

111TH SPECIAL SESSION AND WORK SESSION – OCTOBER 20, 2020

Mayor R. E. Bruchey, II called this 111th Special Session and Work Session of the Mayor and City Council to order at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 20, 2020 in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Participating with the Mayor were Councilmembers K. B. Aleshire, A. Heffernan, E. Keller, L. C. Metzner, and S. McIntire, City Administrator Scott A. Nicewarner, City Attorney Jennifer Keefer, and City Clerk D. K. Spickler.

Mayor Bruchey recused himself from the Special Session because his employer is involved with the proposed purchase of a vehicle.

On a motion duly made by Councilmember K. B. Aleshire and seconded by Councilmember E. Keller, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to appoint Councilmember L. C. Metzner as temporary chair of the meeting.

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

Approval of Used Vehicle Purchase for Hagerstown Police Department from Hagerstown Ford

Action: On a motion duly by Councilmember S. McIntire and seconded by Councilmember E. Keller, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve the purchase of a used vehicle from Hagerstown Ford for \$ 24,515.00 to replace a police vehicle that was damaged in an accident.

This purchase will be made with funds from insurance claims for previously destroyed vehicles.

The Special Session was closed at 4:01 p.m.

City Attorney Jennifer Keefer left the meeting.

Work Session – October 20, 2020

Proclamation – Economic Development Week 2020

Mayor Bruchey read a proclamation recognizing October 19-23, 2020 as Economic Development Week in Hagerstown, Maryland. Kaitlin Bell, Economic Development Specialist, and Doug Reaser, Business Development Specialist, accepted the proclamation.

Mayor Bruchey noted the City's Department of Community and Economic Development has been extremely busy and successful. He is sure all citizens see the progress in Hagerstown.

Ms. Bell thanked the Mayor and City Council and City staff for their support. Mr. Nicewarner acknowledged the dedication Jill Thompson, Director of Community and Economic Development, provides as well. Ms. Thompson was unable to be present for this meeting.

Preliminary Agenda Review

Mayor Bruchey announced that Citizen Comments for the October 27, 2020 Regular Session will be welcome either in person, or by submitting comments by email to councilcomments@hagerstownmd.org. If by email, the submitters name, address, and a summary of the comments will be announced by the City Clerk. The email will not be read in its entirety but it will be included in the public record for the meeting and may be viewed by the public at any time.

Consent Agenda

A. Finance/Billing:

1. Utility Billing – Postage and Bill Processing – Arista Information Systems (Duluth, GA) \$ 144,000.00

B. Information and Technology and Support Services:

1. Building Blocks Software Renewal – OpportunitySpace, Inc. (d.b.a. “Tolemi”) (Boston, MA) \$ 12,000.00

C. Department of Parks and Engineering:

1. 2021 Annual Independence Day Fireworks Display – Zambelli Fireworks (Warrendale, PA) Not to Exceed \$ 25,000.00

D. Planning and Code Administration:

1. Snow and Ice Abatement Contract – Servtec Custodial, Inc. (Hagerstown, MD) \$ 30,000.00

E. Police Department:

1. AVCC Annual Subscription Fee – LexisNexis (Chicago, IL) \$ 17,199.00

F. Department of Public Works:

1. Bulk Road Salt – Cargill, Inc. (North Olmstead, OH) \$ 58.94 per ton

G. Utilities:

1. Water – RCW Water Treatment Plant HMI Upgrades – ABB, Inc. (Cleveland, OH) \$ 304,487.00

Councilmember Aleshire clarified that the owner of 350 Summit Avenue did not wish to have a portion of the paper alley. Rodney Tissue, City Engineer, indicated that is correct.

Councilmember Aleshire noted clarification is needed regarding the general fund expenditures for the after school programs in relation to the Council's previous discussion about agency contributions. He stated if the Council has said no to other contributions to agencies it should be noted where funding for these two programs is coming from. He supports both programs but he wants to avoid any future conflict. Mr. Nicewarner will provide additional information regarding funding the programs.

Councilmember Aleshire pointed out two items on the Community Coalition's agenda are Hagerstown specific. They are the downtown project and Jonathan Street Community Project. He would like to provide additional information and asked what process he should follow. Mr. Nicewarner attends the monthly meetings, as does Councilmember Heffernan, and any information can be provided to the Coalition through them.

Removal of Parking Meters from Select Parking Lots

Eric Deike, Director of Public Works, was present to discuss a proposal to remove parking meters from the Antietam Street Parking Lot, Market House Parking Lot, the Rochester Parking Lot and the Bryan Center Parking Lot. Drivers would either need a parking permit (except for the Antietam Lot where permit parking is not allowed) or use the PayByPhone mobile application to pay for parking.

The Parking System recently entered into an agreement with PayByPhone Technologies, Inc. (aka PayByPhone) to allow drivers to pay for parking using a contactless and wireless payment method. The adoption rate by drivers using this app has been very encouraging. In light of this fact, staff would like to remove the parking meters from a select number of parking lots and make the PayByPhone app the singular method of payment for hourly parking.

The lots being considered are:

1. Antietam Street Parking Lot: Located on West Antietam Street. This lot is almost exclusively used by those visiting the District Court House. It has historically been a location for vandalism and theft from the parking meters. The use of PayByPhone in this lot has been tremendous. Drivers would also have an option of paying with a credit card in the private parking lot on the east side of the courthouse should they choose to do so. This lot contains 22 parking stalls.
2. Rochester Parking Lot: This lot sits on the corner of W. Washington Street and South Prospect Street next to the Women's Club. There are 96 parking stalls of which only 21 utilize a parking meter. The majority of the lot was converted to permit parking a number of years ago. By converting to PayByPhone for all the

parking stalls, this opens the lot up for anyone to use. The surrounding streets would still have parking meters that accept cash or wireless payment.

3. Market Parking Lot: This lot serves the Market House at 25 W. Church Street. Of the 183 parking stalls, the United States Postal Service has a contract to lease up to 74 of the parking spaces of their choice. Another dozen parking stalls are designated for the exclusive use of the Hagerstown Fire Department. Annual cash sales are light at approximately \$ 1,5000. This lot is mostly metered parking stalls.
4. Byron Centre Parking Lot: This is a very small lot located on W. Franklin Street across from the Post Office. The lot only has 6 parking stalls of which one is a designated handicap space. There will continue to be street meters available along Franklin that will accept cash and wireless payments.

The Central Parking Lot and the Elizabeth Hager Parking Lot will continue to accept cash and wireless payment as will the street meters. Given the current rate of \$0.50 per hour and the \$0.33 transaction rate for PayByPhone, staff believe a cash payment option still needs to exist.

Removing the parking meters from these select parking lots will alleviate the threat of vandalism and theft of cash from the meters. It also reduces the cost of replacing older meters and the maintenance of the existing parking meters. Finally, it will help staff better gauge the acceptance of wireless payments to possibly go completely cashless for parking sales sometime at a future date.

Staff would also suggest that all the handicap parking spaces be converted to paid parking as well. The handicap space in the Antietam Street Parking Lot, the 2 handicap spaces in the Elizabeth Hager Parking Lot and the 1 handicap street space on South Potomac near the library already require payment to park. The timing may be right to convert all the handicap stalls in all the parking lots to paid parking.

The financial impacts are as follows:

1. Estimated cost for new additional signs and stickers is \$ 1,000. Funding will be from the Parking Fund.
2. The City receives the full revenue from each parking session. There is no loss of revenue to the Parking Fund from using PayByPhone.
3. People tend to spend more money when paying with a credit card for goods and services. There could be a slight uptick in revenues by using this online service and phone app.

- 4. Reduction in theft of coins and the expense of repairing and replacing parts of the parking meters. Locks cost \$ 21.12 each, the collection cups cost \$ 2.73 each. These items are made in China and can take 3 months for delivery.

No formal resolution or ordinance should be needed for this action. Staff is simply seeking approval to move forward with this proposal. The parking lots could be converted to fully wireless payment by January, 2021 as it will take some time to coordinate with PayByPhone, remove the meters, and install the new signs.

Councilmember Heffernan suggested leaving a few meters at the Market Lot for the less tech-savvy people to use when they attend the market. Mr. Deike stated parking is free on Saturdays at the market but a few meters could be left in place.

Councilmember Metzner asked if the PayByPhone system could be set to accept payment prior to 9:00 a.m. He provided an example of people attending court not being able to pay until 9:00 a.m. which they may not be able to do if they are in the courtroom. Mr. Deike stated the program is set up to match the hours of operation. He believes PayByPhone could adjust the time for accepting payment.

It was the general consensus to move forward with removal of parking meters from certain parking lots as discussed.

Urban Improvement Project: Update of Funding and Land Acquisition Negotiations for Plaza

Rodney Tissue, City Engineer, was present to update the Mayor and City Council on staff’s progress for funding and land acquisition negotiations for the plaza, that is part of the Urban Improvement Project (UIP). Staff is also requesting Mayor and Council approval of a purchase agreement to acquire land from Hager5 needed for this project.

Staff has tentatively secured additional funding for this project. In addition to the \$ 800,000 in grants secured, it appears that approximately \$ 650,000 in surplus State bond bill proceeds from the Barbara Ingram School for the Arts (BISFA) project will be conveyed to the Plaza construction. The budget will be as follows:

1. Program Open Space (Trail portion only)	\$ 300,000
2. MHAA Grant (Trail portion only)	\$ 100,000
3. Community Legacy Grant	\$ 400,000
4. Existing City Bond funds	\$ 172,000
5. Future City Bond Funds (only if needed)	\$ 259,000 +/-
6. Surplus State bond bill proceeds from BISFA Project (requires sub-recipient agreement for City to be beneficiary)	\$ 650,000
Total	\$1,881,000+/-

The process to obtain this additional bond bill is as follows:

1. The Board of Education signed-off on sub-recipient agreement last week and returned the funds to the County.
2. The County is set to execute a sub-recipient agreement to have the City added as a beneficiary of the surplus bond bill funds. This was approved earlier today.

The additional State funds may require Davis Bacon wage rates and other criteria that staff is investigating with assistance from County staff. The Purchase Agreement is contingent upon the City receiving these additional funds.

Staff have a verbal agreement with Greg Snook on the acquisition of Hager5 lands including all of 43/47 West Washington Street, a portion of the rear of 49/53 West Washington Street, and a strip of land off their parking lot that fronts on Antietam Street. Hager5 is willing to accept the appraised value for the land the City needs and to reimburse them for costs they incurred as part of the UIP project, including work to move the project along at its earliest conceptual stage. Contingent on the financing being finalized, they are asking \$ 399,000 as spelled out in the agreement.

Hager5 and the City's attorneys prepared a Draft Purchase agreement to acquire the land needed for the project. A copy is included with the meeting material for the Mayor and City Council's review. This agreement has numerous 'out' clauses for the City contingent upon funding, State and County cooperation, etc.

Staff also continue to work with the State of Maryland (technically Maryland Department of General Services (DGS)) and District Court to use ½ of the paper alley along the west side of their building. This alley dates back to an original deed dated April 18, 1868. The legal description for the District Court property recognizes the 11' private alley as its western boundary. The SDAT tax maps reflects the alley as an intervening no man's land between the Hager5 and DGS properties with neither owning the fee simple interest despite having a joint interest in the use of the alley.

After months of discussion, staff arrived at a verbal agreement regarding splitting the 11' wide private alley in half. The goal is to use the Hager5 half of this alley, plus purchase an additional 10 feet for Hager5. Staff have requested DGS quit claim or grant an easement as to the Hager5 portion of the alley. This appears to finally be moving in a positive direction and future City Council actions will be required for this issue.

A Deed of Easement Agreement was sent to the County legal staff in September of 2019. This would grant the City the right to construct and maintain the public plaza and the City and the general public shall have full and free use of the easement for the purposes named including: recreational purposes, gatherings, entertainment, temporary parking of school buses, tour buses, service vehicles and the like.

The County will also need an easement from the City to place their dumpster and possibly a communication monopole tower on the 43/47 West Washington Street land the City acquires from Hager5. Details of this are still being worked on.

Time is of the essence now since most of the grant money expires in 2021. Staff would like to have the Mayor and City Council introduce an ordinance for the purchase of the property at the Regular Session on October 27, 2020, with the effective date occurring in December. Staff will also need three or four months to subdivide the property to be purchased, pass ordinances (as to the County Easement and the District Court alley Quit Claim/Easement), finish the design, acquire State approvals, bid and award the contract so at best, the City is into summer 2021 timeframe for construction. Construction needs to begin no later than June, 2021.

If the schedule slips, grant funds may be in jeopardy. By September of 2021, BISFA will hopefully be in full operation and access to the rear of the building will need to be provided on a daily basis for school buses, daily trash removal and delivery trucks. The Maryland Theatre tractor trailers and tour buses, along with other vehicular and pedestrian traffic must also be coordinated.

It was the general consensus to include introduction of the ordinance to acquire the properties on the October 27, 2020 Regular Session agenda.

Update – Cascades Tissue Group

Nathan Fridinger, Electric Operations Manager, and Nancy Hausrath, Director of Utilities, were present to provide an update regarding property owned by the Cascades Tissue Group.

Hagerstown Fiber and Light/First Urban Fiber purchased 15.14 acres in 1994 to construct a now defunct paper de-inking/manufacturing facility at 273 Memorial Boulevard. The construction price of the facility has been touted as high as \$ 175 million. The Municipal Electric Light Plant (MELP) and the surrounding nine acres were purchased so that waste material could be burned/converted to electricity and an electric substation could be built to serve the facility. The Hagerstown Light Department provided the original construction and financing of the privately owned electric substation in the amount of \$ 3.125 million. The facility operated for a short period of time in the late nineties and closed after experiencing operational difficulties and supposed collapse of the recycled paper market. HF&L filed bankruptcy. The legal proceeding continued for a few years and Newstech MDLLP purchased the property for \$1.125 million in 2002 (the total purchase price, which included the equipment was approximately \$ 7 million). Cascades Tissue Group MD purchased the property for \$ 2.418 million in 2006, with what was understood to be a total purchase price of approximately \$ 5 million.

When the Cascades Tissue Group purchased the properties in 2006, they expressed concern regarding the environmental issues on the nine acre property that contained the private substation. The City negotiated the return of this property and negotiated a lease for the footprint of the substation site, charging a fee equal to the taxes owned on the property assessed as through it is privately owned.

A Facilities Charge as described in the Assignment and Assumptions Agreement (AAA) for the original substation construction is recuperated through monthly payments, which has a remaining principal balance of \$ 806,950.61 and 38 remaining payments scheduled through November, 2023.

An Electric Power Service Agreement (EPSA) guarantees an annual minimum net revenue of \$ 70,000 set to end November 2023 or annual auto renewals thereafter, unless a party gives notice to terminate one year before the end of the term.

A Lease Agreement (LA) provides a payment of \$ 3,403 annually for the property on which the substation equipment resides with 85 years remaining.

On September 2, 2020, with anticipation to sell the property along with potential buyers' being deterred by the substation, Cascades proposed to:

1. Provide the City with a cash payment of \$ 800,000
2. Request to terminate all agreements
3. Be responsible for demolition of the substation within 6 months

On September 23, 2020, as a result of interest in the substation from a potential buyer, Cascades altered their proposal to:

1. Provide the City with a cash payment of \$ 800,000
2. Request the City assign the EPSA and LA to the new, unknown, buyer
3. Revert to the 9/2/2020 proposal should the City not agree to assign or the sale not proceed with the substation asset

On September 25, 2020, following an offer between Cascades and a buyer with supposed interest in the substation, Cascades reinforced the 9/23/2020 proposal with the exception of "or the sale not proceed with the substation asset."

With direction from the Mayor and City Council, on October 7, 2020, the City submitted a final, counter proposal to Cascades requesting the following:

1. They meet their current financial obligation of \$ 879,735.80 (principal balance, plus minimum annual net revenue due as of 09/28/2020)
2. Remain committed to the 09/02/2020 offer to remove the substation from the site
3. Contact the City's attorney to develop a Settlement Agreement.

As a response, Cascades provided the City with the following three alternate scenarios on October 8, 2020:

1. Scenario 1 – The 09/02/2020 proposal
2. Scenario 2 – The 09/25/2020 proposal
3. Scenario 3 – Cascades pays \$ 879,735.80 to the City, the City assigns the EPSA and LA to the buyer, the City and the Buyer come to terms of the new agreement, and the City terminates the assigned agreements

As of 1:30 p.m. today, Cascades sent a letter accepting responsibility of the

It was the general consensus to have City staff and the City Attorney draft the necessary agreements to move forward with Scenario 3 as noted above.

Review of Farmer's Market Property – 25 West Church Street and Possible Addition to the Competitive Negotiated Sale Program

Doug Reaser, Business Development Specialist, and Jonathan Kerns, Community Development Manager, were present to review the Farmer's Market property, 25 West Church Street, and the possibility of adding this property to the City's Competitive Negotiated Sale (CNS) program with the goal of transferring the property to the private sector.

An appraisal of the 25 West Church Street building structure was performed by William G. Bowen, Inc. and has a current market value of \$ 600,000 (appraisal did not include parking area parcels adjacent to the building). The separate land appraisal report valued the Market House parking lot areas at \$ 370,000. Current Hagerstown Fire Department operations are located in the northern half of the building. The City Farmer's Market and private vendor businesses operations are in the southern half of the building. Engineering and Planning and Code Administration vehicles utilize the building's below grade parking garage. The United States Postal Service leases 74 Market Lot parking spaces for annual rent of \$ 40,000. The Farmer's Market Building is managed and maintained within the City's General Fund.

As a summary, the Competitive Negotiated Sales Process is a process that facilitates the sale of City-owned properties with the goal of returning the property to the private sector for its redevelopment and highest/best use. The City of Hagerstown makes real estate available for purchase and redevelopment. The Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) coordinates the process and accepts purchase applications. The Mayor and City Council identifies properties to be offered for sale and ultimately approves any development concept and purchase.

Mayor Bruchey stated he is not against adding this property to the CNS list but he is against making a decision now when there will be a new administration in 30 days. The new administration may have other thoughts about the use of the property.

Councilmember Aleshire finds it difficult to believe the assessed value is nearly \$ 1 million. He does not think anyone would offer near that amount for it. He stated properties like this should be added to the CNS. The elected body determines whether or not they feel any offer is a good deal, regardless of which body added it to the list.

Mayor Bruchey asked if there has been any more discussion about a grocery store in that area. Councilmember McIntire stated it was discussed at one point. Mr. Kerns will contact Community Action Council and Horizon Goodwill for an update on the discussion from a few months ago.

Councilmember Heffernan supports adding the property to the CNS list. There is always the option of not accepting an offer. He is concerned about the cost of maintenance in the building. He would like to see it remain a facility that supports the residents like the Farmer's Market does.

Mr. Kerns stated adding it to the list is an opportunity to explore possibilities for the property. He reiterated the administration in place would have the final decision moving forward with the property.

Councilmember McIntire is agreeable to adding it to the CNS list. She asked what the current vendors have said about this possibility. Mr. Kerns stated they all received a brief notice that this was being discussed and that the City may be marketing the property for sale. A few questions were asked.

Councilmember Metzner stated a decision about the property won't be made until it is added to the CNS list and someone comes in with an offer. The City has tried many things to figure out how to make the market successful. Maybe someone will come forward with a great use for the property.

It was the general consensus to add this property to the CNS program, and, a motion to approve this action will be scheduled for the October 27, 2020 Regular Session.

Request to Purchase CNS Building: 170 W. Washington Street

Jonathan Kerns, Community Development Manager, and Kaitlin Bell, Economic Development Specialist, were present to review a request for the purchase of 170 W. Washington Street, also known as the Nicodemus House.

This property has been advertised for sale as part of the City's Competitive Negotiated Sale (CNS) program. Mr. Pat Grace of Trademark Investments, LLC, has submitted an application and purchase price as well as required documents and examples of his past projects consisting of historic redevelopments.

Mr. Grace's purchase offer currently stands as follows:

1. Purchase price for 170 W. Washington Street - \$ 1,000
2. Realtor Commissions - \$0
3. \$ 500.00 deposit required
4. Planned investment of \$ 1,143,095.00 for property renovations to then maintain as a mixed-use building including a commercial space and Downtown Student Housing at market rate rents
5. Developer to submit final development plan for City Council approval by December 31, 2020 as requirement for settlement
6. Settlement to occur before February 28, 2021
7. Mr. Patrick Grace will be DBA 170 West Washington Partners LLC for this property acquisition

Mr. Grace is an experienced developer in the Baltimore, Maryland and Washington, DC area. He has founded two complementary businesses, Greater Baltimore Construction and Trademark Property Management. With his involvement in real estate for 20+ years and the success of his two businesses, he is able to provide a spectrum of real estate services such as sourcing, analyzing, development, construction and managing properties. Most notable, is Pat's primary focus and dedication to the rehabilitation of historic properties. Staff recommends moving forward with the sale of 170 W. Washington Street with the terms described above. These terms are reflected in the draft purchase agreement, which is included with the meeting material.

The Nicodemus Building is a c.1890's Romanesque Revival urban dwelling that has been used commercially for many years. The building was built as a residence for John L. Nicodemus, president of the bank located at 101 W. Washington Street (now the Discovery Station museum). After taking shape into a hotel/motel, the property was condemned in 2005 due to numerous property violations. After the property became bank owned, the City purchased the property in 2013 for \$ 27,500 with the intention of transferring it into private ownership again. This property has been vacant since 2005 and substantial renovations are required to make the property habitable. The building is prominently located on a hill along a heavily traveled artery (US40) through Downtown Hagerstown, at a traffic light.

It was the general consensus to move forward with selling the property to Mr. Grace. An ordinance will be scheduled for introduction at the October 27, 2020 Regular Session. It is anticipated the ordinance will be approved at the November 17, 2020 Regular Session.

City Sponsorships

Kitty Clark, Community Events Coordinator, was present to provide information about the Department of Community and Economic Development's (DCED) sponsorship of downtown events. The amount currently budgeted for sponsorships is \$ 41,500. A spreadsheet was provided showing a two year history of these events and recommended sponsorship amounts for FY21. Staff seek guidance on FY21 funding levels of sponsorships in light of the impacts of COVID-19 on the City budget.

DCED provides sponsorships to support events taking place in the City that have a positive impact on local businesses and offer benefits to its citizens. Sponsorship funds help to offset the cost of these events, which sometimes include charges for overtime city staff. The majority of these events take place downtown which in turn draw people downtown. Sponsorship amounts range from \$ 50 to \$ 10,000, with the majority in the \$ 1,500 to \$ 5,000 range.

At the end of 2019, DCED staff devised a sponsorship request form to assess requests. The criteria for selection include:

1. Organization's demonstrated need

2. Potential of the event to improve the quality of life for Hagerstown residents
3. Potential for the event to bring people downtown
4. Economic impact and opportunity for downtown businesses

Organizations began using this request form in December, 2019, for events scheduled to take place in FY20 and FY21. In a non-pandemic year, staff would have asked organizations to make their FY22 requests in December, 2020, and that information would be used by staff to build the FY22 budget.

Sponsored organizations are also asked to submit a final report that provides both qualitative and quantitative information used for reporting and in compiling case studies helpful to other organizations interested in producing events downtown. There are currently two new requests for upcoming events. The Boys and Girls Club has requested \$ 3,000 for the Over the Edge event and the Maryland Theatre has requested \$ 5,000 for the Donut Drive By event. The total of current sponsorship requests is \$ 22,000.

Councilmember Heffernan asked what is the latest a decision could be made and not adversely affect the event. Ms. Clark indicated the Washington County Arts Council and the Maryland Theatre both have events in December. There are no other events the City typically sponsors until Spring. Councilmember Heffernan recommended not providing any sponsorships until more information regarding the City's financial stability is available.

Councilmember Aleshire asked if the two December events would take place without the City's sponsorship. Ms. Clark indicated she does not think many events are so dependent on the City's sponsorship that it would not happen without it.

Councilmember Metzner asked for more information about the Donut Drop. Ms. Clark indicated the Maryland Theatre provided information that without the City sponsorship of \$ 5,000, they would experience a loss of \$ 1,850. With the City's sponsorship, they would realize a gain of \$ 3,105. If all sponsorships are honored, they would have a gain of \$ 13,500. This is a fundraiser event for the Maryland Theatre. Councilmember Metzner is willing to commit an amount that would make them whole if they need it. He would like to have the Donut Drop event happen as he views it as a community event, similar to the July 4th Fireworks.

Councilmember Keller thinks the City should provide the sponsorship for the Community Art event, especially since Hagerstown is billed as an Art and Entertainment District.

Mr. Nicewarner asked if the Mayor and City Council would support providing sponsorships for the events scheduled through December 31, 2020 and review future event sponsorships after January 1, 2021. This plan is acceptable to the Mayor and City Council. General sponsorships (to organizations rather than toward an event) will not be provided at this time.

Scott A. Nicewarner, City Administrator, had no additional comments.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember K. B. Aleshire had no additional comments.

Councilmember A. Heffernan had no additional comments.

Councilmember E. Keller had no additional comments.

Councilmember L. C. Metzner had no additional comments.

Councilmember S. McIntire attended the Skateboard Park Committee meeting yesterday. Their goal is to build a skate park in Hagerstown. Funding is an issue so they are holding a Skateboard Art fundraiser event at Cushwa Brewing Company this weekend. She encouraged people to check it out.

Mayor R. E. Bruchey had no additional comments.

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 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by D. K. Spickler

Donna K. Spickler
City Clerk

Approved: November 17, 2020