

88<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL SESSION AND WORK SESSION – November 4, 2008

Mayor R. E. Bruchey, II called this 88<sup>th</sup> Special Session and Work Session of the Mayor and City Council to order at 4:10 p.m., Tuesday, November 4, 2008, in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Present with the Mayor were Councilmembers M. E. Brubaker, K. S. Cromer, L. C. Metzner, P. M. Nigh and A Parson-McBean; City Administrator Bruce Zimmerman, and D. K. Spickler, City Clerk.

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On a motion duly made, seconded and passed, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to hold a Special Session at 4:11 p.m.

**Approval of an Ordinance: City of Hagerstown General Obligation Bonds**

**Action:** On a motion duly made by Councilmember M. E. Brubaker and seconded by Councilmember L. C. Metzner, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve an enabling ordinance as introduced authorizing the City of Hagerstown to issue and sell, upon its full faith and credit, general obligation bonds in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$ 19 million. Proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used for the public purposes described in detail in the ordinance together with related expenses and costs of issuance.

Staff is also hereby directed to proceed in working with the City's Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel to determine the best financing options for the City and with developing the necessary detailed resolutions and other documents to prepare for the sale of the bonds as directed by this ordinance. Final details regarding the amount, timing, method of sale or sales and other particulars will be spelled out in a detailed resolution to be presented to this body for approval at a future date prior to the issuance of the bonds as specified in the ordinance.

The special session was closed at 4:12 p.m.

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State of the City Discussion

The Mayor and City Council discussed the format and presentation of the annual State of the City address.

Councilmember Parson-McBean would like more people to have access to the venue for the address. The speech made at the Chamber of Commerce meeting should be shown on Channel 6 as well. This would provide an opportunity for the State of the City to be more inclusive.

Councilmember Metzner believes the City should continue to participate in the Chamber of Commerce presentation and add a presentation, held in the Council Chamber.

Mayor Bruchey envisions the 2009 State of the City being held at the Academy Theater building. The format would still be under the Chamber of Commerce and the presentation would be video taped to be shown later.

Councilmember Parson-McBean thinks the State of the City should be different from the forum style venue. She doesn't think people should have to pay to attend a State of the City address.

Councilmember Metzner pointed out the Charter indicates the address is to the Council, not the citizenry. The citizens need to hear the address and he suggested holding it at a 7:00 p.m. meeting.

It was the general consensus to present the State of the City address at a 7:00 p.m. Mayor and Council meeting and still participate in the Chamber of Commerce venue.

#### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS**

*Bruce Zimmerman, City Administrator*, informed the Mayor and Council the mural at the Elizabeth Hager Center will be removed soon. Ideas for a replacement will be presented soon.

Alfred Martin, Director of Finance, and Donnie Barton, Wastewater Operations Manager, informed the Mayor and Council that the City received an \$ 800,000 grant from the State of Maryland for work on the wastewater collection system. This is part of a \$ 4,000,000 project.

#### **MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

*Councilmember A. Parson-McBean* urged everyone to vote.

*Councilmember P. M. Nigh* had no additional comments.

*Councilmember M. E. Brubaker* had no additional comments.

*Councilmember K. S. Cromer* enjoyed the Mummer's Parade. She urged everyone to vote.

*Councilmember L. C. Metzner* urged citizens to vote.

*Mayor R. E. Bruchey, II* thanked Jennifer Kram, Special Events Coordinator, for making a combined North High/South High football jersey for him to wear for the

Gridiron Championship. The football game will be held November 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. He thanked Hagerstown Ford for the use of the pick up truck during the Mummer's Parade.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and City Council, on a motion duly made, seconded and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna K. Spickler, City Clerk

Approved: November 25, 2008