

EXECUTIVE SESSION, WORK SESSION, AND SPECIAL SESSION

(41ST VOTING SESSION)

MAY 17, 2022

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

EXECUTIVE SESSION, SPECIAL SESSION (41ST VOTING SESSION), AND WORK SESSION – May 17, 2022

EXECUTIVE SESSION – May 17, 2022

Mayor Keller called the Executive Session to order at 3:09 p.m.

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 of all members present at the time of the vote to meet in closed session to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; #3 (Section 3-305(b)), to conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations; (#9) (Section 3-305(b)), and to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; (#1) (Section 3-305(b)), on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 3:09 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 2nd floor, City Hall, Hagerstown, Maryland. Councilmember S. McIntire and Councilmember K. B. Aleshire were not present at the time of 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 Ann Rotz, Michelle Hepburn, Chief Financial Officer, Eric Deike, Director of Public Works, Rodney Tissue, City Engineer, Don Francis, Director of Human Resources, Kevin DeHaven, Safety and Loss Control Coordinator, Adam Hopkins, Fire Battalion Chief, Wes Decker, Communications Manager, and Donna K. Spickler, City Clerk.

The meeting was held to discuss acquisition of property for a third parking deck, to discuss a union contract, and membership of the Historic District Commission and the Board of Code Appeals. No formal action was taken at the meeting. On a motion duly made, seconded, and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

SPECIAL SESSION (41ST VOTING SESSION) AND WORK SESSION) – May 17, 2022

Mayor E. Keller called this Special Session (41st Voting Session) and Work Session of the Mayor and City Council to order at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 17, 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, and City Clerk D. K. Spickler.

SPECIAL SESSION (41ST VOTING SESSION) – May 17, 2022

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 to meet in Special Session at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Hagerstown, Maryland.

Approval of an Ordinance: Tax Rates Beginning July 1, 2022

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember S. McIntire and seconded by R. E. Bruchey, II, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve an ordinance to establish the city's tax rates for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 on the basis of \$ 1.002 per \$100 of assessed value of all real property excluding properties designated as Apartments, which will be \$ 1.032 per \$ 100 of assessed value and \$ 2.505 per \$ 100 of assessed value of all business personal property within the City of Hagerstown. These rates are the same as current FY22 rates.

Approval of an Ordinance: Budget FY 2023

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember T. Martinez and seconded by Councilmember S. McIntire, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve an ordinance to adopt the City's budget for fiscal year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 in the total amount of \$ 171,228,770.

The Special Session was closed at 4:05 p.m.

WORK SESSION – May 17, 2022

Proclamation: Lyme Disease Awareness Month

Mayor Keller read a proclamation naming May, 2022 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month in Hagerstown, Maryland. Ashley Baker accepted the proclamation. She urged everyone to take Lyme Disease seriously and do what they can to protect themselves from tick bites.

Preservation Awards

Mayor Keller, Stephen Bockmiller, Zoning Administrator, and Michael Gehr, Historic District Commission, presented the following awards in recognition of Preservation Month:

1. Jonathan Street Log Cabin – Preservation Maryland
2. Heyser Mansion Wine Cellar at City Park – City of Hagerstown
3. 603 Oak Hill Avenue – Brendan Fitzsimmons and the V. R. Groh and B. I. Groh Permanent Charitable Trust
4. Hatters Plaza – City of Hagerstown
5. Dollar General, East Franklin Street – Penntex Ventures
6. 235 North Potomac Street – Richard and Becky Owens

7. 202 South Prospect Street – Sarah Perrie
8. Moller Organ Factory – Moller Properties, LLC
9. 441 North Potomac Street (Moller Mansion) – Steven Owens
10. 465 North Potomac Street – Andrew Durham

Preliminary Agenda Review

Mayor Keller announced that Citizen Comments for the May 24, 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.

Public Hearings

Public Hearings to receive testimony on the O’Sick Local Conversion District Overlay Zone and the Surrey; LLC Conversion District Overlay Zone are scheduled for May 24, 2022.

Consent Agenda

A. Engineering:

1. Tree Canopy Assessment – University of Vermont (Burlington, VT)
\$ 13,970.00
2. Funkhouser Park Restroom Access & Water Diversion – Lone Star Builders, Inc. (Clear Spring, MD) \$ 42,930.00

B. Finance:

1. Utility Bill Processing and Mailing – Arista Information Systems (Duluth, GA) \$ 192,000.00

C. Human Resources:

1. Specific Stop Loss Insurance Annual Premium – Tokio Marine HCC (Kennesaw, GA) \$ 378,936.00
2. City Sponsored Life Insurance – Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Co. (Hartford, CT) \$ 33,950.00
3. Administration of Dental Coverage – UCCI (Hunt Valley, MD) \$ 43,956.00
4. Administration of Medical Coverage – United Healthcare (Chicago, IL) \$ 299,048.00
5. Employee Assistance Program Annual Premium – Compsych (Chicago, IL) \$ 9,494.00

D. Information Technology:

1. MUNIS Accounts Receivable API Interface – Tyler Technologies (Dallas, TX) \$ 18,879.00

2. Arctic Wolf IT Security Software Package – Carahsoft Technology Group (Reston, VA) \$ 48,579.93

E. Police Department:

1. Street Camera Project Phase 5 – Salem Avenue Corridor of Downtown- Fiber Plus (Jessup, MD) \$ 95,140.00

F. Public Works:

1. Open Container Exemption and Application Permit for Juneteenth Event – University Plaza, June 17, 2022, June 18, 2022, and June 19, 2022
2. 2023 F-750 Gas Regular Cab and Stainless Steel Dump Body, Salt Spreader & Snow Plow – Keystone Ford (Chambersburg, PA) \$ 162,993.00
3. July 4th Fireworks at Fairgrounds Park – Starfire Corporation (St. Benedict, PA) \$ 25,000.00

G. Utilities:

1. Light: Vegetation Management FY22 Blanket Extension – All Reliable Services, Inc. (Saint Augustine, FL) \$ 40,000.00
2. Light: Vegetation Management Blanket Contract – All Reliable Services (Saint Augustine, FL) \$ 331,600.00
3. Light: Linework Services Blanket Contract – Everhart & Hoover Power Line Construction, Inc. (Hustontown, PA) \$ 250,000.00
4. Light: Substation Maintenance and Repair FY22 Blanket Extension – TRC Companies (Lancaster, PA) \$ 40,000.00
5. Light: Consulting Services – GDS Associates, Inc. (Marietta, GA) \$ 75,000.00
6. Light: Substation Maintenance and Repair Blanket Contract – TRC Companies (Lancaster, PA) \$ 150,000.00
7. Light: Emergency Purchase – 1/0 Triplex Conductor – Anixter (Glenview, IL) \$ 39,000.00
8. Light: Milsoft Productivity Software – Milsoft Utility Solutions (Abilene, TX) \$ 70,275.00
9. Light: Electric Equipment Refurbishment – Southeastern Transformer Company (Dunn, NC) \$ 50,000.00
10. Light: Emergency Purchase – Wood Utility Poles – United Utility Supply (Louisville, K) \$ 29,160.35
11. Wastewater: Administration Building – Emergency Repair for Foundation Water Intrusion – Keystone Foundation Repair, Inc. (Carlisle, PA) \$ 17,500.00
12. Wastewater: Wastewater Treatment Plant – Chemical Purchase – Maryland Biochemical (Bel Air, MD) \$ 23,130.00
13. Wastewater: Wastewater Treatment Plant Replacement of Waste Activated Sludge and Scum Pumps – Penn Valley Pump (Warrington Road, PA) \$ 84,914.00
14. Wastewater: Wastewater Treatment Plant Chemical Purchase -Methanol – Colonial Chemical Solutions (Savannah, GA) \$ 79,200.00
15. Wastewater: Wastewater Treatment Plant Equipment – SCADA Upgrade – Micro-Tech Designs, Inc. (Hampstead, MD) \$ 68,738.00

16. Wastewater: Pump Stations Improvements – Wet Well Lining – Advanced Rehabilitation Technology (Bryan, OH) \$ 76,400.00
17. Water: Preventative Maintenance Agreement on Chlorine Equipment – Environmental Service and Equipment Company, Inc. (Marcus Hook, PA) \$ 10,472.00
18. Water: Street Patching Contract Extension – Huntzberry Brothers, Inc. (Smithsburg, MD) \$ 357,339.00
19. Water: Polymer – George S. Coyne Chemical Co., Inc. (Croydon, PA) \$ 41,400.00

Councilmember Aleshire noted the pricing from the original bid changed for the utilities street patching. He clarified the change is due to significant increases in the cost of asphalt. William Luhn, Water Operations Manager, confirmed that is correct. Councilmember Aleshire wondered if other bidders should be given an opportunity to resubmit prices. Mr. Luhn indicated that is an option for the Mayor and City Council to consider. Councilmember Aleshire stated he understands and noted rebidding would be time consuming and the costs may continue to increase during that time so it may not be beneficial to rebid.

Councilmember Aleshire inquired if the developer's agreement for the Currwood Development includes adding travel lanes to Dual Highway. He asked if consideration had been given to a roundabout. Rodney Tissue, City Engineer, stated a roundabout was discussed at length because truck traffic creates a different traffic dynamic. The diagram shown indicates how a roundabout can be utilized.

This completed the Preliminary Agenda Review. There were no additional questions about any items. All items, unless noted, are scheduled for approval on May 24, 2022.

IBEW Union Contract

Don Francis, Director of Human Resources, reported the City's negotiation team has reached a tentative, two-year, agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 307. This collective bargaining agreement was voted on and ratified by the union's membership on April 28, 2022. If the Mayor and Council find the tentative agreement acceptable, it will be scheduled for a formal vote during the Regular Session on May 24, 2022.

Highlights of the agreement includes wage increases in year 1 of 3.0% for Grades 5-12 and 7.0% for Grades 14-17, and increases for all grades in year 2 of 3.0%. The wage schedule increments are being amended. Amendments were also made in comp time carryover and accumulation, emergency call-outs, Stand-By Procedures, and posting of vacancies.

The cost of the FY23 wage enhancements is \$ 78,915.00 for year 1 and \$ 47,143.00 for year 2 will be borne by the Utilities Fund. Mr. Francis recommends the Mayor and City Council approve and adopt this collective bargaining agreement.

It was the general consensus to include approval of the labor contract on the May 24, 2022 Regular Session agenda.

FY23 Budget Review

Michelle Hepburn, Chief Financial Officer, and Brooke Garver, Accounting and Budget Manager, were present and finalized the review of the FY23 Proposed Budget.

Reprogramming of the 2019 Tax Exempt Bond was discussed several weeks ago. At that time, it was reported that ordinances and resolutions would need to be reviewed and approved by the Mayor and City Council for reprogramming the funds. Ms. Hepburn stated those actions will not be needed as the original allocation included vehicles and current purchase needs are for vehicles. The funding can be reallocated for other vehicle purchases. One of those vehicles, a dump truck for Public Works, is included in the Consent Agenda for formal approval next week.

Hagerstown plans its capital improvement projects over a five-year period. Capital Improvements programming and budgeting involves the development of a long-term plan for capital expenditures. Capital expenditures include buildings and facilities, significant ongoing maintenance and improvements to current facilities, land, major equipment, and other commodities which are of significant value and have a useful life of several years.

The CIP section presents comprehensive descriptions of major project needs for FY23 through FY27. Pages 14 through 43 provide summary schedules by Fund outlining funding sources and project expenditures and are organized by Fund and department. Pages 44 through 179 contain detailed descriptions pertaining to individual CIP projects and are organized by Fund and project number. These pages describe each project in more detail and include a justification section. Additionally, these pages include information relating to the potential budget impact that each recurring and non-recurring capital investment may have on current and future operation budgets and services provided by the City.

The City's Capital Improvement Program budget for FY23 is at \$ 40.2 million and is 78.6% higher than the \$ 22.5 million in the FY22 revised budget. The FY23 budget encompasses various types of projects as indicated in the Strategic Plan. Several of the major projects in the five year Capital improvement Program plan are as follows:

1. Vehicle replacements \$ 3.7 million
2. Pavement Preservation Program \$ 1.3 million
3. Renovation of Former M & T Bank \$ 1.3 million
4. Professional Court Extension \$ 3.0 million
5. Fire Department Training Center \$ 1.0 million
6. Hagerstown Field House \$ 750,000
(total cost at completion is \$ 21.3 million)
7. Wheaton Park Improvements \$ 437,000
8. Ice Rink facility improvements \$ 622,000
9. Fire department radio equipment \$ 750,000

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| 10. Third Parking Deck | \$ 5.7 million |
| 11. East End Pump Station | \$ 3.0 million |
| 12. Beginning of new Mack Water tank
(total at completion \$ 4.6 million) | \$ 2.4 million |
| 13. Willson Treatment Plant | \$ 800,00 |

Parking rates were last increased for the parking decks and parking lots by the Mayor and City Council on July 1, 2021. No new rate increases have been proposed for FY23. Future revenues do include an estimate for increased usage and rates combined for overall totals that range from 1.5% to 2.5% annually beginning in FY2023/24 through FY2026/27.

Revenue is projected at \$ 854,000 for FY23. Offsetting the revenue with expenses and depreciation shows an anticipated deficit of \$ 207,000.

The projects include the assumption that a third parking deck would be completed at the end of FY2023/24 with one full year of operation in FY2024/25. The revenue calculation is based on utilization of 280 available spaces in the new deck. Additionally, new parking deck expenses and fees are included in the projections and are based on average expenditure trends reflected in the existing two decks. With the inclusion of a third parking deck, it is anticipated that there will be an increase in the deficit in FY2023/24 which will deplete the Parking Fund cash balances significantly. It will take a long time to realize a surplus from the new deck.

Councilmember Aleshire noted that five years ago, the cost to construct a 450 space deck was \$ 15 million. There are fewer spaces in the planned deck and it will cost more to construct. The cost per space has increased significantly. He anticipates the costs will continue to increase.

Stormwater rates of \$ 32.00 per 1,000 square feet of impervious area were approved by the Mayor and City Council to begin at the start of July, 2020. Due to the COVID pandemic, the implementation and billing of the fees were delayed until March, 2021. Rates were adjusted to \$ 34.00 per 1,000 square feet of impervious areas on January 1, 2022. For future years, rates were approved to be \$ 36.00 starting in January, 2023 with the rate model to be reassessed for future years.

Anticipated expenses will include increases in future periods as the program and projects take time to complete. The overall increase for all future periods through FY2026/27 is estimated to average 3.5% annually to include increases for salaries, benefits and other inflationary increases.

Bond rating agencies do not consider the Stormwater Protection Fund to be a true enterprise fund as it is not self-sustaining. Ms. Hepburn stated she will recommend it be made part of the General Fund at some point.

Review of 11850 Indian Lane tot the Competitive Negotiated Sale Program

Doug Reaser, Business Development Specialist, was present to review 11850 Indian Lane and to discuss 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.

The property consists of 11.93 acres, comprised as a farmette with a single family dwelling unit and out buildings. The approximate living space of the residential structure is 2,653 square feet. The property is zoned Agricultural Transitional. The property has a cell phone tower on it, and the City receives rental income from the cell tower owner. The tower is subject to a recorded Land Lease Agreement dated March 16, 2011. The Land Lease Agreement provides that the cell tower owner has a right of first refusal as to any bona fide offer to purchase the Indian Lane property.

Staff proposes a list price of \$ 675,000, with a 2.5% fee for a potential buyer with an agent.

Councilmember Aleshire stated it is unfortunate this property did not work out to be part of the Kiwanis Park as he originally thought it could be. Because of the significant elevation difference between the two properties it is not feasible to combine them. He noted it would be unfortunate to lose the historic significance of some of the structures on the property. It would be nice to have someone recognize their importance.

It was the general consensus to move forward with adding 11850 Indian Lane to the CNS list. Formal approval will be included on the agenda for the May 24, 2022 Regular Session.

Code Amendments – Chapter 238 of the City Code

Nancy Hausrath, Director of Utilities, was unavailable for this meeting. This item was removed from the agenda and will be discussed in June, 2022.

Illicit Discharge Ordinance

Jim Bender, Assistant City Engineer, was present to review a draft Illicit Discharge Ordinance. The City has a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, issued by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), to discharge stormwater from the City's storm drainage system into waters of the State. One of the requirements of that permit is that the City must approve an ordinance that prohibits illegal or illicit connections to the drainage system, and provides a mechanism for the City to investigate and stop discharges of pollutants. Staff has worked with the City Attorney to develop this draft ordinance that meets the permit requirements.

MDE's goal through this requirement is to ensure that NPDES permit holders have regulations in place that will allow them to minimize or prevent pollutant discharges that eventually are carried downstream into streams, rivers, and the Chesapeake Bay. This

requirement is a standard part of every NPDES permit, and all counties and municipalities must adopt these regulations. While there are some restrictions on such pollutant discharges scattered throughout the current City Code, there is not a comprehensive set of regulations that address of the MDE's requirements. The proposed ordinance will codify these regulations as part of Chapter 213 "Stormwater Management".

The proposed ordinance provides definitions of "pollutants" that are prohibited from being discharged into the City's storm drainage system. These include paint, oils or other automotive fluids, solvents, hazardous materials, pesticides, herbicides, wastewater (sewage), and other pollutants. While some amount of pollutants will inevitably be introduced into the system by runoff during storm events, the goal is to minimize the amount of this pollution.

The ordinance does exempt certain non-rainfall discharges: public water main flushing and discharges from firefighting operations are allowed, as is the draining of swimming pools if the water is first dechlorinated in accordance with State requirements. Discharges from non-commercial vehicle washing are permitted, as are uncontaminated groundwater discharges from sump pumps or foundation drains, and condensation discharges from HVAC units.

The provisions of this ordinance will be enforced by the City Engineer and their staff. The ordinance gives these personnel permission to request entry to properties to investigate potential violations, or to monitor discharges from those properties into the City's system. If entry to a property is refused, the City may seek the issuance of a search warrant from the court of jurisdiction. Property owners are required to notify the City Engineer of any hazardous or non-hazardous discharges of pollutants into the City's storm drainage system or waterways.

If the City Engineer discovers a violation of the ordinance, a written warning notice will be sent to the property owner. If the violation continues, a Notice of Violation will be issued to the property owner; that notice will identify the nature of the violation, how it must be abated, the time frame for compliance, and potential penalties if the violation continues. Those penalties include the issuance of a Municipal Infraction with a fine of \$ 1,000 per day for every day that the violation continues. Violators may also be charged with a criminal misdemeanor, with associated fines and potential imprisonment.

While enforcement of this ordinance will place an additional burden on City staff, it is required in order to remain in compliance with the NPDES permit.

It was the general consensus to move forward with making this Code amendment and schedule introduction of the ordinance for May 24, 2022. Public Service Announcements will be made prior to when the law goes into effect.

Jim Bender, Assistant City Engineer, was present to provide an update on the Stormwater Protection Program.

The City's Stormwater Protection Program was approved in April, 2020, and collection of the Stormwater Protection Fee began in April, 2021.

The Stormwater Protection Program was developed in response to new requirements in the NPDES MS4 Permit. The new permit requires the City to remove 20% of the exiting impervious area within the City, or provide treatment for 20% of the impervious area whose runoff isn't currently being treated. This area was determined to be approximately 390 acres. The estimated cost to create the required treatment systems was \$ 15 - \$ 20 million, and the permit required this work to be completed by 2025.

Over a two year period, staff worked with a consultant (Wood) and a Stormwater Management Advisory Committee to determine the best way to meet the permit requirements. It was eventually determined that the implementation of a stormwater protection fee was the most equitable method to raise the required restoration funds. It was also determined that the Stormwater Protection Program would be best operated as an Enterprise Fund, and all that stormwater-related activities would be transferred to that fund. That included not only obvious stormwater activities, but related operations such as street sweeping and curb replacement.

Although the Stormwater Protection Program was officially approved in the spring of 2020, the implementation of the stormwater protection fee was delayed until the spring of 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. So, while various internal reorganizational activities occurred at the City, other restoration projects were delayed until the funds began to accrue in the Enterprise Fund account. Now that a year's worth of fees have been collected, the City plans to proceed with a series of restoration projects that will help to fulfil the permit requirements.

In 2021, using funds collected via the stormwater protection fee, the City was able to complete the following activities:

1. Street sweeping
2. Hager Park Storm Drain Replacement
3. BMX Track Bioretention Facility
4. Curb Replacement
5. Tree Planting and Maintenance

Future planned activities include the following:

1. MKS Business Park Pond Retrofit
2. Greens at Hamilton Run Stream Relocation
3. West Hillcrest Road Stormwater Retrofit
4. Storm Drainage Improvement Projects
5. Columbia Gas Cross-bore Inspection

6. Other Stormwater Retrofit Projects
7. Continuation of Existing Programs/Operations Update on stormwater protection program

Mr. Bender noted there is an incentive program for homeowners which has not gained much interest. This program is in partnership with the Washington County Soil Conservation District. Information will be distributed encouraging people to participate in the incentive program.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Scott A. Nicewarner, City Administrator, thanked everyone who attended the grand opening of the next phase of the Cultural Trail and the plaza. It is a beautiful space. The Foundry is having a grand opening on Friday, May 20, 2022 and Mid-Atlantic Veterinary Hospital is holding a grand re-opening on Saturday, May 21, 2022. There are many businesses expanding or opening.

Mr. Nicewarner thanked all police officers, current and retired, for their service to citizens. It is appropriate to recognize their service during police week.

He thanked the Finance Department and Senior Staff that participated in the budget process this year. This was not an easy budget to balance, given the uncertainty of the economy, continuing to deal with COVID, and reworking events. Triennial assessments will begin later this year as well. He thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support and input during the budget reviews.

He congratulated Amy Riley, Recreation Services and Promotion Coordinator, for being accepted into the Leadership Washington County Class 36.

Music on the Square on May 20, 2022 will feature Wild Whispers.

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Councilmember T. Martinez had no additional comments.

Councilmember K. B. Aleshire reiterated his position that larger municipalities are at a disadvantage in relation to State requirements for advertising tax rates. The State requirement is an outdated process and needs to be changed. It does not reflect the good things those larger municipalities have done. He hopes someone will review the process.

Councilmember T. Burnett had no additional comments.

Councilmember R. E. Bruchey, II had no additional comments.

Councilmember S. McIntire presented a certificate of recognition to the Interact Club (sponsored by the Rotary). The middle school students completed a project at City Park. This is the youngest Interact Club in Hagerstown.

Mayor E. Keller noted they have been working hard to change the perception of Hagerstown and positive changes are happening. The budget was passed with no tax increase. The newspaper did not highlight that positive point. Employees work way too hard to be discredited all the time.

The next community clean up day will be May 21, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Free trash bags and gloves can be picked up at Elgin Station. Main Street volunteers will also be planting flowers the same morning. People will also be putting stencils on drains beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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 5:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by D. K. Spickler

Donna K. Spickler
City Clerk

Approved: June 28, 2023