

EXECUTIVE SESSION – April 5, 2005

On a motion duly made by Councilmember K. B. Aleshire and seconded by Councilmember C. N. Moller, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to meet in closed session at 3:30 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of the annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, Section 10-508(a) #7 to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice. No formal action was taken at the session. The meeting was held in the Mayor's Office, 2nd floor at the City Hall. The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

WORK SESSION – April 5, 2005

Mayor William M. Breichner called this Work Session and Executive Session of the Mayor and City Council to order at 4:15 p.m., Tuesday, April 5, 2005 in the Council Chambers at the City Hall. Present was Mayor Breichner, City Council Members K. B. Aleshire, N. L. Hendershot, L. C. Metzner, C. N. Moller, P. M. Nigh, City Administrator Bruce Zimmerman, and City Clerk D. K. Spickler.

Cashiering/Internet Citizen Payment System

Scott Nicewarner, Information Technology Manager, stated the Treasurer's Office has been accepting credit card payments as a form of payment for utility bills, permits, and parking tickets since March 21, 2005. This is the first step in the process to move from the HP 3000 computer system. Internet payments will be accepted beginning April 18, 2005. Soon, customers will be able to reserve the park facilities, schedule bulk trash pickups and report compliance violations on-line.

Representatives from Full Moon Software have been working with the Treasurer's Office during this conversion. Mr. Nicewarner stated the support from Full Moon Software has been very good. He stated Leon Albin, City of Hagerstown, has also been a tremendous help.

Alfred Martin, Finance Director, thanked Mr. Nicewarner and the Information Technology staff for their efforts in meeting one of the core values of the City, which is to meet and exceed the customers' expectations.

Bruce Zimmerman, City Administrator, also thanked Mr. Nicewarner, Mr. Albin and the City staff for their efforts in implementing this service.

Sewer Allocation for Gateway Crossing

Kathleen Maher, Planning Director, and David Shindle, Water and Sewer Department Manager, presented a request from Pennrose Properties for permission to proceed with the completion of Gateway Crossing and potential exemption from the 40-unit limit as part of the

Interim Sewer Capacity Allocation Program.

The actual amount of this request cannot yet be determined because the final version of the Sewer Capacity Allocation Program has not been developed. The quantity needed will be dependent on the actual construction schedule.

The following list summarizes the key points on this case:

1. All plats associated with this project were approved prior to January 12, 2005. Therefore, the “120,000 gallon pool” associated with the Consent Judgment is not applicable.
2. Phasing for the project is as follows:

Phase I (completed)	92 EDU's
Phase II (completed)	55 EDU's
Phase III	81 EDU's
Phase IV	121 EDU's
Phase IV (Community Estates)	4 EDU's
Total Units	353 EDU's
3. The project started with allocation for 243 units that was derived from the existing houses. There are 96 units of allocation remaining for Phases III and IV.
4. To complete the project, this development will require allocation for up to another 110 units.
5. Gateway Crossing is subject to a funding deadline from HUD of September 30, 2006, when the entire Hope VI project must be completed. Gateway Crossing, LLC's contract with the builder states that the units must be completed by June 30, 2006 as a cushion to ensure no deadline over-run with HUD.
6. The Interim SCAP would allow only 40 units for this project for the interim period of January - July 2005. In order to meet their deadlines, Gateway Crossing needs to pull building permits during the Interim period for all 110 units. This project has the community benefit and public partnership characteristics that would have made this request a natural for the Discretionary Reserve. However, since the Discretionary Reserve only applies to the 120,000 gpd of the Consent Judgment, Gateway does not have the option to request for Reserve allocation.
7. Because of the community benefit and public partnership goals of this project, staff would recommend allowing Gateway Crossing an allocation commitment as if the

Interim program were the final program – 40 units for January - July 2005, 40 units for August - December 2005, and 30 units from 2006 – and to “forward fund” the commitment now.

Councilmember Aleshire asked if HUD would allow an extension of time to complete the project. Lauren Bayer, Community Development Manager, stated if the September deadline is not met, HUD will start taking money back.

Ms. Maher indicated because this project is an existing development it is not eligible for the allocation pool.

Councilmember Metzner stated he is supportive of approving the request. However, he asked that the City Attorney review the request and determine whether or not approving the request would jeopardize other projects.

The City Attorney will be asked to review the request and issue an opinion prior to the April 26, 2005 Regular Session.

North Hagerstown High School Stadium

John Williamson and James Brown, Campaign Committee for the Mike Callas Stadium at North Hagerstown High School, were present to discuss the progress on the fund drive for the stadium.

Mr. Williamson stated the Stadium Committee is a very dedicated group of people who agreed to make this project a priority. He distributed a campaign booklet and gave the Mayor and City Council a video and a DVD to view. In January, 2005, a total of \$ 1,000,000 had been pledged. There is a public awareness meeting being held at North Hagerstown High School this evening. The blueprints will be completed in two to three weeks. The School Board needs to approve the design and then it will be submitted to the State of Maryland for approval. The total cost of the project will be determined at that time. It is anticipated the stadium will be usable by Fall, 2006.

Mr. Brown stated he is pleased to announce pledges are moving closer to \$ 1,500,000. He hopes some of the other political bodies will step forward and commit funding to the project. The school based campaign starts this evening and in-kind donations will start toward the end of April. Fundraisers will be held at a later date.

Councilmember Metzner stated he is a former student of Coach Jim Brown's. He stated he learned a lot from that experience and he is sure others in the community have also. He stated he supports this project because it is not just for students at North High but for students at South High also. School Stadium (located at South High) is overused. He suggested adding funding

for the stadium to the Program Open Space priority list. This is a project for our children and our community.

Mr. Brown stated this project will enhance the City's recreational system and youth sports events can be held there when the stadium is not being used by the school.

Councilmember Hendershot stated the committee has been working very hard on this project and doing an outstanding job.

Councilmember Aleshire stated he thinks if funding can be committed to improvements at the Humane Society, there should be funding available for the stadium.

Mr. Brown stated the stadium will be a project the community can be proud of.

East End Study

Richard Phoebus was present to provide an updated plan for the redevelopment of a part of the east end of Hagerstown. Jason Thompson, Brailsford & Dunlavey, was also present.

Mr. Thompson created a plan for redevelopment of the east end of Hagerstown. There is a wide variety of uses already in place. There are approximately 149 acres in the study area. There is a water feature that runs through the area. Hager Park is also an asset to the area. A market analysis was developed that includes a hotel, multi-family housing, and commercial/retail uses. Public projects include a convention center, a baseball park, and a museum use. Mr. Thompson tried to develop something that would be unique to the area. He suggested gaining control of the current hospital property, at a cost of \$ 1,000,000.

The following options were discussed:

Option A – Accommodates the full public projects building program, including a convention center, baseball park, parking garage, surface parking, and the reservation of land for a museum. This option assumes that the baseball park is located on private land and is among the options incurring the greatest of building costs at an estimated \$ 74.9 million.

Option B – Like Option A, Option B accommodates the full public projects building program, including a convention center, baseball park, parking garage, surface parking, and the reservation of land for a museum. Unlike Option A, it is assumed that the baseball park is located on tax exempt land. The building costs for Option B are estimated to be \$ 75.9 million.

Option C – In Option C, the public projects building program is reduced to include only

the convention center and the associated surface parking needs. The convention center is located on private land, leaving the entirety of the tax exempt land available for private development. The building cost estimate is \$ 46.0 million.

Option D – Option D also includes a reduction to the public projects building program, limiting the projects to just the baseball park. The baseball park is assumed to be located on private land and cost \$ 19.2 million.

Option E – Similar to Option D, the public projects building program in Option E is limited to only the baseball park, but also includes a surface parking allowance. In this option, the baseball park is assumed to be located on tax exempt property and cost \$ 20.2 million.

A number of revenue streams were studied for the project. Some of the revenue could be \$ 250,000.00 from the baseball team, hotel/motel tax money, admission and amusement tax, ground rent paid by the developer and tax incremental financing. In order to finance a convention center, more than \$ 600,000.00 will be needed. Option E appears to be the best option, which requires the lowest investment and limited land acquisition. The plan in Option E operates at a significant surplus and reduces completion and financial risks. The surplus may be applied to future public projects. The project could be debt financed.

Councilmember Aleshire asked who would be able to provide debt financing for the project.

Councilmember Metzner stated by using hotel/motel tax it appears the money is not coming directly out of the community, but it is.

Councilmember Aleshire stated the City could promote the project.

Bruce Zimmerman, City Administrator, asked about the status of the Hagerstown Light Department's operations since a piece of the ballpark in Option E is on Hagerstown Light property.

Mr. Phoebus stated this idea has been discussed for almost a year and it is a vision and a concept. It may change in design with smaller projects and in different ways. Cooperation from both the City and the County would be necessary to make the project successful. The owner of the baseball team that is now in Hagerstown is willing to commit a substantial amount of money to the project.

Councilmember Hendershot asked if there was any estimate of how long the project may take. Mr. Phoebus stated it may take 7 to 10 years. Councilmember Hendershot asked who the contributors are for the \$ 70,000.00 for the study that was completed. Mr. Phoebus stated CHIEF, David Lyles, Mandalay baseball, Washington County Hospital and various developers

are contributing to the project. Councilmember Hendershot pointed out a lot of the same people contributed to the campaign for the Republican slate.

Broadband Over Powerline and Fixed Wireless Initiative Discussion

The Broadband Over Powerline Team was available to answer questions and receive direction from the Mayor and City Council. The Team members are: Michael Spiker, City Light Manager, Karl Kohler, City Light Assistant Manager, Scott Nicewarner, Information Technology Manager and Ray Foltz, Assistant Finance Director.

Mr. Spiker stated Councilmember Aleshire had submitted a list of 18 questions about the initiative. He stated answers to those questions will be provided in the near future. When negotiations are completed, the issue will be discussed with the Mayor and City Council at a work session.

Mr. Zimmerman acknowledged there is information that needs to be addressed. He stated Staff is not looking for a decision from Mayor and City Council at this time. Staff believes there is value to exploring broadband. They understand there are questions and concerns. He suggested continuing to work toward implementing the initiative and reviewing it in early summer.

Councilmember Metzner stated Pete Lowenheim, Washington County Emergency Operations, would have to be supportive of the initiative before he could support it. He stated the ham radio operators are working to get feedback from Cincinnati. His major concern is interference with emergency communications.

Councilmember Hendershot asked about the length of the contract. Mr. Spiker indicated that decision has not been made at this point. It is anticipated that the contract will be for 10 years with a right to renew at 5 years.

Councilmember Aleshire stated his questions are in response to the public comments that were stated at the public hearing.

Councilmember Nigh stated she is also concerned about the emergency communications. Mr. Nicewarner stated both companies are concerned as well and are willing to work with Mr. Lowenheim. They have no intention of implementing an initiative that would interfere with any radio communications.

Mr. Zimmerman stated the review process has taken 15 months and Staff understands the Mayor and City Council's concerns. Staff will have to work within the time limits of the proposals.

Mr. Zimmerman and Mr. Nicewarner thanked the Mayor and City Council for their discussions about the Broadband initiative.

Short and long Term Compensation Issues

Donna Messina, Director of Human Resources, and Ray Foltz, Assistant Finance Director, were present as a follow up to discussions by the Mayor and City Council relative to equity of employee salary and benefit packages. The Mayor and City Council have expressed some interest in conducting a comprehensive study of the entire compensation package for the City's five (5) employee groups.

Staff is asking for Mayor and Council direction on how to proceed to address a short-term issue and when and how to address the more long-term issues regarding pay and compensation.

The short-term issue that staff believes requires more immediate attention is the following:

1. We are experiencing salary compression that was created by hourly personnel receiving higher annual wage adjustments than their supervisors. Staff is seeking approval for Human Resources to work with Department Managers to make appropriate adjustments to lessen salary compression.

Among the longer-term issues that will require more discussion in the future are the following:

1. Equity in the area of sick days and personal days among employee groups.
2. The total cost of our complete wage and benefit package versus the cost of only base wages
3. Internal pay and compensation equity issues among our five employee groups
4. External pay and compensation equity issues for our employees
5. Conducting a pay and compensation package equity study for all five employee groups versus one group per year
6. The budgetary impact of funding the study
7. The budgetary impact of making any adjustments to our wage and benefit levels, based on the results of the study.

Ms. Messina stated Staff is seeking direction on when it would be best to return to Mayor and

Council to discuss the longer-term issues. That discussion could be held April 19, 2005 or at a later date.

Councilmember Metzner stated a city wide compensation study is needed. He stated the exact parameters for the study would have to be determined.

Mr. Zimmerman asked if this topic should be discussed further after the upcoming election.

Ray Foltz, Assistant Finance Director, stated \$ 25,000.00 is budgeted in 2006 to complete a study for one group. To do a full study, the cost would be \$ 60,000.00.

Ms. Messina stated doing studies for individual groups causes the loss of opportunity for internal equity.

Councilmember Hendershot stated the City employees make the Mayor and City Council's job look easy. There are employees who are grossly underpaid.

Mr. Zimmerman stated the study and wages would be discussed during the budget review.

Councilmember Metzner stated all employee groups would have to trust the end results of a study.

Ms. Messina then discussed a short term issue that has occurred because the City has been successful in increasing labor rates. Rates for working supervisors have not risen as quickly. There are twelve supervisory employees who are experiencing salary compression. In order to make a change for the last two months of the year, it would cost approximately \$ 5,000.00. For example, from 2003-2005 patrol officers' wages increased \$ 8,084 and front line supervisors wages only increased \$ 1,043.00.

Councilmember Metzner stated everyone needs to realize that all the employee groups are interconnected. When employees see a request for additional money for a few people, they have the impression that negotiations can't continue because of the additional wages.

Mr. Zimmerman stated they are not talking about a wage adjustment for all non-union personnel, only for 12 supervisors to deal with the wage compression. Some departments have been having difficulty filling positions based on the pay scale.

Ms. Messina stated there are employees who have trained and worked toward personal development and the City doesn't want to lose them.

Councilmember Nigh asked what department is experiencing the wage compression issue the most. Ms. Messina stated the police department has the highest number. The fire department

and customer service departments are also experiencing the problem.

Councilmember Nigh indicated someone at the police department stated that sergeants do get compensated, with built in overtime and other benefits. They do not have the same standards as patrol officers.

Acting Chief Charles Summers stated front line supervisors and sergeants have different duties so they would not have the same performance standards. He stated there are fewer and fewer officers taking the promotional tests for the office of sergeant.

Councilmember Hendershot recommended spending the \$ 5,000.00 to alleviate the situation.

It was the general consensus to approve the expenditure.

Tusing Warehouse Status

Steven Glessner was present to provide an update on the status of his project for the Tusing Warehouse. Deborah Everhart, Economic Development Director, stated the Mayor and City Council had granted an extension of two weeks for Mr. Glessner to provide this update.

Mr. Glessner introduced Norman Nusiak, who is his new partner. Both Mr. Glessner and Mr. Nusiak stated they are excited about this project and they want to get started as soon as possible. They intend to do the project as previously presented.

Ms. Everhart stated the development agreement with Mr. Glessner and Mr. Nusiak would have to be revised to reflect the change in the partnership. The contract is under review at this time. The estimated renovation costs for the building are \$ 680,000.00, with \$ 25,000.00 in start up costs for a restaurant. The total project cost is over \$ 1 million.

Mr. Nusiak stated he practices law in both Frederick and Washington Counties. His intent is to secure the building and make it safe. He is excited about the renaissance that is already occurring.

2005/2006 Budget Overview

Bruce Zimmerman, City Administrator, presented an overview of the 2005/2006 budget. He stated the City no longer faces stagnant residential growth. This fact creates opportunities and presents challenges. There will be more opportunities to strengthen the core of the city. The City will have the opportunity to upgrade operations and services. There will be the opportunity to channel funds toward increasing amenities for City residents. One of the challenges will be managing growth. This has not been an issue during the last four years. Mr. Zimmerman stated, in terms of resources, the City will have to make sure it is not overwhelmed in its abilities to the

demands of the growing infrastructure.

The 2 + 2 committee, which was established during the past year, provides an avenue to discuss issues and creates an opportunity for open dialog between the City and the County Commissioners.

There is no property tax rate increase in the proposed budget. In each of the last four years, an increase in the tax rate was included in response to a decreasing general fund.

There is increased focus on community based initiatives. A new account, entitled Community Based Initiatives, is included. This account will give the Mayor and City Council the opportunity to look at the community and determine where to use the money for improvements.

Because of the lean budget years, ground was lost in capital improvements and infrastructure projects. With the increase in growth, restoration of general fund bond issues has been possible.

There are sustained funding levels for personnel costs. Two positions were authorized for the Engineering Department, one police position was reinstated, one position was added in Planning, two positions were added in Code Enforcement and Inspection and the part time position for Channel 6 programming was changed to a full time position.

A new position has been added in the proposed budget for a programmer/analyst in Information Technology. A construction rehabilitation position has been eliminated and a recommendation is being made to change the Neighborhoods Coordinator position from part time to full time.

Mr. Zimmerman stated it is worth noting that the funding level for personnel costs does not reflect a reduction in employee benefits. The funding level is sustained for this budget year.

One of the threats is the uncertainty of the State Highway User Fund. This funding was cut by the State of Maryland in the last two years. The amount included in the proposed budget is a full restoration of the funding. However, the funding level could be changed by the State legislature. If the funding is cut at the state level, the City's budget will have to be revised. Another threat is the change in accounting requirements for retirement benefits for employees. This change will affect the City in two years and will be significant. Under the new accounting rules, the benefit must be shown as a liability. No decision is required this year, but the Mayor and City Council need to be aware of this change. The long term affect could be close to \$ 100 million. The first budget to be affected will be 2006/2007.

Because of the improving health of the general fund and some tightness in Community Development, the general fund has absorbed sizeable increases in expenditures for police operations.

The Water and Sewer fund includes a very aggressive capital improvement program. The City has assumed bond issues for the Water and Sewer capital funding. A rate increase of 3.7% is being proposed for both water and sewer services.

There will be no Community Betterment Fund dividend from the Light Department in this budget year. The wholesale power contract ends in June, 2006 and work will begin soon on the Request for Proposal. The Department is expecting to complete a cost of service study. Alfred Martin, Director of Finance, stated a recent newspaper commentary indicated the City should have been making rate changes over the years. He stated there is a built in adjustment called a Fuel Adjustment. This rate should be reviewed now to stay current with fuel costs.

Mr. Zimmerman stated this proposed budget includes an aggressive CIP. There are several proposed vehicle purchases. Some funding is anticipated to come from bond issues. There is \$ 275,000.00 for the annual overlay program. Included in the proposed budget for the Fire Department is \$ 70,000.00 for an Emergency Operations Center and \$ 65,000.00 for a new fire training classroom. CIP items for the Hagerstown Police Department include \$ 87,000.00 to upgrade the lab, funding for the purchase of four new cruisers and funding for improvements to the firing range.

Improvements are planned for the Hamilton Run greenway. Reforestation funds are included. Both of these items can be attributed to a Livable City initiative.

Items included under the Parks and Recreation Department are improvements to the restrooms at the City Park, the Staley Park stream restoration project, the stadium plaza project, reconstruction of the parking lot at the south end of City Park, upgrades to the fountain at Pangborn Park and the addition of an exterior skate park at Fairgrounds Park.

Community Agency Support includes \$ 75,000.00 for the Memorial Recreation Center, \$ 50,000.00 for Holly Place, increased funding for the museum and the library, \$ 50,000.00 in support of Community Rescue Service and \$ 45,000.00 for the C-Safe program.

The Single Family Homeownership program has been renamed Work Force Housing. Funding is included to help rebuild the loan portfolio for this program.

Important upgrades to the Group Wise operation and Voice Over IP system are planned in Information Technology.

There are a number of unmet community needs. These are noted in the City Administrator's budget message.

Mr. Martin stated income from licenses and permits are up \$ 234,000.00. This is due primarily to the growth related activity.

A Budget Public Hearing is tentatively scheduled for April 26, 2005. The hearing will include discussions on the use of Community Development funds, the budget and the constant yield tax rate.

Mr. Zimmerman stated Staff will assist the Mayor and City Council with any questions they have about the proposed budget and any adjustments they wish to make.

City Administrator's Comments

Bruce Zimmerman, City Administrator, welcomed the members of the Neighborhood College who were in attendance.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilmember N. L. Hendershot had no further comments.

Councilmember K. B. Aleshire stated it was apparent that he was taken to task in recent newspaper editorials. He responded to comments made by Art Callaham. Mr. Callaham stated he thought Councilmember Aleshire's information was drivel, at best. Councilmember Aleshire stated the newspaper indicated the slate was handpicked. He pointed out that less than 20% of the contributors to the Friends of Hagerstown, which supports the slate of candidates, live within the City limits. The article stated the group is made up mostly of citizens. Councilmember Aleshire pointed again that less than 20% of the contributors live in the City limits. He stated the article indicated the Friends of Hagerstown stated they are looking at a change in government. He stated that change must be to move from holding development accountable. The opposite of this is to allow development to be unaccountable. He pointed out he did not vote in favor of the budget last year because of the tax rate increase. The article stated City/County cooperation must be improved. He indicated he is a member of the 2 + 2 committee that has met weekly. The discussion items have been the excise tax bill, affordable housing, developing a water/sewer committee, and central booking. He stated any rational individual wants better quality health care for the community. He wants quality health care that is not dependent on being able to give money to a campaign. The annexation policy has created the opportunity for a better sewer system. He stated the consent order does not stop growth and this body has approved \$ 7 million to upgrade the system that is over 30 years old. He stated Mr. Callaham complained that service fees are increased every year. He stated he believes the people who use the benefits should be the ones who pay for it, i.e. review fees and building permit fees. Mr. Callaham talked about the low level of cooperation with the County. He again mentioned the weekly meetings of the 2 + 2 committee. Mr. Callaham stated the Mayor and City Council are "dragging their feet" on health care. He pointed out that every correspondence from the Health Care Commission asks why the

hospital has not secured the proper zoning. He stated this body has approved more annexations than any other body in history. Mr. Callaham indicated the Council meetings were uncivil and campaign driven. He stated he can remember two council people defending their position. The only difference between then and now is that the meetings are televised. The citizens still do not attend Council meetings. He indicated that some of the Republican slate members were Democrats just six months ago. He stated if Mr. Callaham wishes to take him to task on the information, he is more than willing to provide the facts and discuss them with him.

Councilmember C. N. Moller was a judge for the Science Fair at Pangborn Elementary School. She congratulated the students and staff for an excellent program.

Councilmember L. C. Metzner stated he was not taken to task like Councilmember Aleshire was but he read an article about the misunderstandings with the hospital issue and they must be cleared up. He agrees the information presented needs to be accurate. The number of police calls to the hospital includes situations where there is a victim at the emergency room. The article suggested that the Council would approve the hospital's relocation if the Certificate of Need is approved. He stated this is not true. A statement was made that annexation of the land had to occur before the hospital received zoning approval. This is totally wrong. The Council has always said that the hospital had to get zoning approval before annexation could be considered. The article stated the hospital made a statement that they had to have an approved water/sewer plan in order to apply for zoning. This statement indicates the hospital realizes they need the services of the City. He read a portion of a correspondence from July, 2003 from the Health Care Commission stating the hospital indicated they would apply for zoning approval by the end of 2003. In December, the hospital indicated the approval was pending. In September, 2004, they indicated they were working with Washington County representatives on the zoning approval and it would be complete by the end of the year. The next statement by the hospital indicated they were hoping to have an annexation agreement with City and if that didn't happen, they would seek a variance from the zoning. The hospital showed a number of years ago they decided to move out of the City to land that is not in the City and is not zoned for a hospital. They then turn around and constantly blame the city for holding the project up. He stated he has said to them "Go and build your hospital and stop your whining." He stated it is very frustrating that the hospital wants to put this burden where it does not belong. He stated they have said they know what they are doing and they are good at building. He wants to know where the building is. The hospital stated the City isn't willing to transfer the sewer allocation from the existing site to the new site. He stated the words can't and won't sometimes are intermingled. This is where they are wrong. The Mayor and City Council have been sworn to uphold the laws of the City and one of the laws states sewer allocation cannot be transferred. He stated if the hospital thinks they don't need the City, leave us alone and leave us out of this game.

Councilmember P. M. Nigh stated when she first was elected, she thought about crime and drugs. She has learned so much more. The members of the Mayor and City Council are not puppets to be controlled. She stated a letter to the editor was recently sent to the newspaper. She

said most of the letter was published with the exception of four questions. One question was about business people who want to take hold of an area and create a convention center. It seems they want taxpayers who pay and don't say anything. She wondered why the questions weren't printed. After this letter, an article appeared about the East End Development Plan. She stated it hardly seems fair that the entire letter was not printed.

She stated William H. Bowers, who was killed while in the service on Armistice Day, is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery. She stated it stands to reason there are soldiers buried at Rose Hill from six wars. She hopes the discussion to change the name of Memorial Boulevard ends. She suggested considering the newspaper's suggestion to rename municipal stadium to Willie Mays Stadium.

She expressed her concern that Section 8 housing vouchers are overflowing from other counties to the City. She asked who takes care of these vouchers once the recipients relocate here. She wondered how this is helping the City grow.

She thanked Martin's Grocery store for donating food items over the Easter weekend.

Mayor W. M. Breichner stated April 7, 2005 is opening day for the Hagerstown Suns. The work session scheduled for April 12, 2005 will be a shorter meeting due to the annual Celebration of Business event.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and City Council, on a motion duly made by Councilmember L. C. Metzner and seconded by Councilmember C. N. Moller, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna K. Spickler, City Clerk

Approved: May 24, 2005