

EXECUTIVE SESSION – September 20, 2016

On a motion duly made by Councilmember D. F. Munson and seconded by Councilmember M. E. Brubaker, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote of all members present 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 3-305(b)), 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 3-305(b)), on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 3:02 p.m. in Room 407, 4th floor, City Hall, Hagerstown, Maryland.

Councilmember L. C. Metzner was not present for the vote but arrived during the meeting.

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, City Administrator Valerie Means, City Attorney Jason Morton, Michelle Hepburn, Director of Finance, Jill Frick, Director of Department of Community and Economic Development, Eric Deike, Director of Public Works, Michael Spiker, Director of Utilities, Rodney Tissue, City Engineer, Alex Rohrbaugh, Planner, Randy Gray, Business Development Specialist, and D. K. Spickler, City Clerk. Councilmember P. M. Nigh was not present.

The meeting was held to discuss membership of the Board of Traffic and Parking and the Bicycle Advisory Committee, a lease agreement for City property, and 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 4:05 p.m.

WORK SESSION – September 20, 2016

Mayor D. S. Gysberts called this Work Session and Executive Session of the Mayor and City Council to order at 4:15 p.m., Tuesday, September 20, 2016, in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Present with the Mayor were Councilmembers K. B. Aleshire, M. E. Brubaker, L. C. Metzner, and D. F. Munson, City Administrator Valerie Means, Jason Morton, City Attorney, and City Clerk D. K. Spickler. Councilmember P. M. Nigh was not present.

Preliminary Agenda Review

Consent Agenda

A. Community and Economic Development:

1. Approval of Street Closure: Engine 1 Anniversary Parade – Sunday, October 9, 2016
2. Approval of Special Event User Agreement – The Life Center International – October 1, 2016
3. Approval of Barbara Ingram School for the Arts Lamp Post Holiday Decoration Project

B. Public Works:

1. Traffic Control Equipment – Econolite (Glen Burnie, MD) \$ 19,120.00

C. Utilities:

1. Wastewater: Manhole Conversion Risers and Lids – East Jordan Iron Works (Finksburg, MD) \$ 18,072.70

There were no questions about any items on the consent agenda.

Approval of a Resolution: Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Saylor House, 368 Dynasty Drive in Kiwanis Park

Rodney Tissue, City Engineer, presented a modified Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Saylor House at Kiwanis Park. In May, the Mayor and Council approved an MOU with the Washington County Historical Society (WCHS) and the Antietam-Conococheague Watershed Alliance (ACWA). The WCHS has informed staff that the ACWA has now elected to not take on this project and the MOU needs to be modified accordingly.

The most important changes in the revised MOU include the following:

1. For now, the WCHS will be the sole party to the agreement. They would like to have the ability to continue to seek out other partners (environmental, ecological, and recreational) and the MOU reflects that.
2. Updated timeline
3. The *DRAFT* lease (which will be approved by City Council once the building is renovated) is now up to 30 years at the request of the WCHS.

It was the general consensus of the Mayor and Council to include approval of the revised MOU on the September 27, 2016 Regular Session agenda.

Approval of a License Agreement: Country Club Road Right-of-Way

Rodney Tissue, City Engineer, reported staff received a request from Harry Brubaker to construct a driveway in the unimproved right-of-way of Country Club Road. The purpose of this request was to provide access to an undeveloped lot at the intersection of the rights-of-way of Country Club Road and Woodland Way, labeled as Parcel A on Exhibit B. Staff advised Mr. Brubaker he had two choices for gaining access to his property: 1) construct Country Club Road in accordance with City standards from its

current ending point to parcel "A", or 2) request a License Agreement to construct a driveway to the parcel within the right-of-way of Country Club Road. Mr. Brubaker is requesting a License Agreement.

Given the configuration of the property, Mr. Brubaker would like to construct a dwelling that has driveway/garage access from Country Club Road. The existing paving on Country Club Road ends before reaching this property. As Mr. Brubaker wants driveway access to a single residential lot he requests not having to extend the public street.

Comments from various City Departments who reviewed the request include the following:

1. A License, if granted, would be non-exclusive
2. The private driveway would have to be paved, and would have to be approved by the Fire Marshall to ensure that it was adequate to provide access for firefighting equipment and vehicles.
3. If Country Club Road is ever constructed to City standards and accepted into the City's public street system, the License would be voided.
4. The City would retain the right to terminate the License upon due notice.

Councilmember Munson asked if the structure would be brick in order to blend in with the neighborhood. He asked if the neighbors are aware of this request. Mr. Tissue indicated some neighbors are aware of the request. He will inquire about the planned building material and inform the Mayor and Council prior to the scheduled vote.

Approval of the License Agreement will be scheduled for approval on September 27, 2016.

Approval of Narcotics Task Force Reimbursement for 4th Quarter of FY 16 and for FY 17

Michelle Hepburn, Director of Finance, reported the source of funding for the reimbursement of the overtime fees is from the Federal government.

There were no additional comments or questions regarding the items of the Preliminary Agenda. All items are scheduled for approval on September 27, 2016, unless otherwise noted.

Main Street Hagerstown: Business Relations Work Group Focus Group Summary

Amanda Whitmore, Downtown Coordinator, Rob Galimoto and Taylor Bowen, Main Street Business Relations Work Group Chairs, and Paul Frey, President of the Chamber of Commerce and member of the Business Relations Work Group, were present to provide a summary on the Business Focus Groups organized by the Business Relations Work Group.

In an effort to gain a better understanding of the needs, challenges and opportunities facing Main Street Businesses, the Business Relations Work Group held four focus discussions with a total of 31 businesses participating. A Focus Group Team comprised of Work Group members Paul Frey, Mary Ann Keyser, Margaret Yaukey, and Bob Jones, formatted the questions, organized and facilitated the focus groups. The five greatest areas of improvement identified from these focus groups were:

1. Parking
2. Crime: Real and Perceived
3. Homelessness
4. Lack of Cleanliness
5. City Government responsiveness

City staff members and representatives from the Business Relations Work Group met to discuss these concerns and to find better ways to address these concerns. Activities since that meeting include a presentation on Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, City staff reviewed and updated the switchboard prompts to improve customer service, a street cleanup and beautification day on East Franklin Street is planned, and building permit applications and handouts are being updated to better direct applicants to incentives offered.

Additionally, Main Street Hagerstown will be creating a new and more informative website, developing a marketing plan to better promote the downtown, and continuing to work with City staff to identify opportunities to improve the downtown.

Mr. Galiato stated the Business Relations Work Group focused on enhancing recruitment and business relations. Mr. Frey stated the group's work ties in with the City's mission statement. Business owners say they came to Hagerstown because they see potential. They want to live downtown and they love the City Center plan. The events are additional enhancements to the improvements for Hagerstown. The business and property owners want to comply with the City's code and are asking for assistance with complying.

Mr. Gailato pointed out customer service is extremely important when the City is competing for businesses with other jurisdictions. The expectation for outstanding customer service is continually increasing. Complaints about being non-responsive and the feeling of not being heard are correctable.

Mr. Bowen stated the group feels there is a branding deficiency in Hagerstown. In order to address the concerns noted from the focus group, the work group will focus on the top three customer points and determine how to address the concerns.

Mayor Gysberts thanked the members of the Main Street group for their commitment to Hagerstown. He stated it is good to have continuous improvement.

Councilmember Munson thanked the group for their practical approach to addressing the issues noted.

Councilmember Brubaker thanked the group as well. The issues they noted were present 22 years ago. More feet on the street would help negative perceptions fade.

Mayor Gysberts noted more people downtown also helps the businesses and provides a sense of safety because there are more people around. He wondered if being a retail destination, with niches in the core of Hagerstown, would be an attraction for people.

Mr. Bowen indicated helping the existing businesses be successful and stay in downtown helps fill other spaces. The demographics of the area have to support the businesses, which has been a challenge in Hagerstown.

Mayor Gysberts pointed out the student housing renovation project at the Patterson Hall property on N. Potomac Street, completed by Mr. Bowen, was a success. That property may not have been renovated without Mr. Bowen's vision. There are codes that must be enforced because they are State Codes. He wondered how to create interest in renovation projects in order to realize the same success.

Councilmember Metzner pointed out cleanliness of streets downtown has been a consistent complaint. That is solvable and City government should attack the fixable problems.

Mayor Gysberts stated in addition to what can be done by the City, people have to have pride in their community. He encouraged citizens to lead by example and take pride in their residences.

Mr. Frey noted that it will take a group effort to improve Hagerstown and counteract the negative views.

Mayor Gysberts thanked the group for the information.

Housing Summit Update

Jill Frick, Director of Community and Economic Development, Jonathan Kerns, Community Development Manager, and Sarah Nelson, Planning and Outreach Coordinator, were present to give an update on the Mayor's Housing Summit that was held on July 19, 2016. More than 100 community members attended the summit. Participants engaged in conversations to improve housing and neighborhoods for all residents by assessing current conditions and programs, best practices, and how to build strategic partnerships to shape the future.

Industry professionals and local leaders collaborated on innovative ways to enhance housing opportunities in Hagerstown for both homeowners and renters with focused discussions around providing the community's homeless residents with sustainable housing and addressing blight to re-energize the neighborhoods. This one-day event strengthened relationship and created momentum for a continued discussion on these issues over the coming months.

Community members across breakout groups indicated the desire for a Collective Impact Strategy, with 26% of polled participants indicating it was the most important strategy for Hagerstown. Collective Impact would foster cross sector collaboration on complex housing and neighborhood issues and includes the following five conditions:

1. A Common Agenda – All participants have a shared vision for change
2. Shared Measurement – Collecting data and measuring results consistently across all participants. Alignment and accountability.
3. Mutually Reinforcing Activities – Activities differentiated while still coordinated, based on a mutually reinforcing plan.
4. Continuous Communication – Consistent and open communication. Build trust and assure mutual objectives and common motivation.
5. A Backbone Organization – An organization serves as backbone for the initiative. Coordinates organizations.

To begin a successful collective impact process, local leadership and financial resources to support collaboration for at least 12 months must be identified. This process also furthers the Mayor and Council's 2015-2016 goals to develop a housing and neighborhood plan.

Participants in the largest breakout session on the topic of homelessness and supportive housing indicated the need for a planning process that would involve decision and policy makers across local government, non-profit and private sectors to build a strategy to end homelessness in the community. This would support efforts currently managed by the Washington County Homeless Coalition and broaden the process, bringing financial resources and diverse stakeholders to the table to build capacity, oversight, and enhance the strategic planning efforts and impact of the Coalition.

Stakeholders identified opportunities to strengthen and focus communication and marketing across sectors to support goals in the various breakout areas. Ideas included a platform that would create a centralized place for information and incentives related to homeownership, rentals, etc. Groups also identified areas the City can explore to streamline marketing and customer service to support neighborhoods and housing. Stakeholders across breakouts indicated a desire to stay engaged in their topics and to continue to build collaborative efforts.

Community members across breakouts ranked poverty alleviation as an important strategy for improving housing and neighborhoods in Hagerstown. Participants correlated the health and vibrancy of the downtown to the over all health of the housing

market and quality of life in neighborhoods. The conversations advocated for more amenities in the urban core and positive marketing of the community as a whole to combat negative perceptions.

Workforce and economic development that focuses on community members across income levels affects the quality of life of the community as a whole. Participants in the Summit through adult education, job training and community wealth building should be included in the ongoing conversations on housing and neighborhoods.

All groups identified the need for improved access to public transportation to improve quality of life in neighborhoods.

Stakeholders at the Summit expressed the need to celebrate the City's communities and neighborhoods and build a more welcoming environment for people from diverse socio-economic backgrounds.

Ms. Frick stated next steps include creating a product of the outcome, similar to the City Center Plan. Resources will be identified and potential stakeholder capacity and roles will be determined.

Mayor Gysberts pointed out the Housing Summit relates to Catalyst Project 8 – Expanded and Targeted Home Ownership Support. He hopes funding partners can be identified to address the specific issues.

Councilmember Aleshire thinks it would be helpful for participants to move from their expertise to discuss possible ideas of moving forward. He would like to see future summits be attended by more residents.

Mayor Gysberts noted there will be an ongoing process and the focus groups will look at specific topics. The goal is to create a collective impact process, which will require a backbone agency. City staff would not have the time resources to administer such an organization. To pursue funding, it would be good to have outside experts facilitate the process and develop a quality plan with action items to address issues related to housing. The City would need to provide some resources to this plan.

Work will continue to address the ongoing issues with housing in the City of Hagerstown by working with stakeholders, summarizing the first event, and gathering more feedback.

Councilmember Brubaker stated quarterly updates of the progress would be helpful. The update could be similar to the updates on the City Center Plan.

DOT Foods Request for Exception to City Water and Wastewater Policy

Jill Frick, Director of Community and Economic Development, and Michael Spiker, Director of Utilities, were present to review a request from DOT Foods for an exception to the City's Water and Wastewater Policy as a vital economic development project (Exception #6). The property is on Greencastle Pike (Rte 63) south of Elliott Parkway, identified as Map 0048, Parcel 0922, and record plat 10574. DOT Foods plans to construct a new truck maintenance facility at the site.

Staff supports the Mayor and City Council's consideration of the request being requested for the economic development project.

This request is consistent with the City of Hagerstown's Water and Wastewater Policy regarding utility services provided external to the Medium Range Growth Area as a vital economic development project (exception #6), located in a targeted area for industrial and/or non-retail commercial development.

Approval using this exception is contingent upon recommendation of the County Commissioners, the City and County Economic Development Directors, and the Director of Utilities, and approved by the Mayor and City Council. The approval will require a pre-annexation agreement with the City of Hagerstown.

Councilmember Munson asked if the project could be completed without the exception. Fred Schreiber, Frederick, Seibert, and Associates, stated DOT Foods would not invest \$ 13,000,000 into a site without public water.

Councilmember Metzner asked if it was feasible to require a pre-annexation agreement when there is no chance the property will ever be contiguous to the City. Alex Rohrbaugh, Planner, stated he believes it is appropriate.

Councilmember Munson pointed out two companies in Washington County have or will expand due to the Mayor and Council's decisions and efforts of City staff. It is unusual for a municipality in Maryland to be able to make this happen.

It was the general consensus to approve the requested exception. Approval will be included on the September 27, 2016 agenda.

Rezoning for Burhans Village, LLC, West of Burhans Blvd. N.

Alex Rohrbaugh, Planner, was present to provide information regarding a proposed rezoning for Burhans Village, LLC, west of Burhans Blvd N. A Public Hearing for the proposed rezoning has been scheduled for September 27, 2016.

Historically this property was split-zoned R2 (RMED's predecessor) and C2 (CG's predecessor). During the height of the housing boom in 2006, the owner at the time

required and received a Planned Unit Development (PUD) zone overlay for about an 80 unit townhouse development that is known as Deerfield Knolls. A site plan for the Deerfield Knolls development was approved in 2007, and a revised grading plan for the development was approved in 2008. Although some clearing occurred on the site at the time, the development never came to fruition. When no further action on the development happened, the PUD overlay expired two years later in 2010. The area was also reviewed during the 2008-2010 Comprehensive Rezonings and rezoned entirely to R2 during Phase III rezonings in 2010.

Burhans Village LLC has filed an application for rezoning on behalf of the property owner, Cavalier Hagerstown LLC. The area proposed for rezoning includes four vacant parcels and platted right-of-way west of Burhans Boulevard N., east of Mitchell Avenue, and north of Carrollton Avenue. The total of the proposed rezoning is approximately 6.21 acres. The applicant proposes to rezone the property from RMED (Residential Medium Density) to RH (Residential High Density). If rezoned to RH, the plan is to develop the property for multi-family housing.

Under Maryland Law, a piecemeal rezoning of an individual property can be considered only if there was a substantial change in the character of the neighborhood where the property is located or that there was a mistake in the existing zoning classification. The applicant is requesting the rezoning on the argument that there was a mistake in the existing zoning classification that did not take into account “i) the negative impact of surrounding land uses on future homeownership, ii) the need for transition zoning between industrial and less dense residential zoning and land uses, iii) the unique and difficult to develop site in conjunction with the requirements of the Land Management Code, and iv) it (the City) failed to accommodate needs that had been expressly recognized as existing in the 2008 Comprehensive Plan and that existed at the time of the comprehensive rezoning”. The applicant’s complete justification was provided to the Mayor and Council as well.

The Planning Commission held its Public Review Meeting on August 31, 2016. The Commission did not receive any testimony from adjacent owners or residents. At the Hearing, the Commission took testimony from the applicant’s engineer. In his testimony, the engineer mentioned the arguments for mistake in the existing zoning classification submitted by the applicant’s attorney. He also mentioned that the property under RMED zoning would be difficult to develop for owner-occupied housing due to its subdivision design requirements (i.e. street rights-of-way), the property’s irregular shape, and for a need for workforce housing that couldn’t be developed under RMED. The record was held open for 10 days until September 10, 2016. Staff did not receive any additional public comment during that time.

The Planning Commission considered the rezoning proposal during their September 14, 2016 meeting. The Commission determined in its deliberations that there was a mistake in the existing RMED zoning classification based on the following:

1. The rezoning to R2 during the 2010 Comprehensive Rezoning was the result of the existing PUD and not as a result of analysis of the appropriateness of the zoning.
2. Barriers to homeownership at this location (i.e. proximity to rail line and industrial lands) were not considered during the 2010 Comprehensive Rezoning.
3. During the 2010 Comprehensive Rezoning, it was not contemplated that, should the PUD overlay expire, development of single- and two-family dwellings under RMED zoning would not have been economically viable after the removal of developable land for infrastructure and setback requirements.
4. It was not foreseen at the time of the 2010 Comprehensive Rezoning that the City would subsequently amend PUD requirements so that another PUD plan would not be feasible on this property.

The Planning Commission found the RH zoning would be appropriate for this site because:

1. The 2008 Comprehensive Plan anticipated residential development in this area, and commercial or industrial uses do not work given the site configuration and the setback requirements.
2. Residential is appropriate given the facts stated above and high density is the best option given the limitations of the site stated above and the fact that the surrounding RMED land is developed at a higher density than current design standards would allow a new multi-family development to achieve.

For these reasons, the Planning Commission recommended the property be rezoned to RH based on the mistake in the existing zoning classification for the reasons stated above.

Councilmember Aleshire stated the PUD for Deerfield Knolls was not based solely on the density request.

Councilmember Munson inquired if a road connecting Mitchell Avenue and Burhans Boulevard is still possible. Mr. Rohrbaugh indicated it is. Mayor Gysberts wondered if the road could be a private street, without requiring City maintenance.

Councilmember Aleshire stated he does not necessarily believe this location is the most appropriate location for higher density residential development.

Mayor Gysberts stated he is not completely against the rezoning but he does not think the argument of a mistake in existing zoning is appropriate.

Councilmember Brubaker noted a commercial use could be added to the plans and the owners could request another PUD.

Councilmember Munson would not approve the rezoning. He believes high density housing would have a negative impact on the surrounding neighborhoods.

Mayor Gysberts asked why a tax credit investment is important. Kathleen Maher, Director of Planning and Code Administration, stated that would be a question for the applicant.

Vacant Structures Program

Kathleen Maher, Director of Planning and Code Administration, and Paul Fulk, Inspections Manager, were present to review proposed amendments to the Vacant Structures program to reflect issues raised and discussions held during the June 14, 2016 Mayor and City Council review of the program. The intent of the proposed amendments is to both maximize the City's impact on the health of the neighborhoods and commercial districts and provide some further flexibility for a period of time for recently renovated properties and for non-blighted properties listed and marketed for sale.

On June 14, 2016, staff provided a PowerPoint presentation on their experience administering the Vacant Structures Program since January 2015. This presentation provided data on the numbers of properties identified and registered in the program and inspected to date. Also provided were three handouts with detailed data as a companion to the presentation. In addition, the presentation identified challenges staff face in administering the program, concerns identified by the public and staff in the application of the program, recommendations on possible code and policy amendments to respond to concerns and improve the effectiveness of the program, identification of areas where State assistance would be beneficial to staff's efforts, and other initiatives the City could pursue to have greater impact in the efforts to address blight and improve the quality for the neighborhoods.

As of June 14, 2016, the City had identified 1,034 individual properties as vacant and following further investigation, 474 properties were licensed in the program, 108 were in violation for failure to register, and 65 were in the application process. 42% of the licensed properties were classified as blighted, with a majority receiving that classification due to property conditions rather than foreclosure status. Inspections have been ongoing and positive results have been achieved with many properties.

While the City was achieving some success with the program over the last 18 months, there remained some issues of concern in administration of the program for City staff and for property owners. These issues were discussed at the June 14, 2016 Mayor and City Council meeting and some consensus was reached on a path forward. In order to improve the ability to protect the neighborhoods and to provide further flexibility to property owners with non-blighted properties, the following amendments to the program are proposed:

1. Provide a definition of "active work" to elaborate on what type of permitted activity provides an exemption from the vacant structures program licensing process
2. Provide an exemption for the six month period immediately following the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for permitted construction work

3. Provide an exemption for one year for non-blighted properties actively being marketed for sale with a licensed real estate agent
4. Provide for a re-inspection fee system if City staff are called to the property by the owner or his agent and find the noted violation is not corrected.

As a result of communication received from a developer who recently acquired a vacant, blighted structure, staff contemplated whether there was an appropriate exemption that could be devised to address the issue of arms-length sales of vacant properties to new owner-developers. Since these situations would usually involve a blighted property, staff were unable to devise an exemption they felt comfortable recommending. Something to consider is that if the property was already in the program, since the initial license period is for one year, the new owner would have whatever period remained in that year to formulate a plan of action before the license renewal would arise. In the case for this particular developer, the City was in the process of pursuing the violation for failure to register when the property changed hands, so the license had not yet been assigned. Staff feel licensing of blighted properties is important to allow the inspection process to occur to ensure exterior blighting conditions are addressed to protect the neighborhood and any unsafe interior conditions are addressed to protect first responders. Staff contemplated a refund option for these situations if a permit was issued and work began within six months of the arms-length acquisition by a new owner/developer.

Councilmember Munson would support the refund option mentioned, with the proposed conditions.

Councilmember Aleshire asked if someone marketing their own property would be eligible for the proposed exemption for selling a building. Ms. Maher indicated it appears more reputable if a licensed realtor is actively trying to sell the property.

Councilmember Aleshire asked that staff contact him with an update of the property on East Franklin Street that would fall under this ordinance.

Introduction of the proposed amendments will be scheduled for September 27, 2016.

Red Light Camera Update

Chief Victor V. Brito and Captain Tom Langston were present to provide additional information regarding a red light camera program in Hagerstown.

Chief Brito stated he believes it would be in the City's best interest to enter into an agreement with Howard County to join the Regional Automated Enforcement Center (RAEC) for assistance with implementing and managing a red light camera system. The RAEC is a well-respected operation and would be beneficial to the City, without the need for additional staffing. Joining the RAEC is also cost effective. A separate agreement is

required with American Traffic Solutions, Inc. (ATS) to administer the program. The fees associated with the ATS camera are on a “per camera” basis.

It was the general consensus to move forward with joining the RAEC and approving an agreement with ATS.

Brekford Contract Review

Chief Brito and Captain Tom Langston discussed renewing the contract with Brekford for the Safe Speed for School camera system.

Michelle Hepburn, Director of Finance, stated the Safe Speed for Schools program started in April, 2012. The net safe speed program revenue funded Hagerstown Police Department hiring incentives for eligible employees, providing the 2012 and 2013 COPS hiring grant match for officers, provided operating capital outlay for tasers, body armor, communication equipment, and funded three Fire Captain positions. Revenue is estimated to be \$ 580,000.00 for FY16. In FY17, revenue is expected to help fund body worn cameras for officers.

The amount of unpaid citations issued is projected to be \$ 1.3 million in FY16. This is a cumulative figure since the beginning of the program. Most of the unpaid citations are from outside the state vehicles. A collection agreement was secured with Brekford in March, 2016. It appears their collection efforts are beginning to be successful.

A request has been made to the State of Maryland for authorization to place a camera at the new Jonathan Hager Elementary School. A decision has not been made yet.

Approval of the contract renewal will be included on the September 27, 2016 Regular Session agenda.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS

Valerie Means, City Administrator had no additional comments.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Gysberts wished Bobby Nigh (Councilmember Nigh’s husband) a successful recovery from a stroke he suffered last week.

Councilmember L. C. Metzner also wished Mr. Nigh well.

Councilmember M. E. Brubaker had no additional comments.

Councilmember K. B. Aleshire had no additional comments.

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MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

Councilmember D. F. Munson reminded everyone that a recent broadband upgrade will make Hagerstown more attractive to businesses. He thanked Scott Nicewarner, Director of Technology and Support Services, for his persistence in making this happen.

Mayor D. S. Gysberts thanked everyone who helped with last week's Remembrance in the Park. He congratulated staff and volunteers for a successful Fall Fest at City Park. The Fireball Run will be coming to Hagerstown on Tuesday, September 27, 2016. Public square will be closed from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and a rally will be held to welcome the contestants. Everyone is invited to attend the rally.

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 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna K. Spickler
City Clerk

Approved: October 25, 2016