

**PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2006
CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on October 16, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor John P. Correrri, Jr. presiding and the following members present: Council President Fred Cullum, Councilmen Wayne Dougherty, Stephen Gamatoria, Garrett Lyttle, and James Miller. Councilman Gary Wasielewski was absent due to illness.

Mayor Correrri led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion by Councilmen Dougherty and Lyttle, the Minutes of October 2, 2006 were approved.

On motion by Council President Cullum and, on five affirmative votes, an amendment to the **Agenda to add the application of Paula J. Casagrande for a Revitalization & Development (RAD) Loan to Section 13, New Business**, was approved.

EXPENDITURES

No questions were presented.

APPOINTMENTS

No appointments were presented.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Correrri and Council President Cullum presented a Recognition Award to Emeka Iheacho as Student of the Month at Meadowvale Elementary School.

Mayor Correrri and Council President Cullum presented a Recognition Award to Hugh McFarland as Student of the Month at Havre de Grace Elementary School.

Mayor Correrri and Council President Cullum presented a Recognition Award to Amy Kling as Student of the Month at Havre de Grace Middle School.

Mayor Correrri and Council President Cullum presented a Recognition Award to Kelly Slentz as Student of the Month at Havre de Grace High School.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS

George Klair of Bramble Lane, Churchville, presented a history of the flooding problems in the Lilly Run area. He would like to be involved in the RFP process and the engineering study.

Gregory Shinn, Captain of the Skipjack Martha Lewis, commented on the pleasure it is to work in The City of Havre de Grace and provide tours on the Skipjack. The Skipjack is in need of funds for extensive repairs in order to qualify for U.S. Coast Guard Certification in order to operate in 2007.

RESOLUTIONS

On motion by Councilmen Miller and Dougherty and, on five affirmative votes, **introduction of Resolution No. 2006-11 Concerning The Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) Grant Application** was approved.

On motion by Council President Cullum and Councilman Lyttle and, on a roll call of five affirmative votes, **Resolution No. 2006-11 Concerning The Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) Grant Application** was approved.

ORDINANCES

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

On motion by Councilman Dougherty and Council President Cullum and, on five affirmative votes, the **Lilly Run Engineering Study with URS being selected as the firm to perform the study**, was approved.

The Independence Day Celebration Committee developed a plan for the 2007 Carnival, Fireworks, and Parade. The Plan is to have the Carnival open on Friday, June 29 and run through Tuesday, July 3, 2007. The Parade is to be held on Saturday, June 30, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. The Fireworks and Concert will be held on Tuesday, July 3, 2007. The Big 6 Wheel and the Punching Bag will be the two big problem attractions removed from the event. The Plan will comply with the recommendations of the Special Independence Day Council Committee.

On motion by Councilmen Lyttle and Dougherty and, on three affirmative votes, **the Plan of the Independence Day Celebration Committee concerning the 2007 Carnival, Fireworks, and Parade**, was approved. Councilmen Gamatoria and Miller voted No.

NEW BUSINESS

On motion by Councilmen Lyttle and Dougherty and, on a roll call of four affirmative votes, the **Budget Amendment No. 2007-05 for \$5,000 concerning the Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy (Skipjack Martha Lewis)**, was approved. Councilman Miller voted No.

On motion by Council President Cullum and Councilman Dougherty and, on five affirmative votes, the **Application by Paula J. Casagrande for a Revitalization & Development Loan in the amount of \$50,000**, was approved.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Kevine Racine of Erie Street presented an update on the progress of expanded transportation from Harford County to Cecil County. He also reported the scheduled restoration of the train station.

Kalman Riegelhaupt complained that he was locked out of the building for the 7:00 p.m. meeting concerning the Independence Day Celebration last Monday. Councilman Dougherty believes the door was closed as an oversight accidentally causing the lack of access for Mr. Riegelhaupt.

Joe Kochenderfer discussed his disappointment with the concession regarding the Letter of Intent for Resolution No. 2006-10 Concerning Tranquility Place and the Flood Diversion Project. He is not opposed to Tax Increment Financing (TIF), or townhouses, or relief of the flooding problem in the area. He disagrees with the TIF for this particular project and the increase of 25% in housing units for the area.

Allen Fair of Concord Place suggested that we remember the awful conditions of the Tranquility area and should appreciate the change for the better for the whole community. He also agreed that the water and sewer hook-ups should have already been in place and that the developer should not have to incur such expense.

BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Correrri announced that a Russian Delegation visited Havre de Grace while touring Harford County and enjoyed the beautiful City of Havre de Grace.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL

Each Council member discussed their busy schedule with many meetings and events attended since last Council Meeting and announced many upcoming local activities.

Council President Fred Cullum announced that Conquest Point is now owned by Harford County and will soon become the property of The City of Havre de Grace.

On motion by Council President Cullum and Councilman Miller and, on five affirmative votes, **to Rescind Resolution No. 2006-08 concerning the allocation of \$100,000 for the purchase of Conquest Point**, was approved. The funds are no longer needed for the purchase of the property.

On motion by Council President Cullum and Councilman Gamatoria and, on five affirmative votes, **the request by Upper Chesapeake Council of the Good Medicine Society to move The Fourth Annual Four Bay Winds PowWow from Tydings Park to the Maritime Museum**, was approved.

Council President Cullum announced that the Administrative Committee was working on a job description for a grant writer and that Human Resources is reviewing pay scales. He also announced that he firmly believes in his affirmative vote regarding Resolution No. 2006-10 concerning Tranquility Place and the Flood Diversion Project. There has been much talk and confusion regarding this issue. He welcomes anyone to meet in person or by telephone to discuss his decision and further information on the issue.

Councilman Dougherty announced that the Lewis Lane and Ontario Street Railroad Crossings repairs have been rescheduled from September 2006 to June 2007. He believes something must be done to move these repairs to an earlier date. He announced that the Bayview Drive issue will be an extensive project concerning water run-off, a traffic study and road re-surfacing. DPW will do minor patching until the project can be started probably in 2007. The repairs on Route 7A Revolution Street are moving along successfully. The S.M.I.L.E.S. volunteers went to a Ravens Football Game with complimentary tickets donated by the Ravens Football Organization. Please remember that the testing will be Sunday, October 22, 2007 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for donation of bone marrow to past Council Member Vince Way.

Councilman Gamatoria reported that the Public Safety Committee (PSC) met with residents of Green Street, and the Police Department to discuss the presence of drug activity in their neighborhood. The next PSC meeting will be October 26, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall. The public is welcome to attend. The Hatem Bridge Work Group will meet October 25, 2006. He invited neighborhood associations and other organizations to announce their meetings if they would like a PSC member to attend. He asked DPW Committee Chair, Councilman Dougherty, if a letter could be sent to Mrs. Leffler explaining the scheduled repairs on Bayview Drive. He also welcomes anyone to meet in person or by telephone to discuss his decision and further information regarding Resolution No. 2006-10 concerning Tranquility Place and the Flood Diversion Project.

Councilman Lyttle complimented Joe Kochenderfer and Bill Tarello, along with other Water and Sewer Task Force Committee members, for the hard work and

dedication regarding the rate increase issues. He attended the welcoming event at City Hall for the Russian Delegation and enjoyed the gathering. There are many scheduled events throughout the City in celebration of Halloween. Please see the schedule and advertisements. Also, he expressed his appreciation of the hard work by the museums and recognized the difficulty of always trying to do so much with such limited funds.

Councilman Miller announced that the Halloween Parade will be October 30, 2006 and a judge is needed for the event if any council members would like to volunteer. Remember to set clocks back one hour and check all smoke detector batteries. He spoke with the Secretary of Transportation while at an event in Edgewood and learned that there will be an increase in the number of buses and Marc Trains in the future for Harford County. He attended the meeting regarding the drug activity on Green Street. He attended a Department of Park and Recreation meeting and learned that the construction of the Senior Community Activity Center is on schedule. He attended the pre-bid meeting regarding the Tydings Park Restrooms.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.