

REGULAR SESSION (58TH VOTING SESSION) – December 20, 2022

Mayor E. Keller called this Regular Session (58th voting session) of the Mayor and City Council to order at 7:02 p.m., Tuesday, December 20, 2022, in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Participating with the Mayor were Councilmembers K. B. Aleshire, T. Burnett, T. Martinez, and S. McIntire, City Administrator Scott A. Nicewarner, City Attorney Amy Taylor, and City Clerk D. K. Spickler. Councilmember R. E. Bruchey, II 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: Work Sessions beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, January 17, 2023, January 24, 2023, and the Regular Session on Tuesday, January 31, 2023. There is no meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

APPOINTMENTS

On a motion duly made by Councilmember K. B. Aleshire and seconded by Councilmember T. Martinez, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote of all members present to appoint Jessica Scott to the City Ethics Commission.

Ms. Scott's term will expire September 1, 2024.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Keller presented a plaque to retiring Sheriff Douglas Mullendore. Sheriff Mullendore has been a tremendous asset to Washington County and Hagerstown. She asked him to be at this meeting to thank him face to face. She noted he always treats everyone with dignity and respect and she admires that about him.

Police Chief Kifer thanked Sheriff Mullendore for his support of him both personally and the Hagerstown Police Department.

Sheriff Mullendore appreciates the good working relationship with HPD and the City. He has always said the Hagerstown Police Department and the Sheriff's Department work so well together they are viewed as one police unit across the State.

Councilmember Aleshire thanked Sheriff Mullendore for his efforts on projects such as Central Booking, 911 Combined Communication Center, and enhanced safety

measures at the Court building. He appreciates the mutual aid between HPD and the Sheriff's Department.

Councilmember Burnett congratulated Sheriff Mullendore on his retirement.

Councilmember Martinez thanked Sheriff Mullendore for his work with mediation and for his service.

Councilmember S. McIntire sincerely appreciates all Sheriff Mullendore has done for Washington County and the City of Hagerstown.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizen Comments were accepted by email at councilcomments@hagerstownmd.org prior to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, 2022. Citizen Comments were also accepted during the meeting.

Donna K. Spickler, City Clerk, summarized the following two emails that were submitted for comments. A copy of the entire email is included with the meeting packet.

Jim Laird, 1903 Maplewood Drive, Hagerstown, Maryland, has lived at this address for 47 years. He is concerned about loud vehicle exhausts on Dual highway, Edgewood Drive, and Landis Road. There will always be some unavoidable noise, but residents are enduring more than is necessary from extremely loud and illegal vehicle exhaust systems. He has complained to the Hagerstown Police, the Sheriff's Department and the State Police. There is a deficiency in the present Maryland Law. The law doesn't allow fines for illegal exhausts. He has contacted Senator Paul Corderman to ask for revisions to the Maryland law.

Rignesh Desai, General Manager, Sleep Inn & Suites Hagerstown, 18216 Col Henry K. Douglas Drive, Hagerstown, Maryland, is against the pending policies for the licensing of hotels in the City of Hagerstown. This is not a solution of the overarching issues that have been discussed. Franchised hotels have numerous trainings for staff which are mandatory. Most hotels are up to date on their taxes. Most hotels do no rent rooms for hourly rates. He feels these regulations will hurt small business owners/operators.

Jim Laird, 1903 Maplewood Drive, Hagerstown, Maryland was also present at the meeting. He reiterated his concerns from his previous email. He stated a study on noise pollution shows it not only causes hearing loss, tinnitus, and hypersensitivity to sound but it can cause or exacerbate cardiovascular disease, Type 2 Diabetes, cause sleep disturbances, and many other problems. He suggested passing a law that give the police to right a ticket on their own recognition of loud sounds.

Raj Patel, 13716 Oliver Drive, Hagerstown, Maryland, owns a number of hotels in the City and Washington County. He is opposed to the proposed ordinance for licensing hotels. He works with REACH and the Homeless Shelter to provide housing for homeless people. One renter called for an ambulance every day and he is concerned the

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911 calls will be counted against his properties. There is a tent camp near one of his hotels and the people staying there attack his patrons. There are frequent 911 calls to deal with the people at the tent camp. He is concerned about the safety of his family and employees. There are cameras at the hotels, alarms on the doors, and up to date fire safety equipment. His hotels are renovated in some way every year. He has rescued several hotels. He and his employees are trained on drug trafficking and human trafficking. Things need to be better but not like this. These regulations will deter hotel staff from calling 911.

Rignesh Desai, General Manager of Sleep Inn & Suites Hagerstown, Maryland, was also present at the meeting. He stated he agrees with Mr. Patel's concerns. This ordinance will deter any hotel operation from making a 911 call. He proposed the City implement something against the ones that cause the calls.

Michael Staup, 18 S. Mulberry Street, Hagerstown, Maryland, enjoyed the Christkindl Markt. Travis Sheetz, Sheetz, Inc., has asked him for suggestions to improve the Sheetz store on Cleveland Avenue and Washington Street. He has seen improvements there recently. The main issue left at Sheetz is the homeless. Laws regarding the homeless are changing nationwide. He suggested forming a committee to make downtown brighter during Christmas.

Alicia Lebon, 1914 Abbey Lane, Hagerstown, Maryland, is a community advocate for the homeless. She is concerned that hotels will stop offering discounted rates if the hotel licensing ordinance is implemented. It will only amplify the public opinion that the only programs are for homelessness and substance use. This ordinance will cause more struggles for individuals. Her group depends on the hotels to house those less fortunate until other housing is secured. The tiered approach will hurt hotels.

Bakail Patel, Red Roof Inn, 310 E. Potomac Street, Williamsport, Maryland stated the proposed hotel licensing puts hotel operators at fault for calls made. He thinks the Mayor and City Council should talk to operators about the regulations. People who cause the problems should be the ones punished, not the hotel operators. He has guests make 911 calls without his knowledge. There needs to be more discussion on this issue.

MINUTES

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 of all members present to approve the minutes as presented for November 1, 2022, November 8, 2022, November 15, 2022, and November 22, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion duly made by Councilmember S. McIntire and seconded by Councilmember T. Martinez, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote of all members present to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

A. Engineering:

1. Wheaton Park Improvements Phase I – Superior Facilities Management Services, LLC (SFMS) (Bethesda, MD) \$ 384,342.06
2. MKS Business Park Stormwater Retrofit Project - Superior Facilities Management Services, LLC (SFMS) (Bethesda, MD) \$ 250,000.00
3. Downtown Redevelopment – 32 North Potomac Street – Boulevard Contractors Corp. (Owings Mills, MD) \$ 2,450,00.00

B. Fire Department:

1. Turnout Gear Replacement – Witmer Public Safety Group (Williamsport, MD) \$ 31,080.00

C. Information Technology:

1. Barracuda Essentials Compliance Edition – Year 3 of 3 – System Source (Hunt Valley, MD) \$ 20,494.00

D. Planning and Code Administration:

1. 2023 Ford Ranger – Keystone Ford (Chambersburg, PA) \$ 32,890.00

E. Police Department:

1. ForenScope Smart Tablet – Evident (Union Hall, VA) \$ 35,580.00

F. Public Works:

1. Emergency Repair for Unit 16 – Trash Truck – Mar-Eco, Inc. (aka Keystone Ford) (Chambersburg, PA) \$ 15,162.60
2. Street Closure – Antietam Velo Club Bike Race and 5k

G. Utilities:

1. Light: Emergency Purchase – Vehicle Repairs – ALTEC (Frederick, MD) \$ 37,323.24
2. Light: Norfolk Southern Railway Crossing – RailPros Field Services (Omaha, NE) \$ 33,820.00
3. Light: Substation Power Transformers – Anixter-Wesco (New Castle, DE) \$ 1,023,566.00
4. Water: ABB SCADA Software Contract, Three Year Agreement from 1/1/23 – 12/31/25 – ABB, Inc. (Warminster, PA) \$ 232,949.00
5. Wastewater: Chemical Purchase – Thioguard – Premier Magnesia, LLC (Wayne, PA) \$ 346,500.00
6. Water and Wastewater: Line Locating Services – Triple A Locating Services, LLC (Severn, MD) \$ 221,500.00
7. Wastewater: WWTP SCADA System Upgrade: Micro-Tech Designs, Inc. (Hampstead, MD) \$ 543,017.00

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Approval of an Ordinance: Purchase of 50-58 West Antietam Street

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember T. Martinez and seconded by Councilmember T. Burnett, the Mayor and City Council unanimously approved by voice vote of all members present to approve an ordinance to approve the Agreement of Sale for the purchase of real property known as 50-58 West Antietam Street for the construction of a parking deck. Funding for the acquisition will be from a future bond issue.

B. Approval of an Ordinance: Amending the City Code – Add Chapter 230, Transient Housing

Action: Councilmember K. B. Aleshire made a motion to approve an ordinance to add Chapter 230, Transient Housing, to the Code of the City of Hagerstown. This added chapter will:

1. Establish a licensing program for transient housing facilities which includes hotels, motels, inns, bed & breakfast structures and short-term rentals
2. Enact license fees for transient housing facilities based on tier level for hotels and license fees for bed & breakfasts and short-term rentals
3. Create a tier structure related to calls for service ratio for hotels
4. Establish inspection requirements for transient housing facilities
5. Require training for transient housing owners, managers, and staff on human trafficking activities, human trafficking victims and overdose response program
6. Create transient housing facility guest register requirements pertaining to transient visitors letting any transient housing unit
7. Enact premises requirements prohibiting hourly rates and letting transient housing units for illegal purposes
8. Provide processes to deny, suspend or revoke transient housing facility applications and licenses

Councilmember S. McIntire moved to table the discussion to open the opportunity for hotel owners to offer input. Councilmember T. Martinez seconded the motion to table.

Motion to table carried 3-1 with Councilmember K. B. Aleshire voting No.

C. Approval of an Ordinance: Amending the City Code – Amending Chapter 65, Habitual Offender, to Enhance Support to Transient Visitors and Neighborhoods

Action: Councilmember K. B. Aleshire made a motion to approve an ordinance to amend Chapter 65, Habitual Offender, of the Code of the City of Hagerstown. This chapter will be amended to include Chapter 230, Transient Housing. This amendment is intended to provide additional protections for the City's transient visitors and neighborhoods from nuisance actions and conditions.

Councilmember S. McIntire made a motion to table approval of the ordinance.
Councilmember T. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion to table carried 3-1 with Councilmember K. B. Aleshire voting No.

D. Approval of an Ordinance: Amending the City Code – Amending Chapter 95, Excessive Use of City Services, to Impose Fees for Police, Law Enforcement Services, and Code Administration Services Which are Over and Above the Costs of Providing Normal Police Protection Law Enforcement, and Code Administration Services at Transient Housing Facilities

Action: Councilmember K. B. Aleshire made a motion to approve an ordinance to amend Chapter 95, Excessive Use of City Services, of the Code of the City of Hagerstown. These amendments will:

1. Establish definitions for transient housing facilities and short-term rental
2. Amend the definitions for commercial property, multiunit residential structure, and residential property
3. Add Transient Housing Facility to Chronic Nuisance Property definition for HPD qualifying calls with a minimum number of 60 qualifying calls in a twelve-month period
4. Require HPD and Code Administration to publish a list of properties deemed chronic nuisance properties annually

Councilmember S. McIntire made a motion to table approval of the ordinance.
Councilmember T. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion to table carried 3-1 with Councilmember K. B. Aleshire voting No.

E. Approval of an Ordinance: Authorizing the Sale of Property Located at 239 N. Locust Street

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 of all members present to approve an ordinance authorizing the sale of property located at 239 N. Locust Street, Hagerstown, MD to Augustine M. Boyce for a purchase price of \$ 45,000. The sale will provide the opportunity for new investment and redevelopment at 239 North Locust Street. The sale will be in accordance with all of the terms and conditions outlined in the purchase agreement that is attached with the ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Introduction of an Ordinance: Conveyance of Land at 43/47 W. Washington Street

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember T. Burnett and seconded by Councilmember S. McIntire, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote of all members present to introduce an ordinance to approve the Property Acquisition Agreement for the conveyance of 351 square feet of land at 43-47 West Washington Street to Blackthorn Capital Partners (BCP Property).

B. Introduction of an Ordinance: Purchase of a Portion of a Parcel Located at Hebb Road

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember S. McIntire and seconded by Councilmember T. Martinez, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote of all members present to introduce an ordinance to purchase a portion of property known as Parcel 824 on TM 217; Liber 4288, Folio 128, located on Hebb Road, Hagerstown, Maryland authorizing the execution and delivery of an attached Property Acquisition Agreement between the City and CAROLEE Investments, LLC, a Maryland limited liability company; Margaret L. Harrison holdings, LLC, a Maryland limited liability company; and FRALOHA, LLC, a Wyoming limited liability company authorized to do business in the State of Maryland.

C. Approval of a Resolution: Lease Amendment with The Foundry Pop-Ups, LLC at 6 N. Potomac 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 approve a lease amendment with The Foundry Pop-Ups LLC at the City of Hagerstown property located at 6 North Potomac Street, in Hagerstown, Maryland. The approval provides that the City Administrator may make administrative edits to the amendment if necessary prior to execution.

D. Approval of a Resolution: Approval of a User Agreement with the Colt and Palomino League for Use of the Hellane Park Baseball Field

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember K. B. Aleshire and seconded by Councilmember T. Burnett, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote of all members present to approve a resolution to enter into a long-term user agreement with the Colt and Palomino League for exclusive use of the Hellane Park baseball field.

The agreement shall be for two years beginning on January 1, 2023, with the option for two additional, 2-year extensions. The City shall charge no monetary rent for use of the premises.

Discussion: Councilmember Aleshire asked if this agreement and the ones that follow preclude individuals from using the field. Eric Deike, Director of Public Works, stated he understands the agreement provides the right to have organized sports events on the field. He does not think the groups would ask anyone to leave.

E. Approval of a Resolution: Approval of a User Agreement with the West End Little League for Use of the Hellane Park Baseball Field

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 of all members present to approve a resolution to enter into a long-term user agreement with the West End Little League for exclusive use of the Hellane Park baseball field.

The agreement shall be for two years beginning on January 1, 2023, with the option for two additional, 2-year extensions. The City shall charge no monetary rent for use of the premises.

F. Approval of a Resolution: Approval of a User Agreement with the American Little League for Use of the Hager Park Baseball Field

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 enter into a long-term user agreement with the American Little League for exclusive use of the Hager Park baseball field.

The agreement shall be for two years beginning on January 1, 2023, with the option for two additional, 2-year extensions. The City shall charge no monetary rent for use of the premises.

G. Approval of a Resolution: Approval of a User Agreement with the Hagerstown Pony League for Use of the Funkhouser Park Baseball Field

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 of all members present to approve a resolution to enter into a long-term user agreement with the Hagerstown Pony League for exclusive use of the Funkhouser Park baseball field.

The agreement shall be for two years beginning on January 1, 2023, with the option for two additional, 20year extensions. The City shall charge no monetary rent for use of the premises.

H. Approval of Resolution: Approval of a User Agreement with the Hagerstown BMX, Inc. for Use of a Portion of Fairgrounds Park

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 of all members present to approve a resolution to enter into a long-term user agreement with the Hagerstown BMX, Inc. for use of a portion of the Hagerstown Fairgrounds to be used exclusively for conducting bicycle motocross events and practice sessions for the community. The facility shall be open to the public a minimum of 3 hours per week from April 1 through October 31 each year but not to exceed 10 hours per week.

The agreement shall be for two years beginning on January 1, 2023, with the option for two additional, 2-year extensions. The City shall charge no monetary rent for use of the premises.

I. Approval of a Resolution: Approval of Field Repair Agreement with the Hagerstown Fairgrounds Softball Association, Inc.

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember K. B Aleshire and seconded by Councilmember T. Burnett, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote of all members present to approve a resolution to enter into a Field Repair Agreement with the Hagerstown Fairgrounds Softball Association, Inc. (HFSA) and to make an interest free loan to said association. The amount of the loan will be Twenty Thousand Dollars (20,000.00) for the purpose of laser-grading three fields at Fairgrounds Park and three fields at City Park and repairing fences at Fairgrounds Park.

The repayment terms of the loan will be five equal payments of Four Thousand Dollars (\$ 4,000.00) per year over five years. Repayment will be due each July 1 beginning in calendar year 2023.

J. Approval of a Resolution: Sixth Amendment to Agreement with American Traffic Solutions, Inc. d/b/a Verra Mobility – Red Light Camera System

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember S. McIntire and seconded by Councilmember T. Martinez, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote of all members present to approve a resolution to approve a sixth amendment to the agreement with American Traffic Solutions, Inc. d/b/a Verra Mobility for a digital red light camera system. The term of this amendment is January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

K. Approval of a Resolution: Assignment and Novation Agreement with Rekor Recognition Systems, Inc. and Alumint, Inc.

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember S. McIntire and seconded by Councilmember T. Martinez, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote of all members present to approve a resolution to approve and execute an assignment and novation agreement with Rekor Recognition Systems, Inc. and Alumint, Inc. for the purpose of continuation of an Automated Speed Enforcement System and related services. The assignment will be effective through January 31, 2024.

L. Approval of an Agreement with Department of Natural Resources for Tree Planting

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember T. Burnett and seconded by Councilmember S. McIntire, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote of all members present to approve and execute a Landowner Project Agreement with the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources to perform reforestation planting at the City-owned former landfill off Resh Road. This project will earn credits toward the City's MS4 Permit requirements.

M. Approval of Application for FY 2024 Program Open Space (POS) Funding

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember K. B. Aleshire and seconded by Councilmember T. Martinez, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote of all members present to approve an application to Washington County Government requesting FY 2024 Program Open Space (POS) development funding for improvements to the City's Recreational Facilities (POS share listed) as follows:

1. Hager House – Phase I Renovation of the Visitor's Center: \$ 135,000
2. Antietam Creek Waterway Trail: \$ 135,000
3. Hagerstown Field House: \$ 225,000

N. Approval of Increase to Purchase Order Amount for the YMCA Pool Operations

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 of all members present to approve an increase in Purchase Order 20221216 from \$ 99,010.00 to \$ 119,229.25 to cover costs incurred by the YMCA for pool operations at the Potterfield Pool. Additional costs were incurred due to pool repairs and increases in labor wages.

O. Approval of a License Agreement: Installation of Trolley Photos

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 by all members present to approve execution of a license agreement between the City of Hagerstown and Debra Sue Kepler to install historical photo panels on Ms. Kepler's building at 246 Summit Avenue. The City will fund the cost to produce and install the photo panels. Ms. Kepler will fund the cost to install and maintain lighting.

P. Approval of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) City-Wide Restaurant Ready Grant Program

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 of all members present to approve Guidelines and Application Forms as attached with the meeting material to create the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) City-Wide Restaurant Ready Grant Program. Staff may make administrative edits with the approval of the City Administrator.

The program will be funded with \$ 250,000 of ARPA funding by reallocating the following:

1. \$ 50,000 from "Negative Economic Impact – Create Home Office Space"
2. \$ 200,000 from the "Revenue Replacement – Placeholder for future governmental services needs."

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Scott Nicewarner, City Administrator, wished everyone happy holidays. Work will begin on the FY24 budget in January.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember K. B. Aleshire is frustrated with how things occurred related to the topic of licensing of transient housing. The Mayor and City Council did not spontaneously invent the wheel and throw it in front of the elected body for approval. The City borrowed language from large municipalities that have had this type of legislation for years. They have discussed these same regulations repeatedly. The multiple discussions indicated the first ordinance applies the same safety regulations as the current regulations for rental facilities. The second ordinance requires the same safety rules for residents and patrons. The third ordinance applies the requirements for the law to be there. The notion that an individual that is seeking these housing resources will not call 911 for fear that they are going to create the issue of the police being called on them is nonsensical. It may appear to the public the Mayor and City Council and staff

have done something 11th hour when in reality there has been a great deal of discussion and review. Now, suddenly, hotel operators are opposed.

Councilmember T. Burnett thanked the Hagerstown Police Department for the ride along recently. She encouraged people calling 911 to provide specific details. She wished everyone happy holidays.

Councilmember T. Martinez congratulated Jessica Scott on her appointment to the City's Ethics Commission. She congratulated Sheriff Doug Mullendore on his retirement. She noted tabling the motions regarding transient housing regulations was not easy for her. She thinks people should be held accountable for the strain they put on the law enforcements officers. She did not table the motions because of hotel operators but because of the provider who mentioned the needs of the homeless. People who have worked very hard are losing their homes. Some of them need to go into a hotel. She doesn't want them to feel the strain of not being able to provide for the homeless.

Councilmember S. McIntire is also frustrated. She has visited the hotels. She has received emails about conditions at hotels. The Mayor and City Council all know there is a problem. When Mr. Patel said he would stop calling 911 in an emergency to avoid a police call, that is wrong. She can't vote for the ordinances if the hotel owners don't have a seat at the table. Maybe the owners have a solution. There is nowhere else for homeless people to go when they are desperate for a place to stay. A 24/7 homeless shelter is needed. Something has to be done.

Mayor E. Keller received a request for a letter of support from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development asking for support of an application for financial assistance through the Neighborhood Business Works Program from The MarketPlace, LLC project at 25 W. Church Street. The Council supports providing the letter. She thanked Scott Nicewarner and City staff for their work throughout the year. The City has been trying to provide the needed services for residents and visitors. The Mayor and City Council has been saying the community will get worse if nothing changes. The City has been trying and has been saying a crisis center is needed. What they have been warning everyone about is happening and the City needs everyone's help to make things better. The Mayor and City Council has been meeting with the homeless coalition and asking them what they need. Just because someone is poor does not mean they don't deserve a clean and safe place. She has been in those hotels and there aren't clean conditions. Some hotel patrons say they aren't allowed to call 911. She receives emails from visitors relaying disturbing occurrences and conditions. Instead of saying Not in my neighborhood or in my back yard, help the City or get out of the way.

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 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by D. K. Spickler

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DECEMBER 20,
HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

Donna K. Spickler
City Clerk

Approved: January 31, 2023