

**REGULAR MEETING May 1, 2018:** The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Morgantown was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 7:04 p.m.

**PRESENT:** City Manager Paul Brake, Linda Tucker City Clerk, City Attorney Ryan Simonton, Mayor Kawecki, and Council Members: Rachel Fetty, Ryan Wallace, Jenny Selin, Ron Dulaney, Deputy Mayor Mark Brazaitis and Barry Wendell.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kawecki.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** April 4, 2018 Special Meeting minutes were approved as printed, and April 4, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes were approved as amended.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Mayor Kawecki presented Proclamations to: Guy Panrell for National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive Day; Linda Tucker City Clerk for Municipal Clerks Week; and Chief Ed Preston for Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Day. Sean Sikora, County Commissioner presented to share goals and work together toward those goals. Council suspended the rules for open dialogue, after discussion, Commissioner Sikora will meet with the County Commission and get back with Mayor Kawecki. Missy Pffor, MSW – Alcohol and Other Drug Counseling & Education (AOD) presented a review of Student Assistance Programs (SAP) Carruth Center for Psychological and Psychiatric Services (Students wanting to receive alcohol and other drug counseling and education) **(Ex. A)** Council suspended the rules to ask questions about AOD. Mark Cestari, Chief Commerce Officer of Southern Airways, updated City Council on new services at the Airport. Council suspended the rules to ask questions to Mark Cestari, after discussion, council decided to approve the City Managers Essential Air Service Memorandum. City manager recommends the submittal of Southern Airways Express Service to PIT and to BWI. Further, Council recommends authorizing City Manager to send a letter to DOT expressing support of proposal. Motion by Wallace, second by Deputy Mayor Brazaitis to approve. Motion carried 7-0. **(Ex. B)** Deputy Mayor Brazaitis – **(Ex. C)** reads a letter that was sent to him by James McGraw stating what a find job everyone on Council is doing on behalf of the City. James is alerting Council an opportunity to perform a major clean-up of the Mon River watershed; reads a letter from Dave Seville that is not able to be here in person due to being in Puerto Rico working on Hurricane recovery. Dave regrets not being at the meeting to engage in the discussion on the blue-line parking issue in Greenmont and hopes that Council will come up with a solution to the problem. He lists some solutions to the problem that he talks about. **(Ex. C)** Trevor Hager writes about Earth Day and what was done to make our City a better place to live by picking up trash and filling 25 full bags of trash from lower South Park crew and 15 from the Evansdale crew and hopes that next year it will be more organized. Mark Stacy writes about the annexation and paved roads within the City. He mentions the paving list and how Bank Street is not on the list now to be paved nor in the future. He feels entitled to complain because he pays the user fee and says that Bank Street is just a couple of blocks from City Hall that is a disgrace to the City. **(Ex. C)** Amy Hessel writes with concerns about development in Haymaker Forest behind Circle K on Dorsey Avenue. She wants to know because of all the development going on behind Circle K, could they get a speed bump on Ross Avenue and if so what would the process be. Councilor Fetty noted that she received various comments by emails and Facebook on the Parking Permit issue. She mentioned the Street Paving Plan and suggested that Avalon between Waitman and Simpson be added to the paving list per the City Manager’s approval. Mayor Kawecki read as part of the record from Doug Shephard for considering the blue-curb parking on Locust and Dallas Street and taking the burden off the overflow of parking in the area. **(Ex. D)** He noted an email from Ryan Campione mentioning that he noticed the new intersection at Spruce and Pleasant did not include a crosswalk. He requested since there used to be a crosswalk in that location, that the City wire up the missing crosswalk across Spruce Street. **(Ex. E)** Councilor Wallace mentioned receiving an email from Jane Lefever about the parking issue, that there should be more enforcement when it comes to multi-dwelling housing.

**PUBLIC HEARING: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ZONING RECLASSIFICATION OF (ONE) (1) PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE IN THE SEVENTH WARD OF THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN FROM R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO B-2 SERVICE BUSINESS DISTRICT BY AMENDING ARTICLE 1331 OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING OF THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN AS SHOWN ON THE EXHIBIT HERETO ATTACHED AND DECLARED TO BE A PART OF THIS**

**ORDINANCE AS IF THE SAME WERE FULLY SET FORTH HEREIN.**

Mayor Kawecki declared the Public Hearing open.

Joseph V. Schaeffer, 48 Donley St., Calvary Baptist Church, applicant for Minor Subdivision and Text Amendment, noted why Council should rezone this property and move this Ordinance on to second reading.

There being no more appearances, Mayor Kawecki declared the Public Hearing closed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ZONING RECLASSIFICATION OF REAL ESTATE OF ONE PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE IN THE SEVENTH WARD FROM R-1 TO B-2:** The below entitled Ordinance was presented for second reading.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ZONING RECLASSIFICATION OF ONE (1) PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE IN THE SEVENTH WARD OF THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN FROM R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO B-2 SERVICE BUSINESS DISTRICT BY AMENDING ARTICLE 1331 OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING OF THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN AS SHOWN ON THE EXHIBIT HERETO ATTACHED AND DECLARED TO BE A PART OF THIS ORDINANCE AS IF THE SAME WERE FULL SET FORTH HEREIN.

City Manager read a statement (**Ex. B**). City Attorney explained, after discussion, motion by Wallace, second by Selin, to not approve the above entitled Ordinance to second reading. Motion failed 7-0.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** None

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mayor Kawecki declared the Public Portion open.

Christine Wallace, 7 Warrick Street, announced an event that the Shack Neighborhood House is having for pregnant moms, Community Baby Shower 5/7/2018 from 10am to Noon.

Guy Panrell, 757 South Hills Dr, thanked the first responders from last year when his home caught fire. He mentioned money for the Fire Department and the new hires and questioned where council is going to find the money to pay for the Fire Fighters in the upcoming year. He mentioned the Rail Trail and the Parks are in horrible shape and need maintenance and upkeep. He referenced the Executive Session and how it was stated on the agenda that it was rather vague on what properties in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Council would be discussing, not much transparency there.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Kawecki declared the Public Portion closed.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 367 OF THE CITY CODE GOVERNING PARKING DISTRICTS:** The below entitled Ordinance was presented for first reading.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 367 OF THE CITY CODE GOVERNING PARKING DISTRICTS.

City Manager explained, City Council suspended the rules to have Dana McKenzie, Director of Parking Authority answer any questions council may have. After discussion, motion by Fetty, second by Selin to split the amendments into two separate amendments, motion carried 7-0. Motion by Wallace, second by Dulaney, to amend the first portion of the amendment for the revocation of the permits, motion carried 7-0. Motion by Dulaney, second by Deputy Mayor Brazaitis, that the City Manager has a cap on his authority to amend Parking Districts. Motion by Dulaney, second by Wallace that the amendment states that the visitor's pass will no longer be 3 consecutive days, motion carried 4-3. Rachel Fetty, Jenny Selin and Barry Wendell voted no. Question was called on the main motion, motion carried 7-0.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MORGANTOWN, MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, TO ADOPT THE REGION VI PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL'S MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE FOR THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN:** The below entitled Resolution was presented for first reading.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MORGANTOWN, MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, TO ADOPT THE REGION VI PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL'S MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE FOR THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN.

City Manager explained, after discussion, motion by Wallace, second by Deputy Mayor Brazaitis, to approve the above entitled Resolution. Motion carried 7-0.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**New Business:**

**1. Airport Fire Department Generator – Dept. of Homeland Security Grant**

The Fire Department and Municipal Airport will be submitting a grant application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The purpose of the proposal is to seek funding for an emergency backup generator for the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Station. The ARFF station houses the airport's firefighting equipment, administrative offices and serves as a command center in the event of an emergency on the airport property. The backup generator qualifies as a critical infrastructure.

The Fire Chief has contacted an industrial electrical contracting firm in Bruceton Mills, WV (this is a firm we have an established relationship when we were installing emergency generators in our other fire stations). These were funded previously through the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). Our consultant has given us an estimated cost of the project not exceeded \$25,000.

Although the grant does not require a local match, higher consideration is given to applicants who show a commitment to the project. Based on this consideration, I would recommend that we offer to fund 15% (\$3,750) of the project costs.

City Manager is seeking City Council's approval to set aside the funds as a local match. Again, we have not received the grant. We remain hopeful the grant proposal will be approved by the grant reviewers.

City Manager explained, motion by Fetty, second by Wallace to approve the funds once the grant is approved and received and offer a 15% project cost of \$3,750.

**REPORT FROM CITY CLERK:** None

**REPORT FROM CITY ATTORNEY:** City Attorney, Ryan Simonton mentioned to Council that if they have anything for the Home Rule to please get those ideas to him and if they had any questions he was available to discuss them at any time.

**REPORT FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

- Councilor Fetty: Councilor Fetty states that the Housing Fair went well and thoughts will be brought forth to Council in the future. She thanks the AOD for coming out tonight and being a guest and doing a presentation on the students and alcohol. She mentions a report that was done, she is startled by what it indicated, that partying in the downtown is more dangerous. She is requesting that the AOD come back for another presentation so they can look at some of those issues.
- Councilor Wallace: Councilor Wallace stated that the format of the City Attorney's Report was very helpful. He wanted to know if it was possible to have the Barry Lee Wendell movement of the meetings to 6:00 or 6:30 pm. He wanted to put that out there for everyone to think about in the future. He mentions that the Mountain Line is requesting a bus shelter in front of Sheetz in Sabraton and downtown due to people with disabilities that must wait for buses for more than 15 to 20 minutes, especially in inclement weather. He wants to pass it onto the City Manager to see what can be done to get them. He has noticed that there are some City Fleet vehicles around town that have no decals on them and was wondering if it is possible to have more decals put on the vehicles to increase transparency and accountability in vehicle usage.
- Councilor Selin: Councilor Selin mentions that the Traffic Commission is still looking for someone in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward to serve on the commission and stated that there will need to be some serious requests to fill that position. She stated that Council should consider thinking about the Home Rule for the City. She noted that the Department of Highways committee is holding a Pedestrian Meeting about short term, midterm and long term to pedestrian safety. She mentions to Council if they have any certain or specific questions for the DOH to pass them on to the City Manager.
- Councilor Dulaney: Councilor Dulaney mentions that the Woodburn School Redevelopment Commission had their first meeting on 4/26/2018 and was the first with all the seats filled and it is wonderful to have the new commissioners on board with us. He reported that the commission took the time to go through the building and spoke with Denny Poluga, Mountaineer Boys and Girls Club Director, and saw all the improvements that was done on the Lowes Grant. Denny Poluga expressed concern about the plumbing issues and has already spoke with the City Manager about the operating toilet fixtures and how there has always been poor Sanitary Sewer Plumbing in the building. They will be meeting with the Chair, Chris Haddox and the City Manager to try and work through some of the issues before the kids start. He mentions that the Morgantown Museum has already started with the Morgantown Chef Fundraiser that will be in early August. He shares the sad news with a heavy heart the sudden passing of long time Morgantown History Museum Commissioner Pamela Casto on April 24<sup>th</sup>. She will be missed by all that knew her.
- Deputy Mayor Brazaitis: Deputy Mayor Brazaitis would like to thank Laura Jones and Mayor Kawecki for arranging the visit to Health Right on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018. He mentioned that in

a recent edition of the Dominion Post there was an article that made a negative of his interest in having trucks detour around downtown. He continues to say, "we do not need trucks in our downtown". Someone approached him at Kroger one day to tell him about how his family travels with his daughter's soccer team through many cities comparable to Morgantown. It is sad that they do a better job on several fronts by keeping their downtown free of truck exhaust. Deputy Mayor Brazaitis wants to thank the Greenmont Neighborhood Association for their feedback on the blue-curb parking issue. He mentions that a member from the Health and Wellness Commission reached out to him and the people he represents, what do you wish to see done in the Health and Wellness Commission. He states that a green belt, a YMCA, and a year-round two sheet state of the art Ice Rink. He mentions Urban Forests are great for climate regulation, carbon devices as places for physical and spiritual refuge, which is great for any City. He mentions that early voting runs through Saturday. (Ex. C)

Councilor Wendell:

To see Councilor Wendell's report reference (Ex. F) attached.

Mayor Kawecki:

Mayor Kawecki mentions that there are various organizations looking for volunteers and if anyone is interested in volunteering that is a way to do it. Pam Casto was one of those that had served for a very long time on the Morgantown Museum Commission. Announcements are as followed: Chess Club 5/2/18 6pm to 8pm at the Morgantown Public Library; Friday Family Walk 5/4/18 10am to 12pm at the WV Botanic Gardens; Mohigan Strawberry 5K run-walk 5/5/18 10am to noon cost is \$20 and will be on the Rail Trail behind the Marriott Hotel; WVU Twirling Clinic 5/5/18 from 12pm to 4pm at WVU Stansbury Hall \$35; Kids Container Garden: Awesome Blossoms for Mom 5/5/18 at 1pm at the WV Botanical Gardens; Spring Bird Walk 5/5/18 at 7:30 am at the WV Botanical Gardens; Herbal First Aid Workshop 5/6/18 at 2pm at the WV Botanical Gardens and the cost is \$20; Spring Spectacular Bonus Bike Ride 5/6/18 from 9am to 2pm at the Wharf District Parking Garage; Mother's Day Vase Painting Party 5/9/18 at 4:30pm at the Morgantown Public Library.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Deputy Mayor Brazaitis, second by Wallace, to go into executive session. Pursuant to West Virginia Code Section 6-9A-4(B) (12) to discuss acquisition of real estate in the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward & 7<sup>th</sup> Ward. Motion carried by acclamation. Present: City Manager, City Attorney and Council. Time: 10:15 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business adjourn by unanimous consent at 10:49 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Mayor

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## City Council Meeting - May 1, 2018

- Introduction
- Review of Student Assistance Program (SAP) Carruth Center for Psychological and Psychiatric Services (Students wanting to receive alcohol and other drug counseling and education)
  - Mandated and Self- Referrals (mandated referrals may include: WVU Office of student Conduct, Residential Life, Alcohol and other Drug (AOD) Amnesty, Court or other Legal System, and Athletes.
  - Magistrate court refers for the 8-hour program AOD program and 8 hours of approved community service.
  - Various substance abuse programs available at SAP ranging from 2-18 sessions. There is a fee associated with mandated referrals.
  - The SAP Program always starts with the intake/assessment and may include psycho-educational groups (ten different group times are offered per week), and or individual counseling sessions).
  - The last session is the exit interview. The student will also receive their completion certificate on this day.
- 8 hours of psycho- education vs 8 AA Meetings
  - Studies show that over referral to a program is not beneficial to a person seeking help, the referral needs to be matched with the persons need to best profit from the service.
  - Education provides a student with harm-reduction approaches, coping strategies, alternatives to AOD use, consequences of use, the effects of AOD use, BAC, standard drinks, protective factors and alcohol and the brain.
  - If a person were to attend an AA meeting they would need to be provided information on AA or other 12 step programs, explanation of attending an open meeting vs closed meeting, the importance of maintaining anonymity, meeting protocol, and location.
- Motivational interviewing is an approach utilized to help students find motivation for making positive decisions and accomplishing established goals.
- The students benefit from education on logical reasoning, impulse control and guiding decisions to facilitate their success.
- <https://carruth.wvu.edu/> 304-293-4431

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## Substance Abuse Facts Provided By SAMHSA Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Association

**Mutual support groups** are nonprofessional groups comprising members who share the same problem and voluntarily support one another in the recovery from that problem.<sup>1</sup> Although mutual support groups do not provide formal treatment, they are one part of a recovery-oriented systems-of-care approach to substance abuse recovery. By providing social, emotional, and informational support for persons throughout the recovery process,<sup>1</sup> mutual support groups help individuals take responsibility for their alcohol and drug problems and for their sustained health, wellness, and recovery. The most widely available mutual support groups are 12-Step groups, such as Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), but other mutual support groups such as Women for Sobriety (WFS), SMART Recovery® (Self-Management and Recovery Training), and Secular Organizations for Sobriety/Save Our Selves (SOS) are also available.

**Twelve-Step groups** emphasize abstinence and have 12 core developmental “steps” to recovering from dependence. Other elements of 12-Step groups include taking responsibility for recovery, sharing personal narratives, helping others, and recognizing and incorporating into daily life the existence of a higher power. Participants often maintain a close relationship with a sponsor, an experienced member with long-term abstinence, and lifetime participation is expected. AA is the oldest and best known 12-Step mutual support group. There are more than 100,000 AA groups worldwide and nearly 2 million members. The AA model has been adapted for people with dependence on drugs and for their family members. Some groups, such as Narcotics Anonymous (NA) and Chemically Dependent Anonymous, focus on any type of drug use. Other groups, such as Cocaine Anonymous and Crystal Meth Anonymous, focus on abuse of specific drugs. Groups for persons with co-occurring substance use and mental disorders also exist. Other 12-Step groups—Families Anonymous, Al-Anon/Al-Al-teen, Nar-Anon, and Co-Anon—provide support to significant others, families, and friends of persons with SUDs. Twelve-Step meetings are held in locations such as churches and public buildings. Metropolitan areas usually have specialized groups, based on such member characteristics as gender, length of time in recovery, age, sexual orientation, profession, ethnicity, and language spoken. Attendance and membership are free, although people usually give a small donation when they attend a meeting

Meetings can be “**open**” or “**closed**” - that is, anyone can attend an open meeting, but attendance at closed meetings is limited to people who want to stop drinking or using drugs. Although meeting formats vary somewhat, most 12-Step meetings have an opening and a closing that are the same at every meeting, such as a 12-Step reading or prayer. The main part of the meeting usually consists of members sharing their stories of dependence, its effect on their lives, and what they are doing to stay abstinent, the study of a particular step or other doctrine of the group, or a guest speaker.

**Twelve-Step groups** are not necessarily for everyone. Some people are uncomfortable with the spiritual emphasis and prefer a more secular approach. Others may not agree with the 12-Step philosophy that addiction is a chronic disease, thinking that this belief can be a self-fulfilling prophecy that weakens the ability to remain abstinent. Still others may prefer gender- specific groups.

**Mutual support groups** that are not based on the 12-Step model typically do not advocate sponsors or lifetime membership. These support groups offer an alternative to traditional 12-Step groups, but the availability of in-person meetings is more limited than that of 12-Step programs. However, many offer literature, discussion boards, and online meeting.



**Linda Tucker**

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**From:** Paul Brake  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 03, 2018 11:04 AM  
**To:** Linda Tucker  
**Subject:** FW: Calvary Baptist

Linda,

Here is the information I read during Tuesday's meeting. I am forwarding this per your request.

Paul

**From:** Ryan Simonton  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 1, 2018 4:28 PM  
**To:** Paul Brake <pbrake@morgantownwv.gov>  
**Subject:** Calvary Baptist

Paul,

As discussed, here is a suggested summary introduction for the zoning amendment ordinance:

This ordinance would amend the zoning classification of a portion of property owned by Calvary Baptist Church from R-1 residential to B-2 Service Business District, as requested by the Church. The request was submitted pursuant to the direction of the Circuit Court, and a lawsuit previously filed by the Church against the City attempting to invalidate the residential zoning classification remains pending before the Court. Changes to the zoning code may be made in accordance with West Virginia Code Chapter 8A, Article 7 with the advice of the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission has considered the request and provided a report containing its advice, which has been provided to the Council.

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No pressure to use this, and feel free to pass it off to me if you prefer. Otherwise, just let me know if you need anything. Thanks,

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**Mark Brazaitis, deputy mayor, councilor from Ward 6**

**5-1-2018**

Correspondence

Dear Morgantown City Council Members,

First, let me say what a fine job I believe you are all doing on behalf of our city. I realize it is quite often a thankless task you have assumed; so, a big thank you to all of you!

Second, I would like to alert you to an opportunity to perform a major cleanup of the Mon River watershed. Fortuitously, the recent rainstorms have brought our city the gift of a large quantity of floating trash (see attached photo, taken today, April 26, 2018).

It is my understanding that those who operate Morgantown Lock and Dam do not remove this trash, but instead let it through the lock, whereupon it proceeds downstream to pollute the river and river banks anew. As one example, I just talked with the WVU Core Arboretum Director about this issue, and he assured me that the largest source of trash in the Arboretum, by far, is that which floats up and is deposited along the riverbanks after having been let through the lock upstream. He allocates hundreds of volunteer hours every year to cleaning up these banks so the Arboretum remains an attractive place to visit.

The same thing is happening at dozens of locations within the city limits downstream of the lock; businesses and private property owners are having to perform individual cleanups at their expense. Or, they don't do it at all, and the banks are a mess.

I believe the City of Morgantown should take this opportunity to remove the trash from the river in cooperation with the Army Corps of Engineers. If it is 'not in their job description' to assist with this using their equipment above the dam, our city could nevertheless set up floating booms below the lock when they plan to let the trash through, then lasso it to the river side, where it could be conveniently removed and hauled to Republic for recycling and/or disposal. There must be a way to make this happen!

As our city continues to improve and develop our riverfront to its full economic and recreational potential, having pristine river banks and a clean water river to enjoy will become ever more important.

Sincerely,

James B. McGraw

From Dave Seville:

As most of you know, I'm down in Puerto Rico working on Hurricane recovery. I came down for a limited time, playing a minor role, but my responsibilities and timeframe have been expanded repeatedly. I'm working on the US Army Corps of Engineers effort to turn the lights on here. I hope to be home by the end of May.

I regret that I am not there in person to engage in the discussion on the BlueLine parking. I'm glad you are having this discussion, and I hope you take your time and come up with a solution to the problems

associated with the current system, and don't act in haste and take action that doesn't solve the problems, or that makes them worse. This is a very important issue to me and everyone who lives in Greenmont. My comments are meant to apply to my street, and my neighborhood only. I don't have any knowledge or opinion about the parking in other neighborhoods.

I live in Greenmont at 613 Hobson St. People in my neighborhood rely mostly (almost entirely) on on-street parking. Hobson Street is a short street. We have 10 houses and 12 parking spaces. The streets on either end of us don't really allow any "overflow" parking if we don't have enough on Hobson.

Our current parking regulations (permits required) are in effect from 7am – 7pm, weekdays only. We are lumped in with South Park in one parking district.

While these parking regulations might work for South Park, they are exactly opposite to what Greenmont needs, and detrimental to the people who live here. In our neighborhood, the streets are empty during weekdays as everyone is at work or away at school. Our parking problems, and need for a permit system, occur in the evenings and on weekends, when everyone is at home and has friends visiting.

The current system allowing 2 permits PLUS a visitor permit, per household, obviously overloads our parking spaces. Using my street, Hobson, as an example, if each of the 10 houses had even ONE permit, that would leave only 2 spaces for some houses to have a second permit, or a visitor. Allowing each house to have 2 permits PLUS a visitor permit, obviously doesn't work for us.

As in many neighborhoods, from what I am hearing, Visitor permits are a major concern. They are abused. 14 days is about 13 days too long to be able to park on one. It makes enforcing them nearly impossible. How can the parking guys be expected to count a car parked for 14 days and ticket it on the 15<sup>th</sup>? They can't. On Hobson St. we have two houses filled with student renters. They have 2 permits each and each of them have residents that use visitor permits with impunity. Plus, they have other residents and visitors who park evenings and weekends. This situation is a good example of how two households of student renters occupy almost all of the spaces available for the 10 households on the street.

### Solutions

I've heard talk of plate recognition system. I don't know about that. It might make enforcement easier, but I think the regulations for Greenmont need to be changed first.

The easiest and likely least expensive partial solution; It would go a long way to solving the problem (even with no additional changes) if the current system was enforced all the way from 7am-7pm. Currently it is only enforced from 9am-5pm, in reality. Enforcing permits in the early morning and evening would make a HUGE difference. We don't have any parking issues (problems) 9-5 weekdays. We don't need enforcement then. We have problems AFTER 5pm weekdays and on weekends.

As far as longer-term, or better permanent solutions I will make a few suggestions.

1. Separate Greenmont from South Park. We don't have a High School in our neighborhood, so weekday parking is not an issue. Most Greenmont Residents don't have a driveway to park their primary vehicles in, most South Park homes do. We are more concerned with our personal vehicle parking every day than we are with visitors.

2. Change the timing for Greenmont's permit requirements. Make the current permit system 24/7 would be my preference. Or at least reverse the permit time needed from the way it is currently. Make permits required evenings and weekends and do away with it weekdays. Opposite what it is now.
3. Allow each house only two permits and no visitor permits, OR one permit plus a visitor permit. The current system allows one house to occupy 3 spaces. We don't have enough spaces to accommodate that.
4. Devise a visitor permit system that is enforceable. 14 days is far too many. Maybe a visitor permit needs to be applied for, and charged for, on a daily basis. Or, perhaps, one meter could be placed per 10 parking spots, or something (I don't know). The visitor permit system isn't working because it is not enforced, and as far as I can see, is unenforceable in its current form.
5. Allow permanent residents priority somehow for permits. Houses full of student renters have no respect for their neighbors. This may not be possible, but the root of the problems in our neighborhood are caused by houses full of student renters who abuse the system with impunity from enforcement, who couldn't care less about their neighbors. Leases should be written allowing for only one car, or something. If you don't own your home, you should get less parking privileges.
6. Bolster enforcement, as mentioned above, enforcement in early morning and later in the evening would solve much of the problem. Increase violation penalties. Raise the ticket prices.
7. Increase permit fees. The current permit prices are too low. There needs to be enough revenue generated to provide adequate enforcement. The system should be self-sustaining and should not otherwise depend on outside, non-parking permit generated, revenue. (Does it now?)
8. Enforce the system. Currently parking enforcement is seldom seen, especially when we need it, which is NOT 9-5.

From Trevor Hager, from OTG Morgantown (about Earth Day, 4-22):

I'm gonna estimate we got about 25 full bags from our lower South Park crew and I think 15 from the Evansdale crew. It didn't attract quite the crowd I was expecting but hopefully by next time we do this we'll be better organized.

Mr. Brazaitis,

Given that I live in a neighborhood (North Hills) with some bad roads (Riddle Avenue) that could one day possibly be considered for annexation, I read with interest your op-ed piece in Sunday's The Dominion Post, especially your promise that annexation would lead to "improved roads." I could probably live with incorporation into the city if I thought the roads here would someday be driveable again. I will grow old and die waiting for the state to do more than paint a double yellow line down the middle.

But then, I often use Bank Street downtown as a shortcut between High and Chestnut, and when I do, I think: The bottom of this little street just two blocks from City Hall is a disgraceful

moonscape. If the city can't or won't do anything about Bank Street, why should I believe it would improve the roads in my neighborhood?

I looked at the paving list for this year and didn't see Bank Street on it, nor is it on the list for the immediate future.

And yes, I feel entitled to complain because I pay the city user fee.

I suggest you get your own house in order first, sir, before you go making promises to outlying areas.

Thank you for your attention.

Mark Stacy  
Alpine Street

I received a number of emails from people concerned about development in Haymaker Forest, behind the Circle K on Dorsey Avenue.

From Amy Hessler:

With the new development going in behind Circle K, is there any chance of getting a speed bump or traffic calming on Ross Ave? What would be the process to request this?

### **Councilor report**

Health Right – thank you to Laura Jones, and the mayor, for arranging our visit on April 24.

Since an op-ed in a recent edition of the Dominion Post made a negative of my interest in having trucks detour around downtown, I want to restate my position: We don't need trucks in our downtown. We simply don't. Someone approached me in Kroger the other day to say that his daughter is on a travel soccer team and he and his family go to a number of cities comparable to Morgantown. Sadly, they do a better job, he said, on several fronts: including keeping their downtown free of truck exhaust!

The op-ed writer also mentioned, as a negative, the city's striving to adhere to the carbon-footprint reduction goals of the Paris Climate Agreement. I say: Please tell let us know what's wrong with reducing pollution and saving money.

Thank you to the Greenmont Neighborhood Association for their candid feedback on the blue-curb parking issue.

Member of the Health and Wellness Commission reached out to me to ask about what I, and the people I represent, would like to see done in health and wellness in Morgantown. I answered:

1. A green belt
2. A YMCA
3. A year-round, two-sheet, state-of-the-art ice rink.

Urban Forests – forests are remarkable as climate regulators, a carbon-capture devices, as places for physical and spiritual refuge. They are necessary to the makeup of any great city.

Early voting runs through Saturday. Go vote.

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**Linda Tucker**

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**From:** doug Shephard <dsshep1000@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 01, 2018 3:12 PM  
**To:** Linda Tucker  
**Subject:** Fw: Blue curb parking locust and Dallas st

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**From:** doug Shephard <dsshep1000@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 1, 2018 2:18:16 PM  
**To:** ltucker@cityofmorgantown.com  
**Subject:** Blue curb parking locust and Dallas st

Dear Councilmembers. I am writing this today to express my thanks and appreciation for considering the current parking on the street in Morgantown West Virginia. My company and others have worked tirelessly for the last 3 to 5 years to revitalize the area. The blue curb would be the last piece to the puzzle. We've had numerous complaints and problems with overflow parking due to the fact that Wiles hill and sunny side and other areas Surrounding the University have blue curbarking.

The locust and Dallas Street areas take the brunt of the overflow parking.

We have also had problems with break-ins, peeping toms, and other undesirable events due to the free parking and people do not belong in the area parking there. The majority Of the tenants are students and they need this parking mechanism to ensure the quality and safety while they are residing in Morgantown.

I apologize I cannot be there to read this in person but thank you for your time and please strongly consider this proposal

Sincerely Doug shephard

# Spruce St / Pleasant St Crosswalk

Ryan Campione <ryan.campione@gmail.com>

Fri 4/27/2018 9:55 AM

To: William Kawecki (C.C. Ward 2) <wkawecki@morgantownwv.gov>;

Good Morning Mr. Kawecki,

I hope this email finds you well.

I noticed the new intersection at Spruce St. / Pleasant St. did not include a crosswalk across the north side of Spruce street. I found this kind of surprising and was wondering, out of curiosity, if you knew the reason for this?

There used to be a crosswalk in that location and there are even new poles on either sides of the road with buttons for the crosswalks across Pleasant street. So it seems as if it should have not been too much extra effort or cost to wire up the missing crosswalk across Spruce street.

**I often use the crosswalks at the Spruce St. / Pleasant St. intersection to walk from my house to work and downtown.** The lack of this crosswalk is inconvenient and just incentives jaywalking.

Thank you,  
Ryan

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Ryan Campione  
(304) 906-9242



**Linda Tucker**

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**From:** Barry Wendell  
**Sent:** Friday, May 04, 2018 8:42 AM  
**To:** Linda Tucker  
**Subject:** Councilor Report

Councilor Wallace, in his remarks tonight, suggested we start our meetings earlier, on what he called "Barry Lee Wendell" time. I'm fine with meetings starting at 7, giving me time to have dinner at home. My suggestion is that we make the meetings shorter, by perhaps limiting each Councilor to two chances to speak on an issue, or giving Councilors four minutes, as we do with the public. We could finish all of our business in a two-hour frame.

We talked about bicycles and trees tonight. The Bike Board meets Thursday at 6:30 in The Public Safety Building. The Board is looking for new members. Rings have been attached to some parking meters downtown to facilitate bicycle parking. There is a video on YouTube at Morgantown Bike Loops, about how to use the new rings.

The Urban Landscape Commission met last Wednesday for a field trip to look at possible plans for landscaping Walnut Street downtown. We journeyed to the Morgantown Locks, saw the debris behind the dam, and discussed plans to remove it. We also looked at the park on the river from the dam south, and possible ways to make that park a better experience for users.

The Suncrest Neighborhoods Association met Thursday. Most of the discussion was about speed limits and enforcement of traffic regulations in the area. There was some discussion of the possible annexation by Morgantown of the new Suncrest School, where we were meeting.

My thanks to the Morgantown Police. There was a daytime burglary on Colonial Drive, near where I live. Someone was at home, left the home, and called the police, who arrived quickly and were able to catch the alleged perpetrator. I am mourning Timothy Pahl, of Old Stewartstown Road in Monongalia County. I met him at an Empty Bowls event last year. He was murdered in his home last week. Thanks to Monongalia County Sheriff's Department and authorities in Pennsylvania, four suspects were apprehended in Pennsylvania.

Tonight, as we were meeting here, Republican candidates for Senator have been debating at The Met Theater on High Street, moderated and broadcast by Fox News. There has been a lot of ugliness in this campaign, and not just among the Republicans. Candidates who were not born and raised in West Virginia are called "carpetbaggers," and candidates talk of having "real West Virginia values." I wish this meant that they are hard working and hospitable, but I fear they mean racist and homophobic, which to me are not "real West Virginia values." In the Second Congressional District, a spokesperson for one of the candidates accused an opponent of not looking like a "real West Virginian." The opponent in that campaign is Jewish. This statement hardly even qualifies as "dog whistle."

Finally, there was an opinion piece in The Dominion-Post upset that our "progressive" Council signed on to the Paris Climate Accords, and that we would soon require people to drive only all-electric vehicles in town, and we would cost consumers money. He denies that climate change is real.

Man-made climate change is real. It's science. The writer is against Morgantown annexing territory. He lives, I believe, outside the City limits. I suggest that he ask us to annex his neighborhood so that he can help vote us out at the next election.