

REGULAR SESSION (64TH VOTING SESSION) – March 28, 2023

Mayor T. Martinez called this Regular Session (64th voting session) of the Mayor and City Council to order at 7:01 p.m., Tuesday, March 28, 2023, in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Participating with the Mayor were Councilmembers K. B. Aleshire, R. E. Bruchey, II, T. Burnett, S. McIntire, M. J. Schindler, City Administrator Scott A. Nicewarner, City Attorney Jason Morton, and City Clerk D. K. Spickler.

The invocation was offered by Councilmember Matthew J. Schindler. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by Mayor Tekesha Martinez.

Mayor Martinez 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, April 4, 2023, April 11, 2023, and April 18, 2023, and the Regular Session on Tuesday, April 25, 2023. A Joint Meeting with the Board of County Commissioners will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at the R. C. Willson Treatment Plant from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

APPOINTMENT

On a motion duly made by Councilmember R. E. Bruchey, II and seconded by Councilmember T. Burnett, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to appoint Sean Flaherty to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Flaherty's term will expire May 1, 2026.

Mayor Martinez then provided the Oath of Office to Mr. Flaherty.

GUESTS

Andrea Montague – Governor's Award

Mayor Martinez presented a special recognition certificate to Andrea Renee Montague. Ms. Montague is one of six people who received the 2023 Black History Month Leadership and Service Award from Governor Wes Moore. Ms. Montague was recognized for starting the Blerd Box, ("Blerd" stands for Black Nerd), a program she designed to provide new diverse books to the underserved in the community making her goal that children see themselves on the shelves.

Doug Wright – Planning Commission Service

Kathleen Maher, Director of Planning and Code Administration, presented a Special Recognition certificate to Douglas Wright, who served 35 years on the Hagerstown Planning Commission. During those 35 years, he contributed to four updates to the City's Comprehensive Plan, extensive updates to development and zoning codes, as well as 60 annexations totaling 25% of the City's current land area. Planning staff created a map of the City showing the annexations that have occurred in the last 35 years and presented it to Mr. Wright. Mr. Wright resigned from the Planning Commission effective March 8, 2023.

Fire Chief Steven Lohr and Retired Fire Marshall Doug DeHaven presented a copy of the Fire Department's Seal, Patch, and Helmet Shield to Mr. Wright.

Rodney Tissue – Retirement Recognition

Scott Nicewarner, City Administrator, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to retiring City Engineer Rodney Tissue. Mr. Tissue began his career with the City of Hagerstown as Assistant City Engineer on July 20, 1992 and was promoted to City Engineer August 13, 2001.

Mr. Tissue was instrumental in many accomplishments during his tenure. The most significant project was the design and construction of the half-mile long multi-use Cultural Trail connecting the Arts & Entertainment District with City Park and passing by the Mural of Unusual Size.

Mr. Tissue received a framed caricature created by Ms. Maher. Mr. Tissue thanked everyone for their support over the years.

The Mayor and City Council and City staff congratulated Mr. Tissue on his retirement.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizen Comments were accepted by email at councilcomments@hagerstownmd.org prior to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2023. Citizen Comments were also accepted during the meeting.

Kim Cavenee, 1305 The Terrace, Hagerstown, Maryland, moved back to Hagerstown 7 years ago. He has noticed an increase in the number of unlicensed dirt bikes on the streets. The way people drive the dirt bikes is unsafe. He was followed out of Fairgrounds Park by a young man on a dirt bike who almost hit the back of his car. It would be nice if the riders had some place to ride but he is not willing, as a taxpayer, to spend money to build a place. He is willing to volunteer to help with a committee to determine if there is a resolution to this problem. He is concerned someone is going to be hurt if something is not done to stop this.

Councilmember Bruchey suggested Mr. Cavenee talk with Police Chief Kifer about what the police department's plans are to address this issue.

Michael Staup, 18 S. Mulberry Street, Hagerstown, Maryland, does not think the City's neighborhoods are safe. He stated he is responsible for getting Sheetz to hire security guards at the store on N. Cannon Avenue. He is concerned the new trash receptacles will cause a problem because people don't know what to do with them. If trash is not in the receptacles it won't be picked up. There will be trash all over the street. There is an influx of new people in his neighborhood who are selling their shoes and clothes to get money for a \$ 50.00 hotel room. Residents in the East end of town have been put through a lot and something needs to be done. He is starting to see more discarded needles.

Martin Brubaker, 10925 Hartle Drive, Hagerstown, Maryland, congratulated and thanked both Rodney Tissue and Doug Wright for their service to the City of Hagerstown. Their leadership has been beyond excellent. The County and the region are better for their efforts.

Iman Scott, 453 Park Place, Hagerstown, Maryland, asked Councilmember Schindler how he plans to correct the blighted and vacant properties. She stated some homes that are considered blighted may be because the owners cannot afford to fix their homes. She asked how we, as a community, help people know how to take care of their properties. They are doing what they can with the time they have. She asked if there is a main stream program or funding to help people fix their properties to stop loiterers from damaging the properties. Some people don't have what it takes to bring their houses up to code. Sometimes what they need is hope.

Mayor Martinez stated public comments should be addressed to the entire body. She noted they are working on addressing the issues Ms. Scott pointed out. Some funding has been received to help with this situation.

Britney Tatters, 639 N. Mulberry Street, Hagerstown, Maryland, submitted a comment by email. Donna K. Spickler, City Clerk, summarized the email and a copy is included in the meeting material. Ms. Tatters is concerned about the dirt bikes racing down the street and in Fairgrounds Park.

MINUTES

On a motion duly made by Councilmember R. E. Bruchey, II and seconded by Councilmember S. McIntire, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve the minutes as presented for February 7, 2023, February 14, 2023, February 21, 2023, and February 28, 2023.

CONSENT AGENDA

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 Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Engineering:
 - 1. Stormwater Drainage System Evaluation – WSP (Wood) (Chantilly, VA)
\$ 73,380.00

- B. Information Technology:
 - 1. DebtBook Software 2 Year Renewal – Fifth Asset Inc. (dba DebtBook)
(Charlotte, NC) \$ 38,000.00

- C. Police Department:
 - 1. Dual Purpose Patrol and Narcotic Detection Dog – Tri-State Canine Services
(Warren, OH) \$ 14,500.00

- D. Public Works:
 - 1. 2023 Ford F-550 Truck with Rear Loader Packer – Keystone Ford
(Chambersburg, PA) \$ 121,875.00

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Approval of an Ordinance: Amending the City Code by Repealing and Re-enacting Chapter 140, the Land Management Code

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember S. McIntire and seconded by Councilmember R. E. Bruchey, II, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve an ordinance to amend the City Code by repealing and re-enacting Chapter 140, Land Management Code. The re-enacted Land Management Code includes the 2022 package of annual revisions finalized by the Mayor and City Council. This re-enacted version of the Land Management Code shall be known as version 3.9.

B. Approval of an Ordinance: 2023 Comprehensive Rezoning

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember R. E. Bruchey, II and seconded by Councilmember S. McIntire, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve an ordinance for a Zoning Reclassification and Zoning Map amendments, Case No. ZM-2022-02, to rezone those areas which are associated with the 2023 Comprehensive Rezoning, based on the 2018 Comprehensive Plan. A chart and map are included with the ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Introduction of an Ordinance: City of Hagerstown General Obligation Debt

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 to introduce an ordinance authorizing City of Hagerstown to sell and issue from time to time, upon its full faith

and credit, in one or more series (1) (A) general obligation bonds and (B) general obligation bond anticipation notes (“BANs”), each in an original aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$ 10,600,000, and (2) general obligation refunding bonds in an original aggregate principal amount not to exceed 130% of the aggregate principal amount of any bonds being refunded. Proceeds of any such issued bonds, BANs or refunding bonds will be used to finance, reimburse or refinance costs (as defined in the ordinance) with respect to a project generally referred to as “Parking Fund – Parking Facilities – 3rd Parking Deck” (the “Project”). Any series of such general obligation bonds, BANs or refunding bonds may be issued as a single obligation in draw-down form and/or as an installment obligation.

The ordinance provides that before issuance of any such authorized general obligation bonds, BANs or refunding bonds, the Council must determine or provide for details of the issue by resolution.

Staff is hereby directed to work with the City’s financial advisor and bond counsel to develop and circulate an RFP to national and regional financial institutions for the sale of a series of BANs in a direct purchase transaction in order to provide interim financing for the Project (with bonds to be issued at a later date to provide long-term financing for the Project), and to develop the necessary detailed resolution and other documents relating to the BANs.

B. Introduction of an Ordinance: Accept an Easement from the Hagerstown Housing Authority

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 to introduce an ordinance to accept an easement from the Hagerstown Housing Authority for outdoor exercise equipment. Funded and installed by Bester Community of Hope, when completed to the satisfaction of the Public Works Department, the City will accept the donation of the equipment and maintain the equipment in the easement area for 20 years.

C. Introduction of an Ordinance: Accept an Easement from Bowman 2000, LLC – Artist Alley

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember M. J. Schindler and seconded by Councilmember T. Burnett, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to introduce an ordinance to accept an easement from Bowman 2000, LLC to clarify ownership and document maintenance responsibilities for lighting, art, and signs in Artist Alley.

D. Presentation of Petition for Annexation: Bostetter Group, LLC

Donna K. Spickler, City Clerk, provided the Oath to Jason Divelbiss, authorized representative of the Bostetter Group, LLC.

Mr. Divelbiss stated his address is 11125 Bemisderfer Road, Greencastle, Pennsylvania. He is the authorized representative of the Bostetter Group, LLC who owns +/- 81.55 acres at 17601 Broadfording Road, Hagerstown, Maryland. He is the attorney for Bostetter Group, LLC. Donald Martin Van Buren Bostetter, III is a member who is authorized to sign the Petition for Annexation. Mr. Bostetter's signature is on the petition and his client is the owner of 100% of the assessed value of all of the property for which annexation is sought. There are no registered voters who reside on the property at this time.

The Mayor and City Council accepted the petition for annexation.

E. Introduction of Annexation Resolution: A-2023-01: Bostetter Group, LLC

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember R. E. Bruchey, II and seconded by Councilmember M. J. Schindler, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to introduce an annexation resolution for Annexation Case No. A-2023-01. The portion of property to be annexed is approximately 81.55 acres in size and is intended to be added to and made part of the adjacent municipal lands with RMOD zoning. The resolution package includes the metes and bounds description, annexation plat, and zoning exhibit as forwarded by the applicant's engineer.

F. Approval of Annexation Plan: A-2023-01: The Bostetter Group, LLC

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember M. J. Schindler and seconded by Councilmember R. E. Bruchey, II, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve an annexation plan for Annexation Case No. A-2023-01. The portion of property to be annexed is approximately 81.55 acres in size and is intended to be added to and made part of the adjacent municipal lands.

G. Presentation of Petition for Annexation: Blaine Properties LP

Donna K. Spickler, City Clerk, provided the Oath to William Wantz and Mickey K. Thompson, Burkentine Real Estate Group, who are the authorized representatives of the Blaine Properties, LP.

Mr. Wantz stated his address is 123 W. Washington Street, Hagerstown, Maryland. Mr. Thompson stated his address is 1454 Baltimore Street A, Hanover, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Wantz stated he and Mr. Thompson are the authorized representatives of the owner, Blaine Properties, LP, owner of +/- 28.347 acres along McDade Road, Hagerstown, Maryland. Cynthia B. Griswold, General Partner, and Matthew L.

Griswold, General Partner, are members who are authorized to sign the petition and both Ms. Griswold and Mr. Griswold's signatures are on the petition. His clients are owner of 100% of the assessed value of all of the property for which annexation is sought. There are less than 20% of registered voters on the property. There was someone living in one of the 13 lots. The other lots are unoccupied and in the owners' names.

The Mayor and City Council accepted the petition for annexation.

H. Introduction of Annexation Resolution: A-2023-02: Blaine Properties LP

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember R. E. Bruchey, II and seconded by Councilmember S. McIntire, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to introduce an annexation resolution for Annexation Case No. A-2023-02. The portion of property to be annexed is approximately 28.347 acres in size and is intended to be added to and made part of the adjacent municipal lands with RMED zoning. The resolution package includes the metes and bounds description, annexation plat, and zoning exhibit as forwarded by the applicant's engineer.

Discussion: Councilmember Aleshire stated he doesn't entirely agree with the assertion of the proposed density in comparison to the existing neighborhoods.

I. Approval of Annexation Plan: A-2023-02: Blaine Properties LP

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember M. J. Schindler and seconded by Councilmember S. McIntire, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve an annexation plan for Annexation Case No. A-2023-02. The portion of property to be annexed is approximately 28.347 acres in size and is intended to be added to and made part of the adjacent municipal lands.

J. Approval of a Resolution: Authorizing, Approving and Directing the Mayor to Enter into Various National Settlement Agreements to Benefit the City in Connection with Litigation Against Contributors of the Opioid Addiction Crisis

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 a resolution to authorize and approve entry into National Settlement Agreements with Defendants (1) Teva; (2) Allergan; (3) Walgreens; and (4) Walmart with certain conditions. The resolution also authorizes and approves entry into any State Subdivision Agreements required to receive its share of the National Settlement Agreements. The Mayor is authorized to execute and deliver any additional documentation necessary in the completion of said agreements.

K. Approval of a Resolution: Parking Lease for the University District Parking Deck with Department of Juvenile Services

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember T. Burnett and seconded by Councilmember R. E. Bruchey, II, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve a resolution to enter into a second supplemental parking lease agreement between the City of Hagerstown and the State of Maryland for the rental of fourteen (14) parking spaces in the University District Parking Deck for use by the Department of Juvenile Services.

The term of the lease is three (3) years and commences on July 1, 2023. The annual rent to be paid to the City is \$ 11,760.00.

L. Approval of a Resolution: Summer Camp with YMCA

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 a resolution to authorize the execution of a contract with the Hagerstown YMCA to operate a summer play camp for the 2023 season. Funding amounts for each camp shall be per the staff recommended funding levels and as per the discussion with Mayor and Council in the Tuesday, March 21, 2023 work session. Funding is from the Recreation Division operating budget.

M. Approval of a Resolution: Summer Camp with Boys and Girls Club

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember R. E. Bruchey, II and seconded by Councilmember M. J. Schindler, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve a resolution to authorize the execution of a contract with the Boys and Girls Club of Washington County to operate a summer play camp for the 2023 season. Funding amounts for each camp shall be per the staff recommended funding levels and as per the discussion with Mayor and Council in the Tuesday, March 21, 2023 work session. Funding is from the Recreation Division operating budget.

N. Approval of a Resolution: Summer Camp with Beacon House

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember M. J. Schindler and seconded by Councilmember R. E. Bruchey, II, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve a resolution to authorize the execution of a contract with Beacon House, Inc. to operate a summer play camp for the 2023 season. Funding amounts for each camp shall be per the staff recommended funding levels and as per the discussion with Mayor and Council in the Tuesday, March 21, 2023 work session. Funding is from the Recreation Division operating budget.

O. Approval of a Resolution: Summer Camp with Girls, Inc.

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember M. J. Schindler and seconded by Councilmember S. McIntire, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve a resolution to authorize the execution of a contract with Girls, Inc. of Washington County to operate a summer play camp for the 2023 season. Funding amounts for each camp shall be per the staff recommended funding levels and as per the discussion with Mayor and Council in the Tuesday, March 21, 2023 work session. Funding is from the Recreation Division operating budget.

P. Approval of a Resolution: Summer Camp with Robert W. Johnson Community Center

Action: Councilmember T. Burnett made a motion to approve a resolution to authorize the execution of a contract with the Robert W. Johnson Community Center (RWJCC) to operate a summer play camp for the 2023 season. Funding amounts for each camp shall be per the staff recommended funding levels and as per the discussion with Mayor and Council in the Tuesday, March 21, 2023 work session. Funding is from the Recreation Division operating budget. Councilmember S. McIntire seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilmember Bruchey asked where the contract with the Robert W. Johnson Community Center stands. Mr. Nicewarner indicated an application has been received. No funds are provided until receipts for expenses are submitted. He is not sure there will actually be a camp run by the Robert W. Johnson Community Center. If there is no camp, staff will return to the Mayor and City Council to reallocate the funding.

Eric Deike, Director of Public Works, stated funding is just the first step. RWJCC still needs to obtain licenses and certifications.

Councilmember McIntire wants the camp to succeed but it is good to know there is a plan in case the camp does not happen.

Councilmember Aleshire stated the ultimate goal is to make summer camp available to as many kids as want to go.

Motion carried 4-1 with Councilmember R. E. Bruchey, II voting No.

Q. Approval of a Resolution: Grant Agreement for Hagerstown Field House

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember R. E. Bruchey, II and seconded by Councilmember M. J. Schindler, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve a resolution to authorize entering into a grant agreement with the State of Maryland for a

\$ 1,000,000 grant for the Hagerstown Field House. A copy of the agreement is included with the resolution.

R. Approval of a Resolution: Memorandum of Understanding Amendment #1 for City Park Train Hub Locomotive Refurbishment and Pavilion Replacement

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 a resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding – Amendment #1 for City Park Train Hub Locomotive Refurbishment and Pavilion Replacement Project. This amendment increases State funding for the project by \$ 236,338.00.

S. Approval of City Administrator’s Employment Agreement

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember K. B. Aleshire and seconded by Councilmember S. McIntire, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve a four year employment agreement, as attached with the motion, with Scott A. Nicewarner to serve as City Administrator.

The term of the contract is May 6, 2023 through May 5, 2027.

Discussion: Councilmember Bruchey stated Mr. Nicewarner does all that is expected and goes beyond that. He always responds in an extremely timely manner.

Councilmember McIntire stated Mr. Nicewarner is a very effective leader.

T. Approval of On-Call Plumbing Services Contract: 5/1/23-4/30/24

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 to authorize and approve the renewal of the On-Call Plumbing Services and Backflow Preventer Inspection & Testing Contract for the contract term of May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024. This is year four of five optional one-year renewals. Beaver Mechanical Contractors, Inc. pricing is as follows:

Plumber Regular Hourly Rate	\$ 48.00 per hour
Laborer Regular Hourly Rate	\$ 42.00 per hour
After Hours Rate	\$ 72.00 per hour
Weekend Rate	\$ 96.00 per hour
Holiday Rate	\$ 144.00 per hour
Material Mark-Up (Supplies)	25%
Backflow Preventer Pricing:	
Size: ¼” thru 1”	\$ 136.00 Flat Rate

Size: 1 ¼” thru 2”	\$ 225.00 Flat Rate
Size: 2 ½” thru 4”	\$ 305.00 Flat Rate
Size: 6” & 8”	\$ 473.00 Flat Rate
Size: 10”	\$ 658.00 Flat Rate

U. Approval of Hub City Parking Garage – 50 West Antietam Street

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember R. E. Bruchey, II and seconded by Councilmember S. McIntire, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve of the construction of a five-level, 397 space parking deck and the following items related to this project:

1. Approval of the construction contract with Callas Contractors in the amount of \$ 11,121,746.00 which includes contingencies
2. Approval of various other contracts and purchases as shown on the attached “Purchase/Contract/Consent Form”
3. Approval of the name of “Hub City Garage” for the new parking deck facility with address of 50 West Antietam Street
4. Approval to acquire the property and in an effort to lower future borrowing needs, revising the funding source for the land acquisition to the following: \$ 120,000 loan repayment proceeds, \$ 500,000 sale of property, and \$ 580,000 General Fund balance reserves

Funding for the project includes: Future Bond Issue, Parking Fund, Public Art CIP, and Stormwater Fund.

V. Approval of Contract Extension with Waste Management of Pennsylvania, Inc.

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember R. E. Bruchey, II and seconded by Councilmember M. J. Schindler, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve of a six month extension of Contract No. 17-RR-12 with Waste Management of Pennsylvania for curbside collection of residential trash, recyclables, and yard waste. This extension would run from January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

This extension provides more time for a vendor to procure collection trucks for the next collection contract and moves the contact to fiscal year basis.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Scott Nicewarner, City Administrator, thanked the Mayor and City Council for renewing the employment agreement with him. He appreciates their support and their comments. There are challenges to address including eliminating blight. As Ms. Scott pointed out, some people need help to know what to do. He will work with staff and the community to make these situations better. Mr. Staup has a good point that everyone

needs to keep fighting the negative issues in the neighborhoods. He sees a bright future for Hagerstown with the field house, stadium, parking deck, and new businesses.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember K. B. Aleshire stated it is appropriate to say Rodney Tissue has probably forgotten more than most people even know about the events and projects in the City . He appreciates and thanks Mr. Tissue for his expertise with all the projects he oversaw.

Councilmember R. E. Bruchey, II thanked Mr. Tissue for responding to him with any question he had. Mr. Tissue will be missed. He stated there have been a lot of complaints about the dirt bikes but he assured people there is a plan enacted that will take care of the issue.

Councilmember T. Burnett thanked Mr. Tissue for his service and congratulated him on his retirement. She noted that even before she was elected, she reached out to him and he provided answers to her questions.

Councilmember S. McIntire asked if the Bridge to Change group could focus their clean up on the Mulberry Street area. Mr. Deike stated they are doing a great job and he will recommend they work in that area too.

Councilmember McIntire told Ms. Scott there isn't an answer yet for her concerns but everyone is working on a solution. She appreciates that Ms. Scott shared her concerns with the Mayor and City Council.

She was the Ex-officio member of the Planning Commission and worked with Doug Wright during that time. She thanked him for his service.

Councilmember McIntire thanked Mr. Tissue for always seeming to be delighted with her ideas. He made her believe the ideas were great.

Councilmember M. J. Schindler responded to Ms. Scott's concerns. He is very passionate about addressing the problems with vacant properties. He wants to find a way to not punish people who are trying to fix things.

He congratulated and thanked both Doug Wright and Rodney Tissue for their service. He appreciates their professionalism and hard work.

Mayor T. Martinez attended the International Film Festival last Thursday night. It was a great event. She appreciates the group uses different venues downtown. She spoke to the Hagerstown Community College political science classes at a luncheon last week. She was asked what it is like to be a black woman in politics. She explained to the group that it was important for her to see how Mayor Keller navigated the difficult times. This let her know it doesn't matter what color someone is, or if they are a woman or not, the position attracts challenges.

Mayor Martinez attended the Mid-Atlantic Regional Gang Investigators Training Conference last week. It was one of the best she has attended.

She congratulate Andrea Montague. She knows this is a labor of love for her.

She thanked Doug Wright for his service to the City.

Councilmember Martinez thanked Rodney Tissue for his work for the City. She thanked him for his gentle spirit and dedication.

Mayor Martinez thanked Councilmember Schindler for doing the invocation at his first Regular Session.

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 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna K. Spickler
City Clerk

Approved: April 25, 2023