



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 4, 2014

7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order on August 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Dougherty presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Councilmember's, Glenn, Correrri, Cullum and Gamatoria. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Wayne H. Dougherty and the opening prayer was given by Mayor Wayne H. Dougherty

A motion was made by Councilmember Correrri and seconded by Councilmember Gamatoria to approve the Council meeting minutes of July 21, 2014; motion carries 4-0

RECOGNITIONS: None

PROCLAMATIONS: None

PRESENTATIONS: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

OATH OF OFFICE: None

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Allen Fair; 2 Concord Place- Mr. Fair does not agree with the abolishment of the RAD Loan program.

Lori Maslin; 100 South Washington St. – Ms. Maslin does not agree with the abolishment of the RAD Loan program and believes this loan is important to downtown businesses.

Joe Fiocchi; 469 Commerce St.-Mr. Fiocchi feels the RAD Loan program would be a good program if managed properly.

RESOLUTIONS:

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 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.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gamatoria and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to introduce Resolution 2014-06; motion carries 4-0. After the header was read and assigned a number a public hearing date was for scheduled for August 18 at 7:00 p.m.

ORDINANCES: None

UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Councilmember Gamatoria and seconded by Councilmember Glenn to approve budget amendment 2015-02; motion carries 4-0

A motion was made by Councilmember Gamatoria and seconded by Councilmember Correrri to approve budget amendment 2015-03; motion carries 4-0

Councilmember Glenn excused himself at 7:20 p.m.to attend the Board of Education meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Jim Newby; Director of Administration:

Mr. Lofland was absent however Mr. Newby gave an update on behalf of Mr. Lofland Wilhelm Automotive is still a work in progress.

Attended the ACER open house which was successful.

The MASN advertisement is moving forward and should be aired soon.

Mr. Lofland is currently working with an IT company which will be located about the Lufborrow Dental Practice.

Cecil Federal has closed its operation division on St. John Street and is moving the operation division back to their main office in Elkton.

The City Call program continues.

Mr. Lofland is still working on the Economic Summit.

Mr. Neal Mills; Director of Planning:

No Report.

Mr. George DeHority; Director of Finance:

Mr. DeHority stated the Finance Department is closing the books and the auditors return in August.

Mr. Tom Lofland; Director of Economic Development: Absent

Mr. Larry Parks; Director of Public Works

Mr. Parks reminded citizens to call City Hall first if they are experiencing a water and or sewer issue.

Captain Wayne Young:

Captain Young stated National Night Out is being held tomorrow.

Captain Young reminded everyone the Seafood Festival and Art Show will be held in the next 2 weeks and to use caution and watch for signs.

Business from Mayor Dougherty:

Mayor Dougherty extended sympathy to the Howshall family.
Mayor Dougherty wished Joanne Angelini a Happy 80th birthday.
Mayor Dougherty attended the installation of new officers at the American Legion on 7/26.
Young at Heart meets every Wednesday at 10am at the Activity Center.
Mayor Dougherty thanked the HDG PD for the summer camp they held.

Business from Council:

Councilmember Cullum:

Councilmember Cullum stated the Planning Committee remains busy with topics and would like to see legislation on the agenda soon.
Councilmember Cullum states he supports the RAD Loan and over the years it has been successful.

Councilmember Correrri:

Councilmember Correrri stated the DPW Committee meets on Wednesday at 3:30.
Councilmember Correrri congratulated the Police Department on their current promotions.
Thanked the SHCO for responding to a call at his home.

Councilmember Gamatoria:

Councilmember Gamatoria reported on behalf of Councilmember Glenn ; working diligently with Public Safety Committee.
Councilmember Gamatoria stated the Admin Committee continues to move forward and meet regularly.
Mr. Gamatoria reported the Budget and Finance Committee is staying active.
Mr. Gamatoria stated he is excited about the upcoming Seafood Festival and Three Dog Night Concert.
Mr. Gamatoria stated citizen comments are very important concerning the RAD Loan and welcomes citizen comments at the public hearing.

Councilmember Glenn: Absent

Councilmember Craig: Absent

Council President Martin: Absent

Comments from Citizens:

Mr. Joe Kochenderfer: Feels the status of the RAD Loans should be made public.
Lori Maslin: Promoted the HDG Seafood Festival
Allen Fair; Mr. Fair recommended Auxiliary Police for Special Events. Mr. Fair also believes the RAD Loan can help several vacant buildings downtown.
Camay Murphy; Suggested a letter of support from the Mayor and Council to support the legacy of a black jockey by having an exhibit mounted during the Preakness.

The meeting was dismissed at 7:52 pm with Councilmember's Cullum, Correrri and Gamatoria present on the Dias.