

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**May 26, 2020**

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The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Morgantown was held by via Webex on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at 7:12 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Interim City Manager Emily Muzzarelli, City Attorney Ryan Simonton, Mayor William A. Kawecki, Deputy Mayor Rachel Fetty, Council Members Zack Cruze, Jenny Selin, Ron Dulaney, Dave Harshbarger, and Barry Wendell.

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Fetty.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**1. Morgantown Parking Authority's Upcoming Projects – Dana McKenzie**

Morgantown Parking Authority Dana McKenzie presented council with information regarding upcoming projects for the Morgantown Parking Authority. The projects include replacing the housings in 510 space meters in downtown parking areas and upgrading from a cash key to a Smart Card for meters. Assessment for repair of the University Avenue parking garage is \$1.8 million.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

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

Mollie Kennedy expressed the importance of protecting the homelessness population during the COVID – 19 pandemic, and stated that the homeless are being blamed for property crime occurring in the city during this time. She expressed her concerns with the way the homeless population were being treated.

Monongalia County Delegate Danielle Walker expressed the importance of protecting the homeless population during the COVID – 19 pandemic, and stated that city residents should not be permitted to harass homeless individuals. She expressed her concerns with the way the homeless population were being treated.

Julia Hamilton requested clarification from the city attorney regarding the section of city code that stated that camping on city property is illegal. She also stated that city residents and code enforcement should not be permitted to harass homeless individuals.

Danielle Ludwig expressed the importance of protecting the homeless population during the COVID – 19 pandemic, and stated that city residents should not be permitted to harass homeless individuals. She expressed her disappointment and concerns with the way the homeless population were being treated.

The following expressed the importance of protecting the homeless population during the COVID – 19 pandemic:

- Gage Zipperor
- Jeff Marsh
- Brent Stewart
- Nicole Rose

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

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**1. Ordinance authorizing a Planning and Zoning Code Text Amendment for Sections 1329.02 and 1331.05 as they relate to Public and Private EV Charging Stations**

Director of Development Services Chris Fletcher explained that approval of the ordinance would allow an amendment to the Planning and Zoning Code to add electric vehicle charging station uses. After discussion, this item was moved to June 2, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda.

**2. Ordinance authorizing a Zoning Map Amendment for West Virginia University Hospitals (445t Van Voorhis Road)**

Director of Development Services Chris Fletcher explained that approval of the ordinance would allow West Virginia University Hospitals to redevelop the former Fieldcrest Hall site and build a structure to further its medical operations. After discussion, this item was moved to the June 2, 2020, Regular Meeting Agenda.

**3. Ordinances authorizing Easements to Segra and CityNet at the Morgantown Municipal Airport**

Interim City Manager Emily Muzzarelli explained that approval of these ordinances would allow a right-of-way easement to Segra and CityNet at the Morgantown Municipal Airport as part of the Mileground Widening Project. After discussion, this item was moved to the June 2, 2020, Regular Meeting agenda.

**4. Ordinance accepting easement at Riverview Drive**

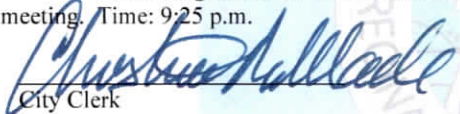
Interim City Manager Emily Muzzarelli explained that approval of the ordinance would allow an easement to the owners of a Riverview Drive parcel to create a campus connector trail. After discussion, this item was moved to the June 2, 2020, Regular Meeting agenda.

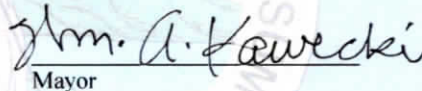
**5. City Council Elections and Terms of Office**

Interim City Manager Emily Muzzarelli explained that this item was presented as opportunity for council to discuss term limits for city council and election cycles. The city will place potential options on its website for public viewing and will accept public input on the options. After discussion, this item was moved to the June 30, 2020, Committee of the Whole Meeting agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, motion by Councilor Wendell, second by Councilor Dulaney, to adjourn the meeting. Time: 9:25 p.m.

  
City Clerk

  
Mayor

