

11TH REGULAR SESSION – OCTOBER 25, 2005

Mayor R. F. Trump called this 11th Session of the Mayor and City Council to order at 7:09 p.m., Tuesday, October 25, 2005, in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Present with the Mayor were Councilmembers K. B. Aleshire, K. S. Cromer, L. C. Metzner, P. M. Nigh and A. Parson-McBean; City Administrator Bruce J. Zimmerman, City Attorney William Nairn and City Clerk D. K. Spickler.

The invocation was offered by Councilmember K. B. Aleshire. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

Mayor Trump announced the Rules of Procedure for this meeting will be followed as adopted June 21, 2005. It was announced that the use of cell phones and electronic devices during meetings is restricted and that all correspondence for distribution to elected officials should be provided to the City Clerk and should include a copy for the City Clerk for inclusion in the official record.

The next scheduled meetings are: Work Sessions beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2005, Tuesday, November 8, 2005, Tuesday, November 15, 2005, and the Regular Session on Tuesday, November 22, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Trump stated Ruth Ann Monroe was laid to rest today. Ms. Monroe had a great impact on the community. She was the director of the Memorial Recreation Center for 20 years. Councilmember Alesia Parson-McBean has asked to have the agenda amended so she may be with Ms. Monroe's family. On a motion duly made by Councilmember L. C. Metzner and seconded by Councilmember K. S. Cromer, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed to amend the agenda to move the following items under New Business to the beginning of the meeting: D. Resolution: Support for Washington Gardens Preservation Associates Limited Partnership Application and K. Approval: Award of Contract for the Replacement of Curb and Sidewalk at Designated Locations City-wide – Concrete Central, LLC (Williamsport, MD) Not to exceed \$ 30,000.00.

APPOINTMENTS

On a motion duly made by Councilmember L. C. Metzner and seconded by Councilmember K. B. Aleshire, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to appoint Jim Shives to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

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 appoint Janice Kelsh to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

On a motion duly made by Councilmember L. C. Metzner and seconded by Councilmember K. B. Aleshire, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to appoint Emily McFarland to the Board of Traffic and Parking.

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 appoint Tracy Kretzer to the Preservation Design District Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution: Support for Washington Gardens Preservation Associates Limited Partnership Application

Action: Councilmember L. C. Metzner made a motion to approve a resolution supporting the Washington Gardens Preservation Associates Limited Partnership application to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for \$ 5 million in tax exempt bonds. The funds being lent by the Community Development Administration will come from the sale of tax-exempt bonds by the State. It is clearly understood that approval of this resolution in no way obligates the City to repay any portion of the debt service resulting from the issuance of the bonds or to any other legal or financial responsibility arising from the bond issue. Councilmember A. Parson-McBean seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilmember Aleshire asked if the \$ 5 million will be for the development of 100 units and nothing else. Bruce Zimmerman, City Administrator, stated the request is the same as previously stated (when the Mayor and City Council agreed to send a letter of support) except that they are seeking \$ 5 million instead of \$ 2.5 million. The request now includes \$ 2.5 million for the development of the 100 units and \$ 2.5 million in refinancing.

Councilmember Nigh stated she hopes Councilmember Parson-McBean watches the project closely and makes sure it is completed. She asked that it be made clear that she is not in favor of this resolution.

Motion carried 3-2, with Councilmember K. S. Cromer and Councilmember P. M. Nigh voting No.

Approval: Award of Contract for the Replacement of Curb and Sidewalk at Designated Locations City-wide

Action: Councilmember L. C. Metzner made a motion to award Contract No. 05-05-CS-16 to Concrete Central of Williamsport, Maryland. The contract award includes "Part A" which provides unit rates for the replacement or abatement of curb and sidewalk and "Part B" which is for a not-to-exceed amount of \$ 30,000.00 (as appropriated in the FY 05/06 budget) to replace sidewalks damaged by "street trees." It is the intent of the "Part B" portion of the contract to assist the Department of Public Works in

addressing this widespread problem in the City. Councilmember K. B. Aleshire seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilmember Nigh stated she has continued to say no to this contract because she doesn't think the work should be contracted out. She stated if this is a "jump start" for the work, that is fine, but she feels the Public Works Department should be reviewed and find out where the City can be more cost effective. She suggested reducing the amount of mowing and using seasonal workers. She also suggested using the Public Works Department employees to do what they used to do.

Councilmember Cromer stated she hopes Public Works would put some type of plan in place immediately for this type of repair work so that they are not coming back next year asking for taxpayer's money to fix the sidewalks. She also suggested using seasonal workers to reduce costs. She doesn't agree with using outside contractors for this work. She asked that a plan be implemented now so that workers can begin this type of work.

Councilmember Metzner stated he doesn't want Staff to follow these suggestions. He stated when someone can prove to him that it saves money to use outside contractors rather than hire more employees, he will support not using outside contractors. He stated Staff has been asked to develop a less costly method, but there is no acceptable alternative. He thinks using outside contractors will definitely be more cost effective than hiring additional employees. This issue needs to be discussed further by the Mayor and City Council. He stated the Council needs to send a clear message to Staff. At this point in time, the Council is sending a mixed message.

Councilmember Nigh informed Councilmember Metzner that Public Works employees used to do this type of work. At that time, the Department had the equipment to replace sidewalks. She stated neither she nor Councilmember Cromer is suggesting hiring more full time employees. She is saying a less costly method needs to be found. She stated there is a problem with the trees and something needs to be done. She thinks it would be more cost effective to look at who does the mowing so full time employees will be free to do other work.

Councilmember Parson-McBean stated she believes alternatives need to be explored, but this work needs to be completed as soon as possible.

Motion carried, 3-2 with Councilmember K. S. Cromer and Councilmember P. M. Nigh voting No.

Mayor Trump stated it is important for the Council to build consensus. This needs to be discussed at a work session so everyone understands the role of subcontractors. He stated it is important to send a clear message to Staff and it is important to have the consensus of the Council on a decision.

Councilmember Parson-McBean left the meeting at this time.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Crampton Annexation, A-05-06

Stuart Bass, Comprehensive Planner, stated the Crampton Annexation is a result of a request for annexation as a condition for receiving water service. This item was formally introduced on August 23, 2005.

The area proposed for annexation is 7.77 acres, to the north of the former Doub Meadow apartment complex. The property is zoned RM in the County and is recommended for high density residential in the land use plan of the County's 2002 Comprehensive Plan. The applicant is requesting R3 zoning for the purpose of developing a 36 unit apartment complex.

The Washington County Board of Education has stated that all the Elementary Schools serving the City of Hagerstown are at or over capacity. South Hagerstown High School, which will serve this development, is also over capacity. If developed as proposed with 36 apartment units, the project could generate 5 elementary students and 4 high school students, based on the Board of Education's formula.

The Washington County Free Library has no proposed plans for construction of library facilities within the area proposed for annexation.

Sanitary sewer service to this site will be by extension of existing sanitary sewers in the general area and will be at the cost of the developer in accordance with the annexation agreement. Any upgrades necessary to the sewer system to accommodate the project shall be at the expense of the developer. The amount and timing of the allocation of sewer service shall be subject to the City's Sewer Capacity Allocation Program.

Water service to this site will be by extension of water lines in the vicinity of the site and will be at the cost of the developer subject to the Water Department's standards, policies, procedures and payment of the applicable fees. Any extension of water lines to provide additional water service will be at the sole cost of the owner or developer of the property.

The City of Hagerstown Light Department, or their designee, will design and approve the street light system. The developer is responsible for the purchase and installation, to approved Hagerstown Light Department specifications of the street light system.

The closest city fire station is the South Hagerstown Fire Company Engine 5. The distance from this station is one mile. The department is currently under staffed and as growth continues there may be a need of additional stations or relocation of existing stations. This area is assigned to the Community Rescue Service for ambulance service.

Any necessary improvements to existing public roads shall be completed at the direction of the City Engineer at the developer's expense and constructed per the city's Public Ways Construction Standards by the developer. Traffic studies shall be prepared by the developer. These studies may identify improvements that are required on existing streets near the proposed annexation and subsequent development and shall be in conformance with the City's Guidelines for Traffic Impact Studies.

Maintenance is normally performed by the Public Works Department. However, there will be no impact if there are no public rights of way, as anticipated.

Mr. Bass entered the following as Exhibits:

1. Outline for Extension of Services
2. Notification of Annexation to County, Regional and State Planning Agencies
3. Certification of Advertisement for Annexation
4. Annexation Resolution

There was no representative from Washington County present at the meeting.

Jason Divelbiss, attorney with Miller, Oliver, Baker, Moylan and Stone, was present as the applicant's representative. Mr. Divelbiss submitted a site plan of the area as Applicant Exhibit 1. He stated this is the site plan that will be submitted if the annexation is approved with the requested zoning. The plan is consistent with the County zoning and the site is within the City's Urban Growth Boundary. The applicant believes the requested zoning is consistent with the existing uses in the area. The site is directly across from the South Hagerstown High School complex on South Potomac Street. There is significant buffering and separation between the existing single family homes and the proposed apartment complex. The issue of the water flow problem has been addressed. Concerns for the water flow were expressed at the Planning Commission meeting by Councilmember Cromer and Councilmember Nigh. Gordon Poffenberger, Fox and Associates, Inc., was also present.

Councilmember Metzner confirmed the plat includes a note that a forest conservation plan has been approved and will be completed on site. Mr. Divelbiss stated that is an accurate statement and that is the intention of the applicant.

Councilmember Cromer stated she is concerned with problems with the stormwater management on the site. She wants to make it very clear this is going to be fixed to ease the problems currently experienced by one resident. The developer intends to build a basin and there will be no more flooding. Mr. Divelbiss stated the developer will comply

with all regulations, but that doesn't guarantee there won't be flooding. The best technical measures will be applied. The apartment building will be on a higher grade than the existing homes. The developer is not permitted to complete a design that causes water to be pushed on to another property. The intent is to channel the water into the natural stormwater runoff.

Councilmember Nigh asked if anything will be done to keep the water in the gully and not on the property owner to the north. Rodney Tissue, City Engineer, stated he is confident the stormwater management plan will take care of any additional water. He stated the water naturally flows toward South Hagerstown High School. He believes opening the natural channel will help alleviate the water runoff problems. The gully will be made into a yard that can be kept mowed and clean.

Mr. Poffenberger stated the developer has a permit from the Maryland Department of the Environment and they have shown that the water elevations won't change due to any grading. Councilmember Cromer stated she wants to make sure the water is kept out of residents' yards. Councilmember Nigh stated she doesn't think this will take care of the entire problem.

Councilmember Cromer asked if the apartments would be for subsidized housing. Mr. Divelbiss stated he doesn't know the answer to this question.

Councilmember Aleshire stated there is a note that forestry requirements will be completed on site. He asked if the petition for annexation will specify the development will be 36 rental units. Mr. Divelbiss stated the developer is agreeable to this.

Councilmember Aleshire asked if this is the same developer that is building South Pointe. Mr. Divelbiss stated that is correct. Councilmember Aleshire pointed out that the roads were not connected in the South Pointe development. He stated that Sprecher Road and Murdock Road are the last two remaining roads. These two developments will effectively cut off any access to Wilson Boulevard and Oak Hill Avenue permanently. The intersections in this area are heavily used now. He stated he thinks having buildings that face the streets (rather than the back of the buildings facing the street) creates a better appearance in the surrounding area. He mentioned the traffic problems at the South Hagerstown High School entrance. He asked the Mayor and Council to keep in mind how eliminating connecting streets affects the existing intersections. He noted that the response from the Board of Education does not address middle school enrollment. He asked if middle school enrollment numbers are included in the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO) school test. Mr. Divelbiss stated the enrollment numbers as of September 30, 2005 are available.

Councilmember Aleshire stated he believes this development will be subject to the APFO that doesn't currently exist.

There was no testimony, either in favor of or against the annexation.

The hearing was closed at 7:52 p.m. The record will remain open for 10 days for written comments.

MINUTES

Councilmember K. S. Cromer made a motion to approve the minutes for Mayor and City Council meetings held on September 6, 2005, September 13, 2005 and September 20, 2005. Councilmember L. C. Metzner seconded the motion.

Councilmember Aleshire stated the minutes for September 20, 2005 should clarify that the items discussed by the 2+2 committee will be considered by the Mayor and City Council one at a time, with the first topic being the needs of the hospital.

Motion carried, 4-0 with the above stated correction.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion duly made by Councilmember K. B. Aleshire and seconded by Councilmember L. C. Metzner, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote of all members present to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

A. Engineering:

1. University Plaza Fountain – Robinson Iron Corporation (Alexander City, AL) \$ 30,000.00 (\$ 15,000.00 to be paid by the City, \$ 15,000.00 to be paid by the Sunrise Rotary Club)
2. Street Tree Planting – Antietam Tree Service, Inc. (Hagerstown, MD)
Not to exceed \$ 50,000.00

B. Water and Sewer Department:

1. 2005 Jeep Liberty – Hertrich Fleet Services (Denton, MD) \$ 18,049.00
2. Office and Lunchroom Floor Replacement – Inner Space (Hagerstown, MD) \$ 15,513.00

C. Fire Department:

1. Portable Classroom to Replace Trailer at Training Center – EMH Environmental Contractors, Engineers (Glenwood, MD) \$ 65,825.00
2. 2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer – Criswell Chevrolet, Inc. (Gaithersburg, MD)

\$ 21,160.00

UNFINISHED BUISNESS

A. Approval of an Ordinance: To Modify Water Usage Rates

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember K. B. Aleshire and seconded by Councilmember L. C. Metzner, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote of all members present to approve an ordinance as introduced on October 18, 2005 to modify water usage rates according to the recommendations of the recently completed Cost of Service Study. The modified rates shall be effective for all bills rendered on or after December 1, 2005.

Discussion: Councilmember Nigh stated a citizen contacted her who was concerned about their bill and whether there would be an increase. Alfred Martin, Finance Director, stated the department will explain to people how their bill will be affected. He stated the minimum charges are being eliminated and some customers will notice an increase. In general, non-city customers will see a larger increase than in-city customers. Councilmember Nigh asked if this was the same for the sewer rates. Mr. Martin stated it was basically the same.

Mayor Trump recognized Boy Scout Troop 210 and thanked them for attending the meeting.

B. Approval of an Ordinance: To Modify Sewer Usage Rates

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember L. C. Metzner and seconded by Councilmember K. B. Aleshire, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote of all members present to approve an ordinance as introduced on October 18, 2005 to modify sewer usage rates according to the recommendations of the recently completed Cost of Service Study. The modified rates shall be effective for all bills rendered on or after December 1, 2005.

C. Haven Road Annexation: To Continue on the Table

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 of all members present to continue on the table the approval of the Haven Road Annexation Resolution until December 20, 2005.

Discussion: Councilmember Aleshire stated there needs to be some resolution to this annexation. He has discussed his concerns with the applicant and is waiting on a response. Mayor Trump asked if this annexation was tabled until the County adopts an APFO. Councilmember Aleshire stated the annexation was tabled at the owner's request, not the City's.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Introduction of Annexation Resolution: Bowers, A-05-08

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 Annexation Resolution for Michael C. Bowers for property located on the west side of the City, at 304 Woodpoint Avenue. The property to be annexed is .128 acres in size and is intended to be added to and made part of the adjacent municipal lands.

B. Introduction of Annexation Resolution: Clemmer, A-05-09

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember K. B. Aleshire and seconded by Councilmember L. C. Metzner, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote of all members present to introduce an Annexation Resolution for Andrew J. Clemmer for property located on the east side of the City, at Lot 186 Pangborn Boulevard. The property to be annexed is .149 acres in size and is intended to be added to and made part of the adjacent municipal lands.

C. Resolution: National Incident Management System

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember K. B. Aleshire and seconded by Councilmember L. C. Metzner, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed to approve a resolution by voice vote of all members present designating the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the formally adopted policy and foundation for incident command, coordination and support activities in order to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management during major domestic emergency and disaster response and recovery operations. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

D. Resolution: Resolution: Support for Washington Gardens Preservation Associates Limited Partnership Application

This item was moved to the beginning of the meeting.

E. Resolution: Supporting Loan Application for 200-202 E. Washington Street

Action: Councilmember L. C. Metzner made a motion to approve a resolution supporting a loan from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, Neighborhood Businessworks Program to

Cynthia Morris for the purchase and renovation of property located at 200-202 E. Washington Street, Hagerstown, Maryland. Councilmember K. B. Aleshire seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Morris was asked to come forward. Councilmember Cromer stated citizens have contacted her with concerns. She stated she understands the support from the City is so that a loan can be applied for to renovate the property. She asked if the plan is to give preference to people who are handicapped or disable. Mr. Morris stated that is not what he said. He had indicated the target tenants were disabled but they will rent to anyone who is able to travel the steps. They are not limiting themselves to people who are disabled. The existing tenants will not be displaced.

Motion carried, 3-1 with Councilmember P.M. Nigh voting No.

F. Resolution: Support of the City's Community Legacy Program

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 of all members present to approve a resolution supporting the City's Community Legacy Program application to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.

G. Approval of Right-of-Way at 11 Public Square

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember K. B. Aleshire and seconded by Councilmember L. C. Metzner, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote of all members present to approve an agreement to assign the existing Agreement between the City of Hagerstown and Kurt and Margaret Cushwa outlining the joint use and maintenance of the stairtower and elevator located at 11 Public Square to Daughtridge, Inc.

H. Extension of Sewer Allocation Deadline for Collegiate Acres

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 authorize staff to extend the deadline for receipt of building permits from August 30, 2006 to December 31, 2007 for the 91 units of allocation awarded to Collegiate Acres on August 30, 2005. This extension is necessary since the City and the County have requested the developer to delay construction of sewer infrastructure while an alternative plan is explored to connect the development to the County wastewater treatment plant.

Discussion: Councilmember Aleshire asked why the requested extension is for such a long period of time. Kathleen Maher, Planning Director, stated the time period will allow the City and the County to explore an alternative way to connect the development to the system. This will cause a delay of about one year. It will not be possible for Collegiate Acres to receive building permits by August 30, 2006. Mr. Zimmerman indicated there are also right of way easement issues to be worked through, which will require additional time.

I. Downtown Holiday Parking

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember P. M. Nigh and seconded by Councilmember K. S. Cromer, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote of all members present to approve the recommended downtown holiday parking plan to allow from Monday, November 21, 2005, date of HollyFest, through Christmas Day two hours free parking in the parking deck on weekdays and free parking in the deck in the evenings after 7:00 p.m. and all day on Saturday and Sunday. Parking at the downtown street and lot meters will continue to be free after 5:00 p.m. and all day Saturday and Sunday, as it normally is throughout the year.

J. Award of Sewer From the Discretionary Reserve for Americom Government Services

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember K. B. Aleshire and seconded by Councilmember K. S. Cromer, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote of all members present to authorize staff to award 800 gallons per day of sewer from the Discretionary Reserve to Americom Government Services for a property on Insurance Way, known as Lot 3, Hunt Ridge Business Park. This award having been discussed and agreed upon by a consensus of the City Council in executive session on August 2, 2005, during the Interim Sewer Capacity Allocation Program. Delay of formal action on the award was at the Economic Development Commission's request until such time as public notice of the business's relocation plans could be made.

Discussion: Councilmember Aleshire stated issues such as this have come up over the past several years as it relates to the allocation of sewer services and annexation and the belief that it can't happen without the City. This is an example of what can be done if the City is included in the initial discussions.

K. Approval: Award of Contract for the replacement of Curb and Sidewalk at Designated Locations City Wide – Concrete Central, LLC (Williamsport, MD) Not to Exceed \$ 30,000.00

This item was moved to the beginning of the meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mayor Trump then discussed the hospital issue. He stated the City Council has stated that zoning approval must be applied for before allocation issues are discussed. The hospital has applied for the zoning approval. In a meeting last week, the City Council asked for an answer on the legality of considering allocation for the hospital under the consent order with MDE. The City Council also asked whether staff should lead the discussions. Mayor Trump stated he asked Councilmember Aleshire to meet with John Urner, City Attorney, to discuss the questions asked by the Council. The Mayor and City Council need to understand their capabilities. This meeting will be held and a discussion before the Mayor and City Council will be scheduled for November 1, 2005. He stated that every citizen has a right to come before the Mayor and City Council. However, he requested that citizens present at this meeting hold their comments regarding the hospital until after the November 1, 2005 work session and allow the process to work.

Councilmember Nigh left the meeting at this time.

John Lestitian, 125 N. Locust Street, Hagerstown, Maryland, was present in support of the Hagerstown Police Department. He stated there has been discussion in work sessions about staffing levels and the level of service provided. He stated changing the level of service for a police department is not a viable option. If someone calls to report anything, an officer is dispatched. He stated the police department is dealing with scarce resources. He encouraged the Council to talk about this situation and perhaps consider a tele-serve system so that officers are not tied up with responding to a call where there is no investigative follow-up that is able to occur. He encouraged the Mayor and City Council to re-consider the definition of a reportable accident. Some police departments have guidelines that state they will take a report only if damage is higher than a specific amount or if there is an injury. Mayor Trump asked that this be reviewed within the police department.

Ruth Anne Callaham, 1317 Lindsay Lane, Hagerstown, Maryland, stated she respects the Mayor's request but she feels compelled to share some things with the Mayor and City Council. She thanked the Mayor and City Council for their stewardship and hard work on this important issue. She stated a lot of people feel this is an important issue and the people she spoke with signed a paper supporting her statement. She stated Dominic, a two year old who has asthma, would have liked to sign the paper, if he could. There are some nights he depends on a mask to help him breathe. Some nights he depends on the emergency room to help him breathe. She asked that the Mayor and City Council remember that Dominic is counting on them to assure he has the ability to depend on quality health care in the community and he can go to a child friendly emergency room. She stated their approval of the County's request will have a significant impact on the

community. Their approval will have a positive impact on the heart attack victim and the two year old. The new hospital will be energy efficient. She stated she appreciates all their hard work.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Bruce Zimmerman, City Administrator, stated the APFO was discussed at the County Commissioners' meeting today. No action was taken today, but it will be discussed again in two weeks. Staff is following the discussions.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor R. F. Trump stated Governor Ehrlich visited Hagerstown yesterday. He stated he expressed the City's appreciation for funding that comes from the State. Governor Ehrlich assured the Mayor that Program Open Space funding will remain intact. Mayor Trump announced that Ed McMahon, renowned planner, will be at St. James School on October 27, 2005. Mr. Zimmerman stated this meeting has been postponed and no new date has been scheduled. Mayor Trump indicated the Maryland Theater Board has agreed not to sell the theater.

Councilmember L. C. Metzner stated the community lost a real hero this week, Ruth Monroe. He stated two very prominent African-American women in our nation passed away this week. Ruth Monroe and Rosa Parks both passed away this week. Both of these women made the world a better place, one person at a time.

Councilmember K. B. Aleshire stated the citizens, at large, have rejected the idea of changing the trash collection to one day per week, rather than two days per week. He stated it was the recommendation of the Board of Traffic and Parking that a proposal for a vehicle rental facility at 609 Dual Highway be looked at closely.

He stated he is a firm supporter of the City Market and that it needs to continue to exist. He hopes that repairs for the market building are included in the budget. He thanked the Department of Public Works for efficiently sorting the items that were dropped off for the dumpster program. This will save money and landfill space. He thanked Ms. Callahan for recognizing the Mayor and City Council are trying to move forward with the hospital.

Councilmember K. S. Cromer stated Councilmember Nigh left the meeting early because her mother is very ill. She reminded everyone about the ghost tours that will be held on October 21, 2005. She would like to discuss a civil war museum at a work session. Mr. Zimmerman stated the City's Planning Department has been working with other counties to obtain information about the available grants and tax credits.

Councilmember Cromer stated a Washington County Board of Zoning Appeals hearing has been tentatively scheduled for November 10, 2005 for the zoning request

submitted by the hospital. She stated the new owner of Hager's Row (Mike Demming) has made improvements in that area. The area helps the appearance of downtown. She stated the bus stop in that location doesn't help. Mr. Zimmerman stated the bus stop is not the City's but Staff is working with the Washington County Commuter on this situation. Mr. Tissue stated it will probably be discussed at a November work session.

Councilmember Cromer announced that the Health Department will be giving flu shots, by appointment only, at the Elks Lodge on Robinwood Drive on Monday, November 28, 2005. All interested persons should call the Health Department's hotline on November 19, 2005 or November 22, 2005 to make an appointment. She stated she believes these shots are being given to people in high risk categories.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and City Council, on a motion duly made by Councilmember L. C. Metzner and seconded by Councilmember K. B. Aleshire, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna K. Spickler
City Clerk

Approved: _____