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DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT December 20, 2022

The Development Committee of Wheeling City Council met on the above date at 4:45 p.m. Committee members present: Mayor Elliott, Vice Chair Thalman, and Member Thorngate. Others present: Councilors Seidler, Sklavounakis, and Palmer, City Manager Herron, City Clerk Brenda Delbert, and media.

The following matters were discussed:

Lane Abandonment: 35-foot-wide parcel on Economy St:

Assistant City Manager Bill Lanham presents request. Mr. Lanham confirms all interested parties have been informed. Staff supports abandonment with conditions in place to access underground utility lines if necessary. Kevin Heilman with Troy Group is present and agrees of conditions. Mr. Heilman indicates Troy Group is interested in putting up fence, as there is no through traffic. Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, moved to approve, and forward to City Council. Motion carried. All in favor.

ARPA Proposal: \$96,560 to Ohio County Library:

Amy Kastigar, Director of Ohio County Public Library, was in attendance to present request. Ms. Kastigar gave members of council an updated request in the amount of \$75,800 as portions of the project have been privately funded. The goal is to implement a tablet lending program as well as updates to public meeting space. Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, moved to approve, and forward to City Council. Motion carried. All in favor.

ARPA Proposal: \$750,000 to Wheeling Heritage:

Scott Schenerlein, Executive Director of Wheeling Heritage, was in attendance to present the request. Mr. Schenerlein confirmed Wheeling Heritage has secured a federal earmark for the project in the amount of one million. The goal is to move Wheeling Heritage's retail space to first floor and keep existing restaurant. The concept plans condense River City to bar side, upgrades restrooms, and moves retail space to first floor. Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, moved to approve, and forward to City Council. Motion carried. All in favor.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, to adjourn. Time: 5:10 p.m.