

SPECIAL SESSION (36TH VOTING SESSION), EXECUTIVE SESSION, AND WORK SESSION – March 15, 2022

EXECUTIVE SESSION – March 15, 2022

Mayor Keller called the Executive Session to order at 2:39 p.m.

On a motion duly made by Councilmember S. McIntire and seconded by Councilmember T. Martinez, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote of all members present at the time of the vote 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)), to consider the investment of public funds; (#5) (Section 3-305(b)), and to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; (# 7) (Section 3-305(b)), on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 2:39 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 2nd floor, City Hall, Hagerstown, Maryland. Councilmember R. E. Bruchey, II was not present for the vote.

The following people were in attendance: Mayor E. Keller, Councilmember K. B. Aleshire, Councilmember R. E. Bruchey, II, Councilmember T. Burnett, Councilmember T. Martinez, Councilmember S. McIntire, City Administrator Scott Nicewarner, City Attorney Jason Morton, City Attorney Ann Rotz, Michelle Hepburn, Chief Financial Officer, Eric Deike, Director of Public Works, Nancy Hausrath, Director of Utilities, Kathleen Maher, Director of Planning and Code Administration, Jill Thompson, Director of Community and Economic Development, Nathan Fridinger, Electric Operations Manager, Doug Reaser, Business Development Specialist, Paul Fulk, Neighborhood Services Manager, Jonathan Kerns, Community Development Manager, Wes Decker, Communications Manager, and Donna K. Spickler, City Clerk.

The meeting was held to review a business proposal, to discuss investment of public funds for a rehabilitation program, to review a contract, and to discuss potential legal action. No formal action was taken at the meeting. On a motion duly made, seconded, and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

SPECIAL SESSION (36TH VOTING SESSION) AND WORK SESSION – March 15, 2022

Mayor E. Keller called this Special Session (36th voting session) and Work Session of the Mayor and City Council to order at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 15, 2022 in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Participating with the Mayor were Councilmembers K. B. Aleshire, R. E. Bruchey, II, T. Burnett, T. Martinez, and S. McIntire, City Administrator Scott A. Nicewarner, City Attorney Ann Rotz, and City Clerk D. K. Spickler.

Special Session (36th voting session) – March 15, 2022

On a motion duly made by Councilmember R. E. Bruchey, II 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 Contract: Demolition of Municipal Stadium

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember R. E. Bruchey, II and seconded by Councilmember T. Martinez, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve a contract with Adam’s Demolition of Hagerstown, Maryland in the amount of \$ 60,000.00 for the demolition of Municipal Stadium. The Mayor and City Council further authorized an additional \$ 25,000.00 for contingencies.

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

Preliminary Agenda Review

Mayor Keller announced that Citizen Comments for the March 22, 2022 Regular Session will be welcome either in person or by submitting comments by email to councilcomments@hagerstownmd.org by 5:00 p.m. that day. If by email, the submitters name, address, and a summary of the comments will be announced during the Citizen Comments portion of the meeting. 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. Engineering:

1. FY 2023 and FY 2024 Pavement Preservation Lists

B. Information Technology:

1. Duo-Two Factor Authentication Software – SHI (Somerset, NJ) \$ 22,675.00
2. Copier Lease Renewal – Doing Better Business, Inc. (Hagerstown, MD) \$ 233,120.00

C. Public Works:

1. Sweeper Shed Pole Barns – Myers Building Systems, Inc. (Clear Spring, MD) \$ 73,778.00
2. Concession Services at City Park and Potterfield Pool (Revenue)
 - a. Nena’s Curbside Café – City Park Concession Stand - \$ 5,000.00
 - b. Blissful, LLC – Potterfield Pool Concession Stand - \$ 2,500.00

D. Police Department:

1. Axon Body Cameras/Tasers/Training – pricing information to be provided after Work Session discussion

E. Utilities:

1. Light: Linework Services Blanket (Extension #1) – Everhart & Hoover Power Line Construction, Inc. (Hustontown, PA) \$ 150,000.00
2. Water: 2022 F-550 Chassis 4x4 Regular Cab with Dump Bed – Keystone Ford (Chambersburg, PA) \$ 91,950.00
3. Water: Annual Service Contract for Hach Analytical Equipment – Hach Company (Loveland, CO) \$ 17,082.00
4. Wastewater: Digester Feed Pump Upgrade – Komline-Sanderson (Peapack, NJ) \$ 15,148.00

Mayor Keller announced approval of a change order for the 2022 Pavement Preservation Program and purchase of a vehicle for the Wastewater Division will be added to the Regular Session agenda.

Ann Rotz, City Attorney, recommended scheduling approval of the resolution for a Memorandum of Understanding for relocation of part of the Cultural Trail prior to introduction of the ordinances for the conveyance of a portion of the Trail and of Hood Street.

This completed the Preliminary Agenda Review. There were no questions about any items. All items, unless noted, are scheduled for approval on March 22, 2022.

2022 Summer Camp Grant Program

Eric Deike, Director of Public Works, was present to review the annual summer camp grant program.

For over 25 years, the City has funded local agencies to provide recreation services for children in the community by providing summer play camps. In February, 2021, the City Council approved a new process for awarding the grant funds. Potential camp organizations were contacted to submit their applications for review.

Staff reviewed the five agency proposals and ranked them based on the new policy. A detailed summary of the requests was provided. Staff recommends funding the camps as follows:

Hagerstown YMCA	\$ 18,000.00
Boys & Girls Club	\$ 14,000.00
R. W. Johnson Community Center	\$ 15,000.00
Girls, Inc.	\$ 18,000.00
Beacon House	\$ 10,000.00

Funding for the camp is provided in the operating budgets of the Recreation Division of Public Works. In the FY22 and the proposed FY23 budget, \$ 75,000 is earmarked for summer camps. This is a significant part of the Recreation Division budget and this program represents about 24% of all recreation dollars spent by the City.

It was the general consensus to approve the Summer Camp Program as presented.

Juneteenth Federal Holiday

Don Francis, Director of Human Resources, was present to discuss the addition of Juneteenth (June 19) to the list of City holidays.

In June of 2021, President Biden signed a bill making Juneteenth (June 19) a federal holiday. The law went into effect immediately in 2021. Because the law was signed so late, the City was unable to fully observe Juneteenth last year.

As reported and written by Annie Karni and Luke Broadwater of the NY Times, “This important date commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. Its name stems from June 19, 1865, when Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger in Galveston, Texas, issued General Order No. 3 which announced that in accordance with the Emancipation Proclamation, “all slaves are free.” Months later, the 13th Amendment was ratified, abolishing slavery in the final four border states that had not been subjected to President Abraham Lincoln’s order”.

In preparation for this year’s holiday, Juneteenth was placed in the current annual schedule for City observed holidays in anticipation that the Mayor and City Council will want to add the holiday to the list. Juneteenth holiday has already been added to proposals for union contracts currently in negotiations.

Staff is recommending June 19, Juneteenth, be formally added and approved by the Mayor and City Council as a City observed federal holiday.

It was the general consensus of the Mayor and City Council to add approval of the Juneteenth holiday to the agenda for March 22, 2022.

Maryland Stadium Authority – Land Transfer Request and Memorandum of Understanding

Rodney Tissue, City Engineer, and Ann Rotz, City Attorney, were present to review requests from the Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA). In December, the MSA made the following requests:

- A. A request to convey the following:
 1. A portion of the Cultural Trail
 2. Hood Street from Baltimore Street to Summit Avenue

B. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the conditions of relocating the Cultural Trail between Antietam Street and Baltimore Street

The purpose of this request is because the MSA is assembling properties for the construction of the Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and Events Facility (HMSEF) that will begin later this year.

Staff is seeking input from the Mayor and City Council regarding these requests.

Hood Street is a publicly maintained street that was built by the City around 1967. Staff research indicates the City does not own it in fee simple, so the recommendation is to “quit claim” of whatever ownership there is. City legal counsel indicates the City is not entitled to any compensation for this transfer.

Abandonment of this street will have a negligible impact on the street network. The right turn corner radius at Baltimore Street and Summit Avenue should be increased if possible when the HMSEF is constructed.

It was noted the Washington County Commissioners are expected to quit claim property at Hood Street.

The portion of the Cultural Trail between Baltimore Street and 187 +/- feet south of Antietam Street will be relocated as part of the HMSEF project and an MOU regarding that relocation between the City and MSA was provided for review.

The Trail was opened in June, 2017 and will become the main pedestrian route to the HMSEF from the downtown and also from points south of the HMSEF. A concept design was provided that shows the intention of the relocation. The actual design is not available as the MSA has just selected the design/build team.

Some highlights of the MOU include:

1. Trail relocation will be part of the HMSEF project, will have similar features as the current trail and will increase in length by approximately 180 lineal feet
2. The relocated trail will be subdivided from the HMSEF and conveyed back to the City when the HMSEF is completed.
3. MSA will pay all settlement costs.
4. The exiting utilities and public art will be relocated at no cost to the City. The large storm drain will be repaired in place or relocated.
5. The trail will be closed in the area of the HMSEF during construction.
6. The MOU was reviewed by the City’s bond counsel as the trail was funded in part by bonded debt.

Staff distributed the request to the various City departments for comment. The Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works, and the Water and Wastewater Divisions had no objection to the request. The Hagerstown Light Department has electric utility

facilities and lighting in Hood Street and the Cultural Trail area. These facilities will require relocation/removal but they will agree to the transfer on the condition that MSA will fund the relocation of the facilities and provide any necessary easement.

Various public storm drains are in the proposed conveyance area including a large (approximately three feet wide by five foot high) brick storm drain that is under the Cultural Trail that staff assume will be relocated as part of the HMSEF project.

On January 12, 2022, the Planning Commission recommended the transfer with these conditions:

1. The Trail will be continuous around the stadium.
2. The Trail would continue to be available to the public at all times and not closed for most events.
3. The City continue to have ownership of the relocated Trail.

The MSA Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding earlier today.

Councilmember Aleshire asked which concept has been selected. Mr. Tissue does not think a concept has been selected yet. He noted he randomly picked one of the concept drawings to include in the meeting material.

Councilmember Aleshire noted the MOU indicates the trail will be open to the public at all times. He wants to be sure this is reiterated in the contract. Ms. Rotz noted the MOU explicitly provides that the trail (once completed) must be open to the public under the City's Park Regulations. The City will own the Trail. The portion that is being conveyed to the MSA will be closed during construction. It will actually be destroyed. When the Trail is substantially complete, it will be conveyed to the City and be open under City regulations. The trail will be continuous and will be completely separate from the stadium and will be owned by the City in its entirety.

Councilmember Aleshire noted there are elevation changes in that area. The Trail is currently accessible all the way through. He wants to make sure any elevation changes do not affect the full accessibility.

Mr. Tissue stated the agreement includes language that the Trail must be accessible under ADA regulations from street to street. Mr. Nicewarner pointed out the MSA has been good to work with and agreeable to the language to address concerns about the Trail.

Ms. Rotz stated the City's Charter requires public notice for certain actions by the Mayor and City Council. Lindsey Rader, Bond Counsel, recommends the City give 20 days' notice of the approval of the MOU before signing the agreement. Ms. Rotz stated the notice will be provided. She noted she and Jason Morton, City Attorney, feel the notices from the meetings of the introduction and approval of the associated ordinances satisfies any requirement notice in the City Charter.

Approval of the MOU and introduction of two ordinances will be included on the agenda for March 22, 2022.

Appalachian Regional Commission Funding Requests for FY 2023

Kathleen Maher, Director of Planning and Code Administration, was present to review the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) funding requests for FY 2023.

The Tri-County Council of Western Maryland is seeking local project funding requests to the ARC for FY 2023. The deadline for submittal of Preliminary Project Descriptions to Washington County is April 1, 2022. The County Commissioners will prioritize all requests submitted within the county and will forward the requests with their recommendations to the Tri-County Council for review and action. The Tri-County Council then invite top-ranking proposals to submit a full grant application to the ARC, usually sometime in the fall. The matching requirement is 50% and federal funds cannot be used to match the ARC request. Projects must meet one or more ARC program goals and State objectives.

Staff recommends that the City rank and submit the following projects for consideration for ARC funding in FY 2023:

1. Extend R. Paul Smith Boulevard to Hebb Road
Total Project Cost \$ 1,500,000
ARC Grant Request \$ 75,000
50% Matching Funds from developer contribution
2. Update 16-20 inch piping and valves inside Willson Water Treatment Plant
Total Project Cost \$ 5,000,000
ARC Grant Request \$ 1,000,000
50% Matching Funds from bond and Water fund cash reserves
3. Upgrade Hagerstown Wastewater Pump Station 13 on Western Maryland Parkway
Total Project Cost \$ 3,800,000
ARC Grant Request \$ 1,000,000
50% Matching Funds from Wastewater Fund cash reserves
4. Reduce inflow and infiltration of groundwater into Hagerstown Wastewater Treatment Plan
Total Project Cost \$ 500,000
ARC Grant Request \$ 250,000
50% Matching Funds from Wastewater Fund cash reserves
5. Create hydraulic model of Hagerstown Wastewater sewer shed
Total Project Cost to be determined \$ 220,000
ARC Grant Request to be determined \$ 110,000
50% Matching Funds from Wastewater Fund cash reserves

6. Construct new parking deck on W. Antietam Street
Total Project Cost \$ 9,000,000
ARC Grant Request \$ 1,000,000
50% Matching Funds from City bond financing

Staff is confident the proposed projects are consistent with the ARC program goals and objectives.

It was the general consensus to change the order of the projects by making the upgrades to the Wastewater Pump Station 13 first and extending R. Paul Smith Boulevard third.

Mr. Nicewarner reiterated the process for applying for these funds is with an application made to the County Commissioners, who then rank the projects from all applications. The selected projects are lumped together for consideration of funding.

Approval of the application will be included on the March 22, 2022 Regular Session agenda.

Review of Annexation Agreement for 55 Oak Ridge Drive

Kathleen Maher, Director of Planning and Code Administration, was present to review an annexation agreement for 55 Oak Ridge Drive.

The buyer of the former Review & Herald site at 55 Oak Ridge Drive has plans to construct two warehouses totaling 1,844,611 square feet and has requested City water and wastewater to serve the new development. As required by the City's Annexation Policy and Water and Wastewater Policy, the condition of City utility approval outside the boundaries is annexation or submittal of a pre-annexation agreement if the property is not contiguous. 55 Oak Ridge Drive is contiguous to the City and annexation is required.

The City and buyer have formulated an annexation agreement as condition of receipt of City utilities which spells out the timing of initiation of the annexation process and certain conditions of development for the project. The typical terms of annexation provided for in annexation resolutions and pre-annexation agreements are included in the agreement. The following are the unique terms for this particular annexation as prescribed in the agreement:

1. Building 1 on Property 1: The annexation process will be initiated no sooner than 15 days after receipt of a Use and Occupancy permit from Washington County for the warehouse building or December 31, 2023, whichever comes first.
2. Building 2 on Property 2: The annexation process will be initiated no sooner than 15 days after receipt of a Use and Occupancy permit from Washington County for the warehouse building or December 31, 2024, whichever comes first.

3. The site plan submitted for County approval will be modified to better conform to certain agreed upon City development standards which differ from County development standards, as outlined and illustrated in Exhibit C to the agreement.
4. The building permit to the County will be modified to incorporate a two-way radio communications enhancement system compliant with the City’s standards and requirements which is not a requirement of the County permit process.
5. Any plans or permits pending with or approved by Washington County prior to the effective date of the annexation shall remain under the purview of Washington County for the purpose of inspections, release of performance surety, posting of maintenance surety, issuance of final use and occupancy permits and the like. Following the effective date of the annexation, any plans or permits to be submitted for review shall be under the purview of the City of Hagerstown.

Staff recommend approval of the agreement as presented and discussed as being consistent with prior direction provided by the Mayor and City Council.

It was the general consensus to move forward with approval of the agreement.

Recommendation for New City Farmer’s Market at University Plaza

Cathleen Miller, Farmer’s Market Coordinator, and Chris Siemerling, Economic Development Specialist, were present to review a draft recommendation for the new, seasonal outdoor City Farmer’s market in downtown Hagerstown at University Plaza.

The current City Farmer’s Market property at 25 W. Church Street is under contract for sale. The City will be operating the City Farmer’s Market into the month of May, 2022. The last day of operations in the building has yet to be determined.

In anticipation of the sale of the property, staff reviewed the following site alternatives discussed in the December 14, 2021 Work Session: 1) Hatter’s Plaza on the Cultural Trail; 2) Public Square; and 3) the Central Parking Lot. Staff are presenting University Plaza as the recommended site location. A summary of the key elements is as follows:

- City Farmer’s Market – Saturdays – University Plaza, 50 W. Washington Street
- Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- June 4, 2022 – October 8, 2022 (season is 4 months/17 weeks)
- Annual Application/Selection Process
- Vendor fees: Full Season: \$ 100
- Weekly: \$ 10 per week (required minimum 1 Saturday per month/minimum 4)
- Guidelines require attendance and not more than 3 absences
- Draft Layout can accommodate approximately 38 vendors

Format

City provides space and market coordination/promotion
Indoor restrooms at 60 W. Washington Street, USMH Building
Vendors provide their needed equipment, tables, tents (if desired)

Dates in 2022 with Conflicts with Scheduled Events – No Market on these dates
6/18/2022 – Juneteenth
7/30/2022 – Freedom Fest (TBD – possible coordination of timing)
10/15/2022 – Fiber Fest

In addition, staff will continue to explore the idea of Pop-Up Indoor Market events in the Spring/Easter season and the holiday season.

Mayor Keller asked what will happen if other events are already scheduled for the proposed Market days at University Plaza. She asked if established events will now be required to work outside the Market schedule. Ms. Miller indicated some events are already on the schedule for University Plaza and vendors are aware the scheduled market days could change.

Councilmember Aleshire is concerned about the ease of loading and unloading at the University Plaza location. He participates as a vendor at a farmers market and knows the success of these markets depends on continuity. Vendors will continue to participate if all aspects are easy and convenient. He is not opposed to the University Plaza location but thinks an alternative site, such as at the beginning of the Cultural Trail on Lee Street, is worth reviewing. The large parking lot at the Ellsworth Electric would make loading and unloading convenient for vendors. This location also puts a farmers market near three different senior community living spaces. He realizes this is a private parking lot. This location would not interfere with events on property already owned and rented out by the City.

Mr. Siemerling noted staff has not looked closely at that area. One of staff's main concerns is having convenient vendor and customer parking.

Ms. Miller stated some of the things to consider at that location are the availability of restroom facilities and electricity. She noted some vendors pay ahead and prefer to have the same location from week to week. This proposed location can be reviewed. Staff are currently recommending the University Plaza site as the best option from what has been reviewed. It is only a five minute walk from the current market location and will accommodate the current vendors, but without cooking on site. Staff was unable to find a location that would provide all the current functions. If this location is acceptable to the Mayor and City Council, staff will begin promotion of the new format soon.

Mr. Siemerling stated staff hopes to begin special event markets in June as well.

Councilmember McIntire wondered if people who visit farmers markets expect restroom facilities and electricity. She asked if the vendors could bring their own

generator. Mr. Siemerling stated it depends on the market. Vendors would be encouraged to bring their own power source. A number of clients and vendors have requested restroom facilities.

It was the general consensus of the Mayor and City Council to include formal approval of the University Plaza location on the agenda for March 22, 2022.

Department of Community and Economic Development Staff Position

Jill Thompson, Director of Community and Economic Development, was present to review a recommendation regarding filling the vacant Economic Development Program Assistant position.

The recommendation is to fill the vacancy with a full-time Economic Development Coordinator (or other appropriate title to be determined). The vacant Economic Development Program assistant position is part-time at 35 hours per week and benefits eligible. The recommendation is net neutral to both the FY22 Budget and the current FY23 draft budget.

The need for the change is to be able to hire at a level to better support the high volume of economic development demand and opportunities of the department and to create a position with career path potential.

The Mayor and City Council agreed to include approval of the staff position as discussed on the March 22, 2022 agenda.

FY22 Axon Contract Renewal

Chief Paul “Joey” Kifer, Sergeant Edward Plummer, and representatives of Axon, were present to provide a demonstration of Axon’s capabilities as well as present a proposal to amend/renew the existing contract for managing video evidence with increased options, to include enhanced storage, and equipment replacement and maintenance.

The purchase price for the 10 year contract is \$ 174,264.67 annually with a total contract price of \$ 1,742,651.67. The purchase price for the 5 year contract is \$ 163,541.32 annually with a total contract price of \$ 817,706.49.

The solicitation will occur under competitively awarded Minnesota Government Agency Solicitation number RFP #010720.

The proposed funding source is ARPA funds.

Chief Kifer noted the cost has increased significantly due to the strict mandates for storing video evidence. This program will provide unlimited storage through Axon Storage. The Hagerstown Police Department will be able to import other video to the

storage as well. The 10 year contract is more expensive annually, however inflation costs are included. Both potential contracts include a termination clause.

Sgt. Plummer stated the contract includes a training component that will provide more effective training and more up to date equipment. Accepting the 10 year contract will future proof the program for the next 10 years. At year 5, officers will receive new weapons. This is important for the safety of officers and citizens. The training component utilizes a Virtual Reality headset program. The Hagerstown Police Department is putting more confident officers on the street from utilizing this training.

Chief Kifer noted the contact meets the criteria for ARPA funding and can be used for the first couple years of the contract. The value of the training side of the contract is the most important component to him. In a virtual reality world, an officer can walk through a building and experience many scenarios. This is the future of training.

Councilmember Aleshire asked that information be provided on contract forms, noting which ARPA criteria is being applied.

Axon will provide recommendations for training and let the department determine where it moves to. Base training is included in all their programs and they focus on certain things law enforcement faces, including crisis situations.

A hands on demonstration was provided to Mayor and City Councilmembers.

Councilmember Aleshire supports accepting the 10 year contract due to the upgrade of equipment every 30 months. It was the general consensus to move forward with accepting the 10 year contract. Formal approval will be included on the March 22, 2022 agenda.

Michelle Hepburn, Chief Financial Officer, stated ARPA funding could be used to cover the costs for FY22, FY23, and FY24.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Scott A. Nicewarner, City Administrator, reminded everyone the St. Patrick's Day run will be held on March 19, 2022, after being delayed by snow on March 12, 2022.

He thanked the Hagerstown Police Department and Sgt. Plummer and other staff for their passion in making the department better and for thinking outside the box.

He appreciates the way staff has looked at other ways of doing things in all departments. Another example is the InvoiceCloud program, which will provide customers multiple options for ways to pay their City bills.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember S. McIntire had no additional comments.

Councilmember R. E. Bruchey, II mentioned a No Turn on Red sign at Potomac Street and Church Street will be removed soon.

Councilmember T. Burnett had no additional comments.

Councilmember K. B. Aleshire wants to make it clear how two large projects are progressing in Hagerstown. He voted to approve the contract for demolition of Municipal Stadium. He appreciates the movement by the Mayor and City Council on a project that the community has embraced and this body wants to accomplish. Removal of the structures at Municipal Stadium answers the questions about what will be done with the property. Municipal Stadium had a long, productive, and positive impact to the community for many years. There has been difficulty in working through a process with a coalition of counterparts to identify the City's and community's priorities to the State. There are a lot of folks working behind the scenes that present priorities to the legislators and ask for help with other projects. There has been a lot of time, effort, and deliberation throughout this process in developing a list of community priorities. He finds it confusing when a Senator and Delegate who directly represent the community, appear to be working in opposition to those projects the group has indicated are priorities for the community this year. It is confusing and wishes that wasn't the case. He believes the City has been as publicly transparent as possible in this process. He would be happy to send the City's priorities to the State and give the projects a thorough presentation and allow them to fall short of their own volition during State deliberations. He is not happy when others are working against those priorities outside that process. Actions like this reduces his confidence that those two individuals adequately and effectively represent him as a citizen of the City and the community. This is a project that everyone has agreed is one of the priorities for the community. If it fails on its own merits that is fine, but it is not appropriate when others are working against it. This could possibly make him reconsider his support of spending funding on things like parking decks that have been agreed to. If the State funding is not granted for the indoor sports facility, the City may need to use allocated capital for the projects that aren't funded.

Councilmember T. Martinez offered congratulations to Kalim Johnson for planning a successful Black Economic Empowerment Summit on March 12, 2022.

Mayor E. Keller also congratulated Mr. Johnson and E.A.R.N. for the success of the first Black Economic Empowerment Summit. She thanked Councilmember Martinez for representing Hagerstown and the Mayor and City Council in an incredible way.

She agreed with Councilmember Aleshire. They have all asked why can't Hagerstown have everything. Hagerstown deserves good things and can have everything, including an indoor sports facility and a stadium/event center.

Mayor Keller attended the National League of Cities Congressional Conference during the last two days. She attended a number of workshops. The keynote speaker this year was President Joe Biden. There was a sense of unity when he entered the room. He was inspiring and gave her hope as a mom, an American, and an elected official.

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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 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by D. K. Spickler

Donna K. Spickler
City Clerk

Approved: April 26, 2022