

96<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL SESSION, WORK SESSION AND EXECUTIVE SESSION – April 7, 2009

Mayor R. E. Bruchey, II called this 96<sup>th</sup> Special Session, Work Session and Executive Session of the Mayor and City Council to order at 4:13 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2009, in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Present with the Mayor were Councilmembers M. E. Brubaker, K. S. Cromer, L. C. Metzner, P. M. Nigh and A. Parson-McBean; City Engineer Rodney Tissue, City Attorney John Urner, City Attorney Mark Boyer and D. K. Spickler, City Clerk.

96<sup>th</sup> Special Session – April 7, 2009

On a motion duly made by Councilmember M. E. Brubaker and seconded by Councilmember L. C. Metzner, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to meet in Special Session.

**Approval of an Emergency Ordinance: Pool Operation and Management Agreement with the YMCA**

**Action:** On a motion duly made by Councilmember K. S. Cromer and seconded by Councilmember L. C. Metzner, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve an emergency ordinance authorizing an agreement with the YMCA of Hagerstown, Maryland, Inc. for the operation and management of Potterfield Pool for the 2009 Pool Season.

The Special Session was closed at 4:15 p.m.

City Attorney Mark Boyer left the meeting.

WORK SESSION – April 7, 2009

Introduction of Wesel, Germany Visitors

Mayor Bruchey welcomed the 20 high school students from Konrad Duden High School in Wesel, Germany. The students will be visiting for three weeks and attending school at North Hagerstown High School and Williamsport High School.

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week – Proclamation and Presentation of Certificates

On behalf of the City of Hagerstown, Mayor Bruchey gave special recognition and appreciation to the Hagerstown Police Communications Officers during National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

The following City Police Communications Officers were presented with certificates in recognition of their dedication to their profession: Andrew Grosh, Frances Knott, Holly Wright, Lacey Reese, Shelbie Powers-Hall, C. Keller Haden, Benjamin Ros, Sheldon Bohrer, Wayne Bockstanz, and Pamela Drenner.

Request by Barbara Ingram School for the Arts – Street Closure for Gala and Auction – June 20, 2009

Karen Giffin, Director of Community Affairs, stated the Barbara Ingram School for the Arts (BISFA) requested a street closure on June 20, 2009. Cynthia Perini, Foundation President, Dale Bannon, Director of System Development, and Michael Thorsen, Principal, were also present. The final major event for the Take Flight Civic Arts Project will be the gala and auction. It will be held at the Barbara Ingram School for the Arts and the Maryland Theater. Most of the activities will be inside both facilities, however, the BISFA Foundation Board requests the Mayor and City Council's consideration of closing the first block of South Potomac Street during the festivities. Their plan is to create a safe walking pathway on the street where the butterfly sculptures will be on display and students will be performing, connecting both the Maryland Theater and the school.

The hours of the street closure would be from noon until midnight. The street closure would not include the Public Square and only movable structures will be in the street. The cost of the event will be \$ 1,680 for Public Works and \$ 504 for police services. The foundation is asking the City to underwrite the costs of City services. Mr. Bannon stated one of the reasons for requesting the street closure is that registration at the event will be congested.

Councilmember Nigh stated she wants to be sure emergency vehicles can get through the street, if necessary. Mr. Bannon stated the barricades will be removable and safety equipment would be able to pass through the area.

City Administrator's Comments

*Rodney Tissue, City Engineer* reminded everyone that City offices will be closed on Friday, April 10, 2009. The yard waste collection program begins today and will continue through December.

Mayor and Council Comments

*Councilmember P. M. Nigh* had no additional comments.

*Councilmember L. C. Metzner* had no additional comments.

*Councilmember K. S. Cromer* had no additional comments.

*Councilmember M. E. Brubaker* stated he and Councilmember Nigh attended the opening day ceremony at American Little League.

*Councilmember A. Parson-McBean* had no additional comments.

*Mayor R. E. Bruchey, II* had no additional comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – April 7, 2009

On a motion duly made by Councilmember L. C. Metzner and seconded by Councilmember M. E. Brubaker, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to meet in closed session at 4:29 p.m. to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation, #8. The following people were present: Mayor R. E. Bruchey, II, Councilmember M. E. Brubaker, Councilmember K. S. Cromer, Councilmember L. C. Metzner, Councilmember P. M. Nigh, Councilmember A. Parson-McBean, City Engineer Rodney Tissue, Alfred Martin, Finance Director, Eric Deike, Public Works Manager and City Clerk D. K. Spickler. The issue discussed was a potential agreement to settle a dispute regarding construction costs at the A & E Parking Deck. No formal action was taken. The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna K. Spickler, City Clerk

Approved: April 28, 2009