

Members of the Mayor and City Council attended the “Everyone Wins” mural dedication in the 300 block of West Washington Street at 1:00 p.m. on June 7, 2022. Following the dedication, they attended a tour of the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, hosted by Roger Fairborn.

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Mayor Keller called the Executive Session to order at 3:19 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 to meet in closed session to consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State (#4) (Section 3-305(b)), on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 3:19 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 2nd floor, City Hall, Hagerstown, Maryland.

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, Attorney Jason Morton, Michelle Hepburn, Chief Financial Officer, Nancy Hausrath, Director of Utilities, Kellen Douglas, Water and Wastewater Engineer, Wes Decker, Communications Manager, and Donna K. Spickler, City Clerk.

The meeting was held to discuss a business proposal and utility needs. No formal action was taken at the meeting. On a motion duly made, seconded, and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

WORK SESSION – June 7, 2022

Mayor E. Keller called this Work Session of the Mayor and City Council to order at 4:10 p.m., Tuesday, June 7, 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.

Non-union City-Wide Pay Scale Approval and Non-Union HPD Command Pay Scale Approval

Don Francis, Director of Human Resources, was present to discuss the Non-Union City-Wide pay scale and the Non-Union Hagerstown Police Department Command pay scale.

As included in the budget, the City-wide scale has been increased across the board by 3.0% and covers all non-union personnel except those in the HPD Command Structure.

The total cost of these changes is \$ 340,715.00, of which \$ 242,860.00 is cost attributed to the General Fund.

The HPD non-union scale was created within HPD to assure that there was a standard increase when a police employee goes into the management structure. The difference between the union and non-union scales is 10%. The total cost of these changes is \$ 148,834.00.

It was the general consensus of the Mayor and City Council to include approval of both these non-union pay scales on the June 28, 2022 Regular Session agenda.

Hagerstown Police Department Conversion of 2 Part-Time Positions to 1 Full-Time Position

Police Chief Paul (Joey) Kifer was present to discuss the possibility of converting two part-time positions to one full-time position.

The effective operation of the Police Department requires lobby coverage and monitoring of the Street Crime Cameras. Currently, HPD has two part-time positions assigned to this task. One of those positions is vacant and the other employee works 30 hours a week. The vacant position is for 20 hours per week.

Chief Kifer stated they are seeking approval to convert the two part-time positions into one fully-time position. He believes this step is beneficial in assisting HPD with lobby coverage and street crime camera coverage and may result in a cost savings for the City of Hagerstown.

The FY23 budget currently includes funding for two part-time Street Camera Operators, so additional funding would not be necessary.

It was the general consensus of the Mayor and City Council to include approval of the conversion of the positions on the June 28, 2022 Regular Session agenda.

Conversion District Overlay at 245 North Potomac Street

Kathleen Maher, Director of Planning and Code Administration, was present to review the input received to date and the Planning Commission recommendation, and provide direction on action to be taken on the requested rezoning for 245 North Potomac Street.

The Mayor and City Council held a public hearing on May 25, 2022 for Case ZM-2021-02, a Local Conversion District Overlay at 245 North Potomac Street filed by O-Sick Family Trust. No new public input was received at the hearing or to date in the 10 days the record was left open. The only public input was received at the Planning Commission public review meeting.

The property is an existing mixed-use building located on the corner of Potomac Street and Bethel Street. The zoning is Residential Office (RO). It is currently occupied

by 7 dwelling units and 1 office space with an additional commercial space that is vacant. The applicant wishes to expand the permitted commercial uses for that front facing commercial space to include the following uses per the Land Management Code of the City of Hagerstown, Article 4: Zoning Ordinance:

1. Bank or credit union
2. Business Service Center or Quick Printing Services
3. Bed & Breakfast Inns, including short-term rental with food service
4. Retail/wholesale trade excluding auto, up to 5,000 sq ft in net floor area. May include retail bakeries and retail confectioneries

The applicant also proposes removing the vinyl siding on the sides of the commercial front door as part of replacing the door with a commercial unit consistent with adjacent display windows; installing security cameras and ambient front lighting to front of building; and no other fencing, landscaping, parking, or exterior changes at this time.

During the consultation with the applicant, the Planning Commission discussed the condition of requiring the applicant to combine the 2 lots to ensure parking remains on site. There are no other specific requests or recommendations from the Commission aside from landscaping being dealt with at the site plan stage.

Staff received an email from Michael J. Amonree, 329 N. Potomac Street, Hagerstown, Maryland, prior to the Planning Commission review meeting indicating his concern about unintended consequences for the neighborhood if a retail operation (for example a convenience store) is permitted to operate at this property.

The Planning Commission recommends approval of the Local Conversion District Overlay at 245 North Potomac Street with the conditions that the applicant combines the building lot with the parking lot into one consolidated lot to ensure the parking stays with the building into the future. They also agreed with the recommendation from the Historic District Commission to require some type of landscaping that will be decided at the site plan stage.

The Mayor and City Council agreed to include introduction of the rezoning ordinance and findings of fact, which include the conditions discussed during this meeting, on the June 28, 2022 Regular Session agenda.

Conversion District Overlay at 535 Summit Avenue (Surrey School)

Stephen Bockmiller, Development Review Planner/Zoning Administrator, was present to review the Conversion Overlay District request for 535 Summit Avenue (former Surrey School).

The record was kept open for 10 days following the hearing. The only comments received during the 10 days were an email correspondence from the project engineer Fred Frederick and a supplemental memorandum from William Wantz, counsel for the applicants.

Mr. Bockmiller stated staff is providing the following notes, analysis, and clarifications for the Mayor and City Council's consideration.

It is not required for the concept plan for an overlay to show full compliance with current parking requirements. The rezoning exhibit is a generalized plan. The site plan to follow, which is the more detailed plan, must be in substantial conformance with the exhibit approved by the Mayor and Council, and compliant with the Zoning Ordinance. Compliance with the Zoning Ordinance could come in the form of 1) providing all parking on site for all uses, 2) providing a smaller amount of parking approved by the Planning Commission based on mixture and overlapping uses, and 3) a smaller amount permitted per a parking variance approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

If a rezoning exhibit were required to show all parking as required for all uses, the provision in the Ordinance to allow for the Planning Commission to adjust the numbers would be pointless. It would also deprive the applicant the ability to apply for a variance from the Board of Zoning Appeals, if they find it necessary.

The Mayor and Council has the authority to place conditions on the rezoning (if it is approved) that address parking issues. For example, it may place a condition on the rezoning that requires all parking to be provided on site. But, if the elected body is going to wade into the details of this issue and not leave it to the process (Planning Commission or Board of Zoning Appeals) to work itself out, any language in a condition must be precise. To do otherwise invites confusion and delay. Mr. Wantz provided some additional legal analysis of this issue as well.

Based on the testimony provided by Ms. White, the applicant's traffic engineer, the data seems to suggest that 80 parking spaces would be "over-parking" this use, and reduction is in order. Mr. Bockmiller's analysis is that, if presented to the Planning Commission, solid justification can be made for reducing the required amount of on-site parking based on overlapping uses. However, this is where the Planning Commission's authority ends. If the applicant finds they need more of an adjustment than can be justified by compensating for overlapping uses, they would need to apply to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a variance for further reduction. The same data could be presented to the Board of Zoning Appeals to bolster a variance request.

Ultimately, the Mayor and City Council will need to decide whether to let the relief mechanisms built into the Zoning Ordinance run their courses and address this issue separately, or decide for itself what constitutes a minimum appropriate amount of on-site parking for this use. If they choose the latter, any condition placed on the rezoning associated with this issue should be clearly and succinctly framed so as not to invite interpretation or confusion.

Regarding the use of on-street parking on Summit Avenue and Virginia Avenue, Ms. White's analysis shows that typical demand for parking in this facility at any given time would be about 50-60 cars. If 60 spaces are provided on-site, then it would appear that overflow parking on the adjacent streets would be occasional when the hotel is at full occupancy and the accessory uses are being conducted.

Additional traffic coming onto Summit Avenue seemed to be the primary concern of those who commented. No one has expressed opposition to the use in principle.

According to City-held data, average daily traffic on Summit Avenue in 2016, one block south of this site, was 1,110 trips per day. A trip is considered each time a vehicle passes a point. This means each visitor or employee entering and leaving a site will account for two trips (one arriving and one leaving).

According to data provided by the applicant's traffic engineer, the combination of uses would generate a total of 511 trips per day to/from the site using all three parking areas. The consultant expects the combination of uses and split parking facilities to generate 332 additional trips (or about 166 round trips) per day on Summit Avenue, for an increase of 30% percent over the 2016 traffic count, but would still be 57.7% of the amount of traffic that would have to be present in order for the City Engineer to question the street's status as a local street.

The highest peak hour figure is 35 trips to and from the site in the PM peak hour. This is spread across both Virginia Avenue and Summit Avenue, and accounts for, on average, one new trip about every two minutes during the highest peak hour for all entrances. As the name denotes, volume would be far less than one trip each two minutes during non-peak hours. A graph depicting the expected daily traffic increase above the 2016 traffic count on Summit Avenue and remaining capacity for a designated local street was provided.

The exhibit, as it appeared in the Mayor and City Council's packet, is the official exhibit to be considered. At the public hearing on May 24, 2022, the applicants provided multiple alternative concepts adjusting parking quantities in response to concerns raised from the neighborhood and city staff. They could be considered alternatives should the Mayor and Council determine that the plan, as originally proposed, is problematic regarding the potential for parking conflicts in the neighborhood. Staff did not see these additional concepts before the public hearing.

The text amendments generated by this proposal that clarified building additions could be occupied and outdoor uses other than parking can be considered that were adopted by the Mayor and City Council went into effect on April 24, 2022. There is no regulatory issue with outdoor uses or use of the additions.

Councilmember Bruchey stated this is a fantastic project and is a great re-use of a large, vacant building.

Councilmember Aleshire indicated his biggest concern at the Public Hearing was about the amount of parking on site. He asked if a final tally is available for the required parking spaces. Mr. Bockmiller indicated the official exhibit notes 60 spaces are needed. Councilmember Aleshire asked if the parking will be located on the side lot, which is the largest area available. Mr. Bockmiller stated there are multiple ways the parking issue can be addressed. He noted the Mayor and City Council can place conditions on the

rezoning. The Board of Zoning Appeals also has the authority to place conditions on the use of the property.

Councilmember Aleshire does not want to have a situation where one design/plan was approved by the Mayor and City Council and then something different is presented to the Planning Commission. He understands the concerns expressed by the neighbors to this project.

Rodney Tissue, City Engineer, stated the owners have approached him about using a portion of the stormwater incentive funds to assist with the stormwater requirements. Staff will discuss this with the Mayor and City Council at a Work Session in July.

Councilmember Aleshire stated the highest number of parking spaces he would support is 70, but he prefers 60.

It was the general consensus of the Mayor and City Council to include introduction of the ordinance for the Conversion Overlay District on the June 28, 2022 Regular Session agenda.

FY2023 DHCD Grant Applications

Kathleen Maher, Director of Planning and Code Administration, was present to discuss the FY 2023 DHCD Grant Applications.

Mayor and Council authorization is needed to begin the process to submit FY 2023 applications to the State's Community Legacy and Strategic Demolition programs as well as adoption of a resolution in support of the City's applications. The deadline for grant applications is July 13, 2022.

The goal of the State's Community Legacy (CL) and Strategic Demolition (SDF) programs is to provide funding to local governments and community development organizations for essential projects aimed at strengthening declining urban areas through a comprehensive approach that includes activities such as business retention and attraction, encouraging home-ownership and rehabilitation, and commercial revitalization. Projects must be consistent with the goals and strategies outlined in the City's Sustainable Community Plan and the projects must be located in the City's Sustainable Community Area.

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has \$ 8 million in CL funding and \$ 9 million in SDF funding for grant and loan awards around the State in FY 2023. Community Legacy funds may be used only for capital projects – brick and mortar projects or loan/grant programs for brick and mortar projects. Projects must be ready to go and be completed within two years. The Strategic Demolition Fund may be used only for pre-construction costs of a project – acquisition, demolition, architectural and engineering services, site work, utility infrastructure, etc. While there is no matching requirement, the application needs to show that the project will leverage other funds.

Staff recommends applying to the SDF program for three City projects. All three projects would meet the pre-construction criteria for SDF and all are consistent with the City's Sustainable Community Plan. The SDF program is generally less competitive than the CL program, since SDF is restricted to pre-construction projects and CL can be used for construction projects.

The total grant request is \$ 575,000 and the three projects are as follows:

1. M & T Bank Adaptive Re-Use Project for City Offices \$ 250,000
 And fire sprinkler system and elevator
 Local Match from City General Fund
2. Field House – Pre-development activities \$ 250,000
 Local Match from City bond funds
3. Down Payment Assistance Program - \$ 75,000
 Loan to grant program for home-buyers
 Local Match of \$ 50,000 from Invest Hagerstown Program

The Mayor and City Council agreed with the proposal and a resolution in support of the grant applications will be included on the June 28, 2022 Regular Session agenda for approval. Staff will prepare the grant applications for the July 13, 2022 submission deadline.

Invest Hagerstown Proposed Guideline Changes & FY23 Funding Levels

Chris Siemerling, Economic Development Specialist, was present to provide an update on the Invest Hagerstown Program and review proposed Invest Hagerstown guideline updates.

A total of \$ 855,000 is available in Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023) in the following categories:

1. City Center Redevelopment Grant Program \$ 500,000
2. City-Wide Redevelopment Grant Program \$ 150,000
3. Homeownership Grant Program \$ 120,000
4. Rental Property Rehabilitation Grant Program \$ 55,000
5. Commercial Sign and Façade Grant \$ 30,000

The proposed amendments to the guidelines are as follows:

1. Façade Grant – Proposed addition of Commercial Sign component with grant awards of a minimum \$ 250 to a maximum of \$ 1,500, with a 1:1 required match from the business. This change would help with more professional signs.
2. Rental Rehabilitation Grant – Proposed increase of award to a maximum \$ 20,000 based on multi-unit and/or high-cost development. Grants from a minimum of \$ 7,500 to a maximum of \$ 20,000 and requiring a minimum 2:1 match from the developer. Projects ranging from \$ 22,500 to \$ 60,000+. Projects receiving grants greater than \$ 7,500 require 2 or more units within a single property/parcel. Feedback from landlords is that \$ 7,500 is not enough to impact a project.

3. Homeownership Down Payment Assistance Grant – proposed property sale cap of 125% of the average home sale price within City limits. The average City of Hagerstown sale price was \$ 274,953 for the month of April, 2022.
4. Other – removal of tattoo parlors as ineligible business to receive Invest Hagerstown funds. The current list of ineligible business includes pawn shops, gun shops, massage parlors, adult video/book shops, adult entertainment facilities, tanning salons, check-cashing facilities, gambling facilities, tattoo parlors, and liquor stores.

Councilmember Aleshire clarified the Façade Grant amounts of investment is the total investment, regardless of what the City awards. Mr. Siemerling indicated that is correct.

Mr. Siemerling reported \$ 862,675.00 has been provided from this program to date. The total investment for the projects is more than \$ 12 million, 97 jobs have been created in 2 years, 36 new apartments have been created, and 39 apartments have been rehabilitated.

The Mayor and City Council support the allocations listed and the proposed guideline changes. Formal approval of the amendments will be included on the June 28, 2022 Regular Session agenda.

Jill Thompson, Director of Community and Economic Development, noted \$ 50,000 of the amount for the Homeownership Grant Program is being designated as the City's match for the Downpayment Assistance Program on the Strategic Demolition Fund grant application.

Code Amendments to Chapter 238 and 240

Nancy Hausrath, Director of Utilities, was present to discuss amendments to City Code Chapters 238 and 240. Staff has continued to evaluate the existing capacity within the water and wastewater systems in an effort to allow the Mayor and City Council to adopt amendments to the City Code pertaining to water and wastewater system allocation.

There have been numerous requests for services in the Medium Range Growth Area (MRGA) and a couple requests in the County Urban Growth Area (UGA). Staff, along with legal counsel, has completed and adopted the new Joint Sewer Service Area Agreement to replace the Consolidated General Service Agreement and the Flow Transfer Agreement. These agreements will transfer County flow in the Maugansville area back to the County and flow from the Hager's Crossing/Western Maryland Parkway area back to the City.

Per the direction provided on March 8, 2022, staff have developed proposed amendments to Chapter 238 and 240 of the City Code for how allocation will be assigned and the associated repercussions and/or penalties for non-compliance. The Water and Wastewater Plans are approaching 85% capacity and those amendments will

allow staff to restrict allocation. Once a methodology is agreed upon, staff will work to reduce assigned allocation. Staff will request a proposal from NewGen to review the rate structure to include usage, fixed benefit, and fire-line fees to determine the best way to address future funding needs once the Code Amendments are adopted.

Included in the proposed amendments are benefit fees for outside water customers which will need to be incorporated into the Cost of Service Study should the Mayor and Council wish to move forward with addressing this issue. Definitions for residential, residential-multi, residential-commercial and public authority will be added to the definitions to the applicable sections of Chapter 238 and 240.

Ms. Hausrath distributed a spreadsheet of water customers showing inside City limits customers and the allocation associated with each account. The amount of usage for each customer was also reviewed to determine if they are reaching the allocation threshold. Ms. Hausrath noted it appears the City can take back 416,000 gpd on inside, non-residential customers.

A review of outside customers shows the numbers are similar for wastewater allocation but not for water.

In order to adjust the established allocation, a defensible parameter will need to be applied. She suggested a 10% reduction of allocation and 5 EDU's as a beginning point.

Ms. Hausrath then distributed a spreadsheet of industrial customers and the associated allocation assigned to them. She noted one of the customers is the former tannery outside of Williamsport, which is no longer in operation. The account still holds allocation and this could be pulled back. There is an additional opportunity to take back the allocation on the inactive accounts.

Councilmember Aleshire stated he can't look at the 19 acres of vacant land at the former hospital site and reduce the allocation pending a future use. Ms. Hausrath suggested including the water and wastewater anticipated needs as part of the site plan approval process.

Ms. Hausrath asked if a threshold should be included for residential and multi-unit properties. She suggested possibly 10 EDUs and if under 10 EDUs the City would not assess additional allocation but they would have to pay for it.

Councilmember Aleshire stated he believes the review will show a clear breaking point. Zoning should be reviewed for the properties with inactive service and determine what the highest allocation request could be.

Councilmember Bruchey stated the City needs to have an accurate accounting of what the allocation obligations really are.

Ms. Hausrath suggested moving the allocation from the inactive accounts to a reserved allocation program.

Councilmember Aleshire would rather have the allocation removed from the inactive accounts and then re-established when needed. He suggested focusing on the non-residential, commercial inactive accounts first and then look at the multi-unit accounts.

To summarize the discussion, Ms. Hausrath will review the accounts and take back 10% of the allocation, while maintaining 5 EDUs. This will be done for both water and wastewater accounts.

Ms. Hausrath stated staff propose amending the City Code to allow the purchase of allocation in 100 gpd increments, rather than 200 gpd. For individual residential customers, there will be a minimum of 1 Edu and 100 gpd per unit if served by a master meter.

She stated 1,000 gpd for allocation on any account is a good threshold to begin with. If the allocation is less than that, no transfer will be authorized. The City should not be in a position where allocation is allowed to be transferred all over the place. She suggests authorizing a one-time allocation transfer per property. If the owner needs more allocation, they would have to make an official request for consideration. A differential should be charged if the allocation is transferred from inside the City limits to outside the City limits accounts.

A draft of the proposed amendments will be provided for further review.

Public Art Proposal for Remainder of the City-Owned Land Near Park Circle

Rodney Tissue, City Engineer, was present to discuss a public art proposal for land near Park Circle. In February, when the Mayor and City Council approved the agreement for the construction of the Clara Barton Memorial, the motion specifically directed staff to develop a concept plan for the rest of the City-owned triangular-shaped lands for the possible inclusion of interactive art related to the innovation/history of the City. This discussion is to share a conceptual design and to discuss next steps.

The City engaged Scott Rykiel, of Mahan Rykiel Associates from Baltimore, Maryland, to develop concepts for review by the City's Public Art Commission and artist Toby Mendez. They endorsed the design that creates one or two small "outdoor rooms" (in addition to the Clara Barton Sculpture) that create opportunities for small, creative, interactive amenities or just simple green space.

The programming could be "A Tale of Firsts" highlighting things that were first in Hagerstown. Examples are Clara Barton was the first triage nurse to be on the battlefield, the first bookmobile was in Hagerstown, the Dagmar Car was produced in Hagerstown, and the Porter Chemical Company manufactured their Chemcraft Chemistry kits in Hagerstown.

With the Council's endorsement, staff's suggested next steps would include:

1. Utilizing the two standing Neighborhood First groups in that area and the Public Art Commission to host a public meeting. Staff plan to continue to utilize Scott Rykiel (funded in part by a Maryland State Arts Council Planning Grant) to facilitate the planning process. Staff will focus community engagement efforts on communicating the project goals, schedule and hold public meetings on-site and learn about and understand stakeholder interests related to the project.
2. Summarize discussion with community and present to City Council for their concurrence.
3. Create solicitation document and issue call for artists through the Washington County Arts Council
4. Have Hagerstown's Public Art Commission jury the received submittals
5. Short list proposals to two, utilize grant funds to facilitate the artist selection process by paying honorarium for sketches/models of area and select artist
6. Obtain City Council approval and apply for Maryland State Arts Council PAAM Implementation Grant to create and install the art.

Councilmember Aleshire stated there are a lot of notable things in Hagerstown's history that seem to be missed. He does like the abstract art but sees this location as more Hagerstown specific. This site is close to Five Mills Park and he would like to see some mention of how that park got its name. There are stories to be told in a more artistic fashion, whether in this space or in other, future green spaces. There should be a list of things specific to Hagerstown and the arts community can suggest ways to highlight those things.

A community meeting will be held for input on possible themes. The results will be reviewed with the Mayor and City Council. After that review, a call for artists will be issued.

Vending Machines in Street Right of Ways

Rodney Tissue, City Engineer, was present to discuss vending machines in street right of ways. Staff have noticed an uptick in vending machines (soda, candy, ice, movies, and ATM's) being placed by private entities on the public sidewalks. Recent TikTok videos about making money from vending machines may be driving this to some degree. Staff know of approximately a dozen locations where this occurs. Staff feels they should raise this issue with the Mayor and City Council to see if they want to ignore them, ban them, or license them in some fashion.

Based on research by staff and the Maryland Municipal League, various approaches are used across Maryland. Vending machines are banned in Taneytown, require licenses in Ocean City, Cumberland, and Cecil County, and there are no regulations on machines in Salisbury.

Mayor Keller asked if there is a liability issue for the machine being on City property.

It was the general consensus to allow vending machines with no restrictions at this time.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Scott A. Nicewarner, City Administrator, mentioned a gospel concert will be held on Wednesday at City Park, Music in the Square continues on Friday, Friday is also movie night in City Park, and the second yard sale of the season will be Saturday. Future events include Juneteenth (June 17-19, 2022), Cycling Criterium (June 18, 2022) and MIHI Fishing Frenzy (June 18, 2022).

The Farmers Market started as an outdoor event last weekend and turnout was low, which was not unexpected. He appreciates everyone who did come to the Market. It will get bigger and better. He thanked Brittany Arizmendi, Community Engagement Officer, and Cathleen Miller, Market Coordinator, for their efforts in making the Farmers Market successful with the changes.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember K. B. Aleshire thanked all teachers and administrators for a good school year and for getting schools back to as close to normal as possible.

Councilmember T. Burnett congratulated the graduates of Jonathan Hager Elementary School 5th grade class.

Councilmember T. Martinez thanked all who made the event last Saturday in the Bester Community great.

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

Councilmember S. McIntire had no additional comments.

Mayor E. Keller thanked everyone who attended the Economic Development roundtable discussion. She congratulated the 18 graduates of the Western Maryland Police Academy. She thanked Horizon Goodwill and Washington Goes Purple for their help with a dance on Saturday night.

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 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by D. K. Spickler

Donna K. Spickler
City Clerk

Approved: July 26, 2022