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April 11, 2022

TO: City Council

FROM: Randy Wheeler, City Manager

SUBJECT: Consideration of Draft Letter to York County Pertaining To The Proposed Lambs Creek Dredging Project.

Attached you will find for your consideration a draft letter prepared at the request of Mayor Helsel to Chairperson Noll of the York County Board of Supervisors. At its March 28, 2022 Council meeting this item was postponed by City Council until a Work Session was held to further discuss. On April 11, 2022 a Work Session was held on the subject and the item is back for your consideration.



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To: Mrs. Sheila S. Noll, Chairperson York County Board of Supervisors
224 Ballard Street, Yorktown, VA 23690

From: Gordon Helsel, Mayor

Date: March 29, 2022

Subject: Lamb's Creek Dredging

Please accept my thanks to you and to Mr. Morgan for hosting our recent coordination meeting. I found the meeting to be very productive and look forward to additional meetings of this type in the future. As part of the meeting we discussed the proposed Lamb's Creek dredging project and the need for the City Council to officially communicate its position on this possible joint project to the Board of Supervisors.

We sincerely appreciate the work that Mr. Morgan and his team have already put into developing the project concept. The City Council has reviewed the original materials prepared by York County Engineer Ms. Anna Drake in 2015 as well as the updated project concept and budget provided by Mr. Morgan in October of last year. The Council also has reviewed information and materials submitted from a number of citizen from both of our communities who are interested in seeing this project move forward.

For the purpose of moving forward with the consideration of this potential joint project the City Council at its March 28, 2022 meeting expressed its preliminary support for the original project scope presented in Ms. Drake's memorandum of January 26, 2015 to be funded through a Special Service District Tax Overlay District. Council concurs with the special tax district participation threshold of at least 80% of the identified special district property owners expressing support for the inclusion of their property in the special tax district as a condition of this project moving forward.

It is my understanding that following receipt of the City's position that it is your intention to schedule a work session with the Board of Supervisors. Should the Board wish to move forward with the next stage of consideration after its work session, the City Manager will work closely with Mr. Morgan and his team to disseminate a survey to potentially impacted property owners to ascertain their position with regard to the inclusion of their property in a special tax district. Should the participation threshold be met in each of the respective communities the City stands ready to work with York County to prepare a Joint Project Agreement for formal consideration by both bodies which it would provide the necessary framework to move this project through engineering, permitting and project completion, including one maintenance dredge.

I look forward to hearing from you with regard to next steps following the Board of Supervisors work session.