

City of Morgantown

EMERGENCY SPECIAL MEETING March 17, 2020

The Emergency Special Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Morgantown was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at 7:05 p.m.

PRESENT: City Manager Paul Brake, Assistant City Manager Emily Muzzarelli, City Clerk Christine Wade, City Attorney Ryan Simonton, Mayor William A. Kawecki, Deputy Mayor Rachel Fetty, and Council Members Zackery Cruze, Jenny Selin, Ron Dulaney, Dave Harshbarger, and Barry Wendell.

The special meeting was called to order by Mayor Kawecki.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Emergency measures to protect public health during COVID-19 Pandemic (It is anticipated that this matter may be discussed in executive session as permitted by WV State Code Section 6-9A-4(b)(1) (12). Motion by Deputy Mayor Fetty, second by Harshbarger, to go into executive session. Motion carried by acclamation. Present: City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Attorney, and City Council. Time: 7:07 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION: Motion by Wendell, second by Cruze, to exit executive session and go into regular session. Time: 8:26 p.m.

The City may enact an ordinance without complying with the rules prescribed in Section [2.13](#) only (1) in the case of a pressing public emergency making procedure in accordance with the provisions of said section dangerous to the public health, safety or morals, and by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected to the governing body, or (2) when otherwise provided by law. The nature of any such emergency shall be set out in full in the ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC GATHERINGS: The below entitled Ordinance was presented for first reading during an emergency meeting.

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC GATHERINGS TO HELP PREVENT HARM TO THE PUBLIC DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC:

City Attorney explained, motion by Deputy Mayor Fetty, second by Wendell, to approve the Emergency Ordinance Declaring State of Emergency. Motion carried 7-0. City Attorney explained, motion by Harshbarger, second by Wendell, to approve the Restrictions on Public Gatherings to Help Prevent Harm to the Public During the COVID-19 Pandemic. City Manager read the Statement of City Council Community Guidelines for Responding to COVID-19 Pandemic. (See attachment A) Motion carried 7-0.

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion by Wendell, second by Cruze, to adjourn the special emergency meeting. Time: 8:31 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor

