

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE SUTER ST. DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Harrisonburg City Council held on Tuesday March 26, 2024, on a motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Robinson, 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 Suter St. Drainage Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, the project constructs street infrastructure improvements focused on upsizing the existing stormwater management systems, including constructing culverts at Suter St. and Ashby Ave., upsizing the storm sewer system outfalling downstream of Clinton St., and adding ditches along a portion of Charles St.; and

WHEREAS, the project minimizes property damage from future flood events, thereby reducing long-term financial burdens facing residents experiencing recurrent flooding; and

WHEREAS, the project will advance equity and environmental justice through alleviating the suffering of a majority Spanish-speaking, low-income, and vulnerable population facing the historical consequences of inadequate infrastructure planning and supports these residents who have actively engaged with City staff, establishing a model of community-city collaboration for future challenges; and

WHEREAS, the project provides sustainability for existing affordable housing in a city and country where climate impacts have disproportionately affected vulnerable populations;

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 \$2,779,300 of federal funding to contribute to the total project cost of up to \$3,705,800 which includes design and construction of this project;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Harrisonburg hereby agrees to provide the balance of the funding needed to design and construct the Suter Street Drainage Improvement Project, up to \$926,500.

ADOPTED this 26th day of March, 2024.


Deanna R. Reed, Mayor

ATTEST:


Pam Ulmer, City Clerk