

**PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 6, 2007  
CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**Public Hearing on: Municipal Tree Commission – Ordinance #892**

**This Public Hearing was held on August 6, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. The audience was asked if there were any comments regarding this Ordinance. There being none, Councilman Kochenderfer stated this Tree Commission Ordinance has been introduced for the first reading at the July 16, 2007 meeting. The second reading will take place at the next Council meeting on August 20, 2007. The Public Hearing was closed.**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on August 6, 2007 at 7:02 p.m. (immediately following the Public Hearing) with Mayor Wayne H. Dougherty presiding and the following members present: Council President Stephen Gamatoria, Council Members Garrett Lyttle, James Miller, Randolph Craig, Barbara Jenifer-Ferguson, and Joe Kochenderfer.

Mayor Dougherty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening prayer was led by Father Charles, visiting from St. Louis de Monfort Parish, in Santa Maria, California. Father Charles is also the brother of the City's Director of Administration, Carol Mathis.

**At this point, Councilman Jim Miller made a motion that an Amendment be made to Item #7 on the Agenda which is Appointments. He wanted to add two (2) new names for appointments for the Tenant/Landlord Commission – those being: Eric Adams and Cathi Vincenti. Councilman Lyttle seconded this motion; it was voted on and passed 6-0.**

**On motion by Councilmember Ferguson, seconded by Council President Gamatoria and, on six affirmative votes, the Minutes of July 16, 2007 were approved.**

**PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

A Plaque and Recognition Certificate were presented to Ms. Dorothy C. Lewis by Mayor Wayne Dougherty with Brigitte Layton, of the Visitor's Center, assisting. Ms. Lewis was recognized for her nearly 1500 hours of volunteer time at the Visitor's Center as well as her many, many other contributions to the City. Almost her entire family was present for this recognition. Amongst many other tributes, the Mayor noted how fortunate the City of Havre de Grace is to have Mrs. Lewis as a citizen.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

**On motion by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Council President Gamatoria and, on six affirmative votes, the appointment of Karole Quimby-Rimel, to the Landlord/Tenant Commission (fulfilling the requirement of a landlord with greater than 13 units) was approved.**

**On motion by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Council President Gamatoria and, on six affirmative votes, the application of William Higbee, for appointment to the Landlord/Tenant Commission (fulfilling the requirement of a tenant) was approved.**

**On motion by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Ferguson and, on six affirmative votes, the application of Barbara Morgan, for appointment to the Landlord/Tenant Commission (fulfilling the requirement of a tenant) was approved.**

**On motion by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Lyttle and, on six affirmative votes, the application of Juan Bailey, for appointment to the Landlord/Tenant Commission (fulfilling the requirement of a tenant) was approved.**

**On motion by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Ferguson and, on six affirmative votes, the application of Candice Anne Bossoli, for appointment to the Landlord/Tenant Commission (fulfilling the requirement of a landlord with less than 12 units) was approved.**

**On motion by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Craig and, on six affirmative votes, the applications of Sandy Pierce, Kim Driver, and Gerald Bowman, all representing Carsins Run Properties for appointment to the Landlord/Tenant Commission (fulfilling the requirement of a landlord with greater than 13 units) was approved. It was noted that although all three of these individuals were appointed, only one (1) vote from the Carsins Run Properties group would be allowed for matters requiring a vote.**

**On motion by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Lyttle and, on six affirmative votes, the application of Eric Adams, for appointment to the Landlord/Tenant Commission (fulfilling the requirement a tenant) was approved.**

**On motion by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Lyttle and, on six affirmative votes, the application of Cathy Vincenti, for appointment to the Landlord/Tenant Commission (fulfilling the requirement of a representative from the Chamber of Commerce) was approved.**

Council President Gamatoria thanked Councilman Miller for all his hard work in getting this Tenant/Landlord Committee together and stated he looks forward to this committee having some productive meetings.

**On motion by Councilmember Ferguson and seconded by Councilmember Craig and, on six affirmative votes, the application of Joe L. Towns for appointment to the Street & Traffic Safety Advisory Board as a full member for three years was approved.**

Mayor Dougherty administered the oath of office to Karole Quimby-Rimel, Juan Bailey, Candice Anne Bossoli, Sandy Pierce, and Gerald Bowman all members to the Landlord/Tenant Commission. Mayor Dougherty then administered the oath of office to Joe L. Towns, a member to the Street & Traffic Safety Advisory Board with Chairperson of that Committee, William Johnson, assisting. Thirdly, the Mayor then administered the oath of office to James Allen Boyle, Amy Carlson, and Mara L. Sierocinski, all members to the Economic Development Advisory Board with Bridgette Johnson, Economic Development Manager assisting.

#### **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

**Mr. Charles Mike, 1413 Superior Street: (Representing the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee)**

Commented on wishes of Committee because they felt they had not been represented at the previous Council meeting. The Committee was concerned with discussion that had taken place and the feeling that some Council members were not in favor of having a carnival. After thoroughly reviewing the wishes of the Committee and the reasons for these wishes, he ended by noting that the Committee is requesting that all four (4) events be held on Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 (the parade at 2:00 p.m., concert at 7:00 p.m. fireworks at dark and the carnival ongoing from July 1<sup>st</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup>).

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

**Council President Gamatoria made a motion to Introduce Resolution # 2007-14 which was seconded by Councilmember Kochenderfer and on six affirmative votes was approved. #2007-14 is “A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Havre de Grace, Maryland for the Purpose of Approving and acknowledging the Ben Carson Reading Project, which is a Program Initiative of the Carson Scholars Fund, Inc.” After a brief explanation of what this Resolution entails and its purpose, a Motion to Adopt was made by Council President Gamatoria, seconded by Councilman Lyttle and on six affirmative votes, passed.**

The adopted and signed Resolution was presented to Ms. Jo Weisgal, the Reading Room School Liaison for the Carson Scholars Fund. It was noted by Mayor Dougherty that Havre de Grace has already benefited from this program by having two (2) reading rooms already available and a third one is being proposed for Meadowvale Elementary School.

#### **ORDINANCES**

None

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. 1. Budget Amendment #2008-1- Presented By: Council President Gamatoria:**  
Motion to Transfer \$200,000.00 from Account # 01-4-0001-4101 to Account #01-7-1251-7013 to Expand on Original Paving Contract Request. This motion was seconded by Councilman Lyttle, voted on and passed 6-0.
- 2. Budget Amendment #2008-2 – Presented By: Council President Gamatoria:**  
Motion to transfer or re-allot funds for several departments to meet the realignment of personnel. This transfer requires no new money coming in; merely transferring from one account to another. This motion was seconded by Councilman Kochenderfer, voted on and passed 6-0.
- B. Report on Independence Day Event: (Councilman Garrett Lyttle)**  
Councilman Lyttle asked to bring the Motion that was tabled at the July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting back to the floor. This motion to untable was seconded by Councilmember Ferguson. The motion was voted on and carried 6-0. At this time, Councilmember Miller stated he would like to withdraw his standing motion from the July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting where he wanted the Council to vote “yes” or “no” as to whether they would support a carnival next year. This motion had been seconded by Council President Gamatoria – at this time, he also withdrew his second to that original motion. Therefore, there was a clean slate on discussion for the Independence Day Event. Following more discussion and Councilmembers expressing their analogies and thoughts/concerns on this issue, Councilmember Lyttle made a motion that all events (parade, fireworks, concert and carnival be held on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 with the carnival running from July 1 through July 5, 2008). This motion was seconded by Councilmember Craig and voted on with the following results: Councilmembers Craig, Ferguson and Lyttle voted yes to this motion while Councilmembers Gamatoria, Kochenderfer and Miller voted no. According to the City Charter, a “tie” vote can be broken by the Mayor. At this time the Mayor voted yes to hold all of the above events on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A: Approval of RAD Loan Recommendations:**

- 1. Sav-A-Lot (200 Congress Avenue) \$100,000 for Purchase**  
Councilman Lyttle made a motion seconded by Councilman Kochenderfer to approve this request; was voted on and passed 6-0.
- 2. Salon Marielle By the Bay (454 Franklin Street) \$45,000 – Working Capital**  
Councilman Lyttle made a motion seconded by Councilman Kochenderfer to approve this request; was voted on and passed 6-0.
- 3. Web Advantage (224 N. Washington Street) \$100,000 – Rehab/Renovation**  
Councilman Lyttle made a motion seconded by Councilmember Ferguson to approve this request; was voted on and passed 6-0.
- 4. Crazy Eights Hair Salon (130 N. Washington Street) \$ 15,000 – Rehab/Renovation**
- 5. Councilman Lyttle made a motion seconded by Councilman Craig to approve this request; was voted on and passed 6-0.**

At this time, Mayor Dougherty thanked Bridgette Johnson for her efforts in following through on these requests. It was further noted that there is still \$295,000 remaining for the purpose of additional RAD Loans.

**B: City Council/Planning Committee Recommendation:**

1. **Approval for a license agreement for a sign in right-of-way at 625 South Union Avenue. Councilman Lyttle made a motion, seconded by Council President Gamatoria to approve this request. It was voted on and passed 6-0.**
2. **Approval for Building Entrance in right-of-way at 356 Congress Avenue. Councilman Lyttle made a motion, seconded by Councilman Miller to approve this request. It was voted on and passed 6-0. It is to be determined by the Administrative Committee if this will be a lease or a license agreement.**
3. **Approval for a license agreement for Awnings and Sign in right-of-way at 708 Commerce Street. Councilman Lyttle made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kochenderfer to approve this request. It was voted on and passed 6-0.**

**C. Special Events:**

1. **Request to hold the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Havre de Grace Art Show from August 17<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at Tydings Park. Councilmember Kochenderfer made a motion to approve this event which will use City property and support; this was seconded by Councilmember Miller, voted on and carried 6-0.**
2. **Request to hold the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Arts Festival on September 8, 2007 at Tydings Park from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Councilmember Kochenderfer made a motion to approve this event which was seconded by Councilmember Lyttle, voted on and carried 6-0.**
3. **Request to hold a Halloween Parade on October 30, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. from Congress Avenue to the Mid-100 Block of North Washington. Councilmember Kochenderfer made a motion to approve this event which was seconded by Council President Gamatoria, voted on and carried 6-0.**

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

**Mr. John Lee, Sr. – 437 Battery Drive: (Also Present, his Grandson Quinton)** Gave a report on the recent Open Air Ministry they had. Invited the Mayor and any Councilmembers to attend the upcoming 53<sup>rd</sup> Convention of the Pentecostal Assembly of Churches of Jesus Christ to be held from August 15<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>. He requested the presence of a City representative at the Church on 331 North Ohio Street on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August between 7:30 and 8:00 to present a Recognition.

**Mr. Chip Paradis– 330 Cigar Loop:** Trying to establish a business (Brusters) out on Route 40. Would like to speak with City personnel regarding sewer hook up (fees, Reimbursement Agreement, etc.) Also, interested in speaking with someone on possibility of Annexation. Thirdly he inquired about how to apply for a RAD Loan. He was instructed to meet with Mr. Larry Parks of D.P.W. , Mr. Jay Bautz and Mrs. Bridgette Johnson for these various concerns.

**Mr. Curtis Coon – 440 Majestic Prince Circle:** Commended the Mayor and the Council on the way they are treating the citizens and taxpayers of Havre de Grace.

**Mr. Ronnie Fleming – 206 Fender Court:** Informed those present of an upcoming Comedy Show (The Six Car Pile Up) to be held August 16<sup>th</sup> at the Van Diver Inn.

#### **BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR**

Mayor Dougherty provided details of the very busy schedule he has held since the previous Council meeting. He once again thanked the Staff for the work they have been doing in fulfilling some of the many requests and changes that have been made in the past couple of months.

#### **BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL**

Council President Gamatoria and each Councilmember individually reported on the many activities they have taken part in since the last Council meeting. They also reported on the progress being made in the various committees they serve on as well as some of the upcoming activities.

Mayor Dougherty congratulated Councilmember Miller on his recent appointment as Vice President of the Harford/Cecil County MML organization. He also because of the severe heat at this time and prediction for that heat to continue, made all those present as well as those listening that the Community Activity Center out on Lewis Lane is also being used as a “heat relief” center. He asked if any residents are in need of this service and need transportation to contact Ms. Carol Mathis for service.

On motion by Councilmember Miller, Mayor Dougherty adjourned the Council Meeting at 9:17 p.m.