

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR RESOLUTION #2008-02  
FEBRUARY 4, 2008  
CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
7:00 P.M.**

**Public Hearing for “Introduction of Arts/Entertainment District – Resolution #2008-02. A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council, supporting the application to the Secretary, Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, for designation of an *Arts and Entertainment District*, in the City of Havre de Grace and authorizing certain incentives affecting qualifying residing artists and owners of qualifying property within the *District*.”**

Mayor Dougherty asked if there was anyone in the audience that wanted to testify or comment on this Resolution. There being no comments or questions, the Hearing was adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

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At this time, Mayor Dougherty made the announcement that the entire issue and originally scheduled Public Hearing for the USS Forrest Sherman, has been “withdrawn” by the USS Forrest Sherman DD-931 Foundation. Therefore, this item will not come before Council.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
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The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on February 4, 2008, at 7:04 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, and Joe Kochenderfer.

Mayor Dougherty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening prayer was led by Pastor Ron Tabor of the First Christian Church.

**On motion by Council President Gamatoria, seconded by Councilmember Lyttle, and, on five affirmative votes, the Minutes of January 7, 2008 were approved. On motion by Council President Gamatoria, seconded by Councilmember Kochenderfer, and, on five affirmative votes, the Minutes from the Special Council Meeting of January 22, 2008 were approved.**

**At this time, Council President Gamatoria requested an Amendment to the Agenda by removing Item #6C (Skater’s Corner Project Presentation). Due to technical problems, they would like to make their presentation at the March Council meeting.**

## **PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS:**

- A. Duck Drop Recognition** – The Mayor assisted by Council Member Craig (on behalf of Council Member Ferguson) presented the Susquehanna Hose Company with a departmental plaque honoring them for taking on the responsibility of this past New Year’s Eve Duck Drop. Individual members of Susquehanna Hose Company (including Chief Scott Hurst, Vice President Steve Gamatoria, Ed Grainger, Tom Phelan, Jim Simperts, Donald Wooten, Earl Daughtery, Melvin Wolinski, Neil Campbell, Chris Buchanan and Bill and Gail Reeder) were also recognized for their part in this effort. Additionally, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hiss as well as Mr. and Mrs. Henry Krotee were recognized for “repair of the duck”. Lastly, Carl Penroe (owner of Frank’s Pizza was recognized for his kindness in keeping all of the above well fed the night of the event.
- B. Presentation of AED’s** – Chief Scott Hurst introduced Brenda and Kathy (representatives from Bulle Rock Resident’s Club) and President Packard. Chief Hurst said these individuals were the main ones that help them organize the Turkey Trot Event they held around Thanksgiving in order to raise money for the purchase of defibrillators. Brenda (who works for “Heart Start”) presented the City with three (3) AED’s (defibrillators). It was announced because of their generous donation, City employees are in the process of being trained in use of this equipment. One (1) will be kept at City Hall, one (1) at D.P.W. and the third at the Water Plant. Appreciation for this equipment was expressed by the Mayor and Council.
- C. Recognition of Fire Fighters of the Month:** Firefighters Buddy Schweers and Frank Roth were recognized for the Month of November and John Harris, Keith Beckley, Ed Grainger and Steve Andrews for the Month of December.
- D. Recognition of Students of the Month:** The following students were chosen by their schools for their academic excellence as well as being well rounded students in all aspects: Trevon Hawkins from Havre de Grace High School (unfortunately, Trevon was unable to be present but the certificate was presented to representatives of the High School); Allison Grabowski from Havre de Grace Middle School; Hazel Saenz (Grade Five) and Allen Donahoo (Grade Four) from Havre de Grace Elementary School and Taylor Johnson from Meadowvale Elementary School.

## **APPOINTMENTS:**

- A. Marsha Jacksteit** – A motion was made by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Kochenderfer, voted on and passed 5-0 to appoint Ms. Jacksteit as an alternate member to the Board of Appeals.
- B. Gary Cecchine** - A motion was made by Councilmember Lyttle, seconded by Councilmember Kochenderfer, voted on and passed 5-0 to appoint Mr. Cecchine as a member to the Revolving Loan Review Committee.

## **OATHS:**

The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Marsha Jacksteit to serve as an alternate member on the Board of Appeals from February 4, 2008 until February 4, 2011. The Oath of Office was then administered by the Mayor to Mr. Gary Cecchine to serve as a member of the Revolving Loan Review Committee from February 4, 2008 until February 4, 2011.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** There were no comments from Citizens.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- A. Arts/Entertainment District – Resolution #2008-02. (Presented By: Council President Steve Gamatoria) Based on the Public Hearing immediately prior to this Council Meeting on this subject, Council President Gamatoria made a motion to Adopt Resolution #2008-02, which was seconded by Councilmember Lyttle, voted on and passed 5-0. Council President Gamatoria and Councilmember Lyttle thanked the Main Street Group and the Arts/Entertainment for their hard work in making this possible. It was commented this was a “team effort”. Each of the Councilmembers added comments regarding the favorability of accepting this Resolution.**
- B. Resolution # 2008- \_\_\_\_ (Annexation – 5.706 Acres More or Less) Council President Gamatoria noted that rather than amend the Agenda, it is best that this item be moved from the Agenda and moved to the March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 Agenda. This was requested due to the fact that there was more information received late this afternoon and needs to be thoroughly reviewed.**
- C. Revitalization and Development (RAD) Revolving Loan Fund - Resolution # 2008-\_\_\_\_. “A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Havre de Grace, Maryland for the Purpose of Repealing Existing Resolution No. 2007-03 entitled “The Revitalization and Development (RAD) Revolving Loan Fund” and Establishing in its place this Resolution No. 2008-\_\_\_\_ updating and amending the criteria and procedures for the administration of the Revitalization and Development (RAD) Revolving Loan Fund.” A motion to Introduce this Resolution was made by Councilmember Lyttle, seconded by Council President Gamatoria, voted on and passed 5-0. After the reading of this introduction, #2008-03 was assigned to bring this Resolution to life. Councilmember Miller made a motion to adopt, seconded by Councilmember Lyttle and passed 5-0.**
- D. Resolution # 2008- \_\_\_\_ (Surplus Property- Mt. Erin/St. James Cemetery) Council President Gamatoria noted that rather than amend the Agenda, it is best that this item be moved from the Agenda and moved to the March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 Agenda. This was requested due to the fact that there was more information received late this afternoon and needs to be thoroughly reviewed.**
- E. Resolution #2008- \_\_\_\_ (Surplus Property – MacGregors, Inc.) Council President Gamatoria noted that rather than amend the Agenda, it is best that this item be moved from the Agenda and moved to the March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 Agenda. This was requested due to the fact that there was more information received late this afternoon and needs to be thoroughly reviewed.**

**ORDINANCES:** (None)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** (None)

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Budget Transfer: Amendment #2008-16 – The City Council approved the funding for the Yacht Basin Piers and Lighthouse Pier on January 7, 2008. The next contract for this project that needs awarding is for electrical work at piers #2 and #5 at the Yacht Basin. The recommended award is for \$178,000. In addition, current estimates are that approximately \$110,700 will be needed to fully equip the Yacht Basin Piers as designed for the project. The total estimated project cost is therefore \$1,442,700, consisting of \$1,102,700 for the Yacht Basin piers and \$340,000 for the Lighthouse pier. Consequently, an additional \$288,700 in funding will be necessary to fully fund the project. (See attached Budget Amendment Source of Funds as read by Councilmember Craig.) Councilmember Craig made a motion to approve this Budget Amendment, which was seconded by Council President Gamatoria, voted on and approved 5-0.**

## **BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR**

Mayor's comments were very brief. However, he did present each Councilmember with a copy of his Response to Executive Order #3 – the task of reviewing the City's Department of Human Resources. The Mayor thanked the staff and the Council for their hard work during his absence following surgery and thanked them for their efforts in working together.

## **BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL**

**Council President Gamatoria:** Thanked all those volunteers and students that had been honored this evening and welcomed the new appointees. He thanked the Council for their efforts during the month of January in holding two (2) work sessions as well as a Special Council Meeting. He announced various meetings and events that are coming up.

**Councilmember Craig:** Addressed the Ontario Street water line improvement project. Said he believes the residents in this area have faced many challenges. He noted there are normally three (3) phases in projects such as this: 1. Excitement, then slowly into Anticipation and then finally, sometimes (unfortunately) into the Irritation Phase. Said he was proud of the Mayor going out and personally addressing issues when water was turned off. He believes there are a lot of lessons to be learned as a result of this project. Believes infrastructure improvements could be improved insofar as communication. Councilman Craig reports he has been working on the issue of Parks and Harbor. He plans on presenting the Mayor in the near future his ideas. At this time, Councilman Craig presented a copy of the "signed deed" for Concord Point from the County Executive. The deed was also formally signed by Mayor Dougherty. Councilman Craig further stated that his wish is that with the approval of the Admin Committee and the Council that when properties are declared surplus and sold, the proceeds will be held in a separate account for purchasing of additional park land. He is looking forward to working with the Mayor and Council on such legislation.

**Councilmember Kochenderfer:** Gave reports on various committees he serves on. Also made mention of attending Senator Robert Hooper's viewing and wished his family and community well – commented on the service that Senator Hooper provided. Announced the Tree Commission will be meeting a week from tonight at 7:00 p.m.

**Councilmember Lyttle:** Announced the Havre de Grace Maritime Museum will be holding their Annual Masquerade Gala Fundraiser Event on Saturday, February 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. until midnight to be held at St. Patrick's Hall. He also congratulated the two new appointees as well as thanked all the firefighters and students for their accomplishments. He did mention concern regarding an e-mail that had been received stating the Council was not in favor of veterans (regarding the withdrawal of the naval ship). He noted this was definitely not the case – that he and others on the Council are veterans.

**Councilmember Miller:** Noted the upcoming Red Pump Ball to be held on February 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. to benefit Upper Chesapeake Cardiovascular Unit - point of contact for tickets is Mary Ann Lisanti. Councilman Miller requested that Council hold special work sessions to discuss a specific area of the Lilly Run project. This was set up for 2/13/08 at 6:00 – it was decided to also discuss at this meeting the two surplus property requests that were pulled from tonight's Agenda. Reported the D.P.W. Committee has been meeting actively. Also noted there seems to always be openings on the Landlord/Tenant Committee is anyone is interested. He also congratulated the group that donated the A/E defibrillators.

#### **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

**A. Mr. Mitch Shank– 603 Market Street; Havre de Grace**

Mr. Shank noted the little second grader (Josh McNally) that was in the audience is the only Havre de Grace member of Boy's and Girl's Club as a finalist for Havre de Grace's Spelling Bee; he will be participating in the finals next Wednesday in Bel Air. He announced there is an 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party for his mother (Madeline Shank) to be held at Zellman's Funeral Home this coming Sunday (2/10/08) from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Lastly, as Chairman of the Arts/Entertainment Committee, he stated they are very pleased and proud for all the support and efforts both the Mayor and the Council put forth in adopting this Resolution. He was pleased to report that a total of 43 citizens signed the attendance sheet.

**B. Ms. Brenda Guldenzopf - 706 Market Street; Havre de Grace**

Ms. Guldenzopf thanked the Mayor and Council for their thoughts and thinking through the issue of the request to have the USS Forest Sherman come here as an additional museum. She reminded everyone that "Havre de Grace already has a Maritime Museum in place and one that does not obliterate the view of the river."

Councilmember Miller made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council President Gamatoria and Mayor Dougherty officially adjourned the meeting at 9:12 P.M.