

WORK SESSION AND REGULAR SESSION (53RD VOTING SESSION) – OCTOBER 25, 2022

WORK SESSION – October 25, 2022

Mayor E. Keller called this Work Session of the Mayor and City Council to order at 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Participating with the Mayor were Councilmembers K. B. Aleshire, R. E. Bruchey, II, T. Burnett, and T. Martinez, City Administrator Scott A. Nicewarner and D. K. Spickler, City Clerk. Councilmember S. McIntire was not present.

Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement

Scott Nicewarner, City Administrator, Bob Duchen (remotely), VP, River Oaks Communications Corp., and Tom Robinson (remotely), CBG Communications, Inc., discussed a cable franchise agreement with Comcast.

Mr. Nicewarner stated Comcast approached the City earlier this year about a franchise agreement in order to implement cable and other communications within the corporate boundary of Hagerstown. In order to provide this service, they are required to enter into a cable franchise agreement.

Mr. Robinson stated there was an intensive back and forth process between the City representatives and Comcast representatives. The existing agreement with Antietam Broadband was used as a base document. Antietam Broadband has been the cable service provider for many years. The group's aim was to ensure development of an agreement that would enable Comcast to provide service while maintaining fair and competitive equity between them and Antietam. An agreement has been reached in which all parties believe is fair.

Mr. Duchen stated the City cannot refuse an agreement according to Federal law. This agreement is no more fair or burdensome than the existing agreement. The key points to the tentative agreement are:

1. Cable service gross revenues broadly defined for franchise fee purposes
2. Franchise non-exclusive
3. Term – 5 years plus 5 renewals unless one party objects
4. Competitive equity with Antietam Franchise
5. Franchise fees – 5% of cable service gross revenues (not on internet or phone)
6. City's right to audit
7. Indemnification and Insurance for the City
8. Comcast to provide a \$ 50,000 letter of credit
9. Customer Service Standards included
10. Monthly subscriber Educational/Governmental Access fee (70 cents)
11. Supplemental subscriber monthly fee of 10 cents for potentially 8 years (in lieu of I-Net)
12. 2 Access Channels – Standard Def. and High Def.

13. System Build-out to reach 85% of homes, if Franchise goes beyond 5 years
14. Complimentary cable service to 15 locations

There is also a side letter regarding the fees associated with undertaking this agreement with the City. The key points are:

1. Comcast to pay \$ 25,000 application fee, per the City Code
2. Comcast to reimburse the City for its additional consultants fees above \$ 25,000; those additional amounts can be offset against future franchise fees owed to the City

A Public Hearing is scheduled for November 1, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., followed by Introduction of the Ordinance to approve the franchise agreement. Approval of the ordinance will be scheduled for November 22, 2022.

Rental Licensing Amendment

Kathleen Maher, Director of Planning and Code Administration, and Paul Fulk, Neighborhood Services Manager, were present to discuss proposed amendments to Chapter 197, Rental Facilities, which are minor revisions of a technical nature recommended by the City Attorney.

The proposed revisions further clarify the connection to the Property Maintenance Code and the rights of property owners to refuse consent to an inspection and the City's right to seek the issuance of an administrative search warrant, with specific reasons, under the Property Maintenance Code for the code required inspection. The revisions also clean-up references to sections of the City Code, clarifies ownership types subject to the Rental Facilities code, further clarifies the procedure for inspections of unreported tenant-turnovers, and adds dormitory as a type of dwelling subject to the Rental Licensing code.

The proposed ordinance and revisions were provided with the meeting packet material.

Councilmember Bruchey noted one of the specific reasons for an administrative search warrant is "condition of the neighborhood". He asked what that means. Mr. Fulk indicated the language has been in place since 1967 due to a case in California. Mr. Fulk noted City staff would not seek a warrant for anything other than the violations on a failing rental, not for the condition of the neighborhood.

Councilmember Bruchey stated he does not understand that condition. If the language remains in the proposed amendments, he will not support it. He supports the other amendments.

Councilmember Aleshire believes that component is obviously vague and could be construed as an arbitrary and capricious situation. The court has provided the acceptable reasons for seeking the warrant. He supports the proposed amendments.

Councilmember Bruchey asked if there was support to leave out the administrative search warrant language. Councilmember Aleshire would not support this.

It was the general consensus to schedule approval of the amendments.

The Work Session was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION (53RD VOTING SESSION) – October 25, 2022

Mayor E. Keller called this Regular Session (53rd voting session) of the Mayor and City Council to order at 7:03 p.m., Tuesday, October 25, 2022, in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Participating with the Mayor were Councilmembers K. B. Aleshire, R. E. Bruchey, II, T. Burnett, and T. Martinez, City Administrator Scott A. Nicewarner, City Attorney Ann Rotz, and City Clerk D. K. Spickler. Councilmember S. McIntire was not present.

The invocation was offered by Councilmember Tekesha Martinez. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by Mayor Emily Keller.

Mayor Keller announced the Rules of Procedure for this meeting will be followed as adopted December 15, 2020. It was announced that the use of cell phones during meetings is restricted and that all correspondence for distribution to elected officials should be provided to the City Clerk and should include a copy for the City Clerk for inclusion in the official record.

The next scheduled meetings are: Strategic Plan Update at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, Work Sessions beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, Tuesday, November 8, 2022, Tuesday, November 15, 2022, and the Regular Session on Tuesday, November 22, 2022. There is no meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 29, 2022.

UNVEILING OF NEW MARKETING BRAND FOR THE CITY OF HAGERSTOWN

Mayor Keller announced there is a new and exciting marketing brand for the City of Hagerstown.

Kathy Fromet (remotely), Guide Studios, stated it was a pleasure to work with stakeholders, staff, and others in the community to develop this new brand. Guide engages people in the community to develop the brand by capturing the information of who you are as a community. The process is a collaboration of the steering committee, internal, and external input. Every City has a brand and everyone has an idea based on their perceptions and experiences. Sometimes it takes an outsider to come in and remind the City of the good things they have. Hagerstown is a great city. Guide helps build a visual for a city and brings the brand to life.

Mayor Keller thanked Ms. Fromet and the Guide team for their efforts and informed the group they were incredible to work with. This administration has talked about

Hagerstown's identity. Hagerstown deserves a unique brand and they wanted to help the community achieve that goal. She hopes there will be acceptance from citizens and the business community.

A video introducing the brand was shown. The video can also be viewed on the City's website.

A poster of the new brand was then unveiled.

APPOINTMENTS

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 to make the following appointments to the Hagerstown Youth Council:

Terms to expire June 30, 2024

Zoe Burnett
Joseph Fox
Dharma Lara
Nicolas Martinez-Martell
Ei Leonyah Morris
Ana Simmons

Terms to expire June 30, 2023

Ishan Dean
Lakin Kandrick
Sarah Otwey

All members were present and received the Oath from Mayor Keller.

Councilmember Aleshire thanked these students for being involved in the community. He thanked their parents for encouraging them to be engaged in the community.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Keller read a proclamation naming November, 2022 as Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Awareness Month in Hagerstown, Maryland. Shannon Leidig accepted the proclamation.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizen Comments were accepted by email at councilcomments@hagerstownmd.org prior to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2022. Citizen Comments were also accepted during the meeting.

Candace Large, 309 N. Cannon Avenue, Hagerstown, Maryland, is concerned about the inappropriate activity that is taking place in her neighborhood. Her son has been

assaulted and people are being harassed. There is a gang of about 12 people who are causing issues. She asked if the City has a plan of action to address this.

Mayor Keller stated the City, in partnership with 50 other organizations, are working to reduce youth violence through a program called ENVY. ENVY now has an executive director who is actively working to address issues such as this. Social service challenges are also being addressed. Questions can be addressed to Councilmember Shelley McIntire or to Danielle Staley at the Hagerstown Police Department.

Thomas Davidson, 1155 Outer Drive, Hagerstown, Maryland, expressed his concern about youth gangs. Harassment has been increasing at the Hagerstown Dog Park. These kids are not teenagers, they are between 8 and 10 years old. They attempt to steal skateboards from people at the skatepark. He hopes there is a plan to address this issue.

Tom Thorsen, 13832 Ideal Circle, Hagerstown, Maryland, owns a townhouse rental in Hagerstown. He chose to live here after working and living overseas. He commended the governments in Washington County and Hagerstown for attracting warehouses to Washington County. He would like to see more. He also suggested that the non-profit agencies work together to create a “one stop shop” for services. They could share office space and other similar synergies. The Mayor and City Council could withhold funds for a non-profit that was not willing to collaborate with others. He is willing to donate time to the City and to the charities to work on achieving this.

Michael Staup, 18 S. Mulberry Street, Hagerstown, Maryland, is upset that the tree was removed at East Baltimore Street and South Mulberry Street. He continues to pick up needles in the neighborhood. He and his neighbors can't put up with this anymore. There is trash everywhere and he wondered who is going to clean it up. The new logo is great and the new stadium is great but someone needs to see what is happening in his neighborhood.

Altimont Wilks, Carmen's Corner Store, 25 E. Antietam Street, Hagerstown, Maryland, stated he has a reputation for cleaning up neighborhoods. He feels like his services are needed and he is offering his expertise. He will work with Police Chief Kifer in any capacity. He thinks the Mayor and City Council are working hard to make things better. His corner is the safest and cleanest downtown and he offered that as an example of what he can do.

Mayor Keller appreciates all Mr. Wilks has done so far. The City needs about 1,000 more people like him.

Mr. Wilks proposed a new slogan for Washington County – “Washington County Working Together”. The community can't allow outside forces in this election to say what happens in Washington county. Released prisoners do not stay in Hagerstown. He works with Gatekeepers and they do everything they can to help prisoners get back to their home location but some can't return. A community needs unity. He is willing to talk to the kids at Fairgrounds Park. They may be afraid of him but he will talk to them. Punks should not be pushing people around.

Osiam Deam, 12511 Jubal Court, Hagerstown, Maryland, is concerned about hearing how some kids are not on a good path. A lot of kids don't have a good foundation at home. Many don't feel like they belong. Some people only see what they are doing wrong, not their potential. If the kids don't have a good home environment and don't feel loved, the community should show them a good foundation and make them feel loved.

PUBLIC HEARING

Annexation of 2 Western Maryland Parkway

This public hearing is being held to receive testimony on the annexation of the land of GVP Hagerstown Owner, LLC at 2 Western Maryland Parkway.

Kathleen Maher, Director of Planning and Code Administration, received the Oath from City Clerk Donna K. Spickler. Ms. Maher provided background information for the hearing.

The City entered into a pre-annexation agreement in March, 2022 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. Once the permit trigger was pulled this summer, the City initiated the annexation process in August.

Currently, the property is zoned HI (Highway Interchange) in the County and it is under-going construction for 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 proposed zoning is the City's I-MU zoning which is compatible with the Future Land Use map recommendation of the City's 2018 Comprehensive Plan and is consistent for the approved development currently under construction. The State and the County have agreed the proposed City zoning is substantially similar to the current county zoning so express approval of the zoning by the County Commissioners is not necessary.

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

The Mayor and City Council introduced the annexation resolution and approved the annexation plan on August 23, 2022.

Copies of the introduced annexation resolution and approved annexation plan were forwarded to the County, Tri-County Council and the State at least 30 days prior to the hearing. The public hearing was advertised twice in the Herald Mail at least 15 days prior to the hearing. Input on the zoning was sought and received from the Maryland Department of Planning and the County and letters are provided confirming the consistency of the proposed zoning with the current zoning.

Ms. Maher entered the following Exhibits:
Exhibit 1 – Certification of publication
Exhibit 2 – Planning file by reference

Councilmember Aleshire asked if there is a change in State law that prohibits annexation unless the proposed zoning is exactly the same as the current zoning. Ms. Maher indicated a letter is required from the Washington County Commissioners indicating if the zoning is similar or providing their express approval.

The following testimony was presented:

Each person individually received the Oath prior to presenting their testimony.

Jason Divelbiss, JDA Law, 11125 Bemisderfer Road, Greencastle, Pennsylvania, represents the owner, GVP Hagerstown Owner, LLC. He stated they are not opposed to the annexation or the proposed zoning or the consistency of the agreement. The owner is requesting delaying the annexation date. The request is triggered by the delays and slow-downs for constructions that were not anticipated. The current effective date is January 6, 2023. The building will not be complete by that date. The agreement states the property stays in the current jurisdiction until the building permit is closed. Keeping the effective date at January 6, 2023 would mean that the property would be in 2 jurisdictions at the same time. The building is being constructed on speculation. When they have a tenant, they will apply with the City of Hagerstown for a building permit. They are requesting the effective date be December 31, 2023. If that extension is too long, Mr. Divelbiss thinks the owner would be agreeable to delaying the effective date until the shell building is complete with an end date of July 1, 2023. This is not ideal but they would likely be willing to accept that date.

No other testimony was presented, either in favor of or against the annexation.

The record will remain open for 10 days for additional comments.

A discussion of the proposed annexation is scheduled for the November 8, 2022 Work Session. If ready, approval of the annexation resolution will be scheduled for November 22, 2022.

The hearing was closed at 8:05 p.m.

MINUTES

On a motion duly made by Councilmember T. Martinez and seconded by Councilmember T. Burnett, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote of all members present to approve the minutes, as presented, for September 13, 2022, September 20, 2022, and September 27, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion duly made by Councilmember K. B. Aleshire and seconded by Councilmember R. E. Bruchey, II, the Mayor and City Council unanimously approved the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Engineering:
 - 1. Fairgrounds Park Stable Roof Replacement Phase II – Advance Construction (Hagerstown, MD) \$ 86,000.00

- B. Fire:
 - 1. Generator Replacement – Station 3 – Ebenezer Electric LLC (Woodbridge, VA) \$ 132,533.00

- C. Information Technology:
 - 1. Storinator Back-Up Appliance Replacement – 45 Drives, Ltd. (Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada) \$ 55,868.77

- D. Police Department:
 - 1. FY23 NTF Reimbursement (July, 2022 – June, 2023) Washington County Treasurer (Hagerstown, MD) \$ 500,000.00

- E. Public Works:
 - 1. Public Works: Bulk Road Salt – Per Ton Price – Cargill, Inc. (North Olmsted, OH) \$ 85.61/ton
 - 2. Public Works: 2022 Ford F-550 Dump Truck, Salt Spreader, Plow Package – Keystone Ford (Chambersburg, PA) \$ 122,375.00
 - 3. Parks: 2022 Ford F-550 Dump Truck, Salt Spreader, Plow Package – Keystone Ford (Chambersburg, PA) \$ 122,375.00
 - 4. Parks: Open Container Law Exemption/Application Permit – Christkndl Markt

- F. Utilities:
 - 1. Water: Annual Generator Maintenance – Fidelity Power Systems (Sparks, MD) \$ 10,249.00
 - 2. Water: Automated Vehicular Entrance Gate – Long Fence Company, inc. (Ijamsville, MD) \$ 132,635.00

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Approval of an Ordinance: Deed of Easement and Agreement with AuChar Properties, LLC for 231 North Locust Street (Alms House)

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember T. Burnett and seconded by Councilmember T. Martinez, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote of all members present to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution of a Deed and Easement Agreement for use of a portion of the City property at 231 North Locust Street for the purpose of

constructing and maintaining an access easement on land situated on the westerly side of North Locust Street.

B. Approval of an Ordinance: Conveyance of Property No Longer Needed for A Public Purpose to Hagerstown Industrial Properties, LLC – 55 W. Oak Ridge Drive

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 of all members present to approve an ordinance to transfer the property described in the Special Warranty Deed to Hagerstown Industrial Properties, LLC, a South Carolina Limited Liability Company doing business in Maryland as JDA Hagerstown Industrial Properties, LLC, a Maryland Limited Liability Company.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Introduction of an Ordinance: Amending City Code by Repealing Chapter 197, Rental Facilities, and Re-enacting Chapter 197 with Amendments of a Technical Nature Recommended by the City Attorney

Action: Councilmember K. B. Aleshire made a motion to introduce an ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Hagerstown by repealing Chapter 197, Rental Facilities, and re-enacting Chapter 197 with amendments. Specifically, the amendments will:

1. Clarify the connection to the Property Maintenance Code
2. Clarify the rights of the property owner to refuse consent to an inspection and the City's right to seek the issuance of an administrative search warrant under the Property Maintenance Code for the code required inspection
3. Clean up references to sections of the City Code
4. Clarify ownership types subject to the Rental Facilities code
5. Further clarify the procedure for inspections of unreported tenant-turnovers
6. Adds dormitory as a type of dwelling subject to the Rental Facilities code

These amendments are consistent with the Mayor and City Council's Strategic Plan and the Community's City Center Plan.

Councilmember T. Burnett seconded the motion.

Motion carried, 3-1 with Councilmember R. E. Bruchey, II voting No.

B. Introduction of an Ordinance: Quit Claim – Portion of Alley 3-13

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 of all members present to introduce an ordinance to quit claim an unimproved portion of Alley 3-13 to Raymond W. Higgins and Authorize the Mayor to execute the quit claim deed.

C. Approval of a Resolution: Restricting Entry into Alley 4-109 from Locust Street

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember T. Burnett and seconded by Councilmember T. Martinez, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote of all members present to approve a resolution to restrict vehicular traffic entry into Alley 4-109 from North Locust Street. The Mayor and City Council further moved to rescind the August 23, 2022 Resolution that converted the alley to one way westbound.

D. Approval of Reallocation of ARPA Funds to Support City Outreach and Case Management Positions

Action: Councilmember K. B. Aleshire made a motion to approve the reallocation of \$ 10,000.00 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds previously awarded to Horizon Goodwill Industries (HGI) and increase the award \$ 2,800.00 for a total award of \$ 12,800.00. The \$ 10,000.00 was awarded to support short-term emergency housing placement, transportation, and food services for unhoused individuals required to isolate or quarantine due to COVID-19. Due to the recent decreased need for this program, HGI requests to reallocate the existing funds to recruit and hire two Outreach Case managers to support the City. HGI has applied for funding from HUD which will fund the positions for the next three years.

The time of performance shall be 6 months beginning October 25, 2022, or the date that both positions have been filled, whichever occurs sooner, up to a maximum of \$ 12,800.00.

Councilmember T. Burnett seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilmember Aleshire confirmed the funding will expire at the end of December. Mr. Nicewarner indicated it will, this is stop gap funding.

Motion carried 3-1, with Councilmember T. Martinez abstaining from the vote.

E. Approval of a Resolution: Enter into a Grant Agreement for The Clara Barton Memorial

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 of all members present to approve a resolution authorizing the City to enter into a Capital Projects Grant Agreement as the beneficiary of a grant up to \$ 250,000 for the design, construction and installation of a memorial sculpture of Clara Barton.

F. Approval of a Resolution: Approving the First Amendment to the Promissory Note with Marketplace, LLC

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember T. Martinez and seconded by Councilmember R. E. Bruchey, II, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote of all members present to approve a resolution approving the First Amendment to the Promissory Note with Marketplace, LLC which will extend the payment schedule by five months.

G. Approval of City Center Holiday Parking Program

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember K. B. Aleshire and seconded by Councilmember R. E. Bruchey, II, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote of all members present to approve the City Center Holiday Parking Program that allows for free parking each weekend commencing at 5:00 p.m. Friday evenings and every Saturday and Sunday in the University District Parking Deck and Arts & Entertainment District Parking Deck beginning Friday, December 2, 2022 through Sunday, January 1, 2023. Normal parking operations will resume on Monday, January 2, 2023.

Parking at the street meters and parking lot meters will continue to be free after 5:00 p.m. weekdays and every Saturday and Sunday as it is normally throughout the year.

H. Approval of Funding for a Community Coalition Lobbyist

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember K. B. Aleshire and seconded by Councilmember R. E. Bruchey, II, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote of all members present to authorize the expenditure of \$ 5,000.00 from the General Fund operating budget in order to contribute toward hiring John Favazza with the firm of Mannis, Canning & Associates, as the Community Coalition lobbyist. Other committed partners include the Washington County Commissioners, Convention and Visitors' Bureau, Washington County Free Library, Greater Hagerstown Committee, the Community Foundation, Hagerstown Community College, Town of Williamsport, Washington County

Chamber of Commerce, and CHIEF (Washington County Industrial Foundation).

I. Approval of Barbara Ingram School for the Arts (BISFA) Foundation Holiday Lamp Post Decorating Project

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember T. Martinez and seconded by Councilmember T. Burnett, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote of all members present to approve of the Barbara Ingram School for the Arts (BISFA) Foundation Street Lamp Holiday Project.

BISFA will sell sponsorships for personalized holiday banners which they will then install with volunteers and/or a contractor. All City guidelines for installation will be followed and hold harmless agreements or certificates of insurance will be provided.

J. Approval of Issuance of Notice of Termination to Air Products and Chemical, Inc.

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 of all members present to authorize the issuance of a Notice of Termination to Air Products and Chemical, Inc. for the contract termination date per Section 3 of the Product Supply Agreement, which is November 15, 2023.

This notice of termination is being issued to ensure compliance with local and State procurement requirements and to best serve citizenry of Hagerstown. The City will issue a request for proposals for operation of the pelletizer facility.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Scott Nicewarner, City Administrator, reminded everyone of the following events: October 27, 2022 Drive-Thru Trick or Treat at Fairgrounds Park, October 28, 2022 Downtown Halloween Block Party, October 29, 2022 the tenth annual Howl-o-Ween Dog Costume Parade at Fairgrounds Park, and October 29, 2022 the Alsatia Mummies Parade.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember K. B. Aleshire had no additional comments.

Councilmember R. E. Bruchey, II stated he voted against the proposed amendments to the Rental Facilities ordinance because of the language that states a warrant can be issued for inspection based on the condition of the neighborhood.

Councilmember T. Burnett thanked everyone involved with making the Mayoress Westkamp and other Wesel visitors welcome. Early voting starts October 27, 2022. She congratulated the newly appointed members of the Hagerstown Youth Council.

Councilmember T. Martinez thanked the staff of the City's Department of Community and Economic Development for coordinating visits with the local businesses. Cassie Hershberger, Economic Development Coordinator, and Chris Siemerling, Economic Development Specialist, scheduled visits with businesses and she learned a lot by going along on the visits. The next Ted Ex event will be held on Friday, October 28, 2022. The Director of Community Mediation of Maryland will be running from Hagerstown to Baltimore to raise funding for remediation support.

Mayor E. Keller thanked Connie Lenhart and Bev Abeles and the Sister City Committee for their extra efforts to plan an exciting trip for the visitors from Wesel, Germany last week. The Sister City relationship between Hagerstown and Wesel is the oldest in the country. She encouraged people to attend the Downtown Halloween Block Party and Trick or Treat event on Friday and then the Mummer's Parade on Saturday.

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 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by D. K. Spickler

Donna K. Spickler
City Clerk

Approved: November 22, 2022