



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 18, 2014

7:00 p.m.

**Public Hearing:**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND THE CITY CHARTER SECTION 34 RESCINDING CITY RESOLUTIONS 92-7 AND 2008-24 WHICH RESOLUTIONS ESTABLISHED AND MODIFIED THE CITY'S RAD LOAN PROGRAM; THEREBY ENDING THE CITY RAD LOAN PROGRAM AND TURNING ALL OF THE CURRENT OUTSTANDING LOANS OVER TO THE STATE OF MARYLAND OR THEIR DESIGNEE AND SUBMITTING THE RAD LOAN FUND BALANCE TO THE STATE FOR USE BY THE CITY FOR APPROVED PROJECTS IN THE CITY.

Cindy Stone was introduced as the Director- Office of Community Programs

**Public Comments:**

Allen Fair; 3 Concord Place- Mr. Fair disagrees with the abolishment of the RAD Loan and feels the RAD loan can help downtown businesses.

Steve Sheppard; 810 S. Union Ave- Feels Council should consider all options before the abolishment of the program occurs.

Chuck Maslin; 100 S. Washington St.- Feels the RAD Loan has been successful in our City and finding a way for the City to manage the loans with controls is important.

Mike Hatem; 908 S. Washington St.- Mr. Hatem stated he has been a member of the RAD Loan since the inception and had made modifications to loans and is concerned with the State not being able to address issues as the RAD Loan Committee has.

Bob Robinson; 320 S. Stokes St.-Believes the RAD Loan is a great program.

Public Hearing Closed 7:41

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on August 18, 2014 at 7:41 p.m. with Mayor Dougherty presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Councilmember's, Craig, Martin, Glenn, Corrieri, Cullum and Gamatoria. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Wayne H. Dougherty and the opening prayer was given by Reverend Cordell Hunter.

A motion was made by Councilmember Corrieri and seconded by Councilmember Gamatoria to approve the Council meeting minutes of August 4, 2014; motion carries 4-0 with Council

President Martin and Councilmember Craig abstaining from the vote due to their absence during that last meeting.

**RECOGNITIONS:**

Kelsi Ludwigsen was recognized for “Run Across America”

**PROCLAMATIONS:** None

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Lori Maslin reported on the success of the 2014 Seafood Festival and is excited to announce the 2015 performer Ronnie Millsap.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Craig and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to appoint Joyce Revell to the Arts Commission. Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Councilmember Craig and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to appoint Penelope Shevenell to the Arts Commission, Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Craig to appoint Melissa Fetzer to the Tree Commission; motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Craig to re-appoint Carole Andrews to the Tree Commission; motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Craig to Re-appoint Donald Horton; Re-appointment, Tree Commission; motion carries 6-0

**OATH OF OFFICE:** (Administered by Mayor Dougherty)

Mayor Dougherty administered the Oath of Office to Joyce Revell, Penelope Shevenell and Melissa Fetzer

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Michael Hatem; 908 S. Washington Street: Would like City Council to reconsider closing commerce street during the Seafood Festival because of public safety issues. He also objects to snow fencing on his property and has contacted Paul Ishak for a legal opinion.
- Lori Maslin 100 S. Washington St.- Ms. Maslin appreciates council consideration for the 2015 Seafood Festival Application. She also commented that Commerce St. is closed for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and the Art Show. She assures Council that snow fencing is not on Mr. Hatem’s property.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Ordinance 958 concerning residential fence requirements (CM Cullum)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND CHAPTER 34 OF THE CITY CHARTER AMENDING CHAPTER 205 ZONING SECTION 205-9 I (6) RESIDENTIAL FENCE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY CODE.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Craig to introduce Ordinance 958 on first reading; motion carries 6-0. After the header was read and assigned a number, a motion was made by Councilmember Craig and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to adopt Ordinance 958 on first reading; motion carries 6-0.

A public hearing is scheduled for September 2, 2014 @7:00 p.m.

**Ordinance 959 concerning signs (CM Cullum)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND CHAPTER 34 OF THE CITY CHARTER AMENDING CHAPTER 151 SIGNS OF THE CITY CODE.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to introduce Ordinance 959 on first reading. Motion carries 6-0; after the header was read and assigned a number, a motion was made by Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Craig to adopt Ordinance 959 on first reading. Motion carries 6-0

A public hearing is scheduled for September 2, 2014 @7:00 p.m.

**Ordinance 960 concerning auto repair service centers in the RB/Commercial zones (CM Cullum)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND CHAPTER 34 OF THE CITY CHARTER AMENDING CHAPTER 205 ZONING SECTIONS 205-13; 205-26, 205-27; 205-36 AND 205-37 RELATED TO AUTO REPAIR OR SERVICE CENTERS IN THE RB OR COMMERCIAL ZONES IN THE CITY.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to introduce Ordinance 960 on first reading. After the header was read and assigned a number, a motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to adopt Ordinance 960 on first reading. Motion carries 6-0.

A public hearing is scheduled for September 2, 2014 @7:00 p.m.

**ORDINANCES:** None

**UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to approve the Restore Church- Movies at the Park; Amended Application to add a rain date of 9/19/14; motion carries 4-2 with Councilmember Craig and Gamatoria opposing. The sponsors will be notified to make a decision by 1:00 pm if they will be cancelling due to rain.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gamatoria and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to approve the Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting; 12/5/14; Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Gamatoria to approve the Sickle Cell 5K Walk/Run; 9/21/14; Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Councilmember Gamatoria and seconded by Councilmember Cullum to approve the Seafood Festival 2015; 8/7/15-8/9/15; Motion carries 6-0

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullum and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to approve the license agreement for the new public library and project construction of a courtyard fronting and located within the Union Ave right of way. Motion carries 6-0

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Mr. Jim Newby;** Director of Administration: No report

**Mr. Lofland:** No report

**Mr. Neal Mills;** Director of Planning:

Mr. Mills gave an update that Family Dollar has been bought out by Dollar General but the project on Revolution Street will proceed as planned.

**Mr. George DeHority;** Director of Finance:

Mr. DeHority stated the auditors will be at City Hall for 2 weeks starting Monday.

**Mr. Larry Parks;** Director of Public Works: No report.

**Chief Teresa Walter:**

Chief Walter stated the Seafood Festival and Arts Show went well with no issues to report.

**Business from Mayor Dougherty:**

Mayor Dougherty stated he attended a wedding anniversary for Dr. and Mrs. Gunther Hirsch. Mayor Dougherty extended condolences to The Vincenti family for their loss. Young at Heart meets every Wednesday at 10 am

**Business from Council:**

**Councilmember Cullum:**

Councilmember Cullum was unable to attend the Seafood Festival due to family obligations but gave the tickets to family members.

Mr. Cullum stated the Planning Committee has been very busy.

The next water and sewer meeting will be held on 8/19.

**Councilmember Correrri:**

Councilmember Correrri extended his condolences to the Vincenti family  
Councilmember Correrri announced the passing of Joseph Correrri.

**Councilmember Gamatoria:**

Councilmember Gamatoria stated the Seafood Festival was successful.  
Councilmember Gamatoria stated the Budget and Finance committee met last night.

**Councilmember Glenn:**

Councilmember Glenn attended National Night Out, Seafood Festival and Art Show.  
Mr. Glenn thanked everyone who attended the BOE meeting on 8/4/14 and spoke on the replacement school.  
Councilmember Glenn stated a public meeting was held to announce the specifications of the replacement school.  
Councilmember Glenn stated the Police Department held a successful summer camp.  
Councilmember Glenn stated Carbon Monoxide Detectors have not approved for the public schools however he is still working on this initiative.  
Councilmember Glenn extended his condolences to the Vincenti family.  
A fundraiser will be held on 9/27/14 for Deputy Chief Bobby Goll.

**Councilmember Craig:**

Councilmember Craig stated he was out of town and for the last two weeks.

**Council President Martin:**

Council President Martin commends the Council Planning Committee for working on the Ordinances that were brought forth tonight

Council President Martin thanked Economic Development for inviting Ms. Stone to the Council meeting; a lot of information was presented.

The Seafood Festival was a success with good weather. Mr. Martin commended the promoters for bringing that magnitude of people to our city.

Council President Martin stated the Havre de Grace Commercial is being aired on MASN.

A motion was made by Council President Martin and seconded by Councilmember Correrri in accordance with Section 10-508 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Havre de Grace City Council will meet in closed session tonight after adjournment. The purpose of this closed session is to discuss legal matters. In addition to the Mayor and City Council, the following directors are requested to attend; Jim Newby, George DeHority, Neal Mills and Larry Parks.

Motion carries 6-0.

**Comments from Citizens:**

Bob Robinson 320 S. Stokes Street: Mr. Robinson commented about the proper way to address ladies.

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Council President to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. Motion carries 6-0