

WORK SESSION AND EXECUTIVE SESSION – August 18, 2015

EXECUTIVE SESSION – August 18, 2015

On a motion duly made by Councilmember M. E. Brubaker and seconded by Councilmember D. F. Munson, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote of all members present to meet in closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction, #1 (Section 10-508(a)), To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice, #7 (Section 10-508(a)), and to consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State, #4 (Section 10-508(a)), on Tuesday, August 18, 2015, at 3:04 p.m. in Room 407, 4th Floor, City Hall, Hagerstown, Maryland.

The following people were in attendance: Mayor D. S. Gysberts, Councilmember K. B. Aleshire, Councilmember M. E. Brubaker, Councilmember L. C. Metzner, Councilmember D. F. Munson, Councilmember P. M. Nigh, City Administrator Valerie Means, Karen Paulson, Director of Human Resources, Michelle Hepburn, Director of Finance, Scott Nicewarner, Interim Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development, City Attorney Mark Boyer, City Attorney Jennifer Keefer. The meeting was held to discuss membership of the Hagerstown Housing Authority and the City Ethics Commission, various personnel issues, legal advice regarding the union lawsuit, legal advice regarding pending litigation, and a license agreement in regard to a business proposal. No formal action was taken at the meeting. On a motion duly made, seconded, and passed, the executive session was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Councilmember Aleshire left the meeting.

Work Session – August 18, 2015

Mayor D. S. Gysberts called this Work Session and Executive Session of the Mayor and Council to order at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 18, 2015, in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Present with the Mayor were Councilmembers M. E. Brubaker, L. C. Metzner, D. F. Munson, and P. M. Nigh; City Administrator Valerie Means, City Attorney Mark Boyer, and City Attorney Jason Morton.

Preliminary Agenda Review

Consent Agenda

- A. Department of Community and Economic Development:
 - 1. Application Permit for Fairgrounds Country Fest – September 26, 2015, Hagerstown Area Police Athletic League, Inc. at Fairgrounds Park

- B. IT Support Services:
 - 1. Intellitime Hosting and Software Support Agreement – Intellitime Systems Corporation (Santa Ana, CA) \$ 52,000.00
 - 2. ESRI (GIS) Enterprise License Agreement Renewal – ESRI (Redlands, CA) \$ 35,000.00
- C. Department of Parks and Engineering:
 - 1. Community Garden Ornamental Perimeter Fence – Hercules Fence of MD, LLC (Jessup, MD) \$ 28,288.75
 - 2. Pavement Management Condition Survey – Enterprise Information Solutions (Hanover, MD) \$ 25,000.00
- D. Police:
 - 1. Purchase of Six Mobile Precision M4800 CTO Computers – Dell (Round Rock, TX) \$ 20,370.00
 - 2. Purchase of Twenty Mobile Data Terminals – HGCI Hartford, Inc. (Columbia, MD) \$ 93,000.00
 - 3. Purchase of Microsoft Excel and PC Bundle – Agilent Technologies (Wilmington, DE) \$ 13,079.00
- E. Public Works:
 - 1. Purchase of TS2T2 Nema 6 Economoite Traffic Signal Cabinet – Traffic Systems & Technology (Manassas, VA) \$ 11,560.00
- F. Utilities:
 - 1. Renewal of Contract for Cummings ENR Emergency Generator Set – Cummings Power Systems, LLC (Glen Burnie, MD) \$ 19,460.00
 - 2. Purchase of Twenty Homa Model GRP19/1 Submersible Grinder Pumps – Fluid Solutions, Inc. (Westminster, MD) \$ 57,200.00
 - 3. Purchase of a Muffin Monster Exchange/Return for Pump Station No. 23 – JWC Environmental (Busford, GA) \$ 11,595.00

There were no questions regarding the Consent Agenda.

Approval of Renewal of Agreement between the Hagerstown Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration

Chief Mark Holtzman requested authorization to renew the agreement with the U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for the period of time that covers September 30, 2015 through September 29, 2016.

There are no substantive changes to the current agreement. This agreement renews the City's commitment to provide two officers and one sergeant to the Hagerstown DEA office to work specifically on narcotics investigations in Hagerstown and the surrounding areas. In return, the DEA provides reimbursement for overtime costs associated with drug investigations up to \$ 17,548.00 per officer to the City. This continued participation

between HPD and the DEA is vital to the department's ongoing mission of disrupting illegal drug trafficking and reducing violent crime in the community.

Approval of the renewal will be included on the August 25, 2015 Regular Session agenda.

This completed the preliminary agenda review.

Tree Lights

Don Bowman, Bowman Development Corporation, was present to discuss an idea for additional lighting downtown. Visitors from Toronto suggested placing lights in the trees on S. Potomac Street. The lights will be aesthetically pleasing and provide a greater sense of safety. He asked for permission to place the lights in trees at Bulls and Bears Restaurant, 38 S. Potomac Street. If it looks nice and works out well, he would ask that the other trees be lit as well.

It was the general consensus to allow Mr. Bowman to try lights in the trees. The Mayor and City Council thanked Mr. Bowman for his continued efforts to improve Hagerstown.

Tourist Area and Corridor Signing Program Update

Andrew Sargent, Downtown Manager, Tim Young, Engineering Designer, Rodney Tissue, City Engineer, Steve Hollie, Michael Osborne, and Natalia Schroeder, from the State Highway Administration (SHA), were present to provide an update on implementation of a state-wide tourist attraction signage program and also to gain permission for this program to be implemented in the interior of the City.

The Tourist Area and Corridor Signing Program (TAC) is a state-wide program which reviews the various existing attraction signage along the interstate highways and other major arteries and creates a more efficient and less confusing pattern of direction to area visitors. Over time, these signs become out of date as new attractions are introduced and old attractions are no longer operating. The SHA has hired a team of consultants to design and implement a new system of signs on the surrounding interstates and other arteries. Eligible tourist attractions applied to become a part of the program, encouraged by the Convention and Visitor's Center and other community groups and stakeholders. After all eligible tourist attractions were identified and vetted as qualifying attractions, Informing Design, Inc. designed a new layout of the directional signage. The SHA will install the new signs in the coming months.

The City of Hagerstown now has the option to adopt TAC signage further into the interior of the City. Staff believes that unifying the attraction signage throughout the City to match those on the interstates and arteries will reduce the amount of confusion visitors experience when trying to find their destination. Additionally, parking signage

throughout the City will be refreshed. Staff will have the opportunity to review and discuss this interior signage before a final design is established and installed. Initially, this project would not be an expense to the City. Design, fabrication and installation of the signs would be paid for by the SHA. Maintenance of signs installed along City maintained roads would be a collaborative effort; sign faces for any damaged signs would be fabricated by SHA and installed by City forces.

Mr. Hollie stated signage is intended to get motorists to the eligible attractions. A tourist may see the standard signs and stay in the community to visit other attractions. The program is in different stages of implementation in 17 counties. This is a perpetual program, with updates made every 18 to 24 months.

Mr. Hollie explained that vehicular wayfinding, which is an attempt to make a driver make a change to get to his destination, cannot be maintained when the new system is implemented. If the City participates in the interior TAC program, existing signs would be replaced with uniform signs that correspond to the attraction to be eligible for signing from the nearest TAC corridor.

Attractions must meet a set of criteria. An eligible attraction must primarily provide recreational, historical, cultural, or leisure activities to the public. The signs are intended to attract visitors from outside the area.

The TAC program will address the increasing demand for tourism and accommodates a larger population of attractions. It will provide signage to the more remote areas of counties as well.

Next steps include obtaining authorization for meetings with staff from the various municipalities to discuss the current concept and how to make it the best fit for each municipality. A concept plan for placement of signs would then be presented to the County. The County would have to approve the plan in order for the signs to be placed on the roadways.

Councilmember Brubaker asked if the signs specific for Municipal Stadium would be replaced with the generic signs. Mr. Hollie stated the signs for Municipal Stadium have been approved as a specific tourist attraction and will have an individual sign.

Councilmember Brubaker is concerned that most of the signs appear to be for rural areas. Mr. Hollie indicated there will be specific signs for the key attractions.

Councilmember Munson clarified that the City's only financial obligation would be to erect the signs when necessary. Mr. Hollie indicated that is correct.

It was the general consensus to move forward with participating in the TAC program.

Street Festival Liquor License Regulations

Andrew Sargent, Downtown Manager, and Jason Morton, City Attorney, were present to discuss recent updates to the liquor laws.

A new Special Class C Street Festival License was approved in the last state legislative session. This new license required an update to the Application/Permit approved by the Mayor and City Council.

The Special Class C Street Festival License was created to promote a more inclusive business opportunity during downtown events. With this new license, a bona-fide non-profit organization can host a street-type festival where a single cup can be filled with alcoholic beverages from any participating establishment with a valid liquor license within a controlled, designated area. The events must occur in the Arts & Entertainment District. For instance, in the case of Wind Down Fridays, the first block of South Potomac Street is the designated area, blocked to traffic and monitored by police. The Maryland Theatre can apply for this Special Class C Street Festival License since it is a bona fide non-profit organization. The Theatre will complete the updated application, naming the establishments participating in the event. With approval from the Mayor and City Council, the application is then reviewed by the Board of License Commissioners (also known as the Liquor Board), who will also have its own application for the Theatre to complete. If approved by the Liquor Board, a Special Class C Street Festival License is granted. During the event, the Maryland Theatre sells designated cups to patrons which can be filled at the Theatre or any of the other participating establishments.

This new license has required an update of the application, and the main change is that the participating establishments must now be listed.

The Maryland Theatre has submitted the new application. If approved by the Mayor and City Council, it will be submitted to the Liquor Board. The new State law which creates the license also provides that the Liquor Board may adopt regulations necessary for the implementation of the law. As of August 12, 2015, the Board had not adopted regulations for Special Class C Street Festival Licenses. There is no assurance that the Liquor Board will adopt regulations in time for the next Wind Down. Similarly, there is no assurance that the license would be granted, even if the regulations are adopted in time. If the Maryland Theatre is not granted a Special Class C Street Festival License, then the September 25, 2015 Wind Down will be held as previously approved by the Mayor and City Council.

Mayor Gysberts supports these types of events and is discouraged that an event planner now will have to file additional information to receive the permit. He would like to discuss the possibility of a City Liquor Board to govern events within City limits. He asked if this has been discussed for inclusion in the next General Assembly session.

Mr. Morton has not heard that it has been considered. He noted that a City Liquor Board would be a significant undertaking. He mentioned that City staff provides significant assistance with event planners to obtain the necessary permits.

Councilmember Brubaker stated passage of the legislation to allow the Special Class C Street Festival License was difficult. He thinks it would be best to wait to see how this license addresses the needs of the City before moving forward with additional legislation.

Councilmember Munson clarified that a patron would purchase a cup at a base location and could purchase drinks, using the same cup, at other participating establishments.

Staff will return with the Maryland Theatre Application Permit when the regulations are established by the Liquor Board.

60 West Washington Street: Business Resource Center Update & Furniture Bid

Sarah Nelson, Community Development Coordinator, Andrew Sargent, Downtown Manager, and Jonathan Kerns, Community Development Manager, were present to provide an update on the status of the Business Resource Center at 60 West Washington Street and also seek approval for the contract to furnish the interior space funded through USDA grant funds.

Community input on working names for the space resulted in a formal search for assistance. Worx Graphics was hired to offer some name, logo and branding ideas for the business resource center and the name BuroBox was chosen. Buro means office in German. The space will have an European feel.

The BuroBox Mission and Mindset are as follows:

Think differently. It's important to have individual thoughts surrounded by those who inspire and challenge your great idea. And if you are to think differently, you need a place to think differently: a place where you can connect with people, and then re-connect with them again the next day. Where you can charge your computer and creative business strategy simultaneously. And so we present you with such a resource center:

BuroBox: Embrace your culture and expand your cubicle to include everyone. Dig into Hagerstown's German roots to discover how BuroBox is the OfficeBox full of creative and corporate diversity. Think inside the BuroBox with collective brainpower, and you can color outside the lines.

Alliances with community partners continue, including the potential for strong relationship with University System of Maryland at Hagerstown. SCORE, various Main Street workgroups, Meetup groups and SBDC will utilize the center for casual meetings

and formal seminars. Businesses and individuals will be able to become members of the BuroBox at a reasonable rate to use the conference facilities, high-speed wireless and other online and offline resources.

Interior build out of the space was completed by GRC General Contractors in March of this year and includes a conference room, three offices and a collaborative work space. With inventive use of functional furniture, this larger area will foster innovation between both fledging entrepreneurs and existing businesses in the community and be capable of handling many different functions, such as classes, seminars, study groups and casual coffee chats.

Unexpected delays in furniture procurement occurred as a result of an initial bid process that did not yield furniture with design and quality standards that supported the function of the space. Because of these challenges a local design firm, Design Method Group, was hired to develop an interior design guide provided to potential bidders on the project.

The furniture was bid a second time in August of 2015 and two bids were received from Hyperspace, LLC and American Office. Staff consulted with Design Method to review the bids and determined that the American Office proposal most closely conforms to the original design intent. In order to ensure the qualifications of the bidder, staff have reached out to entities that utilized American Office for similar projects. Staff have also spoken with American Office to discuss the necessary qualifications for the work.

Staff is recommending awarding the bid to American Office. Councilmember Brubaker asked if the low bidder must be selected since this is a grant funded project. Ms. Nelson indicated there will not be an issue because requirements for the grant include following local policies and procedures for procurement.

Mr. Sargent stated the BuroBox will be a resource center for downtown businesses. It will be accessible with a key card and participants can use office equipment that will be in place.

Mr. Sargent indicated there is sufficient funding left over from the furniture procurement to fund a part time coordinator for approximately two years.

Councilmember Munson stated he thinks the space will be a good resource for businesses.

The furniture procurement and installation is anticipated to take three to four months and Burobox will open in January, 2016.

Award of the bid for the furniture will be included on the August 25, 2015 Regular Session agenda.

Community Development Block Grant: Citizen Participation Plan Updates

Jonathan Kerns, Community Development Manager, and Sarah Nelson, Planning and Outreach Coordinator, discussed the City's Citizen Participation Plan Updates.

The City of Hagerstown is an entitlement recipient of Federal Community Development Block Grant funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD requires entitlement recipients to establish a Citizen Participation Plan in order to set forth policies and procedures to be used for citizen participation related to the CDBG program. The City's current Citizen Participation Plan was last updated in 2011.

In order to ensure compliance with CDBG regulations, City Staff worked with representatives from HUD to make necessary updates to the City's current CDBG Citizen Participation Plan. The City's contracted CDBG planning consultant, Urban Design Ventures, LLC, has also assisted with updating the plan.

The required updates to the City's CDBG Participation Plan are routine and will ensure continued compliance with CDBG Citizen Participation regulations. A copy of the plan was provided to the Mayor and City Council for their review.

Mayor Gysberts suggested mentioning that notices are posted in the newspaper, as well as other electronic media.

Approval of the plan will be scheduled for approval on August 25, 2015.

Massey Property Update

Rodney Tissue, City Engineer, reported the City is continuing to move forward with acquiring the 1.2079 acres of Washington County-owned property known as the "Massey Property" on East Baltimore Street. The plat was approved by the Planning Commission on August 12, 2015. The City Attorney and staff have nearly finalized the Contract of Sale with Washington County, allowing the Mayor and Council to take action on several issues.

Based upon past discussion with the Mayor and Council, Mr. Tissue outlined the next steps for this project as follows:

1. Land Conveyance: The main sticking point in the County conveying the property to the City has been the concern that state funds were used in connection with the library expansion project (by either the county or the library) which utilized part of the Massey parcel, thereby kicking in State historical conservation requirements on the two buildings that the City wishes to remove. In the Contract of Sale, Mark Boyer, City Attorney, developed a provision to give the City a Feasibility Period to confirm (with county cooperation) that demolishing the

buildings will not result in any problem for the City from the State based on its past funding of the library expansion project. As a Feasibility Period item, the City will be able to kick out if approval cannot be obtained. Staff have also included release language whereby the County will not look to the City for a reimbursement or make any claim against the City.

Staff recommend that the Council introduce the Contract of Sale Ordinance on August 25, 2015, approve it at a Special Session on September 1, and the Mayor can sign it 30 days later, on the October 1, 2015 effective date. Based upon discussions with County Administrator Greg Murray, the County Commissioners will be able to take action on the conveyance on August 18, 2015 or August 25, 2015.

Mayor Gysberts stated he recalls that the City's funding was used to purchase that piece of the property from HNDP. He stated the buildings should be torn down.

Councilmember Metzner thought this question was answered when the City returned funds to the Federal government and is discouraged that it has risen again.

Mr., Boyer indicated that was prior HUD funding. Since that time, additional federal funding was utilized.

Councilmember Munson suggested reviewing the legislation that he and Delegate John Donoghue presented to obtain funding for this project.

2. Former Showroom Building: It is staff's understanding that the Mayor and Council wish to convey this 0.7 acres of property. Department of Community and Economic Development staff indicated that they have assembled the appropriate information and will post the property for the Competitive Negotiated Sale (CNS) Process on the City's website when the Contract of Sale is signed, hopefully by October 1, 2015. Additionally, the property will be listed on nationally searchable real estate databases and the local real estate and development community will be informed about this opportunity. As with all CNS proposals, the CNS committee reviews all proposals at the end of the month and forwards the proposal with merit to the Mayor and City Council with a recommendation. The entire CNS decision process can take as little as 30 days to complete, depending on when the parcel becomes eligible to receive CNS proposals.

Consideration should be given to parking in this process. The end user may wish to use the potential park for parking so that will need to be coordinated during the CNS process. This building will have to be subdivided from the rest of the Lot 1 parcel, if it is to be conveyed, and in-house surveyor Jeff Swan can prepare that plat.

If no interest in the structure comes out of the CNS Process, the City needs to be prepared to maintain this large structure until another user is found.

Councilmember Brubaker clarified this is an “as is” proposed sale. That is correct.

- 3.. Building Demolition Contract: As directed by Council, staff bid the demolition of the two buildings (former Meadowhawk building and Bester House). The bids were received on August 12, 2015 and the low responsive bidder was Allegheny Wrecking & Salvage of Hagerstown, Maryland in the amount of \$ 39,400 for the demolition and asbestos removal. The Mayor and Council can award this contract at the August Regular Session contingent upon the City owning the land, or at a later meeting. This means that the demolition will likely take place in November or December, unless the funding issue described later delays it further.
4. Costs/Funding: Funding for this specific project is not included in the FY16 budget. The only option for funding (since State or Federal funds cannot be used for demolition and subsequent park development funds as those funds must go through the State Clearinghouse Review process, which includes MHT review) is local City funds.
 - a. Demolition: One funding option is to reallocate funds from another capital project approved in the FY16 budget thereby deferring the other project. Another option available would be to reallocate the prior year’s 2015 Bond Issue. Please note the 2015 Tax-exempt Bond could only be utilized for demolition if all the following requirements are met:
 - i. The parcels have to be split prior to any demolition work beginning.
 - ii. Once split, the parcel would not be able to be utilized for another other than public use and the City must retain ownership during the term of the 2015 Bond.
 - iii. The City would need to identify a project or projects to move funding from. Once identified, the funds would have to be reprogrammed, which includes completion of a supplemental bond ordinance, supplemental bond resolution, and supplemental bond tax certification.
 - b. Redevelopment of Site: Staff suggests using the balance of the remaining excise tax funds for new development such as park or green space. Staff cannot provide an estimate of park development costs at this time because there are no details of the design of the park. For comparison, a passive park with a monument such as Oswald Park cost about \$ 50,000 to develop while a small active park with a very small playset such as Greenawalt, cost about \$ 100,000 to develop.

A “crowdsourcing” effort that solicits contributions from a large group of people, especially from an online community, might be an option for a park that is related to tolerance or protection of freedoms.

Mayor Gysberts noted these actions indicate progress is being made.

Councilmember Munson stated having those buildings demolished will be very good for the City.

Customized Energy Solutions/Alevo

Michael Spiker, Director of Utilities, was present to discuss a requested business proposal by Alevo (Energy Storage System) through Customized Energy Solutions, the City’s Generation/Transmission/PJM consulting firm.

Mr. Spiker reported the January agreement is still in place with Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and discussions concerning the chosen site continue. He anticipates the site being available for use by the end of September.

The HLD has a long standing relationship dating back to 2002 with Customized Energy Solution (CES) through the Public Power Coalition (PPC), as the liaison with all PJM activities. CES documents and reviews all PJM related information that is crucial to the decision making process related to generation/transmission issues. CES votes approximately 50 times per year on the City’s behalf in all of the PJM committees to which the City belongs. Bill Schofield has been the principal point of contact since the inception of the PPC and is one of three original employees out of the more than 100 currently employed by CED.

Alevo Group SA is based in Verbier, Switzerland, and opened a new 4 million sq. ft. manufacturing plant in Concord, North Carolina in October 2014. The company plans to invest \$ 1 billion into the manufacture of its battery technology and reduce waste that currently exists in electric grid delivery systems.

Alevo classes itself an Energy Service Provider that uses a combination of innovative battery technology and smart data analytics to reduce a huge part of the 30% generated electricity that is currently wasted through inefficiencies in the grid delivery system.

The project will consist of utility scale Energy Storage Systems installed at two sites within the City of Hagerstown. The projects at these two sites (Wesel Substation and Fairgrounds Substation) will operate behind the meter as “demand response” resources participating in the PJM Regulation ancillary service market and provide PJM system grid reliability services, specifically voltage and frequency support. The projects have been sized to ensure that they remain behind Hagerstown’s meters and do not inject into the Potomac Edison system.

Alevo has invented a battery technology that is the core component of its GridBank. Containers resemble 10 ft x 40 ft storage containers. The current study utilizes 10MW of battery storage. The Alevo cell is completely non-flammable.

Alevo/CES/City has met numerous times in order to determine the correct site locations and resolve logistics issues. If the project is feasible and all parties agree to all terms and provisions within a future proposed Operations Agreement, no RFP will be required. Alevo/CES would engineer, design, deliver, install, own and operate the ESS. The HLD would supply the location, equipment requirements, and internal system engineering.

The project would place the City at the forefront of emerging technology and increase the City's exposure in the field of sustainable/renewable resources. The project would increase the revenue of the HLD. The process of the development of a Lease Agreement will begin, utilizing local legal counsel, the FERC Counsel, CES/MHI staff and HLD staff. The process of discussing the provisions within the Wholesale Power Supply Agreement (WPSA) would begin, utilizing local legal counsel, the FERC Counsel, CES/MHI staff, HLD staff and First Energy Solutions. Alevo, through the HLD, has completed the initial engineering study required and submitted the Wholesale Load Interconnection Application for First Energy for review. The parties are in the process of developing a Term Sheet/Operational Agreement for future review by the Mayor and City Council.

Mr. Spiker stated the benefit to the City of Hagerstown will be the sale of electricity for the ESS and the revenue from the lease agreement with minimal financial commitment.

The Mayor and City Council agreed to move forward with reviewing the proposal.

Continuation of Discussion of MML Legislative Priorities

Councilmember Brubaker recommends keeping Highway User Revenue and Double Taxation on the list as priorities for Hagerstown, both of which are important for the fiscal health of the City. Stormwater Management regulations were included on the list last year. It is not clear what the regulations will be and it may be premature to bring this to the General Assembly. He is aware there are priorities for the local fire departments, which are too much of a local issue to include for MML Legislative Priorities.

Mayor Gysberts stated it would be worth revisiting the issue of the City obtaining receivership of foreclosed homes in order to eliminate blight on a property. He thinks this would be an important issue State wide. He understands there may be something at the State level that prevents municipalities from doing this.

Councilmember Brubaker stated another issue is transparency of the banks who own the property. It is often difficult to determine who to contact about a property.

It was the general consensus to submit these three items as the City of Hagerstown's legislative priority list to the MML.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Valerie Means, City Administrator, reminded everyone that Augustoberfest will be held on August 22, 2015 and August 23, 2015.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember L. C. Metzner is impressed with the quality of the student housing that was completed so quickly. He had the honor of attending the Krumpe 5K Run recently. There were more than 800 participants this year. The proceeds are donated to the Wounded Warriors project. He offered condolences to the family of Darrow Glaser who passed away recently. Mr. Glaser was a District Court judge for many years.

Councilmember P. M. Nigh asked that the homeless situation be discussed. She attended a meeting at the library about what the homeless people need. She stated the City was criticized for its perceived inaction for the homeless. One of the problems is that there is not an accurate count of the number of homeless who are in the City. The public needs to know what the City is trying to do.

Mayor Gysberts pointed out the City has no control over social services. Many of them are located in the City but the other partners need to join the City to address the homeless problem in the City.

Councilmember Nigh stated many homeless people in the City are not local people. She wondered why the churches are not providing services to homeless people. She is tired of people outside the community belittling the City.

Councilmember D. F. Munson thanked the City employees who have taken it upon themselves to clean up the Franklin Street area on a weekly basis. Their work and dedication is impressive.

Councilmember M. E. Brubaker stated the National Night Out was a very nice event and was well attended. He noted it is not the City taxpayer's responsibility to provide additional resources for the homeless. There is a meeting being held soon to discuss this issue with State officials.

Councilmember Metzner stated Brooklane's report is concerning because of the number of people that are suicidal and homicidal who are turned away on a daily basis because the State has abdicated funding for mental health issues. As long as mental health funding is minimal, there is nothing the City of Hagerstown can do.

Mayor D. S. Gysberts had no additional comments.

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 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by D. K. Spickler

Donna K. Spickler
City Clerk
(From the video recording)

Approved: September 29, 2015