

3rd SPECIAL SESSION – July 19, 2005

Mayor Richard F. Trump called this 3rd Special Session and Work Session of the Mayor and City Council to order at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 19, 2005 in the Council Chambers at the City Hall. Present was Mayor Trump, City Council Members K. B. Aleshire, K. S. Cromer, L. C. Metzner, P. M. Nigh and A. Parson-McBean, City Administrator Bruce Zimmerman, City Attorney John Urner and City Clerk D. K. Spickler.

Approval of AFSCME Local 1540 Contract

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 a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Hagerstown and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 67, AFL-CIO Local Union 1540. This Agreement shall run for a period of one year commencing on July 4, 2005 through July 2, 2006. Under the terms of this Agreement the Union shall receive wage adjustments totaling 2.75%. In addition the language and terms as negotiated will be accepted.

Discussion: Councilmember Metzner stated history has been made by this administration already since the May, 2005 election. Five Councilmembers were endorsed by the unions. He stated this is the first time in recent history that a union contract was approved prior to the termination of the existing contract.

Jim Bestpitch, AFSCME Representative, stated he appreciated the work done by the City administration. This is the first time negotiations have been concluded within one day. Tommy Kline, Water and Sewer Department, thanked the Mayor and City Council for moving forward quickly on the wage and benefit study.

Motion carried, 5-0.

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Mayor's Report

Mayor Trump stated he would wait until later in the meeting for the report.

Preliminary Agenda Review

Augustoberfest Application Permit

The Application/Permit rents the Central Parking Lot and surrounding area to the Augustoberfest Charitable Foundation who agrees to all the terms outlined in the contract so that they can have beer and wine at the Augustoberfest Event. It was the general consensus of the Mayor and City Council to approve the application.

Jonathan Street Streetscape Design

Rodney Tissue, City Engineer, stated the bids for this project have been reviewed again. It will be recommended to accept the low bid from KCI. It was the general consensus of the Mayor and City Council to accept the low bid.

Two Chevrolet Colorado Pickup Trucks

Hertrich Fleet Services (through the State contract) submitted a price of \$ 10,398.00 each for two 2006 Chevrolet Colorado pickup trucks. These trucks will be replacement vehicles for the Engineering and Inspections Department. It was the general consensus of the Mayor and City Council to accept the bid.

Jacobsen G-Plex III Reel Mower

G. L. Cornell submitted a price of \$ 17,431.56 for a reel mower. This price is under the Maryland State Contract. This unit will replace the fringe mower in the Parks and Recreation Department, which is old and worn out. It was the general consensus of the Mayor and City Council to approve the purchase.

Four Gravely Tractors

Gravely Lawn and Power has submitted a bid in the amount of \$ 25,246.68 for four gravely mowers. The price for each one is \$ 6,311.67. The mowers will replace three mowers and add an additional tractor to maintain the three extra parks that have been acquired. It was the general consensus of the Mayor and City Council to approve the purchase.

Water Pump

The existing pump was installed during the 1980 Wastewater Treatment Plant facility upgrade and has out lived its useful life. STH, Inc. is the sole source for an exact replacement. They have submitted a price of \$ 11,658.00 for the replacement. It was the general consensus of the Mayor and City Council to approve the purchase.

Automatic Transfer Switch

Apparatus Repair & Engineering, Inc. submitted a bid in the amount of \$ 24,050.00 for an automatic transfer switch. The switch will allow a generator to transfer power automatically, when commercial power is lost. It was the general consensus of the Mayor and City Council to approve this purchase.

Resolution: Light Property Annexation and Resolution: Approval of Crumrine Annexation

Staff and the applicant's attorney met with the neighbors on July 7. According to staff and the applicant's attorney, by the end of the evening, a majority of the neighbors were agreeable to the annexation if there would be at least a 35 foot forested buffer beside their properties and they were kept informed during the process. Councilmember Aleshire has suggested that a 50 foot height maximum be imposed on the project as well. Councilmember Metzner suggested that staff host another neighborhood meeting to discuss appropriate conditions for the annexation. To date, this meeting has not been set up due to the Hatches needing more time. The Crumrine property has a pre-annexation agreement for water service. The Light property must be annexed before the Crumrine property can be annexed, since the Crumrine property is not contiguous to the corporate limits without the Light property.

Approval of an Ordinance: Excise Tax

Staff recommends tabling approval of this ordinance, since the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO) issue has not yet been resolved and it is the collection of 28% of the tax which necessitates the ordinance.

Approval of an Ordinance: Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO)

Staff recommends tabling this ordinance, since the County has not yet adopted their intended revisions to the County APFO.

Resolution: Acceptance of Dedication Offer – Observatory Drive and Kasinof Avenue

Observatory Drive is located in the Greenwich Park development along Mt. Aetna Road. Kasinof Avenue is located in the Brighton Manor subdivision. The road was designed and constructed per the 1986 Public Ways Construction Standards. "As-built" drawings are on record and are acceptable.

Staff recommends Mayor and Council approval of a resolution prepared by the City Attorney to accept the offer of dedication of both Observatory Drive and Kasinof Avenue into the public

road system conditioned on receiving a one-year maintenance surety per the subdivision Ordinance. City staff will begin maintenance of the roadway. It was the general consensus of the Mayor and City Council to approve the resolution.

This completed the review of the preliminary agenda.

Haven Road Annexation

Bruce Zimmerman, City Administrator, and Kathleen Maher, Planning Director, stated the APFO has not been resolved at the County level at this point. They suggested tabling the approval of the annexation until the APFO issue is resolved.

Councilmember Aleshire stated the petitioner has to recognize they will have to comply with an APFO or the sewer allocation policy. Neither policy is going move them any further ahead than the other, in terms of development. Ms. Maher indicated the petitioner has made a request to be allowed to carry over allocation, which is not allowed under the Sewer Capacity Allocation Policy.

Councilmember Aleshire stated he doesn't think it is appropriate to permit them to build more than 50 units per year. He stated anymore than that would be irresponsible.

Councilmember Cromer suggested using the word "possibly" in the petition in reference to the use of entrance roads. She stated a traffic study would then determine the feasibility of using certain roads. Ms. Maher stated the Planning Department would prefer that the use of all roads be determined by a traffic study.

It was the general consensus of the Mayor and City Council to table the annexation resolution.

Hagerstown Pony League Loan Request

The Hagerstown Pony League Inc. has requested that the Mayor and Council approve a \$ 20,000.00 interest free loan to replace the chain link fence surrounding the Pony League field at Funkhouser Park.

Mr. Zimmerman stated this is something that has been done for the League, as well as others. Alfred Martin, Finance Director, stated many of these loans have been approved and there has been a commitment by the organizations to pay back the loans at the end of the season.

It was the general consensus of the Mayor and City Council to approve the loan to the Pony League.

Hagerstown Area Softball League Loan Request

The Hagerstown Area Softball League has requested the Mayor and Council to approve a \$ 26,915.00 interest free loan to install chain link fence around the three softball fields at Fairgrounds Park.

Councilmember Cromer expressed her concern about an outstanding loan balance of \$ 28,000 with this group. Councilmember Metzner stated they have reduced their loan by \$ 20,000. They are asking for money to complete the softball portion of the park and will be spending money to complete the City of Hagerstown's park. He supports the request, since there are not any arrearages. Mr. Martin indicated they are current on the loan. Councilmember Cromer asked if there is other income, outside of the concession stand.

Councilmember Nigh stated she wants to make sure the city vehicles can get through the fence and that it won't prohibit access to the general public. She stated kids in Little League need a lot and they have to raise their own money.

The question about the fencing will be discussed further.

Washington County Hospital Project – Discussion of Next Steps

Mayor Trump stated the Consent Order has been approved by the State of Maryland, Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), and he wishes to move forward with the hospital project. He stated two things are required. The first is to make sure the City is able to provide water and sewer service. The second is they must seek County Zoning. He indicated Rod Shoop, County Administrator, would like written notice that the City would provide water and sewer after the zoning is approved.

Councilmember Metzner stated resolution does need to happen but what the Mayor is asking for is impossible to do. He stated he would hope this body would make it clear to the hospital and to the appropriate zoning authority that the Mayor and City Council is committed to working with the Washington County Delegation and the Washington County Commissioners to find a way to provide the hospital with sewer. He stated the Consent Order does not permit the City to provide the requested allocation and the Sewer Policy of the City does not allow transfer of sewer allocation. He stated such a guarantee would clearly be in violation of the Consent Order. He finds it unusual that Delegate Shank would ask that the letter be sent from a member of City Staff to MDE requesting an exemption from the Consent Order. If he wanted the letter sent, he should have done that. He stated the hospital needs to understand they have waited too long to apply for zoning. He believes the Council, as a body, will clearly state that the hospital needs to apply for zoning and stop talking to the City. He stated he would be willing to meet with the Washington County Commissioners to discuss the sewer capacity but he will not negotiate with members of the hospital board. He stated the City made a request, through David Shindle (Water and Sewer

Department Manager) to MDE to change the consent order. The request indicates that we are endorsing this project and that the Consent Order be changed. How inconsistent it is for this body to forward to MDE a Sewer Capacity Allocation Policy to not allow this and then, send a letter immediately requesting an exemption. He remains committed to the City not dumping into the Antietam Creek. His number one priority is the protection of the environment. He stated the River Keepers would also have to approve any requests. He has no desire to say anything negative about the hospital. He is supportive of a quality health care facility. A new hospital at Robinwood is a better solution than what we have now. He stated the days of fighting ended in May. The discussion needs to end tonight. We need to tell the hospital to apply for zoning and don't talk to us anymore. He stated the City will answer questions that the zoning authorities have. He rejects the hospital's position that they can't get zoning without water and sewer approval. If they say the project is dead without the water and sewer, then he says their project is dead, go somewhere else.

Councilmember Nigh stated she understands the letter was sent to MDE requesting an exemption based on a conversation between Mayor Trump and Delegate Shank. She stated the County Commissioners have not discussed the issue.

Councilmember Metzner stated he had, at one point, discussed sending a letter to MDE.

Councilmember Nigh asked why the entire Delegation was not included in the discussion. Delegate Shank does not represent the City of Hagerstown. She doesn't understand the urgency of the letter. She stated she has a problem when people tell her how poorly the hospital is being run and how and the building is because it is not being maintained. She stated she thinks there are "too many fingers in the pie" and not enough other people know what is going on. She stated everyone needs to remember there are other members of the government bodies and they all need to be included. She stated she is not happy that Mr. Shindle sent the letter but she doesn't know how much pressure he was under to send the letter.

Councilmember Aleshire stated it has been made clear what the direction of the hospital needs to be. It was stated clearly in a letter by the previous Council that the hospital needs to apply for zoning. He stated he does not believe that any board of appeals or other body is not allowed to hear a zoning case, based on uncertainty in the availability of water and sewer. The Council has received emails asking them to support a vote that he doesn't even see on the preliminary agenda. Several of the emails asked for support of BZA request. He stated he thinks the Council agrees, as a body of citizens, that a new hospital is necessary to provide quality health care. However, that consensus can't put the City at risk or ignore the policies the Mayor and Council have put in place. He stated they have to be aware of the threat of lawsuits from other developers who would be required to adhere to the policy. It would be difficult to explain why one public use would be deemed more important than another. He stated Delegate Shank had said that MDE would not accept a letter from the delegation and he was acting on the direction of the entire delegation. MDE had indicated to Delegate Shank that they would not accept a letter from anyone except the

owner of the plant.

Councilmember Cromer stated the hospital has repeatedly stated that the City is causing the delay with the new hospital. However, from her observations, the City has given them direction by telling them they need to apply for zoning first. She doesn't understand why they are not doing that. She asked if it is easier to sit back and continually blame the City for the delay instead of seeking the zoning approval. She stated Jim Hamill, hospital board, said they haven't applied because he says they need a promise from the City that they can provide water and sewer. She is now finding that hard to believe. She doesn't think the City should send any letter. The hospital needs to do what they were directed to do and follow the necessary steps.

Councilmember Parson-McBean stated the hospital needs to go the County for zoning and she agrees with the sentiment around the table. She stated no more letters are to be sent indicating the Council is supportive of the request.

Mayor Trump reviewed Councilmember Metzner's direction, clarifying that the hospital should approach Washington County and petition for proper zoning at the Robinwood site. He suggested that City staff begin working on sewer allocation for the hospital at the same time.

Councilmember Metzner suggested that the Mayor and City Council work with the County government and the Washington County Delegation to work out the allocation. He stated the City knows what the hospital needs and they need to find out if there is a way to provide the allocation. He sees no need to negotiate with the hospital.

Mayor Trump stated City staff would work with the County Commissioners and the Washington County Delegation. Councilmember Metzner stated they would eventually deal with MDE. He stated it is time for other politicians to take the heat. He stated the City has been the brunt of criticism for three years and he is tired of it. He stated the City has negotiated with the hospital and was not successful. He stated the City has lived up to their promise that they weren't going to question the Certificate of Need application. He stated the City will do what they need to do as the hospital does what they need to do.

Councilmember Cromer asked why the City would request an exemption from the Consent Order with MDE for one developer and not another. Councilmember Metzner stated a critical error was made in asking MDE to change the allocation policy. He stated in reality, the hospital doesn't need 150,000 gallons. He stated if the Mayor and City Council were to change the law and policies and allow the hospital to take their current allocation with them, they would not need 150,000 gallons of additional allocation.

Councilmember Aleshire and Councilmember Cromer asked if the hospital would be allowed to have the allocation outside the city limits. Councilmember Metzner stated that would dramatically change the 75%/25% agreement with the County. He stated there would have to be

a guarantee that allocation was available for the highest and best use. He stated he knows the City has the ability to say the game is done but he doesn't want to be the one to end it. Councilmember Aleshire stated this needs to be consistent to avoid the possibility of lawsuits.

Councilmember Nigh asked about the status of allocation for vacant apartments. Mr. Shindle stated that allocation is accounted for. Councilmember Nigh then asked about the allocation for vacant commercial uses such as the Pangborn Plant and the Moller plant. Mr. Shindle stated the allocation is there as long as a new use would not require higher allocation.

Councilmember Metzner stated it appears MDE has some concern about the Inflow and Infiltration (I/I). Mr. Shindle stated they are particularly concerned during wet weather.

Mayor Trump stated there is a proposal on the table that the City works on the allocation request at the same time that the hospital pursues the zoning for Robinwood.

Councilmember Parson-McBean observed that different Councilmembers have expressed different concerns and that there is not a consensus of support from all Councilmembers.

Councilmember Aleshire stated there should be a definition of a public facility.

Mr. Zimmerman stated the Mayor and City Council needs to determine how they wish to proceed. Councilmember Parson-McBean agreed. Councilmember Metzner stated he thinks this has to be done politically, not at the staff level. He stated he needs to hear from the County Commissioners and the Delegation members that they support the project. If there is total silence from these two bodies, it means the project is finished. The leadership has to come from the State and County.

Councilmember Nigh pointed out that no matter what MDE says about the exemption request, the hospital still needs to apply for zoning.

Councilmember Metzner stated that everyone understands that right now, under the laws of the City and the Consent Order, there is not allocation. If the hospital wants to build at Robinwood, they need to apply for zoning. If there is support at the State and County level and they request the opportunity to discuss the allocation with the City, the Mayor and City Council will work to find the allocation.

Councilmember Nigh asked if the Delegation and the County support the project could they be part of any lawsuits because of inconsistency. Councilmember Metzner stated they could be. Councilmember Aleshire stated he does not want the City to be in that position. Councilmember Cromer questioned why this was even being discussed since the hospital has not applied for zoning. Councilmember Aleshire asked if this process could be outlined in a letter to the hospital. The Councilmembers agreed emphatically that this would be appropriate.

Residential Refuse Collection Service

The collection of trash is a “core” service provided to the citizens by City government. The City is currently contracted with Browning Ferris Industries of Maryland (BFI) to collect household trash, mixed paper recycling and yard waste. BFI collects about 12,000 tons of refuse annually, from about 12,000 residential units. The City only collects residential refuse, as stipulated in the City Code. The City funds these services through fees billed by the City to customers. The current rate is \$ 27.00 per quarter.

The City has enjoyed “zero” annual increases or inflationary-adjusted annual increases for the last 15 years. However, BFI indicated in a letter dated May 20, 2005 they will need to charge \$ 4.80 per unit per month for their service after the current contract expires. In other words, BFI is requesting a 49% increase in costs over the current \$ 3.23 per unit per month charge. While there is absolutely no guarantee that bidding the new contract will reduce the cost to the City, and may, in fact, result in higher costs, staff cannot recommend this large of an increase without testing what the “market” can offer by bidding a new contract.

A refuse collection contract should be developed that meets the current demands of the City. Staff has worked with the Maryland Municipal League to obtain similar contracts from other Maryland jurisdictions. Using them as a guide, along with input from various trade magazines and expert advice, staff wishes to prepare a contract that has the following major components:

1. Multi-year Contract – The contract should include a minimum of a three year fixed fee contract with an option to renew for three additional years if both parties mutually agree. A longer term contract would encourage competition by allowing a firm to recapture a portion of the initial start-up, administrative and capital costs.
2. Smaller Area Contract – The specifications should allow bidders the option of bidding to collect the entire City, or submit prices for one or two smaller areas. While staff is somewhat skeptical that the “divided City” approach will result in lower costs, it is felt that the option should be structured in the bids in order to confirm the level of interest among smaller haulers, to promote innovation, motivate the contractors to be efficient, and maintain a competitive environment.
3. Collection Options - The City has an opportunity to evaluate what services we wish to provide our citizens. For several years, Staff has felt that the curbside mixed paper recycling service should be explored to include co-mingled glass, plastic and aluminum. In addition, we may want to consider reducing general refuse collection to once per week if the savings to residents is sufficient. Staff believes prices should be obtained on the following options:
Once a week general refuse collection

- Twice a week general refuse collection
- Once a week mixed paper recycling collection
- Once a week seasonal yard waste collection
- Once a week co-mingled glass/plastic and aluminum recycling collection
- Automated or semi-automated collection and providing 30 or 65 gallons collection containers in a pilot area downtown to minimize garbage sitting on sidewalks.

4. Miscellaneous Items: The City has the greatest leverage to obtain desirable contract terms during the competitive bid process. On the other hand, we need to consider the contractor's position on fuel costs and billing. Therefore, we wish to add the following terms to the contract: Performance Standards and Damages, Fuel Recovery Fee, Fee Structure (bids should be based on a "fee per unit per quarter" rate), time frame (A Notice-to-Proceed should be issued no later than October 1, 2005, to start January 1, 2006. Bids should be obtained in early September and the contract should be awarded in September.), and In-House Collection Alternative (Staff believes this alternative exposes the City to additional risks such as higher workmen's compensation rates, high turn over and absenteeism due to poor working conditions, and unexpected mechanical costs.)

Staff recommends that a new contract be prepared and bid as quickly as possible. Staff feels the use of private haulers is in the City's best interest. Staff also recommends that a staff person be assigned (at least part time) to manage and monitor the refuse collection contract and promote recycling programs. The City currently has no staff assigned to this core service, other than a little of the City Engineer's time and the daily handling of issues by the Administrative Assistant. In this age of complex and changing environmental issues, more staff attention to this program is warranted.

Councilmember Cromer asked if City had collected trash at one time. Councilmember Parson-McBean stated they did, in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Councilmember Cromer asked if this has been revisited. Alfred Martin, Finance Director, stated staff has performed analysis of trash collection costs and has determined it would not be cost effective for the City to collect trash.

It was the general consensus of the Mayor and City Council to put the contract out for bid. The Mayor and City Council do not want to consider once per week pickup but they do want to explore a pilot program downtown in which toters would be used for storing trash. Councilmember Nigh expressed her concern that residents outside the downtown area would feel slighted. The pilot program will be included in the bid as an alternative.

Change to Parking Patterns on North Locust Street

North Locust Street is a one-way street northbound, and is 25 feet wide, curb-to-curb. Parking is allowed on one side of the street, but quarterly alternates from side to side. The Engineering department was contacted by a resident of this street, asking to cease the practice of alternating parking and establish permanent parking on the east side. More on-street parking spaces are available on the east side.

To obtain public input on the matter, a survey was sent to all residents and property owners on these four blocks of North Locust Street. The Department received 34 responses,. Of those 34 responses, 26 agreed that we should cease the alternate parking and 21 agreed that the east side is best for permanent parking. The Board of Traffic and Parking held a public hearing.

Staff recommends that permanent parking be established on the east side of North Locust Street. The spaces should be permanently striped.

Councilmember Parson-McBean stated she has received calls from residents who are concerned about the side of the street that was chosen for parking. One caller was concerned about safety as she and her children would exit the car.

It was the general consensus of the Mayor and City Council to move forward with this parking change.

Reconstruction of Baltimore Street, Prospect Street to Walnut Street

The Historic Heights Community Action Group submitted a letter to the Engineering Department stating the group feels Baltimore Street is an eyesore to their community and that the City should endeavor to improve the appearance of this portion of the street. The street was evaluated by staff and a preliminary budget was developed to complete the work. During the budget hearing process, staff discussed this project with City Council and the Council allowed the funding for the project to be placed in the FY 05/06 budget. However, Council directed staff to return at a work session to discuss the merits of this project.

The concept includes the installation of curb, creating a 15' wide one-way street with vehicles traveling downhill towards Walnut Street. It also includes construction of driveway entrances into the parking areas and garages and the installation of a concrete sidewalk with steps on only the Southside for pedestrian access. This walkway obviously will not be handicapped accessible due to the very steep grade of the road. A storm drain system will also be added to the bottom of the hill to intercept water coming down Baltimore Street before it flows out onto Walnut Street.

Rodney Tissue, City Engineer, stated this project was discussed with the previous administration. It is being brought to this administration for discussion. Staff is recommending that the street be upgraded to a public street.

Councilmember Aleshire stated he does not support the cost for the steps. Councilmember Metzner stated this could be argued as a safety issue. He is supportive of installing steps.

Councilmember Cromer stated the road is frequently closed in the winter and children sled on the road, which is rather dangerous. Mr. Tissue stated he would recommend that the road still be closed in winter.

The steps would be maintained by the property owner. Mr. Tissue will talk with the property owner about the requirement. It was suggested that a letter also be sent to the property owner. Mr. Tissue asked if the property owner responds favorably, would the Mayor and City Council wish to move forward with the project by requesting bids. It was the general consensus of the Mayor and City Council to wait to see what response is provided from the property owner. Mr. Zimmerman stated the letter will be sent and Staff will return for further discussion after a response is received.

Mayor and Council Goal Setting Retreat

It is always beneficial to the staff for the Mayor and Council to establish their goals and priorities to guide the work of staff. This can be done in a number of ways, but it is generally best done through some form of goal setting meeting or retreat.

It was the general consensus of the Mayor and City Council to hold a goal setting retreat on August 30, 2005, beginning at 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber but will not be televised, due to the expense.

City Administrator's Comments

Bruce Zimmerman, City Administrator, had no additional comments.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilmember L. C. Metzner stated he thinks tonight's discussion about the hospital is positive. He stated it is good for the community to know the project will go in one direction or the other. He stated a letter was sent to the State Highway Administration by the Mayor. The State Highway Administration needs to understand the City did not include any funding in capital outlay for the project. They did agree to splitting the design costs. No funding was included for capital outlay because City residents would be paying repeatedly to fix an intersection that is failing because of development in the County. The intersection is important and the partnering is important.

Mr. Zimmerman stated the County was encouraged to draft a letter about the intersection because the State Highway Administration had slowed down. He stated staff discussed the letter

and were confident it did not bind the city by the wording. Councilmember Metzner stated it needs to be clarified and make sure the County and State understand that partnering is not necessary financial.

Councilmember K. S. Cromer stated she is looking into reviving the idea of a Civil War Museum. She asked anyone who has information to contact her.

Councilmember A. Parson-McBean thanked Mr. Zimmerman and City Staff for helping her this week. She expressed gratitude to Mayor Trump for what he did for the Memorial Recreation Center.

Councilmember K. B. Aleshire stated City taxpayers will be paying twice for County support for the Commission on Aging. He expects a request for funding to be submitted to the Mayor and City Council from the Commission on Aging. He expressed his sympathy to the family of Herb Niner, who passed away last week. Mr. Niner was a valuable member of the Board of Traffic and Parking for 13 years.

Councilmember Aleshire stated park space should be required for the developments that are approved and forestry requirements should be met on-site. He thanked Lauren Bayer for helping with an issue about an air conditioner.

Councilmember P. M. Nigh stated two animals were killed on Locust Street by speeding vehicles. She stated speeding is a serious problem. She stated there was a problem with trash on Guilford Avenue recently. She asked if trash cans are allowed to be on front porches. She stated Chaser's tavern has become less of a problem because of the police department checks.

Councilmember Nigh then discussed the number of illegal fireworks that have been collected. She stated if people aren't sure what is legal and what is not legal, they should contact the Fire Department. She stated taxi cabs on Locust Street are becoming a problem. Mr. Zimmerman indicated a letter is being sent in reference to this. She asked people to contact her if they are having problems with bicyclists or skateboarders.

She expressed her concern that Antietam Cable Television representatives were telling people the Mayor and City Council meeting from last week was not televised on Thursday evening because the City did not want to televise the meeting. This was not true. She stated there was a piece in mail call that said the three councilwomen were whiners. She stated they speak their minds and that must be a threat to someone.

She thanked the firefighters who responded to a house fire last Friday. She said it was phenomenal to watch them work.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and City Council, on a motion duly

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made by Councilmember L. C. Metzner and seconded by Councilmember K. S. Cromer, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna K. Spickler, City Clerk

Approved: