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City Manager's Report for City Council June 3, 2014

Information:

1. Reimbursement Request for Arts Collaborative

A request was presented to City Council from the Chamber of Commerce to pay for half of the cost for a facilitator to speak to a group of arts organizations. As noted at the City Council Committee of the Whole meeting on May 27, the meeting was facilitated by the Division of Culture and History and provided valuable information that will have an impact on the City's art groups. The request was to contribute \$250.00 toward the reimbursement of the facilitator. Funds in the Civic Promotions line will be used to reimburse provided invoice.

2. EPA Brownfields Community-wide Hazardous Assessment Grant

The City of Morgantown applied for a \$200,000 2014 EPA Community-Wide Assessment grant for hazardous substances, which can be used on multiple eligible brownfields properties within city limits. We plan to use the majority of the funding for Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessments with a small portion for redevelopment planning and have selected a Community-Wide grant because it will allow us to apply the funding to multiple sites throughout Morgantown and the city limits with the target area focusing on the Sunnyside neighborhood. Hazardous substances assessment funding will allow the City to assess sites for hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, and/or controlled substances.

New Business

1. Declaration Networks Group, Inc. (DNG) Agreement

In February the City contracted with Declaration Networks Group, Inc. (DNG) to develop a feasibility study on the use of a new technology to provide a wireless municipal level network. This network would be available to employees as an extension of the City's computer network allowing access to the programs needed to carryout their work more effectively in the field. Other opportunities this network would provide would be surveillance cameras and public wifi hotspots in certain parts of the City. In the process of developing the feasibility study, DNG requested to place an antenna on a light pole near the Krepps Park swimming pool. This antenna will allow DNG engineers to evaluate the equipment. It will also allow for Krepps Park to be services with free wifi during the study and operations period. I recommend City Council to authorize the City Manager the sign the agreement, along with BOPARC, to DNG to utilize the pole location.


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