

WORK SESSION – May 29, 2009

Mayor R. E. Bruchey, II called this Work Session of the Mayor and City Council to order at 4:06 p.m., Friday, May 29, 2009, in the Mayor's Office, 2nd Floor, at City Hall. Present with the Mayor were Councilmembers M. E. Brubaker and L. C. Metzner, incoming Councilmembers W. M. Breichner, F. Easton and A. C. Haywood; City Administrator Bruce Zimmerman, and D. K. Spickler, City Clerk.

Mayor Bruchey indicated this is an informal meeting. There is not a quorum of the council present, but there are three elected officials and the meeting is open.

The Oath of Office will be administered to the newly elected Mayor and City Council on Monday, June 1, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Mayor Bruchey handed out a list of his expectations for conduct during Council meetings. He asked each Councilmember to develop a list of five goals they want to focus on. He asked for this by June 30, 2009.

The group agreed to continue to hold Council meetings on Tuesdays. Work Sessions will be held on the first, second, and third Tuesday. The Regular Session will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Arguments will not be permitted during Citizen Comments. If complaints are made to Councilmembers, they should be directed to City Administrator Bruce Zimmerman.

Councilmember Metzner suggested that each member be positive during Council Comments. If there is an issue to discuss, the Councilmember should talk with Mr. Zimmerman prior to the meeting.

Mayor Bruchey stated it would be helpful if councilmembers would ask questions of staff prior to a discussion of an issue at Council meetings.

Staff needs to know if three Councilmembers support having an item on the agenda. Councilmember Metzner stated the orientation book put together by staff is very good.

Councilmember Brubaker suggested reviewing the established approval process for items that come before the Mayor and Council.

Ms. Haywood would like the Mayor and Council work on developing a strategic plan. Councilmember Metzner added that a review of the ethics code is also needed.

Mr. Zimmerman stated a mission statement and vision statement have been developed for the City but goals were not formally adopted.

Councilmember Brubaker suggested dividing the goals into subsets.

Mayor Bruchey asked the Councilmembers to review the list of Boards and Commissions and decide which committees they would prefer to serve on. Assignments will be made at a later date. Mr. Easton stated that Peggy Martin has requested that he be named as the council representative for the Washington County Disability Advisory Board.

Councilmember Metzner asked if the 2+2 Committee was going to be continued. The committee has not been as effective during the last four years as it was at first. There is a good working relationship between the County Commissioners and the Mayor and Council now.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna K. Spickler, City Clerk

Approved: June 23, 2009