

REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 17, 2012:

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Morgantown was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, January 17, 2012 at 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: City Manager Terrence Moore, City Clerk Linda Little, City Attorney Steve Fanok, Deputy City Manager Jeff Mikorski, Mayor Jim Manilla and Council Members: Ron Bane, Wes Nugent, Jenny Selin, Marti Shamberger, Bill Byrne and Linda Herbst.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 3, 2011 were approved as printed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Police Chief Ed Preston & Mayor Manilla presented the following awards together: On September 20, 2011 PFC Phil Scott Jr. along with West Virginia State Troopers Gallaher and Mucciola responded to the Joe Bartolo Bridge and were confronted with an individual dangling in the air while hanging from the pillar of the bridge. Without the aid of rescue equipment, without hesitation and at great risk to their personal safety, they crawled over and under the lowest rail of the bridge and grabbed the victim by his legs and torso holding onto him until back-up could arrive. They along with the PFCs' Michael Blonairz, Molly Linthicum and Joseph Patterson were able to pull the intoxicated and suicidal victim back to safety, despite his efforts to free himself and end his life, even at the risk of others. It is in keeping with the Law Enforcement Tradition, that PFC Scott, Troopers Gallaher and Mucciola be presented this "Medal of Valor", PFC's Blonairz, Linthicum and Patterson be presented this "Medal of Distinguished Service" and all six officers receive the "Lifesaving" medal for their actions.

Mayor Manilla then read a proclamation for all citizens to be a community of activity and celebrate January 19th, 2012 as "Physical Activity Day".

Pam Hodge, Chair of the Morgantown Sister Cities Commission gave a brief presentation on the recent Friendship Cities initiative and asked for Council's approval of an application from the QuanShan District, Xuzhou City, China to become a Friendship City.

Following additional comments by Dr. Sun and Professor Dan Miller, motion by Byrne, second by Selin to approve of the above referenced Friendship City status. Motion carried 7-0.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: By acclamation the following students were appointed to the Youth Commission: Ananula, Yamini; Arnold, Stephanie; Dang, Elizabeth; Davis, Kristin; Faulkner, Ashley; Gerbo, Michael; Ma, Michelle; Pinto, Catalina; Radcliffe, Christopher; Sunil, Shiv; Trovato, Lucas; Walls, Thomas; Waters, Brandon; Watson, Josh; and Yu, Jennifer.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Guy Panrell, 763 South Hills Drive, addressed that the Marcellus Shale issues should not involve politics and he feels there are special interest groups at play. He also stated that money should not be budgeted to a Sister Cities initiative.

There being no more appearances, Mayor Manilla declared the public portion closed.

NEW BUSINESS:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 1155, CLEAN INDOOR AIR : The below entitled Ordinance was presented for first reading:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2011, PERTAINING TO ARTICLE 1155, CLEAN INDOOR AIR CODE.

After discussion, a minor amendment was made by City Attorney Steve Fanok. Motion by Byrne, second by Selin to approve the above entitled Ordinance with amendment to second reading. Motion carried 7-0.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilor Nugent reported on the progress of the Traffic Commission, and their upcoming projects. Councilor Shamberger reported on the Woodburn Site Study Group meetings. Councilor Selin added that the Youth Commission has been reinstated and expressed their desire to make a presentation to Council in the near future. Mr. Moore responded that a presentation from the GMAYC would be most appropriate at an upcoming Regular Council Meeting during the Special Committee Reports portion.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT:

INFORMATION:

Item No. 1: Consideration Regarding Treescape Enhancements on High Street.

Public Works Director Terry Hough gave a brief explanation of the related options and costs of the proposed enhancements. Mr. Moore gave additional comments and discussion continued.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 1: Request for Fair & Festival Permit for the 2012 Art Alive on the River Festival.

Motion by Byrne, second by Bane to approve the above referenced Festival Permit. Motion carried by acclamation of Council.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT: No Report.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No Report.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilor Bane: Councilor Bane asked for a report on the OPEB Funds 2009-2010 budget. Mr. Moore gave a brief explanation, followed by comments from Mr. Fanok in response to Councilor Bane's concern.

Councilor Nugent: Councilor Nugent announced Arts Alive Festival event planners in attendance, and then complimented all the work well done on MLK Day events at the Met Theatre. He announced upcoming events at the Museum and a workshop at Scotts Run. Councilor Nugent then reminded residents to attend the Crossroads regional visioning and planning meetings.

Councilor Selin: Councilor Selin announced a retreat of the Urban Landscape Commission, as well as the reformation of the Youth Commission. She mentioned that she looks forward to new plans for the

Woodburn School. She also encouraged citizens to participate in the Crossroads regional meetings.

Councilor Shamberger:

Councilor Shamberger congratulated all those who participated in the MLK Day events.

Councilor Byrne:

Councilor Byrne concurred that the MLK Day events were excellent. He also noted in addition to the Crossroads meetings, an MPO meeting will be held to discuss the 705/Mileground intersection plans. He thanked those involved with the Art Alive Festival and commended their continuing progress, thanking the trustees for their continued support. He added that he looks forward to the City's new Friendship status with China.

Councilor Herbst:

Councilor Herbst also commended the MLK events and Arts programs in the area, and reminded citizens that area businesses also feature local art and artist.

Mayor Manilla:

Mayor Manilla commented on the success of the Arts Festival. He also complimented the City Manager, City Attorney and Council on the conclusion of the smoking ban regulations.

Mayor Manilla then proposed a budgeting line item change, recommended by Finance Director JR Sabatelli to City Council's budget line: decreasing the Operating Supplies line by \$500.00 and decreasing the Travel and Training line by \$5,000.00, thereby increasing the Contract Services line to \$5,500.00.

Motion by Nugent, second by Herbst to approve of the above referenced line item changes. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further items of business or discussion, the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:04 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor

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SPECIAL MEETING January 20, 2012:

The special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Morgantown was held in the Council Chambers on Friday January 20th, 2012 at 9:10 a.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Jim Manilla, Council Members Ron Bane, Wes Nugent, Jenny Selin, Bill Byrne, Marti Shamberger, Linda Herbst and Ann Kontner, Human Resources Consultant From Steptoe & Johnson.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Manilla.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Nugent, second by Shamberger, to go into executive session pursuant to Section 6-9A-4-2 of the West Virginia Code in order to discuss personnel matters with the following persons present; Mayor Manilla, Council Members and Consultant. Time 9:10 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

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