

Mayor R. E. Bruchey, II called this 80<sup>th</sup> Special Session and Work Session of the Mayor and City Council to order at 4:05 p.m., Tuesday, August 13, 2019 in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Present with the Mayor were Councilmembers K. B. Aleshire, A. Heffernan, E. Keller, L. C. Metzner, and S. McIntire, City Administrator Scott A. Nicewarner, and City Clerk D. K. Spickler.

80<sup>th</sup> Special Session – August 13, 2019

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 of all members present to meet in Special Session at 4:05 p.m.

**Approval to Convert the Hagerstown Police Department Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network Coordinator Position from a Part-Time to a Full-Time Position**

**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 converting the current part-time Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network (MCIN) Coordinator position to a full-time MCIN Coordinator position, thereby increasing the full-time headcount by one and decreasing the part-time headcount by one. Funding to support this request is provided through the grant.

**Approval Hagerstown Police Department Management Step Scale**

**Action:** On a motion duly made by Councilmember A. Heffernan and seconded by Councilmember S. McIntire, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve the HPD Management Step Scale. This step scale would address compression issues and serve as a basis for future promotions.

This step scale will not require additional funding to the approved budget, and will not begin sooner than October 1, 2019.

The Special Session was closed at 4:06 p.m.

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Proclamation: Forget-Me-Not Month

Mayor Bruchey presented a proclamation to Commander Dennis J. DuBrowa and Past Commander J. R. Arnold, of the Ralph S. Tagg Jr., Chapter 14 of the Disabled American Veterans, recognizing September, 2019 as Forget-Me-Not Month in Hagerstown,

Maryland. He encouraged citizens to support the Forget-Me-Not Drive which supports local disabled veterans and their families.

Zip Trip Verbal Update

Wes Decker, Communications Manager, provided an update of the Fox 5 News Zip Trip scheduled for August 16, 2019 in Hagerstown. The event will take place from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Activities are scheduled throughout the morning, in coordination with news and weather reports. The main stage area is the Mural of Unusual Size. The secondary location is City Park. A total of 18 broadcast segments are planned including: highlighting signature dishes, a trivia contest, a Councilmember paddle boat race, a first responders feature, and information about local organizations. The community is invited to show up for any and all of the broadcast.

Councilmember Metzner encouraged people to record the show but come to the event. Augustoberfest will also be highlighted.

Request for Exception to City Water and Wastewater Policy: Utility Keystone Trailer Sales

Jill Thompson, Director of Community and Economic Development, and Nancy Hausrath, Director of Utilities, were present to review a request for an exception the City's Water and Wastewater Policy as a vital economic development project or an economic development project located in the targeted economic development area at the airport, as delineated in the County's 2002 Comprehensive Plan (Exception #6).

Utility Keystone Trailer Sales has submitted a request for water service at 14735 Citicorp Drive for a tractor trailer sales and repair facility. The project is estimated to be a \$ 5 million to \$ 6 million investment, with the expectation to create 30-35 jobs.

Both Ms. Thompson and Ms. Hausrath recognize that water services are available to the parcels and support the consideration of the Mayor and City Council for the exception being requested for this economic development project.

Approval using this exception is contingent upon the recommendation of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Economic Development Director, as well as the City Economic Development Director and the City Utilities Director; and upon the approval of the Mayor and City Council. Mayor and City Council approval will be contingent upon receiving a copy of the recorded Pre-Annexation Agreement.

Ms. Hausrath stated water service is already located in that area and no improvements are needed to serve this project.

Councilmember Aleshire asked if approval under the exception would be specific to this property. Ms. Thompson indicated that is correct and it would be specific to the project and to this company. Councilmember Aleshire asked if another request would be required if the property is subdivided. Ms. Thompson indicated it would be. Ms.

Hausrath indicated an approved exception is also specific to the EDU's that are allocated for the project.

Councilmember Aleshire understands there are more requests waiting to be presented and wonders how many there are.

Ms. Thompson indicated the direction provided in June, 2019 was for staff to further analyze the overall capacity of the system. There have been a number of conversations between City and County staff. Information specifically for the area will be provided at a Work Session. This request is being presented separate from the larger conversation.

Councilmember Aleshire stated the direction was also to develop a resolution with the county for mutually understood boundaries.

Ms. Hausrath indicated two meetings have been held to discuss this component in Washington County's Comprehensive Plan. Language in the Water and Sewer plan is also being reviewed. The request from the City is that the County's comp plan be more consistent with the City's comp plan regarding water and sewer capacity.

Ms. Thompson stated an update of the recommendations will be provided to the mayor and City Council before bringing additional requests outside the airport target area.

Councilmember Aleshire believes the County is agreeable to continuing conversations on this issue, as well as fire and rescue, the tax differential, vacant properties and other topics. He is concerned that the City has not taken a position to establish a component in this issue that benefits the City. He stated this is a good faith effort to meet with the County to define the service areas and adjust the MRGA and effectively incorporate the City's interest in the outcome.

Mayor Bruchey applauded Ms. Thompson and Ms. Hausrath for staying diligent on this and discussing the direction provided by the Council, which was to continue working on the target area at the airport.

Councilmember Aleshire stated he believes the City will still be deliberating on these issues with the County 18 months from now.

Mr. Nicewarner stated the City's expectations have clearly been relayed to the County during the staff to staff meetings. The County is relying on the City for water service. A component of the issue is that the Health Department has implemented restrictions on well water use in that area. The City does not want to be an impediment to economic development. It has been made clear that service won't be considered for areas outside the target area until the City's and County's Comp Plans are synchronized and measured equally. The City's position on the fire and rescue service and other issues mentioned has also been made clear. There is a common understanding of the City's position.

Mayor Bruchey stated a joint meeting with the Washington County Commissioners is being held on August 27, 2019. Topics that will be included on the agenda are fire service and tax liens. The MRGA could be added as well. He applauded Councilmember Aleshire for being diligent on this issue.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS**

*Scott A. Nicewarner, City Administrator*, encouraged everyone to attend the annual Augustoberfest on August 17 and 18, 2019. This event is fun for the entire family.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

*Councilmember S. McIntire* had no additional comments.

*Councilmember L. C. Metzner* had no additional comments.

*Councilmember A. Heffernan* had no additional comments.

*Councilmember E. Keller* had no additional comments.

*Councilmember K. B. Aleshire* had no additional comments.

*Mayor R. E. Bruchey, II* is looking forward to the Zip Trip. He and Delegate Paul Corderman will be competing in a trivia contest during the event.

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 4:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Original signed by D. K. Spickler*

Donna K. Spickler  
City Clerk

Approved: September 24, 2019