

32nd SPECIAL SESSION – September 12, 2006

Mayor Robert E. Bruchey, II called this 32nd Special Session of the Mayor and City Council to order at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 12, 2006 in the Council Chambers at the City Hall. Present with the Mayor were City Council Members K. S. Cromer, L. C. Metzner, P. M. Nigh, and A. Parson-McBean, City Administrator Bruce Zimmerman, and City Clerk D. K. Spickler. Councilmember K. B. Aleshire was not present.

Proclamation – Hispanic Heritage Month

Mayor Bruchey presented a proclamation to Ms. Sila Bartel, Greater Maryland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, recognizing September 15, 2006 through October 15, 2006 as Hispanic Heritage Month.

Juliana Albowicz presented a proclamation to Ms. Bartel from Senator Barbara Mikulski.

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 of all members present to meet in Special Session at 4:05 p.m.

All members agreed to revise the order of the meeting as written here.

Introduction of an Ordinance: Lease of a Portion of the Fairgrounds Entrance Building to Hagerstown Citizens on Patrol, Inc.

Action: 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 of all members present to introduce an ordinance to lease a portion of the Fairgrounds Entrance Building to Hagerstown Citizens on Patrol, Inc. in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the lease documents between Hagerstown Citizens on Patrol, Inc. and the City of Hagerstown. Hagerstown Citizens on Patrol, Inc. shall have the right of entry to the premises upon the date of passage of this ordinance. The right of entry shall permit Hagerstown Citizens on Patrol, Inc. to begin rehabilitation of that portion of the premises being leased. The City Administrator shall be authorized to sign the owner's affidavit required for the building permit. The right to begin construction shall be contingent upon receipt of approval of the proposed rehabilitation from the Maryland Historical Trust and the City Administrator shall not sign the owner's affidavit prior to the receipt of Maryland Historical Trust approval.

Planning Commission Appointment

Action: Councilmember L. C. Metzner made a motion to approve the appointment of Thomas Immer to the Planning Commission, with the term to expire May 30, 2007. Councilmember K. S. Cromer seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilmember Nigh stated this board is very important and she is concerned that other applicants were not considered.

The term of this appointment is until May 30, 2007. The position will be open at that time.

Motion carried, 3-2 with the vote as follows: Councilmember L. C. Metzner and Councilmember K. S. Cromer voting Yes and Councilmember P. M. Nigh and Councilmember A. Parson-McBean voting No. Mayor R. E. Bruchey, II voted Yes to break the tie.

Public Hearings

Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for FY 05/06

Each year, the City of Hagerstown must submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The purpose of the CAPER is to permit City officials, HUD and the general public to review the activities undertaken utilizing Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG), determine if the City is meeting the regulatory requirements of the CDBG program, and to evaluate the City's progress made in meeting the goals established in its five year Consolidated Plan.

This CAPER provides details of the operation of Hagerstown's CDBG program for the fiscal year from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. The budget for the program during this period was \$ 2,945,665 which included a grant of \$ 1,091,745 from HUD, anticipated program income of \$ 1,303,000 and carryover from the previous year of \$ 823,920. Expenditures for the period totaled \$ 2,120,972. Excluding \$ 323,560 spent on general administration, fair housing and planning, the amount expended on projects total \$ 1,787,412 of which \$ 1,541,595 or 85.77% went to activities directly benefiting low and moderate income persons. This is the first year of the three year certification period, during which at least 70% of the amount expended on projects must benefit low and moderate income persons. For the three year period ending on June 30, 2009, \$ 1,541,595 or 85.77% has benefited this population.

There was no testimony concerning the CAPER presented.

The City will receive citizen comments until September 22, 2006. The hearing was closed at 4:14 p.m.

Amending the FY 07 Annual Action Plan – Hagerstown Bicycle Trail

The City has proposed to amend the FY 07 Annual Action Plan to include the Hagerstown Bicycle Trail as a new activity. This project will create a bicycle trail which will encompass the entire older sections of Hagerstown. The Hamilton Run Greenway portion of the project is estimated to cost \$ 172,208, and will be funded as follows:

\$ 57,000	State Grants
\$ 47,173	Excise Tax
\$ 68,035	CDBG

The \$ 68,035 in CDBG funds would come from unanticipated program income realized in the last fiscal year.

There was no testimony presented.

The City will receive citizen comments until September 15, 2006. The hearing was closed at 4:17 p.m.

City Administrator's Comments

Bruce Zimmerman, City Administrator had no further comments.

Mayor and Council Comments

All Mayor and Councilmembers present urged everyone to vote.

Mayor R. E. Bruchey, II thanked all who attended and planned the September 11 Remembrance Service held at City Hall yesterday. He expressed his concern that there was no media coverage of the service.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and City Council, on a motion duly, seconded and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna K. Spickler, City Clerk

Approved:_____