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## City Manager's Report for City Council February 4, 2014

### New Business:

1. Capital Escrow Fund Adjustment

Attached are two requests for funding that I am recommending to City Council.

First, the Coordinating Council on Homelessness, a part of the community-wide homelessness plan from the Homelessness Task Force, has been established through the Connecting Link. This Coordinating Council will be staffed to manage federal grant funds to reduce homelessness in the community, one of the City's more visible problems. Last January the City did not fund the Taskforce on Homelessness's efforts to re-establish as a permanent agency to implement their plan. Through coordination with other agencies they were able to develop an organization that will continue to work on reducing homelessness throughout the community. I recommend utilizing \$10,000 of contingency in the Capital Escrow fund to partially fund this request to allow the Coordinating Council on Homelessness to operate in the coming year.

Second, an opportunity to develop a city-wide municipal wireless broadband system may be available through a new and innovative technology using White Space technology. This new technology is currently available to the City of Morgantown due to a pilot program that is being implemented at West Virginia University. In order to determine how this technology can be used by the City, I recommend utilizing \$3,500 from the Capital Escrow contingency to contract with Declaration Networks Group, LLC. for the assessment of costs and ability of the potential network.

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