

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE LIBERTY STREET UTILITY RELOCATION PROJECT

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Harrisonburg City Council held on Tuesday March 26, 2024, on a motion by Council Member Robinson, seconded by Council Member Fleming, the following resolution was adopted by a vote of 5 to 0:

WHEREAS, the Office of Senator Tim Kaine and Office of Senator Mark Warner are both accepting requests for congressionally directed spending (CDS) for Fiscal Year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF HARRISONBURG CITY COUNCIL desires to submit a request for funds to implement the Liberty Street Utility Relocation Project; and

WHEREAS, the project will move existing overhead utility lines along Liberty Street to under the roadway; and

WHEREAS, the project timeline coincides with the City of Harrisonburg's Downtown Harrisonburg Streetscape and Mobility Transformation Project, which is funded by a 2023 federal Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant in the amount of \$14,368,180 and is scheduled to begin construction in 2027; and

WHEREAS, the project offers significant cost savings by coordinating the relocation of the utility lines to under the roadway to occur while the roadway is already opened due to construction of the RAISE-funded project.; and

WHEREAS, the project increases accessibility and equity for people with a disability as they travel Liberty Street by removing utility poles that serve as barriers to mobility; and

WHEREAS, the project increases economic development and affordable housing creation opportunities along Liberty Street by removing physical barriers to development and mobility; and

WHEREAS, the project can be completed in phases if only partial requested CDS funding is awarded;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The HARRISONBURG CITY COUNCIL hereby supports this application to request from the Office of Senator Kaine and the Office of Senator Warner up to \$3,000,000 of federal funding to complete this project, which includes design and construction of this project;

ADOPTED this 26th day of March, 2024.


Deanna R. Reed, Mayor

ATTEST:


Pam Ulmer, City Clerk