



## CITY OF HARRISONBURG CITY MANAGER

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TO: Ande Banks, Interim City Manager  
FROM: Chris Brown, City Attorney  
DATE: 6/23/2022  
RE: Resolution Approving Purchase of Presbytery Property for Low Barrier Shelter

**Summary:** The City Manager has executed an Agreement for the City to purchase 3.684 acres of property located in the City and owned by the Shenandoah Presbytery Corporation (The Presbytery Property) for use as a low barrier shelter for people experiencing homelessness. The purchase price is \$700,000.00. The Agreement must be ratified and approved by City Council.

**Background:** Sometime ago City Council instructed staff to search for and secure an appropriate location in the City for a low barrier shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness. Staff has negotiated Real Estate Purchase Agreement with the Shenandoah Presbytery Corporation for the purchase of 3.684 acres located on North Main Street in the City. The purchase price is \$700,000.00. The Agreement provides for a 30-day study period for the City to ensure that the property is appropriate for use as a low barrier shelter and to conduct a title examination and other preclosing matters. Closing should occur within 45 days. The Agreement has been signed by the City Manager but has a contingency that it must be ratified and approved by Council.

**Key Issues:** Approval and ratification of the purchase by the City of 3.684 acres from the Shenandoah Presbytery Corporation.

**Environmental Impact:** None

**Fiscal Impact:** Purchase price of \$700,000.00 and future renovation costs.

**Prior Actions:** None



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**Alternatives:** (a) Adopt Resolution Approving and Ratifying Real Estate Purchase Agreement  
(b); or decline to approve the purchase.  
(c)

**Community Engagement:** None

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval and ratification of the Agreement.

**Attachments:** Real Estate Purchase Agreement, Resolution approving agreement

**Review:**

*The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue.*

