

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING September 24, 2019:** The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Common Council of the City of Morgantown was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 7:07p.m.

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

Deputy Mayor Fetty called the meeting to order.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. **Human Rights Commission – DEI Plan & Open to all - Jan Derry and Don Spencer**  
Jan Derry, Chair of Human Rights Commission, and Don Spencer presented council with their “Diversity, Equity and Inclusion” plan for the city.
2. **U.S. Census Bureau – Update on prior presentation – Skylar Braithwaite**  
Skylar Braithwaite presented council with information on the 2020 Census and the need for supplemental funding from the state to ensure an accurate count.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Deputy Mayor opened the public portion and asked if there was anyone wishing to speak.

There being no one wishing to speak, Deputy Mayor Fetty closed the Public Portion.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**1. Human Rights Commission**

- A. Adoption of a resolution authorizing the DEI Plan
- B. Adoption of a diversity statement by ordinance
- C. Commission’s preference to implement the specific provisions of the DEI plan by a set of ordinances updating the City’s Personnel Policies.
- D. National partnership for the Open to All Campaign

Proposal of adoption of DEI plan, adoption of diversity mission statement, commission’s preference of provisions set in personnel policy, and national partnership with the Open to All Campaign. Council discussed possible revisions to the DEI plan proposal and presented questions, comments and concerns about the plan proposal.

After discussion, item was moved, by consensus, to the October 1, 2019, City Council Regular Meeting Agenda.

**2. Schedule Special Session – Homelessness, addiction and issues affecting the downtown area.**

City Manager, Paul Brake, discussed the concerns that were raised by the public during the September 17, 2019 Regular Meeting regarding homelessness, mental health, and addiction.

After discussion, a Special Session of City Council concerning the issues affecting the downtown area is scheduled for October 11, 2019, in Council Chambers at 9:00 am.

**3. Adoption of Alley “E” into city Street Maintenance Program**

City Manager explained, after discussion, this item was moved, by consensus, to the October 1, 2019 City Council Regular Meeting Agenda.

**4. Leave of Absence for employees related to adoption or foster care**

City Manager explained, after discussion, by consensus, this item was referred to the personnel board for recommendation.

**5. Update on 2020 Census and Complete Count Committee**

City Manager explained, after discussion, item was moved, by consensus, to the October 1, 2019, City Council Regular Meeting Agenda.

**6. Petition for Annexation of Morgan District Tax Map No. 8B Parcel 15**

City Manager explained, a petition for annexation without election was presented by Richard and Shirley Herstine. Council may adopt an ordinance accepting the petition.

After discussion, item was moved, by consensus, to the October 1, 2019, City Council Regular Meeting Agenda.

**7. Change in Resolution for MUB River Road bond district**

City Manager explained, after discussion, item was moved, by consensus, to the October 1, 2019, City Council Regular Meeting Agenda.

**8. RDVIC requests Approval for a Declaration**

City Manager explained, after discussion, item was moved, by consensus, to the October 1, 2019 City Council Regular Meeting Agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, motion by Wendell, second by Dulaney, to adjourn the committee of the whole meeting at 9:07 p.m.

  
City Clerk

  
Mayor