

EXECUTIVE SESSION – July 24, 2018

On a motion duly made by Councilmember S. McIntire and seconded by Councilmember L. C. Metzner, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote of all members present to meet in closed session 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, July 24, 2018 at 3:35 p.m. in Room 407, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, City Hall, Hagerstown, Maryland. Councilmember K. B. Aleshire was not present for the vote.

The following people were in attendance: Mayor R. E. Bruchey, II, Councilmember K. B. Aleshire, Councilmember A. Heffernan, Councilmember E. Keller, Councilmember L. C. Metzner, Councilmember S. McIntire, City Administrator Valerie Means, Michelle Hepburn, Director of Finance, Jill Thompson, Director of Community and Economic Development, and Kathleen Maher, Director of Planning and Code Administration. City Clerk D. K. Spickler was not present.

The meeting was held to discuss a business proposal. No formal action was taken at the meeting. On a motion duly made, seconded, and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

47<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL SESSION AND WORK SESSION – July 24, 2018

Mayor R. E. Bruchey, II called this 47<sup>th</sup> Special Session, Work Session and Executive Session of the Mayor and City Council to order at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 24, 2018 in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Present with the Mayor were Councilmembers K. B. Aleshire, A. Heffernan, E. Keller, S. McIntire, and L. C. Metzner, and City Administrator Valerie Means. City Clerk D. K. Spickler was not present.

47<sup>th</sup> Special Session – July 24, 2018

On a motion duly made by Councilmember E. Keller and seconded by Councilmember S. McIntire, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to meet in Special Session at 4:00 p.m.

**Approval of an Ordinance: Kensington Commercial Quit Claim**

**Action:** On a motion duly made by Councilmember E. Keller and seconded by Councilmember K. B. Aleshire, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve an ordinance to convey 2,765 square feet of City property to Kensington Commercial Center, LLC. The property in question was acquired by the City during the widening of Eastern

Boulevard, but has been determined to no longer be needed for a public purpose.

**Approval of a Resolution: Execution of Lease Agreement with Ayahana, Inc. dba Hana Thai Dining**

**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 a resolution authorizing the execution of a Commercial Lease Agreement with Ayahana, Inc. operated by Zahana Holmes, aka Zahan Pakpoom for the property located at 40 N. Potomac Street in Hagerstown, Maryland. The lease will be between the City of Hagerstown and Ayahana, Inc. and shall be in effect from August 1, 2018 to July 31, 2021.

**Approval of Emergency Demolition of 322 ½ - 330 E. Franklin Street**

**Action:** On a motion duly made by Councilmember S. McIntire and seconded by Councilmember L. C. Metzner, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote for the ratification of an emergency procurement for the demolition of 322 ½ - 330 East Franklin Street. The building had collapsed on the center foundation wall affecting all 6 units of the structure and is a threat to public safety and a neighboring property. Staff ordered the immediate demolition of the structure to eliminate the threat to public safety. Adam's Demolition of Hagerstown, Maryland completed the demolition work. The cost of the demolition work performed by Adam's Demolition was \$ 60,500. The work performed at this property has been paid from the Property Abatement Account.

Discussion: Councilmember Heffernan asked where funding for the Property Abatement Account is from. Ms. Means stated this is included in the General Fund, from the Planning and Code Administration Department, and if properties qualify, from Community Development Block Grant funds.

Councilmember Heffernan asked if there is any potential of the City being reimbursed for the cost of the demolition. Paul Fulk, Neighborhood Services Manager, stated four of the six property owners are banks and they have agreed to reimburse the City. Staff is working with the other two property owners.

**Approval of Emergency Demolition of 206-208 Jonathan 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 for the ratification of an emergency procurement for

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the demolition of 206-208 Jonathan Street. The building sustained significant water damage due to a deteriorated roof, and was deemed to be unstable by a professional engineer. Staff ordered the immediate demolition of the structure to eliminate the threat to public safety. Adam's Demolition of Hagerstown, Maryland completed the demolition work. The cost of the demolition work performed by Adam's Demolition was \$ 20,000. The work performed at this property has been paid from the Property Abatement Account.

Discussion: Councilmember Aleshire stated these two demolitions are examples of the process that has to be followed by the City to remove these buildings.

Councilmember Metzner stated a long term plan is needed for these properties without clear ownership or title to address future maintenance. He wondered if eminent domain should be considered.

Councilmember Heffernan thinks green spaces or playgrounds would be nice in these vacant lots; however, the City can't do this because it doesn't own the properties. He wondered if the amount of back taxes owed would be a basis for eminent domain proceedings.

Ms. Means stated staff has been researching ways to deal with vacant properties that are in foreclosure and disrepair. They have been looking at options for transfer of ownership through the tax sale process.

### **Approval of Open Container Law Exemption Application/Permits – Wind Down Series**

**Action:** On a motion duly made by Councilmember S. McIntire and seconded by Councilmember A. Heffernan, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve an exemption from the City of Hagerstown's Open Containers regulation under Section 173-6 of the Code of the City of Hagerstown for the Maryland Theatre Wind Down Events on July 27, August 10, September 21, and October 5, 2018 at University Plaza.

### **Approval of On-Call Electrical Maintenance Services Contract: 07/01/2018-06/30/219**

**Action:** On a motion duly made by Councilmember K. B. Aleshire and seconded by Councilmember L. C. Metzner, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to authorize and approve MEC, Inc. as the City of Hagerstown's on-call electrical contractor for various buildings/facilities within the City of Hagerstown on an as-needed basis for projects under \$ 25,000.00. The departments that will be utilizing

these services are as follows: Parks, Public Works, Utilities (Wastewater and Water), and Fire, and Police. These services were offered through Bid Proposal – Proposal P1666.18 in June, 2018. MEC, Inc. was awarded the bid. Contract term is from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, with the possibility of up to five (5) additional consecutive one (1) year extensions subject to the mutual consent of the City of Hagerstown and MEC, Inc. MEC Inc.'s pricing is as follows:

Regular Hourly Rate 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Monday-Friday)	\$ 55.00/hour
After Hours Rate (Monday-Friday)	\$ 82.50/hour
Weekend Rate	\$ 82.50/hour
Holiday Rate	\$110.00/hour
Material Mark-Up on Supplies	10%

Discussion: Mayor Bruchey asked why this contract includes work during regular hours. Ms. Means clarified that work under this contract for the regular hours would be completed only when electricians on City staff are not available.

The Special Session was closed at 4:14 p.m.

Work Session – July 24, 2018

Preliminary Agenda Review

**Consent Agenda**

A. IT/Support Services:

1. GIS System Annual Maintenance Renewal – ESRI (Redlands, CA) \$ 35,000.00
2. Time and Attendance Maintenance/Support Renewal – Intellitime (Santa Ana, CA) \$ 53,692.98

B. Police:

1. Annual Software Maintenance – Keystone (Maple Shade, NJ) \$ 88,174.00

C. Public Works:

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

D. Utilities:

1. Wastewater – Rebuild/Upgrade Flyght Mixer Units in the WWTP – Apparatus Repair and Engineering (Hagerstown, MD) \$ 37,022.00
2. Water – Ford F-750 4x4 with Crane – Keystone Ford (Chambersburg, PA) \$ 188,273.00
3. Water – Large Meters – Core & Main (Martinsburg, WV) \$ 32,380.00

4. Water – 30G Compact Excavator with Attachments – JESCO (Frederick, MD)  
\$ 40,065.80
5. Water – Ridge Runner Hillside Mower – ALAMO Industrial (Seguin, TX)  
\$ 43,148.00

There were no questions about items on the Consent Agenda.

### **Approval of Grant Agreements for UIP and Sub-recipient Agreements with Board of Education and The Maryland Theatre**

Ms. Means stated the agreements with the Maryland Theatre will be ready for the Mayor and City Council's consideration next week. The Board of Education agreements may not be ready at that time.

This completed the review. All items are scheduled for approval during the July 31, 2018 Regular Session, unless otherwise noted.

### Policy on Dogs in City Park

Rodney Tissue, City Engineer, and Mark Haddock, Parks and Recreation Manager, were present to follow-up on the Council's discussion in September of last year regarding feedback they received that the regulations for where dogs can go in City Park are too restrictive, especially along the Virginia Avenue side of the park. Currently, dogs are restricted to the Virginia Avenue sidewalk.

Dogs are permitted in all City parks provided they abide by the Washington County Animal Control Ordinance and ten City rules. Dogs are not permitted in children's play areas and pavilions occupied by others. Mr. Tissue provided a map of the City Park Dog Walking area showing additional restrictions in that park.

Dogs and their custodians must obey the Animal Control Ordinance as adopted by Washington County (Ordinance # 2012-33, effective January 1, 2013) or be subject to the penalties/fines in that Ordinance. The City recommends that all dog owners review that Ordinance. The following are the guidelines for the behavior of dogs and their owners in the parks of the City of Hagerstown:

1. Dog owners/custodians are legally responsible for their dogs and any injuries caused by their dogs.
2. Dog owners/custodians must have control of their dogs at all times.
3. Dogs must be leashed at all times. Leashes are to be a maximum of six feet in length.
4. Dog owners/custodians must remain in the permitted perimeter areas of the park.
5. Dog owners/customers must immediately clean up after their dogs.
6. Dogs with a known history of, or who exhibit dangerous behavior, are prohibited.

7. Dogs must be healthy, fully immunized, de-wormed, licensed and wearing ID tags.
8. Children under age 12 that are custodians for a dog must be closely supervised by the adult.
9. Dogs in heat are prohibited.
10. Only two dogs per custodian are allowed.

Enforcement of this ordinance is by the Humane Society of Washington County and the City may issue no trespass letters to perpetual violators. The City's dog park at Fairgrounds Park is an off-leash facility and has separate rules from those stated above.

Currently dogs are restricted to the Virginia Avenue sidewalk. If the majority of the Council agrees, staff could construct a short piece of trail in the park that would make the trail parallel to Virginia Avenue complete. Therefore, the dog restriction area could be decreased slightly to allow dogs on this trail.

Mayor Bruchey recalled the restrictions were implemented to separate dogs and the water fowl. Mr. Tissue stated there are other areas dogs and water fowl are in the same area.

Councilmember Aleshire mentioned the proposed change will create a narrow pathway for people to pass.

It was the general consensus to complete the path parallel to Virginia Avenue as proposed.

#### Victus Sportsplex Study Presentation

Rodney Tissue, City Engineer, and Brian Connolly, Victus Advisors, were present to discuss the Phase 1 study of a Sportsplex in Hagerstown.

Mr. Tissue asked Victus to present the specific findings of the report but to more importantly include their thoughts on some general principles that should be part of the Council's decision-making process related to sports facilities that include:

1. The difference between a facility that will only serve the local citizens, versus one that can also generate economic impacts via sports tourism
2. Profitability (or lack of) of the actual sports complex versus the economic impact on nearby hotels, restaurants and businesses.
3. Importance of grouping "economic drivers" in an area to create density versus scattering them over the entire community.
4. The difference between building a stand-alone facility and hoping for redevelopment versus developing a facility as part of a larger master plan that includes land surrounding the facility as an incentivized redevelopment district.

5. Frequency of use of the facility, including both daily use and weekend tournament/special event activity, to put feet on the ground every day of the week.

Staff asked Victus to include the following in their Phase 1 Market Feasibility study:

1. A demographic and socioeconomic analysis to evaluate the economic conditions and demographics that could impact the projected use and marketability of the indoor sports facility
2. Inventory and a comparable facility analysis of the region
3. Community engagement including key stakeholder interviews, focus groups with local community leaders, online surveys
4. A demand analysis that identifies demand potential and estimates programmed uses
5. Identify the size and amenities that are recommended to be included in the facility

This information and more is in their study. Their recommendations clearly indicate the need for an indoor facility.

The Victus report provides a clear window into the market for a sports complex. After interviewing dozens of people and receiving survey input from over 700 others, the consensus is that an indoor facility is warranted in the community and the existing indoor facilities do not meet the demand, let alone the potential growth. There appears to be significant public support for this type of facility.

Mr. Connolly discussed the results of Victus Advisors analysis. Sports Tourism is regional or national travel to observe or participate in a sporting event. The typical sports tourism traveler is a family traveling via car within a 3-6 hour drive range for youth/amateur sports tournaments. Visitor spending via sports tourism is typically captured via room nights/hotel spending, restaurants, retail, and local entertainment and cultural attractions. In 2016, U.S. sports tourism eclipsed \$ 10 billion in annual visitor spending.

What drives Sports Tourism to a market?

1. Sports Tourism Venues - The City of Hagerstown currently lacks indoor sports tourism-caliber venues, which typically include indoor court facilities (typically with at least four hardwood or synthetic courts and as large as 20+ courts) and ice arenas with at least two sheets of ice. It should also be noted that most sports tourism venues are utilized for tournaments on weekends and local use practices and games during the week, providing dual community benefit.
2. Proximity and Access - Hagerstown is conveniently located at the intersection of I-81 and I-70, and more than 50 million people live within a 5-hour drive range, including major markets such as Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York, among others.

3. Family Tourism Amenities - Hagerstown has an affordable family-friendly hotel inventory and numerous historical tourism attractions and outdoor activity opportunities in the area.
4. Reputation - According to the Maryland Sports Commission, Hagerstown has a reputation as a family-friendly travel destination that is convenient to major markets such as Baltimore/Washington while providing more of an outdoors, small town feel. Visit Hagerstown will also be a key asset for attracting sports tourism events, due to their reputation as a reliable host partner.

The regional facilities that attract Hagerstown athletes are located southeast of Hagerstown towards the Washington, DC area along I-70 and I-270. A lot of indoor soccer participants travel to Frederick and Winchester for practices and games.

The majority of the comparable multi-field and multi-court facilities feature two to six multi-use fields, and/or three to ten basketball courts which are also typically convertible to a higher number of volleyball courts.

The City of Hagerstown should consider the development of an indoor, multi-court, tournament-caliber sports facility, with:

1. At least four to six basketball courts, convertible to eight or more volleyball courts.

Column-free, hard court surfaces could also be used by futsal, field hockey, etc. During the week, these courts could be used primarily for local practices and games, with weekends dedicated to attracting sports tournament activity.

Rationale: Indoor, multi-court facilities are significantly lacking in the Hagerstown area. An indoor, multi-court, basketball/volleyball facility could balance the seasonality of the City's current sports tourism calendar and drive economic impacts in the winter and early spring.

2. At least one to two indoor artificial turf fields should also be considered. Each field could be utilized as one full-length soccer or lacrosse field, or two shorter fields for youth soccer, various field sport practices, batting cages, etc. It is expected that the primary users of indoor turf would be local.

Rationale: Access to indoor field space would benefit outdoor field groups that could train and practice during the winter months, as well as indoor soccer groups that currently travel to Frederick for their practices and games.

Based on Victus Advisors' research, sports tournament operators typically consider the following key location factors when determining whether to book sports facility:

1. Proximity to Family-Friendly, Affordable Hotels – preferable on-site/adjacent, or at least within a 5 minute drive.

2. Proximity to Family-Friendly Restaurants/Retail – preferable on-site/adjacent, or at least within a 5 minute drive.
3. Ease of Transportation Access and Parking – must be accessible to highways for long-distance driving access, and must have significant on-site parking capacity.
4. Safety – must be located within a safe/secure location for families.
5. Other Regional Attractions – many families substitute sports travel for typical vacations, therefore regional visitor attractions that families can visit before/after sports events are a bonus.

Victus Advisors were also tasked with recommending potential locations for an indoor sports center to maximize the City’s ability to capture economic impacts via sports tourism (typically via nearby hotels, retail, and restaurants located within a 5 minute drive.

Four areas were mentioned the most during their local regional research and pros and cons of the area are as follows:

1. Fairgrounds Park
  - a. Cons - Creation of a single indoor-outdoor destination and more outdoor fields could be considered, conveniently located between downtown and east side hotels,
  - b. Pros – removal and/or relocation costs related to grandstand, Fit Room, etc, development of the site adjacent to the Ice Complex for courts/turf would prevent future facility expansion for a second sheet of ice
2. Greens at Hamilton Run
  - a. Pros - Replacing the golf course would alleviate a financial burden, close to east side hotels, retail, and restaurants
  - b. Cons – Potentially negative reaction from citizens
3. Downtown Hagerstown
  - a. Pros – Opportunity for downtown redevelopment
  - b. Cons – Parcels may be site-constrained and lack space for on-site parking requirements; some user groups have perception that downtown is not as safe as other areas
4. Municipal Stadium Area
  - a. Pros - Potential availability of affordable, underutilized land
  - b. Cons – flood prone area with industrial uses may not be compatible with youth sports, lack of nearby tourism amenities

Victus Advisors recommends that the Fairgrounds Park and Greens at Hamilton Run site options be explored further by project architects in Phase II of their feasibility study.

Since the City has very limited resources, moving forward with such a facility needs to start first with a consideration of the driving principles presented in #1 above as they will shape what the facility will include and where it would be located. With Council consensus on these principles, then a path forward will be clearer.

Some possible next steps would be Phase II work which may include (with approximate cost in parentheses estimated from the Phase II Victus proposal):

- A. Develop a five-year pro forma revenue and expense projection analysis to determine the overall financial viability of the complex (\$7,500)
- B. Sports tourism impact analysis (\$5,000)
- C. Public/private partnership analysis (\$11,000)
- D. Complete a site analysis, conceptual floor plans, and construction cost estimate for up to three sites (\$47,000). There needs to be clear consensus on which three sites before Phase II is started. Studying one or two sites will be significantly less cost.

The cost to do all of these components along with final report, presentation, and reimbursable expenses is \$75,635. If the City Council wishes to proceed with some or all of these Phase II components, the funding would be from the General Fund contingency.

Councilmember Heffernan asked if the Fairgrounds Park area and Greens at Hamilton Run are mutually exclusive or could they connect the two. Mr. Tissue stated they could look into that possibility

Mr. Connolly noted that the most successful projects they see are those that put feet on the street year round, not just a couple times per month.

Councilmember McIntire stated it seems the golf course site and the Municipal Stadium are equal distances from hotels. She wondered if the City of Hagerstown is being marketed as an Arts and Entertainment Center or a Sports town. Mr. Connolly doesn't think arts and sports are mutually exclusively. The mix of the different amenities could appeal to visitors.

Councilmember Heffernan thinks there is synergy between arts and sports. Tournaments would probably be held during the day and attendees could look for evening activities. Mr. Connolly stated some communities are now looking at ways to attract people to their community prior to the tournament.

Councilmember Aleshire thinks it is premature to focus on locations. He doesn't have an interest in this being a public project; therefore, locations should be where the City owns property. Site improvements required for each of those locations need to be thoroughly researched. He doesn't think proximity to hotels is a main consideration. The cost to create this facility in the area where it is located has to be considered.

Councilmember Metzner asked what the objective is. Most of the facilities are owned privately. He is interested in finding a private funding source. This will not be profit

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making venture. He wondered why they are limiting it to the City. There has been a study to determine costs to remove the grandstand and it was cost prohibitive. It's now been established that there is a need for a Sportsplex in the community. The question is if a private investor would be interested if they didn't have to purchase the land.

Councilmember Aleshire has said repeatedly that this type of facility will happen somewhere in the community. The City is in a position to offer locations, each with their own costs and cost savings. If a private developer approaches the City and says they want to do this project on the City's land he would support it.

Councilmember Metzner stated if a current user (ex. Ice and Hockey group) approached the Mayor and City Council and said they had the financial backing to do this project he would also support that endeavor. Councilmember Aleshire agreed.

Mr. Connolly noted the bare minimum for public/private partnerships in his experience is that the City provides the land and makes it pad ready. He has also seen partnerships in which the City owns the facility, builds it, finances the bonds and hires a private operator.

Councilmember Aleshire noted there are many gyms in Washington County that are under-used.

Mayor Bruchey recommended issuing a request for qualifications (RFQ) offering a specific site which will eventually be transferred to the owner of the facility. There would be Admissions and Amusement tax funding to the City from this type of facility. Mr. Connolly stated the best practice is to have a developer come in and state the amount of acreage that would be needed for the facility.

Councilmember Metzner stated they need to be concerned about the quality of the hotels and motels in the immediate vicinity of any site. Councilmember Aleshire stated he anticipates they would be converted back to viable hotels.

Councilmember Metzner expressed his concern that one of the sites is Municipal Stadium when there is a baseball team using it. He would not kick out the Suns as long as they want to stay.

Councilmember Heffernan is torn between the City operating the facility or a private operator. He is concerned a private operator may shy away from tournaments because they want to promote their own business.

Councilmember Metzner thinks the RFQ should not be for a specific site but rather for someone interested in any City property. He noted there is a successful public/private partnership at Fairgrounds Park and that is the Ice and Sports complex.

The Ice Rink recently announced they are looking at expansion of the facility for multiple uses. Mr. Connolly stated he has not seen a dual use at an ice facility.

Councilmember Aleshire would not support using the golf course for a facility.

Mayor Bruchey mentioned the old City farm property, between Frederick Street and Edgewood Drive. Mr. Tissue stated that site was not included in the study. The terrain is challenging there and it is being used for City operations currently.

Councilmember Metzner asked if this project is being discussed to try to bring a facility to the community or to try to make money. If it is for the community there is vacant land that would be more suitable.

Ms. Means indicated staff needs direction from the Mayor and City Council on whether to issue an RFQ or to move on to Phase II.

The Council was not in favor of spending an additional \$ 80,000 on the next phase. Mr. Connolly stated a scaled-down Phase II, showing usage estimates, profit opportunities, site matrix, and economic impact analysis, is possible.

Councilmember Metzner stated it appears a facility may not be economically feasible for a private operator. Mr. Connolly stated that is true, unless the City provides the funding to start a hotel and the other associated uses.

Councilmember Aleshire pointed out the east end has a conglomeration of properties of larger tracts of land that have the development potential that could accommodate things like TIFF to make it economically attractive. The second stadium site identified 12 acres possible in that area. He thinks that area has the greatest economic opportunity.

Councilmember Metzner suggested issuing a request for partners who are interested in partnering with the City for a Sportsplex.

Mayor Bruchey supports this suggestion.

Mr. Connolly stated there are 5 or 6 companies in the country that have the capability to think about it. He suggested a more defined scope, otherwise proposals will not be comparable. Boundaries need to be established at the beginning of the process. A statement of what it will take for the City to move forward needs to be included in the request.

Councilmember McIntire asked if the funding for Phase II is included in the budget. Ms. Means indicated it is not. Mr. Tissue stated funding the modified review would be covered.

Councilmember Keller stated if there was a way to make this work with a private developer she would rather put money toward this project, which provides opportunities for kids, than some other projects.

Councilmember Metzner pointed out this facility would be for leagues and traveling teams. It will be a membership center.

Councilmember Heffernan wondered if hotel owners, who will benefit the most from the additional stays, would be interested in being a partner. Mr. Donnelly stated that sometimes happens.

Councilmember Metzner stated reserve funds should be used for emergencies and this is not an emergency. Further studies should be considered as part of the budget. Councilmember Heffernan agreed that it gets pushed to FY20 or re-allocating funds from other sources for Phase II. Mr. Tissue stated funds to create the request for proposals for partners could be covered in the Parks and Engineering operating funds.

Councilmember McIntire stated the Council has to decide together what their goals are before moving forward with further study.

Councilmember Keller agreed that the Mayor and City Council need to set their goals. She doesn't think this process should be stopped in the meantime.

Councilmember Metzner asked what the City loses if the facility is located outside the City limits, if the goal is to get a Sportsplex in the community.

Councilmember Aleshire stated the City gains tourism related dollars which have a direct impact on City businesses.

Mr. Donnelly indicated a County staff person stated the County has earmarked \$ 7 – \$ 9 million for a sports complex and are interested in partnering with the City. They are looking to revisit it after the County Commissioners election.

Mayor Bruchey asked that City staff discuss the project with County staff and return to a Work Session.

Councilmember Keller is concerned that waiting that long to do anything with the information provided in the study will be too long. She thinks the RFQ has to be done now.

Councilmember Aleshire supports doing an RFQ for Fairgrounds and Municipal Stadium.

It was the general consensus to include all three sites in the RFQ.

#### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS**

*Valerie Means, City Administrator*, had no additional comments.

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*Councilmember S. McIntire* had no additional comments.

*Councilmember L. C. Metzner* reminded everyone that the bike race will be this coming weekend. Wind Down Friday will be held in University Plaza.

*Councilmember A. Heffernan* attended the Korean War Memorial service and it was an honor to meet the veterans. Fundraising for the Vietnam War Memorial is progressing but they still need funds.

*Councilmember K. B. Aleshire* reiterated he is not holding the ice rink folks back from doing anything. If they have the money and get City approval for the project, he supports it. His concern is that the Victus Inc. included 20-30 different sports oriented partners to participate in the study. It would be unfair to partway through the process, make a decision to allow one group to move forward with a similar project. He receives comments from citizens about personal effects being stored by individuals under the overpass on Franklin Street. He thinks it is disingenuous for the City to have rules about trash and allow this accumulation of items.

Ms. Means noted someone's personal belongings while they are with them cannot be considered the same as trash.

*Councilmember E. Keller* had no additional comments.

*Mayor R. E. Bruchey, II* asked Captain Alexander for an update of the situation at the overpass. Captain Alexander informed the group that progress is being made and the Homeless Coalition is assisting in helping several people.

Councilmember Keller has spoken to several homeless people who are not living in the woods now because they feel unsafe because of the amount of drug use in those locations.

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 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Original signed by D. K. Spickler*

Donna K. Spickler  
City Clerk  
(from the video)

Approved: September 25, 2018