

City of Morgantown

MINUTES **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING** **April 26, 2022**

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Morgantown was held in City Council Chambers on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 7:28 p.m.

PRESENT: City Manager Kim Haws, City Attorney Ryan Simonton, Mayor Jenny Selin, Deputy Mayor Danielle Trumble, and Council Members Joe Abu-Ghannam, Bill Kawecki, Ixya Vega, Dave Harshbarger, and Brian Butcher. Assistant City Manager Emily Muzzarelli was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Trumble.

PRESENTATIONS:

A. Update on Arts and Culture - Vincent Kitch

Arts & Cultural Director Vincent Kitch provided an update to council on the city's Arts & Cultural initiatives. He discussed the departments current and upcoming capital projects, programming, and public art efforts. He also provided an update on the Metropolitan Theatre, Morgantown History Museum and Hazel Ruby McQuain Park.

B. 2022 WV GIS Conference Announcement and Invitation - Marvin Davis, GIS Analyst

Morgantown GIS Analyst Marvin Davis provided council an update on the status of the 2022 West Virginia GIS Conference.

C. The Historic Morgantown Post Office Building - Dr. Jane Cardi

Dr. Jane Cardi provided council with an update on the efforts to renovate the Historic Morgantown Post Office building downtown.

D. Morgantown Parking Authority Maintenance Shop and Break Area

Morgantown Parking Authority Director Dana McKenzie presented the need for a Maintenance Shop and Break Area. The location being explored for this would be the corner of the University Avenue Parking Garage.

E. Morgantown Area Partnership - Russ Rogerson - President Morgantown Area Partnership

Morgantown Area Partnership President Russ Rogerson presented to council during the executive session.

PUBLIC PORTION:

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

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

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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

A. An Ordinance authorizing a Lease Agreement between The Historic Morgantown Post Office Building, Inc., and the City of Morgantown

Council discussed adding an ordinance to the next regular meeting agenda which would authorize a lease agreement between the Morgantown History Museum and the Historic Morgantown Post Office building, inc., for continued space for the museum.

After discussion, this item was moved to the May 3, 2022, Regular Meeting Agenda.

B. Morgantown Parking Authority Maintenance Shop and Break Area

Council discussed the MPA's need for a Maintenance Shop and Break Area. The location being explored for this would be the corner of the University Avenue Parking Garage.

After discussion, this item will be brought back to the May 31, 2022, Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda with more information.

C. Pension Fund rules and regulations

Council discussed adding a proposed update to the city's pension rules and regulations. The updates provide a structure to appoint pension fund board members and establish a quorum to do business and award retirement pensions. Pension Fund board members are nominated by the City Manager, as required by state law, and all fund members have the opportunity to object to the appointment or allow the nominee to be seated. The city finance and payroll staff are directed to process benefits awarded by the fund.

After discussion, this item was moved to the May 3, 2022, Regular Meeting Agenda.

D. Discussion of Home Rule initiatives

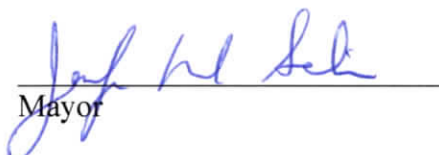
Due to Attorney Ryan Simonton absent, this item was moved to the May 31, 2022, Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to West Virginia Code section 6-9A-4(b)(12) to discuss pending or potential litigation. Motion by Councilor Vega, second by Mayor Selin, to go into executive session. Motion carried by acclamation. Time: 9:08 p.m. Present: City Council. City Manager, City Attorney.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion by Councilor Abu-Ghannam, second by Councilor Butcher, to adjourn the meeting. Time: 10:06 p.m.


City Clerk


Mayor