

WORK SESSION AND EXECUTIVE SESSION – April 10, 2007

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Mayor Robert E. Bruchey, II called this Work Session and Executive Session of the Mayor and City Council to order at 4:05 p.m., Tuesday, April 10, 2007 in the Council Chambers at the City Hall. Present with the Mayor were City Council Members M. E. Brubaker, K. S. Cromer, L. C. Metzner, P. M. Nigh, and A. Parson-McBean, City Administrator Bruce Zimmerman, and City Clerk D. K. Spickler.

Mayor Bruchey announced that two items scheduled for discussion in Executive Session will be postponed.

Street Sweeping Update

Eric Deike, Public Works Manager, provided an update on the new street sweeping schedule. Permanent signs were installed to identify areas with assigned street sweeping. All sign installation was completed by April 3, 2007.

Staff has been running the street sweepers according to the schedule. Enforcement of the restricted parking has not occurred. Beginning on Monday, April 16, 2007, warnings will be issued for vehicles parked in the restricted areas. Parking tickets will be issued after May 1, 2007. This plan will help ease residents into the new schedule.

Norfolk Southern Annexation, Case No. A-2007-02

Stuart Bass, Comprehensive Planner, presented information regarding a proposed annexation of property located on the southern side of the City, off of West Oak Ridge Drive. The area is owned by Norfolk Southern and consists of 95.2 acres. The proposed zoning district is IG (Industrial General). The current County Zoning is PI (Planned Industrial). The Land Use Plan, as described in the 2002 Washington County Comprehensive Plan, designates the property as Urban/Industrial.

The proposed development plan is for an automotive distribution rail facility. Basically, it is an area for off-loading and storage of new motor vehicles, a rail to truck transfer point. Project construction will include grading, paving, fencing, new tracks, and a new entrance road. The property will be surrounded by a fence and landscaped. Access will be from West Oak Ridge Drive. Initial investment is estimated at \$ 8 to \$ 10 million dollars.

It was the general consensus of the Mayor and City Council to move forward with the proposed annexation. The introduction of the resolution will be scheduled for April 24, 2007. A Public Hearing will be held on May 22, 2007.

Other Items

Councilmember Metzner will be meeting with the residents of Cortland Manor on April 11, 2007 to discuss the concerns they have raised to the Mayor and Council. He asked that time be scheduled during a Work Session and/or a neighborhood meeting to discuss these concerns. He pointed out the City did not prevent this from being a gated community.

Councilmember Metzner stated Myron Martin's concerns about the truck traffic around the Greenville Development will be discussed at the next Board of Traffic and Parking meeting. He is concerned about the safety of students at the schools because of the large trucks that utilize the road.

Mayor Bruchey stated the budget will be discussed during the April 17, 2007 Work Session.

City Administrator's Comments

Bruce Zimmerman, City Administrator, stated the Spring Dumpster Program will be held April 16, 2007 through April 21, 2007. Staff will be on site during the program.

Mayor and City Council Comments

Councilmember K. S. Cromer had no additional comments.

Councilmember L. C. Metzner had no additional comments.

Councilmember M. E. Brubaker stated it has been reported that the County subsidizes the City in the amount of \$ 8 million. He stated the City does not accept that as a true number.

Councilmember P. M. Nigh expressed her concern that the GE Distribution Center is closing its facility.

Councilmember A. Parson-McBean expressed her condolences to the family of Vincent Henry, Jr.. The Code Compliance Department is offering courses at Hagerstown Community College for investment property owners.

Mayor R. E. Bruchey, II stated thoughts and prayers are with Deborah Everhart and her father following his heart attack earlier today.

Executive Session – April 10, 2007

On a motion duly made by Councilmember L. C. Metzner and seconded by Councilmember K. S. Cromer, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to meet in closed session at 4:28 p.m. to consult with counsel to consider a matter

that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State, #4. No formal action was taken at the session. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers, 2nd floor at the City Hall. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna K. Spickler, City Clerk

Approved: