

31st REGULAR SESSION – December 19, 2017

Mayor R. E. Bruchey, II called this 31st Regular Session of the Mayor and City Council to order at 7:05 p.m. Tuesday, December 19, 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 S. McIntire, City Administrator Valerie Means, City Attorney Jennifer Keefer, and City Clerk D. K. Spickler.

The invocation was offered by Mayor Robert E. Bruchey, II. 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, January 9, 2018, Tuesday, January 16, 2018, and Tuesday, January 23, 2018, and the Regular Session on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. No meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCILMEMBER SHELLEY MCINTIRE

Mayor Robert E. Bruchey, II administered the oath of office to Councilmember Shelley McIntire. Councilmember McIntire has been appointed by the Mayor and City Council to fill the remaining term of former Councilmember Donald F. Munson who resigned on November 10, 2017. Councilmember McIntire will serve through November, 2020.

APPOINTMENTS

On a motion duly made by Councilmember L. C. Metzner and seconded by Councilmember E. Keller, the Mayor and City Council unanimously approved the following appointments:

George C. Newman, III, Board of Zoning Appeals – Term to Expire January 31, 2021

Marshall R. Hammer, Hagerstown Loan Review Authority – Term to Expire January 31, 2021

CITIZEN COMMENTS

James Devine, P. O. Box 2217, Hagerstown, Maryland, is troubled by Councilmember McIntire's comments about parole and probation during the vacancy interviews. He wondered if she was implying minority groups should be moved out of Hagerstown. The City could be improved by filling the vacant buildings. He asked that someone review the entrance/exit at the library because it is difficult to see oncoming traffic. He then talked about national politics.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Valerie Means, City Administrator, welcomed and congratulated Councilmember Shelley McIntire. City offices will be closed on December 22 and December 25, 2017.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember K. B. Aleshire welcomed Councilmember McIntire. He noted that after the Council candidate interviews, Councilmember McIntire was his top selection. Her comments regarding removing social services from downtown and that the elected body has to do what is best for taxpayers showed her understanding of issues in Hagerstown. He stated she needs to decide early on if she will be a politician or a public servant.

Councilmember E. Keller welcomed Councilmember McIntire to the Council. She offered congratulations to Councilmember Corderman on his appointment. The Mayor and Council should develop goals for the next three years of their term.

Councilmember L. C. Metzner wished former Councilmember Don Munson well. Mr. Munson served the community for many years in a variety of elected offices. He congratulated Councilmember Corderman and he looks forward to working with him as a Delegate. He is convinced the Council made the right choice in appointing Councilmember McIntire.

Councilmember S. McIntire thanked the Council for selecting her as a Councilmember. She is looking forward to growing the community together. She wants the community to know she is on their side and her comments during the interview may have been taken out of context.

Councilmember P. D. Corderman stated this will be his last meeting under this present administration. He will receive the Oath of Office for House of Delegates tomorrow, December 20, 2017. He is grateful for his time as a Councilmember. It was both educational and gratifying. He has a tremendous amount of respect for the Mayor and Council members and for City staff. He will do everything he can to help bring an indoor sports plex to Hagerstown. He is looking forward to working with everyone at the next level of government. The person chosen to fill his vacancy should be the one who most strongly supports the City and its residents.

Mayor R. E. Bruchey, II also welcomed Councilmember McIntire.

MINUTES

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 the minutes, as presented, for the Mayor and Council meetings held on November 7, 2017, November 14, 2017, November 21, 2017, and November 28, 2017.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Parks and Engineering:
 - 1. Pool Management Contract for 2018 – Community Pool Service (Rockville, MD) \$ 92,800.00
 - 2. Program Open Space Application

- B. Utilities:
 - 1. Arista Contract for Utility Bill Mailing – Postage Change Order – Arista Information Systems (Duluth, GA) \$ 135,432.00

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Approval of an Ordinance: Land Management Code Amendments – Revision to Cluster Subdivision Requirements of Article 4, Section D (Residential Districts)

Action: Councilmember K. B. Aleshire made a motion to approve an ordinance to amend Chapter 140 (Land Management Code) of the City Code. This amendment shall revise Article 4 (Zoning), Section D (Residential Zoning Districts), and Subsection 6 (Cluster Subdivisions). This amendment shall extend the applicability of the cluster subdivision regulations beyond the currently permitted RMOD Zoning District to include also the RMED, RH and RO Zoning Districts, revise the minimum bulk requirements chart and require all dwellings to be on fee-simple lots for each dwelling or two-family dwelling. Councilmember L. C. Metzner seconded the motion.

Upon the effective date of this Ordinance, the newly updated Land Management Code that includes this amendment shall be identified as the Land Management Code, Version 3.3.

Motion carried 4-1 with Councilmember P. D. Corderman voting No.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of a Resolution: Revisions to the Hagerstown Revolving Loan Fund Guidelines

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 to adopt revised guidelines for the Hagerstown Revolving Loan Fund Program. The revised guidelines will replace and update obsolete guideline language as recommend by the Hagerstown Loan Review Authority (HLRA) and the City Attorney. The revised guidelines were included with the motion.

B. Approval of a Resolution: Execution of a Residential Lease Agreement for the City of Hagerstown Property Located at 38 North Potomac Street Apt. #2, Hagerstown, Maryland

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember P. D. Corderman and seconded by Councilmember E. Keller, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve a resolution authorizing the execution of a residential Lease Agreement at the City of Hagerstown property located at 38 North Potomac Street in Hagerstown, Maryland. The Lease will be between the City of Hagerstown and Amanda Fairchild and Andrew Laxton and shall be in effect from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

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 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by D. K. Spickler

Donna K. Spickler
City Clerk

Approved: January 30, 2018