

REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 18, 2012: The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Morgantown was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: City Manager Terrence Moore, Deputy City Manager Jeff Mikorski, City Attorney Steve Fanok, City Clerk Linda Little, 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 of December 4, 2012 were approved as printed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Manilla presented a Retirement Proclamation to Honor Lieutenant Bob Cover for his service to the Fire Department. Following, a Proclamation declaring 2013 as “The Year of the Tree”.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: By acclamation of Council, James Shaffer and Leanne Cardoso were re-appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals; William Petros, Mike Shuman and Carol Pyles were re-appointed to the Planning Commission.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Bill Kaweki, President, South Park Assoc. of Neighbors, Presented to Council an email containing a list of accomplishments of the City Manager and the growth in Morgantown he facilitated during his time so far as Manager. He also praised City Personnel and the positive working relations they maintain.

Anna Marlene Robinson-Savino, 635 Villa Place, Member, Suncrest Neighborhood Assoc., thanked the Manager and Council members on behalf of her neighborhood for the accomplishments and forward progress made over the last two years.

Ruth Donaldson, 1300 Heritage Place, Suncrest, Speaking on behalf of Andrea Soccorsi, President, Jerome Park Neighborhood Assoc., Read a statement written by Ms. Soccorsi praising Mr. Moore for his desire to accommodate both the Citizens and the City, citing accomplishments and praising his commitment to the community.

Nancy Ganz 1276 Colonial Drive, President, Suncrest Neighborhood Assoc., noted that her neighbors are proud to serve on various City Boards and Commissions and thanked City Staff and Mr. Moore for his constant professionalism and availability, and willingness to assist the needs of the community. She and members of Suncrest have compiled a formal list of Mr. Moore’s accomplishments. She presented the list to the City Clerk and asked that it be made part of the record. That list is hereto attached and marked as Exhibit A.

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

CITY MANAGERS REPORT:

INFORMATION:

1. Review of Previous Home Rule Proposals
2. Legislative Priorities

Mr. Moore spoke on both items concurrently, indicating to Council that as a major Legislative Priority, Home Rule can be discussed and direction from Council can be made at this time, or in the near future for presentation to our Delegates for the upcoming Legislative Session. Discussion then followed.

Council agreed to review the current priorities over the Holidays with more information for review forwarded by the Clerk and Manager to follow. Council can make consensus at later time on what to pursue at the January second meeting with discussion to conclude no later than the January fifteenth meeting.

REPORT FROM CITY CLERK: Ms. Little thanked everyone who contributed to the United Way campaign; as well as the Woodburn Choir and their parents for caroling at City Hall and making Christmas cookies for the Council meeting.

REPORT FROM CITY ATTORNEY: No Report.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilor Bane: Councilor Bane relayed his heartbreak over the recent Newtown tragedy and encouraged everyone to appreciate their families this Holiday Season.

Councilor Nugent: Councilor Nugent mentioned the upcoming Wiles Hill-Highland Park Neighborhood Association meeting along with their intention to join the Neighborhood Coordinating Council in the coming year.

Councilor Selin: Councilor Selin thanked the Clerks for holiday treats and then commented on the importance of trees and its positive impact on her family's home. She then announced the upcoming Suncrest Neighborhood Association and the Winter Farmers Market.

Councilor Shamberger: Councilor Shamberger thanked those who appeared at the Public Portion and expressed excitement for the previous Year of the Neighborhood and coming Year of the Tree. She thanked City employees and boards and commissions volunteers for their service over the past year and reminded everyone to support MHS in their upcoming Rose Bowl Parade appearance.

Councilor Byrne: Councilor Byrne praised the spirit of our community and yearly designations along with the accomplishments of the manager. He hoped citizens could find joy during the Holiday Season, even amid tragic events.

Councilor Herbst:

Councilor Herbst also offered thanked volunteers and employees who serve the community. She encouraged loved ones to cherish the family and children in their lives.

Mayor Manilla:

Mayor Manilla thanked City employees, neighborhood associations, and community volunteers for their service this year. He also announced an upcoming play, *Ebenezer Scrooge* at M.T. Pockets Theatre.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Shamberger, Second by Nugent, carried by unanimous consent, council entered into an Executive Session pursuant to WV State Code Section 6-9A-4(b)(2)(A) in order to discuss personnel matters with Council Members and City Manager present. Session entered at 7:17 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further items of business or discussion, the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:05 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor

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