

EXECUTIVE SESSION – June 6, 2017

Councilmember D. F. Munson made a motion 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 3-305(b)), and to conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations; #9, (Section 3-305(b)), on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, City Hall, Hagerstown, Maryland. Councilmember L. C. Metzner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-2 with Councilmember K. B. Aleshire and Councilmember P. D. Corderman voting No.

Councilmember Aleshire left the meeting.

The following people were in attendance: Mayor R. E. Bruchey, II, Councilmember P. D. Corderman, Councilmember E. Keller, Councilmember L. C. Metzner, Councilmember D. F. Munson, City Administrator Valerie Means, Scott Nicewarner, Director of Technology and Support Services, Fire Chief Steven Lohr, and D. K. Spickler, City Clerk.

The meeting was held to discuss union negotiations. No formal action was taken at the meeting. On a motion duly made, seconded, and passed, the Executive Session was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

WORK SESSION – June 6, 2017

Mayor R. E. Bruchey, II called this Work Session and Executive Session of the Mayor and City Council to order at 4:48 p.m., Tuesday, June 6, 2017, in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Present with the Mayor were Councilmembers K. B. Aleshire, P. D. Corderman, E. Keller, L. C. Metzner, and D. F. Munson, City Administrator Valerie Means, City Attorney Jennifer Keefer, and City Clerk D. K. Spickler.

Update from Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

Rebecca Massie-Lane, Director, and Al Martin, President, Washington County Museum of Fine Arts Board of Trustees, were present to provide an update of the Museum. The Museum has been in existence for 85 years. The Museum has grown into something truly unique. An invitation was extended to the Mayor and City Council for a behind the scenes tour of the museum.

Copies of the book “One Hundred Stories” were distributed to Mayor and City Council members who did not already have one.

### Review of Binding Interest Arbitration Draft Ordinance

Jennifer Keefer, Salvatore and Morton, Attorneys, reviewed the updated binding interest arbitration with the Mayor and City Council.

Ms. Keefer stated the revised ordinance reflects the changes discussed during the Mayor and City Council Work Session on May 16, 2017, including clarification of the definition of Impasse, specifying which employees this ordinance applies to, and the addition of a no strike clause.

Ms. Means stated the draft ordinance has been vetted with internal staff and Ms. Keefer. Introduction of the ordinance could be scheduled for June 13, 2017, if the Mayor and Council wish to do so, with approval on June 20, 2017.

Councilmember Aleshire stated he will not be voting in favor of the ordinance.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS**

*Valerie Means, City Administrator*, thanked everyone who helped make the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Blues Fest a great event.

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

*Councilmember D. F. Munson* also thanked the people who helped with the Blues Fest.

*Councilmember L. C. Metzner* noted the Velo criterion bike race kicks off in Hagerstown on Friday, June 16, 2017. He reminded everyone that today is D-Day.

*Councilmember P. D. Corderman* pointed out that Tim Tebow drew a large crowd to Municipal Stadium last weekend. There is a great interest in minor league baseball in Hagerstown. He noted Chief Victor Brito has been with the City for one year and is doing a great job. Councilmember Corderman would like to see more cooperation from the criminal justice system when charges are filed.

*Councilmember K. B. Aleshire* agreed that Chief Brito is doing a good job. He thinks cooperation is also needed from the social service agencies that bring individuals to the community. Some of the individuals bring issues with them from other communities.

*Councilmember E. Keller* agreed with the comments made regarding Chief Brito and the Blues Fest.

Chief Brito stated he is honored to be a part of this team. He and the police department will give 110% to stop the systemic issues facing Hagerstown.

*Mayor R. E. Bruchey, II* stated Hagerstown does have issues and he hears the people who contact him. The police department is doing everything within their power to get control of the situation. The court systems need to support what the police department does. There has been leniency on the bench recently. He mentioned that the fire department responds to calls, whether police or rescue calls, and often arrive before other units. They may be providing the precious seconds necessary to save someone's life. He helped kick off the Blues Fest to a large crowd.

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 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Original signed by D. K. Spickler*

Donna K. Spickler  
City Clerk

Approved: July 25, 2017