miller made a motion to accept this Amendment, seconded by Councilmember Kochenderfer, voted on and passed 6-0.**

B. Budget Amendment #2008-9:

Budget Amendment #2008-9 removed from the Agenda.

C. Budget Amendment # 2008-10: (Presented by Council President Gamatoria)

Request to transfer \$9,900.00 from the Real Property Full Year Levy (Account #01-4-0001-4104) to Professional Services – Street Lighting (Account #01-5-12586276). This transfer is for the purpose of expediting installation of street lights in the Havre de Hills development. The General Fund will be reimbursed by funds recovered from the developer of Havre de Hills. **Council President Gamatoria made a motion to accept this Amendment, seconded by Councilmember Kochenderfer.** Before voting on this motion, both Councilmembers Lyttle and Kochenderfer expressed their frustration at finding it necessary to take this action because of the developer not following through on required work to be performed on this project. However, all Councilmembers agreed it definitely needs to be passed for the safety of the citizens in Havre de Hills. **A vote was taken following this discussion and passed 6-0.**

At this time, Mayor Dougherty recognized Bill Reeder, Deputy Director of Public Works for his hard work and efforts to the citizens of Havre de Hills.

NEW BUSINESS

A. City Council/Planning Committee Recommendation for Replacement sign in Right-of-Way at 301 South Union Avenue (the Vandiver Inn). This was presented by and motion made by Councilmember Lytle to approve this request subject to a licensing agreement, seconded by Council President Gamatoria, voted on and passed 6-0.

**B. Lease – Maritime Museum
Removed from tonight’s Agenda and will be presented at next Council meeting.**

BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Dougherty discussed his recent activities and itinerary, noting particularly that on October 14, 2007, he attended the Citizens Care Rehabilitation Service. He further noted upcoming meetings and events.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL

Council President Gamatoria and each of the Councilmembers also reported on the many meeting and events they have recently attended as well as progress being made on the various committees they serve on. During Councilmember’s Ferguson’s comments, she mentioned the Silent Witness Program that the Police Department is currently sponsoring in conjunction with Domestic Violence Month. Chief of Police Walter presented additional information on this program, giving an account including names of victims in Harford County killed due to domestic violence. The Chief further noted that the goal for upcoming years is “0” homicides due to domestic violence.

Also, several Councilmembers joined in expressing their pleasure at the honor being bestowed on Councilmember Kochenderfer and the fact that he is a vibrant individual here in Havre de Grace.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

A. Mr. Melvin Lewinsky (147 Wilson Street)

A representative from Susquehanna Hose Company sincerely thanked citizens of Havre de Grace and businesses for helping make their recent “Open House” one of the best in several years.

On motion by Councilmember Miller, Mayor Dougherty adjourned the Council Meeting at 8:30 p.m.