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HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

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EXECUTIVE SESSION – August 16, 2022

Mayor Keller called the Executive Session to order at 3:05 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 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)), and 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, August 16, 2022 at 3:05 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, Jason Morton, City Attorney, Michelle Hepburn, Chief Financial Officer, Rodney Tissue, City Engineer, Fire Chief Steven Lohr, Eric Deike, Director of Public Works, Jill Thompson, Director of Community and Economic Development, William Schildt, Attorney, Chris Siemerling, Economic Development Specialist, Doug Reaser, Business Development Specialist, Stephen Bockmiller, Zoning Administrator, and Donna K. Spickler, City Clerk.

The meeting was held to discuss acquisition of property for the proposed Antietam Street Parking Deck, City operations, and a business proposal. No formal action was taken at the meeting. On a motion duly made, seconded, and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

WORK SESSION AND SPECIAL SESSION (48TH VOTING SESSION) – August 16, 2022

Mayor E. Keller called this Work Session and Special Session (48th Voting Session) of the Mayor and City Council to order at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 16, 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 (48TH VOTING SESSION) – August 16, 2022

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 meet in Special Session at 4:01 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Hagerstown, Maryland.

Approval of Purchase of One Vehicle for WMRCL

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 the purchase of one vehicle for the Western Maryland Regional Crime Lab. This vehicle will be purchased from Jennings Chevrolet in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania for a total of \$ 24,900.00.

Funding will be from HPD's Vehicle CIP Account #C0129

Approval of Purchase of One Vehicle – HPD Investigations

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember S. McIntire and seconded by Councilmember T. Burnett, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve the purchase of one vehicle for Investigations. This vehicle will be purchased from Keystone Ford in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania for a total of \$ 34,700.00.

Funding will be from HPD's Vehicle CIP Account #C0129.

The Special Session was closed at 4:02 p.m.

Proclamation: Forget Me Not Month

Mayor Keller read a proclamation naming September, 2022 as Forget-Me-Not Month in Hagerstown, Maryland. Each year the Disabled American Veterans Organization holds a Forget-Me-Not Drive where all proceeds raised are given to those disabled veterans and their families who are in need. J. R. Arnold, Past Commander, accepted the proclamation. It was noted Miles Jones is the new Commander.

Preliminary Agenda Review

Mayor Keller announced that Citizen Comments for the August 23, 2022 Regular Session will be welcome either in person or by submitting comments by email to councilcomments@hagertstownmd.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. Fire Department:
 - 1. Hurst Tool Replacement – Municipal Emergency Services (Rockville, MD)

B. Information Technology:

1. MUNIS PACE-15 Training Package Renewal – Tyler Technologies (Dallas, TX) \$ 12,981.93

C. Police Department:

1. Annual Software Maintenance Agreement for HPD Police Mobile – Keystone Public Safety, Inc. (Maple Shade, NJ) \$ 109,588.00
2. Six 2022 Dodge Charger Pursuit Vehicles – Joe Cecconi’s Chrysler Complex (Niagara Falls, NY) \$ 218,520.00
3. Upfitting of 6 2022 Dodge Charger Pursuit Vehicles – Occasion Of a Lifetime, LLC dba Squad Car Supply (Frederick, MD) \$ 79,254.84
4. Dell Computers for 6 2022 Dodge Charger Pursuit Vehicles – Dell Marketing LP (Round Rock, TX) \$ 16,521.78
5. Upfitting of Computers in 6 2022 Dodge Charger Pursuit Vehicles – Occasion Of a Lifetime, LLC dba Squad Car Supply (Frederick, MD) \$ 12,691.20

D. Planning and Code Administration:

1. Court Ordered Porch Repairs for 418 McDowell Avenue – E.A.R.N. Contractors, Inc. (Gaithersburg, MD) \$ 38,700.00

E. Public Works:

1. City Hall Improvements – Replace AC Unit in Finance – M. S. Johnston Company (Hagerstown, MD) \$ 18,925.00

F. Utilities:

1. Light: Emergency Purchase: Inventory Items – Anixter/Wesco (Greenwood, DE) \$ 56,850.00
2. Light: Emergency Purchase: Inventory Items – Graybar (Baltimore, MD) \$ 12,840.00
3. Light: Emergency Purchase: Inventory Items – United Utility Supply (Chambersburg, PA) \$ 24,540.00
4. Light: Eaton/Cooper VWE 15kV Recloser – Anixter/Wesco (Greenwood, DE) \$ 56,606.00
5. Water: Service Materials – Core and Main LP (Martinsburg, WV) \$ 243,625.68
6. Water: Service Materials – LB Services, Inc. (Chambersburg, PA) \$ 89,803.20
7. Water: Roof Replacement Specifications – L. S. Grim Consulting Engineers (Hagerstown, MD) \$ 38,562.00
8. Water: Ford 2023 Transit-150 Cargo AWD Low Roof Van - Keystone Ford (Chambersburg, PA) \$ 46,995.00
9. Wastewater: Grinder Pump Replacement – Fluid Solutions, Inc. (Westminster, MD) \$ 20,830.75

10. Wastewater: UV Disinfection Bulb Replacements - Suez Treatment Solutions, Inc. (Leonia, NJ) \$ 42,413.10
11. Wastewater: Advanced Oxidation System – EVG Chemical Treatment - Source Technologies (Lexington, KY) \$ 24,000.00
12. Wastewater: Stone and Asphalt for Operating and Capital Projects - C. William Hetzer, Inc. (Hagerstown, MD) \$ 24,050.00
13. Wastewater: Stone and Asphalt for Operating and Capital Projects - Martin Marietta (Williamsport, MD) \$ 40,950.00

Councilmember Bruchey asked about the timeline for the Ford van for the Water Department. William Luhn, Water Operations Manager, stated it will be a long time before the vehicle is delivered.

Request for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding for United Way’s Pathway to Hire Program

Heather Guessford, President, Kelli Tencer, Director of Community Impact and Investments, and Jocelyn Hauer, Director of Engagement and Marketing, were present to request ARPA funding for United Way’s Pathway to Hire Program.

The Pathways to Hire program focuses resources to assist the asset limited, income constrained, employed person identified by the acronym ALICE. This person is working but only has enough income to cover the bare-minimum expenses including childcare, food, transportation, health care, and taxes. ALICE is typically your office clerk, your childcare worker, your cashier, a home health aide, or a medical assistant who is living paycheck to paycheck with no savings. One unexpected car repair or medical bill could send them over the edge of the household survival cliff.

Using a proven Community Impact collaborative model, United Way will serve as the lead agency in the program solicitation and management, fund distribution, and reporting of program activities and results to address the needs of ALICE families. United Way is well versed in federal reporting requirements and will be able to meet those requirements.

The Pathway to Hire program would provide alternatives and assistance to overcome barriers to employment including transportation, childcare, basic life skills, and employment documents.

Administration of the program would be completed by a Pathways Program Navigator. Funding would be needed for recruitment, salary and fringe benefits, and employment supplies and technology for the Program Navigator. Marketing would include printed assets for clients, printed assets for partner agencies and schools, social media sponsored content, traditional media advertisements, and hosted community information sessions.

The total request for funding is \$ 425,000.00.

Councilmember McIntire asked if United Way has approached the Washington County Commissioners or any other municipality for funding. Ms. Guessford stated they have not. They intend to start in Hagerstown because that is where the need is greatest.

Councilmember Martinez clarified that they do not intend to ask the County for funding. Ms. Guessford stated they want to get Hagerstown under way before they ask for other funding.

Councilmember Aleshire asked if the proposal is singular or a line item request. Ms. Guessford stated they have \$ 425,000.000 and the use will be fluid based on the needs of the clients. The funds have to be expended by December 31, 2024.

Councilmember Aleshire wondered what the obligation of the City of Hagerstown is to fund the list of expenses. Ms. Guessford stated any funds provided from the City would be used solely in Hagerstown.

Councilmember Aleshire asked if they anticipate the program to be recurring. Ms. Guessford stated that is possible. She thinks this will be a model for duplicating and working with other corporate models. They are following a model that has been used by other United Ways.

Councilmember McIntire asked how United Way currently assists ALICE individuals. Ms. Tencer indicated they have some programs and they also refer people to agencies who can provide assistance. The Pathway to Hire program navigator will be meeting with people, assessing their needs, and providing extra assistance. They want to make the program as flexible as possible so they can provide individualized assistance.

Mayor Keller asked if United Way would be able to absorb the costs for continuing the program after the ARPA funding is expended. Ms. Guessford stated they would. They are very intentionally moving forward with this program. Potential employees need to know there is longevity with the position.

Councilmember Aleshire asked who will verify that the individuals receiving direct funding are actually living in the City limits. Ms. Guessford stated they will be checking and verifying addresses and locations.

Mayor Keller thanked the group for their efforts and for providing this information to the Mayor and City Council. The request will be reviewed further.

Outreach Proposal from Horizon Goodwill Industries

Adam Sewell, Director of Workforce and Human Services at Horizon Goodwill Industries, attended the Work Session on July 12, 2022 and heard the common theme that more dedicated outreach work is needed within the homeless population. Horizon Goodwill provides services to a large number of homeless people by guiding a pathway to permanent housing. He agrees that more outreach help is needed. When calls come to

Horizon Goodwill, he and one other person respond. There are only two people in outreach services at Horizon Goodwill.

Mr. Sewell is requesting allocation of \$ 12,800.00 from the City of Hagerstown's ARPA funds to hire two, full-time outreach staff to serve Hagerstown. This funding request is in conjunction with newly released HUD funding that will be available November 1, 2022 and will be used to cover costs until then. These employees would be available to respond outside regular business hours. He knows more can be done to assist the homeless population by working collaboratively with the Hagerstown community. They will help homeless people navigate the rapid rehousing process. These two positions would focus solely on the homeless population in the City.

Mr. Sewell stated the City of Hagerstown provided emergency funding of \$ 10,000 from ARPA funds to Horizon Goodwill in February, 2022. They would like to reprogram that funding and add \$ 2,800.00 to cover the costs for the full-time positions.

Councilmember McIntire stated one of the consistent concerns they hear is finding people to fill those positions is difficult.

Mr. Sewell noted one challenge may be the unusual hours but it may be suitable for some people. They are reviewing applications now and he is confident they will find qualified employees.

Councilmember McIntire asked if that employee will stay with the same person as they move through the process. Mr. Sewell stated the process begins by connecting them with services by using a vulnerability assessment to determine the most appropriate services. The Horizon Goodwill employee would be a connector to housing availability. They will also work with the Community Action Council and REACH.

Mr. Nicewarner clarified Horizon Goodwill is requesting \$ 28,000.00 APRP funds, which would be a combination of reprogramming \$ 10,000.00 from 2022 and an additional \$ 12,800.00. This is correct.

Mayor Keller thanked Horizon Goodwill for all they do in the community.

Maryland Bay Fee Hardship Exemption Program

Beth Everhart, Support Services Manager, and Michelle Hepburn, Chief Financial Officer, presented an overview of the Maryland Bay Fee hardship exemption program.

The Maryland Bay Fee is a statutory fee and the City is the billing authority on behalf of the State of Maryland for all Hagerstown City residents. As the billing authority, the City of Hagerstown is required to establish a program for residents that qualify for a financial hardship exemption as determined by State defined criteria. As a local billing authority, the City adopted a hardship program in April, 2006 and partnered with the Community Action Council (CAC) to administer the eligibility and exemption portion.

The CAC has been administering the local hardship program for many years in partnership with the City of Hagerstown and Washington County, but recently decided they were no longer going to continue with that process.

The City of Hagerstown's customers experiencing financial hardships have depended and rely on this exemption and need an alternate solution for the future.

Ms. Everhart recommended the City now administer the program. Staff have already completed an updated application. Information would be mailed to all customers notifying them of the annual exemption. When the program started, there were more than 500 exemptions. The number is now 55. She thinks this may be in part because customers are not aware of the program.

Councilmember Aleshire pointed out that most customers won't go through this process to receive a reduction of just \$ 60.00 per year.

Ms. Hepburn stated some customers may be more interested now with inflation rising and food prices rising.

She noted the Mayor and City Council will need to approve a new motion for the changes to the program.

Councilmember Aleshire clarified that this exemption is available to all customers, regardless of whether or not they are within the City limits. Ms. Hepburn indicated that is correct. Washington County received the same notification from CAC.

It was the general consensus to move forward with the program updates as discussed. As the deadline for applications has already passed for this year, the changes will be in effect beginning in FY2024.

Pump Station 33 Property Acquisition and Easement Agreement Discussion

Nancy Hausrath, Director of Utilities, was present to discuss property acquisition and easement agreements for Pump Station 33. During the October 5, 2021 Work Session, staff provided the background information included in this meeting material for the relocation of Wastewater Pump Station 9 and the construction of Wastewater Pump Station 33 and all associated infrastructure.

Conversations regarding property acquisition began in 2019 with Mr. Boyce, legal counsel for the Harrison family, notifying the City now that "the owners will generally be acceptable to these locations, and further requested detailed specs and an easement agreement for further consideration."

Staff requested Mayor and Council approval to utilize benefit dollars that would be received when the new development to be served by Wastewater Pump Station 33 connected to the wastewater system. Progress has been challenging and, as a result, the project has not moved forward.

Staff reached out to Mr. David Lyles for an alternative location and, at the same time, requested resolution from Mr. Boyce no later than July 22, 2022. Mr. Boyce has conveyed, on behalf of the owners, that they are ready to move forward with the Property Acquisition and the Easement Agreements to allow for the construction of Wastewater Pump Station 33 and associated infrastructure,

In order to complete the needed property transfer and easements, the owners are requesting that the City construct two (2) 8" diameter collection lines with manholes from the new pump station to just beyond the 100 year flood plain to be owned by the property owner. Staff has no objection to this request as the owners are not requesting any other form of payment for Lot 1 or the easements. Legal counsel is working on a property Acquisition Agreement, by which the parties would agree to a subdivision and conveyance of a parcel on the Harrison Tract for the construction of Pump Station 33 and an easement for the sanitary sewer line extending from Pump Station 9 to Pump Station 33.

As requested by the Mayor and City Council, a table was provided showing revised project estimates for Pump Station 33 to include 1) the cost to construct for the exiting Pump Station 9 capacity; 2) the cost to add pumping and pipe capacity for the Hebb and Emmert Road properties; 3) Estimated Benefit Fees for wastewater service for the Hebb and Emmert Road properties; and, 4) estimated property value for the new Pump Station 33 Lot. Not included in the chart is the cost to construct and cap two 8" gravity mains (total length 310 feet). This cost is estimated at \$ 32,000.00.

ARPA funding is available to complete infrastructure that impacts economic development and this project is an appropriate use of the funding.

In the 1970's, the City made a commitment to provide wastewater service in this area. Pump Station 33 is part of that commitment. Pump Station 9 has reached its capacity and the City needs to move forward with this project. The aging infrastructure does not meet the needs of the current customer base.

Staff evaluated the total sewer-shed to be served by the new Wastewater Pump Station 33 to provide better projections for estimated wastewater use based on data provided by City Planning (estimated EDU Demand for Development). Based on this review, the estimated EDUs for the undeveloped land to be served by Pump Station 33 are 2,344. This figure does not include the exiting flow at Pump Station 9 (average GPD – 90,000 or 450 EDUs). The Emmert and Hebb Road developers are approximately 11% of the total estimated EDUs for this sewer-shed. The total construction cost is estimated to be \$ 3,871,209.00. The added expense from the construction estimate is \$ 546,713.00.

Staff is respectfully requesting Mayor and Council authorize negotiations with counsel for the Harrison Family for the acquisition of property identified as Lot 1 and for the gravity and force main easement agreement. This authorization will allow for the construction of Wastewater Pump Station 33 to replace Wastewater Pump Station 9.

Benefit fees collected from the Emmert property are estimated to be \$ 1,000,000.00. Ms. Hausrath anticipated the MDE will require some enhancements to the treatment plant.

Councilmember Aleshire asked if staff anticipates MDE saying the portion of the project not eligible for a loan/grant application will be \$ 547,713.00. Ms. Hausrath indicated that is correct.

Councilmember Aleshire asked if the location of the station has an impact on the amount the City would have to provide. Ms. Hausrath stated it would not.

Councilmember Aleshire's impression of ARPA funds is that they are intended to be used as an economic driving fund. It appears the City would be using ARPA funds for its own loan program instead of the State's loan program. If this is the case, would receiving money back from the project meet federal requirements.

Michelle Hepburn, Chief Financial officer, stated the proposal Ms. Hausrath will bring back for review is for a new pump station. There are two components to the project. The first is that Pump Station 9 has reached the end of its useful life. The second is the ideal location was identified because of anticipated development. She discussed this with the ARPA review group and they indicated it would meet federal requirements.

Councilmember Aleshire asked if the parameters utilized by MDE would apply to this proposal. Ms. Hepburn stated that is staff's intent. The documents would be kept separate for ease of tracking of costs. Staff will follow and adhere to the MDE guidelines and parameters.

Councilmember Aleshire clarified that future development will pay the same as the other customers and no one will receive service free of charge. Ms. Hepburn indicated that is correct.

It was the general consensus to authorize negotiations with the Harrison Family for the acquisition of property on Hebb Road.

A-2022-02: Annexation of Lands of GVP Hagerstown, LLC, 2-14 Western Maryland Parkway

Kathleen Maher, Director of Planning and Code Administration, stated the City is initiating the annexation of the Lands of GVP Hagerstown, LLC, 2-14 Western Maryland Parkway, now that the terms of the March 8, 2022 pre-annexation agreement have been met to initiate the annexation process.

The City entered into a pre-annexation agreement with the property owner on the terms of annexation of this 21.436 acre property proposed for development of a spec industrial warehouse. Per this agreement the requested zoning is I-MU and the trigger to

begin the annexation process is the project's receipt of the building permit from Washington County, The permit trigger has been pulled so the city is initiating the annexation process this month.

Currently, the property is zoned HI (Highway Interchange) in the County and it is under-going construction of the proposed spec warehouse. Public water and wastewater will be provided by the city and allocation has been approved as part of the site plan and building permit review for this project.

The City's I-MU zoning is substantially similar to the industrial and professional/technical service sector side of the county's HI zone, while not allowing some of the commercial uses in the very broad HI zone. The Future Land Use Plan in the City's 2018 Comprehensive Plan identifies this area as Business Employment with POM and I-MU being compatible zoning. I-MU was requested because of the plan to construct a spec warehouse.

The planning commission reviewed the requested zoning and the draft Annexation Plan at their meeting on August 10, 2022 and have recommended to the Mayor and City Council that the required zoning is appropriate.

It was the general consensus of the Mayor and City Council to schedule introduction of the annexation resolution and approval of the annexation plan for the August 23, 2022 Regular Session.

Request for Exception to City Water Policy – Huyett Extended LLC and Bowman Development Corp. Discussion

Nancy Hausrath, Director of Utilities, and Doug Reaser, Business Development Specialist, were present to review a request from the Washington County Board of Commissioners for consideration of approval of Exception 6 to the City's Water and Wastewater Policy for a vital economic development project or an economic development project located in the targeted economic development area as delineated in the County's 2002 Comprehensive Plan.

Huyett Extended LLC and Bowman Development Corporation are the developers for this project, which is a speculative Flex-Industrial Warehouse and Office Building. The site is located on Maryland Rte. 63 (Greencastle Pike) just south of its intersection with Maryland Rte. 40 to the west of Hagerstown. The total area is approximately 57.5 acres.

Anticipated investment is \$ 18.5 million with 200 jobs created. They anticipate using 2,200 gallons of water per day (11 EDUs).

The property is currently owned by the developer. Upon water approval, the developer will be proceeding shortly thereafter with a site plan.

The location of the site is half within the Medium Range Growth Area (MRGA) and half identified as economic development priority area “E” on a map reviewed by the City and the County in June, 2020. A copy of the map is included with the meeting material.

As the Community and Economic Development and the Utilities Departments, staff recognize that water service to this parcel may be available per Exemption #6 of the Water and Wastewater Policy. Staff is seeking direction from the Mayor and City Council for Exemption #6 for this proposed economic development project.

Approval using this exemption is contingent upon the recommendation of the Board of County Commissioners, which has been submitted, and the County economic Development Director, as well as the City Economic Development Director and the City Utilities Director; and upon approval of the Mayor and City Council.

Mayor and City Council approval will also be contingent upon receiving a copy of a recorded Pre-Annexation Agreement.

The approval, if granted, would be for the entire 57.5 acre parcel.

Councilmember Aleshire stated the MRGA line should not divide properties so he agrees with the property owners that they have the ability to make the request. Exemption #6 language only identifies the economic development area at the airport. When the Mayor and City Council adopted the language for Exemption #6 it was during a different economic environment. He recommended revising the language if the map presented is the current line. He noted that for three administrations, the City has adjusted the boundary line based on the County’s request, with the expectation that a serious conversation would be held to determine an acceptable boundary for all parties without moving the lines continually. That has not happened.

Councilmember Bruchey stated unfortunately, development doesn’t stop and wait for the City and County establish that line.

Kathleen Maher, Director of Planning and Code Administration, pointed out the map is more than just a moving line, there is a lot of information to amend in the Comprehensive Plan. Staff is working within the boundaries of the map the Mayor and City Council approved.

Ms. Hausrath stated developers will also have to work through the recent Code amendments for water and wastewater service.

Councilmember Aleshire stated water is not an endless resource. The City has to ensure there is enough water to serve the areas within the established MRGA.

It was the general consensus to include approval of this request on the agenda for August 23, 2022.

Review of 216 S. Prospect Street Addition to the Competitive Negotiated Sale Program

Doug Reaser, Business Development Specialist, was present to review 216 S. Prospect Street, and the possibility of adding the site to the City's Competitive Negotiated Sale (NCS) program.

On May 10, 2020 the property had a significant fire causing damage to the structure. On July 21, 2022, the City decided to accept a donation of the property from the owner and proceed with demolition. The City took title to the property on November 5, 2022. Demolition of the building was completed on December 3, 2020 with a cost of \$ 28,200.00.

The Competitive Negotiated Sales Process (CNS) is a process that facilitates the sale of City-owned properties with the goal of returning the property to the private sector for its redevelopment highest/best use.

It was the general consensus of the Mayor and City Council to move forward with adding 216 S. Prospect Street to the CNS list. Formal approval will be scheduled for August 23, 2022.

Down Payment Assistance Program Proposed Guidelines Changes

Chris Siemerling, Economic Development Specialist, and Margi Joe, Business/Community Development Finance Specialist, were present to review proposed guideline updates for the Hagerstown Homeownership Initiative (HHI) program.

These guideline changes follow discussion from the June 7, 2022 Work Session to place a cap on the purchase price of eligible properties to no more than 125% of the average home sale price within the City of Hagerstown's corporate boundaries.

Approval of the guideline changes will be included on the August 23, 2022 Regular Session agenda.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Scott A. Nicewarner, City Administrator, announced Simple Transport Group 14 will hold an Air Cooled VW Car show at Fairgrounds Park on Saturday, August 20, 2022.

The Wind Down event is back after a three year hiatus on Friday, August 19, 2022 in downtown Hagerstown. Staff Infection will be performing and there will also be a hot dog eating contest, sponsored by The Dog House.

He offered prayers and thoughts for John Crist as he continues to deal with injuries from an accident in the Spring.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember S. McIntire announced that the Hagerstown, Indiana Little League team is in the Little League World Series.

Councilmember R. E. Bruchey, II expressed condolences to the family of Robert Schleigh, who passed away recently. Mr. Schleigh served as Councilmember from 1981 to 1989.

He commended Captain Tom Langston for creating teams that have been working on special details to get guns and drugs off the streets.

Councilmember T. Burnett had no additional comments.

Councilmember K. B. Aleshire had no additional comments.

Councilmember T. Martinez thanked the servers at Bulls and Bears for providing food for two people who walked in off the street because they were hungry.

Mayor E. Keller echoed Councilmember Bruchey's thoughts to John Crist. There was a beautiful emergency vehicle drive by at Doey's House as a showing of support and care for him last weekend.

Mayor Keller informed the Council that the Department of Housing and Community Development requested a letter of support from the local government jurisdiction for financial assistance for the Junior Fire Company's application to the Neighborhood Business Works Program. It was the general consensus to provide the requested letter of support.

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 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by D. K. Spickler

Donna K. Spickler
City Clerk

Approved: September 27, 2022