

48th REGULAR SESSION – JULY 31, 2018

Mayor R. E. Bruchey, II, called this 48th Regular Session of the Mayor and City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 31, 2018, in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Present with the Mayor were Councilmembers K. B. Aleshire, A. Heffernan, L. C. Metzner, E. Keller, and S. McIntire, City Administrator Valerie Means, and City Attorney Jennifer Keefer. City Clerk D. K. Spickler was not present.

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

Mayor Bruchey announced the Rules of Procedure for this meeting will be followed as adopted December 20, 2016. It was announced that the use of cell phones 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, August 7, 2018, Tuesday, August 14, 2018, and Tuesday, August 21, 2018, and the Regular Session on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

James Devine, P. O. Box 2217, Hagerstown, Maryland, suggested placing flashing yellow, solar powered signals at certain intersections. He expressed his displeasure with President Trump and how he feels he is eroding the resource of free speech and free press.

Bernard Semler, Hagerstown, Maryland, owns property in Hagerstown. He is running for Washington County Commissioner.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Valerie Means, City Administrator, had no additional comments.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember K. B. Aleshire thanked staff for addressing the situation with individuals staying at the underpasses near the police station. He thinks having people stay there is not positive for the City.

Councilmember A. Heffernan thanked everyone involved with the planning of and working during the bicycle tour this past weekend. The downtown portion was fantastic.

Councilmember E. Keller was a vendor at the bike event. It was refreshing to hear the positive comments about downtown. She was disappointed that some participants had a bad experience because of KKK literature that was along portions of the route. She stated that attitude is not Washington County and it is disgusting that people do these things. It is scary that there are people that still live with the belief that one person is better than another because of their skin color or their religion. She does not stand for that.

Councilmember L. C. Metzner echoed the statements about the bike race. This area is a wonderful place to hold such events. He asked Ms. Means for contact information for VELO cycling in Colorado so that people can let them know that the negative occurrences are not supported by the community and express their outrage. He hopes people will send VELO officials letters. He thinks the good things happening with events is because of the Cultural Trail.

Councilmember S. McIntire agreed with everyone. She was at the bike race and the City of Hagerstown received many compliments about how easy people were to work with. She thanked the CVB staff for their efforts. She recommends that the downtown restaurants be open during the next event like this.

Mayor R. E. Bruchey, II stated he deeply regrets his comment that brought a terrible light to Hagerstown. He would never intentionally hurt the people of Hagerstown or the Mayor and City Council by his actions or comments. He regrets what he said, using the word he used, but he doesn't regret defending his president. He respects the position of the President of the United States. Instead of contacting him about the comments he made on social media, someone contacted the Herald Mail. He defended himself on facebook by saying his comment did not have anything to do with race or religion. As adults, it was discussed under the post on facebook. He has two facebook accounts – one as Mayor of Hagerstown and his personal page. If someone doesn't like his posts or doesn't want to see his comments, they should block him. Social media has a good side and a bad side. He again apologized to Hagerstown citizens. The conversations he has had with the Muslim community have been uplifting and powerful.

MINUTES

There were no minutes available for approval.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion duly made by Councilmember A. Heffernan and seconded by Councilmember L. C. Metzner, the Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- A. Information Technology:
 - 1. GIS System Annual Maintenance Renewal - ESRI (Redlands, CA) \$35,000.00
 - 2. Time & Attendance System Maintenance Renewal - Intellitime (Santa Ana, CA) \$53,692.98

B. Police:

1. Annual Software Maintenance - Keystone Public Safety, Inc. (Maple Shade, NJ) \$88,174.00

C. Public Works:

1. Roslyn Building Roof & Window Replacement – AV Rauth & Sons (Hagerstown, MD) \$147,957.15

D. Utilities:

1. Rebuild/Upgrade Flyght Mixer Units in the WWTP - Apparatus Repair & Engineering (Hagerstown, MD) \$37,022.00
2. Ford F-750 4X4 with Crane - Keystone Ford (Chambersburg, PA) \$188,273.00
3. Large Meters - Core & Main (Martinsburg, WV) \$32,380.00
4. 30G Compact Excavator with Attachments - JESCO (Frederick, MD) \$40,065.80
5. Water – Ridge Runner Hillside Mower – ALAMO Industrial (Seguin, TX) \$43,148.00

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Introduction of an Ordinance: Deed to Convey Land at 50 East Baltimore Street

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember L. C. Metzner and seconded by Councilmember S. McIntire, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to introduce an ordinance for staff to execute a deed conveying 0.053 acres of property known as 50 East Baltimore Street to Jack L. Holden, II and Kristin G. Holden, adjoining property owners at 52 East Baltimore Street. The land is no longer needed for a public purpose.

B. Approval of a Resolution: Public Art Agreements with Eric Ricks

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember L. C. Metzner and seconded by Councilmember E. Keller, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve a resolution authorizing an agreement for public art between the City of Hagerstown and Eric Ricks for a mural at the University Plaza. Funding for the project is \$ 5,000 from the Maryland State Arts Council and \$ 2,500 from the City of Hagerstown. It was further moved to approve a resolution to enter into a grant agreement with the Maryland State Arts Council for their share of the funding.

Discussion: Councilmember Metzner thinks these types of projects will be part of the destination of Hagerstown.

C. Approval of a Resolution: Public Art Agreement with Christian Benefiel

Mayor Bruchey announced this item is being removed from the agenda and will be presented at a later date.

D. Approval of a Resolution: Enter into Grant Agreement with Maryland DHCD for Maryland Theatre Expansion Project

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember S. McIntire and seconded by Councilmember E. Keller, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve a resolution to authorize entering into a grant agreement with the Maryland department of Housing and Community Development for a FY18 Strategic Demolition Fund award of \$ 300,000 for the Maryland Theatre expansion.

E. Approval of a Resolution: Enter into Sub-Recipient Agreement with Maryland Theatre to Pass Through State Grant for Maryland Theatre Expansion Project

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember E. Keller and seconded by Councilmember A. Heffernan, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve a resolution entering into a sub-recipient agreement with the Maryland Theatre to pass through the Department of Housing and Community Development's FY18 Strategic Demolition Fund award of \$ 300,000 for the Maryland Theatre expansion.

F. Approval of a Purchase: Liability and Property Insurance for Fiscal 2019 - \$ 391,322.00

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember A. Heffernan and seconded by Councilmember L. C. Metzner, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve the Fiscal 2019 renewal of insurance coverages with the Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) for liability, auto and property insurance in the amount of \$ 391,322.00.

G. Approval of a Purchase: MUNIS Financial System Annual Maintenance and Support Renewal - \$ 214,364.38

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember L. C. Metzner and seconded by Councilmember E. Keller, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve of the renewal of the maintenance contract for support of the MUNIS Municipal Financial System software

with Tyler Technologies, Inc. The cost of the renewal is \$ 214,354.38 including \$ 30,000.00 for database administrative support, and \$ 178,364.38 for support and update licensing for 29 program modules, and \$ 6,000.00 for unlimited seat licensing.

Discussion: Councilmember Metzner asked if this is an annual cost. Ms. Means indicated it is and includes a major upgrade.

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 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by D. K. Spickler

Donna K. Spickler
City Clerk
(from the video)

Approved: September 25, 2018