



# The City of Morgantown

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## AGENDA MORGANTOWN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 7:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

2. **ROLL CALL:**

3. **PLEDGE:**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A. April 5, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes

B. April 5, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

5. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. Designate a day in April as Rotary International Day in celebration of the visit of Mr. Sekhar Meta, Rotary International President as requested by local Rotary President-elect Dr. V.K. Raju.

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. Boards & Commissions

8. **PUBLIC PORTION WHICH SHALL BE SUBJECT TO RULES ESTABLISHED BY COUNCIL AND ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION:**

9. **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Civilian Police Review & Advisory Board - Mayor Selin, Ex-officio

B. Special Committee on Unsheltered Homelessness - Members: Mayor Selin, Deputy Mayor Trumble, Councilor Vega, Councilor Harshbarger, Councilor Butcher. Next scheduled meeting May 19, 2022, 2pm via Zoom.

10. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A.** Consideration of the **APPROVAL of the Rates of Levy Laid by the City of Morgantown and approved by the State Auditor for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022, in accordance with Chapter 11 Article 8 of the West Virginia Code**
- B.** Consideration of **APPROVAL of A Resolution Rescinding Resolution 2021-32 and Providing that Masks are No Longer Required for Public Meetings**
- C.** Consideration of **APPROVAL of A Resolution Authorizing Requests for Congressionally Directed Spending**

**12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**13. REPORT FROM CITY CLERK:**

**14. REPORT FROM CITY ATTORNEY:**

**15. REPORT FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**16. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- A. Pursuant to West Virginia Code section 6-9A-4(b)(12) to discuss potential litigation
- B. Pursuant to West Virginia Code section 6-9A-4(b)(9) to discuss real estate in the City of Morgantown

**17. ADJOURNMENT:**

**For accommodations please call or text 304-288-7072**

# City of Morgantown

## SPECIAL MEETING April 5, 2022

**Special Meeting April 5, 2022:** The Special Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Morgantown was held in City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 6:02 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Jenny Selin, Deputy Mayor Danielle Trumble, Council Members Joe Abu-Ghannam, Bill Kawecki, Ixya Vega, Dave Harshbarger and Brian Butcher.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Selin.

**Executive Session:** Pursuant to West Virginia Code Section 6-9a-4(b)(2)(a) to discuss Personnel Matters in considering new appointments for Board and Commissions. Motion by Deputy Mayor Trumble, second by Councilor Abu-Ghannam, to go into executive session. Motion carried by acclamation. Present: City Council. Time: 6:04 p.m.

### Sister Cities Commission

6:00 p.m. – Elizabeth (Liz) Finklea

6:15 p.m. – Helen Friedberg

### Civilian Police Review & Advisory Board

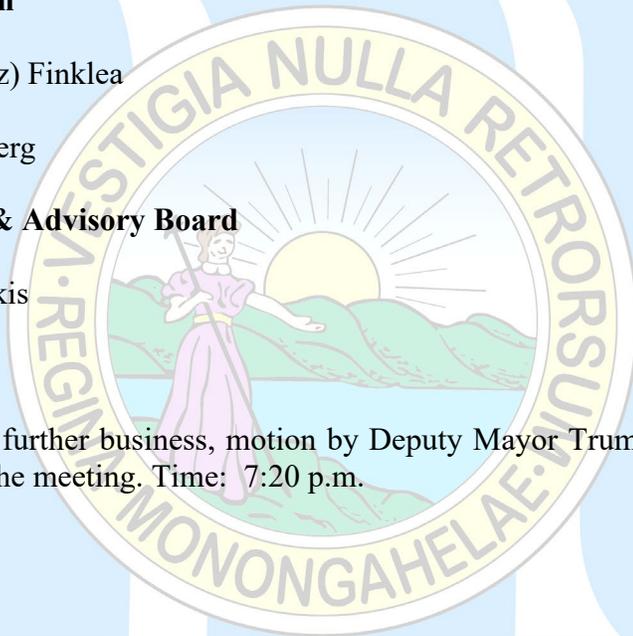
6:30 p.m. – Michael Rockis

### ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion by Deputy Mayor Trumble, second by Councilor Harshbarger, to adjourn the meeting. Time: 7:20 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Mayor



## **Boards & Commissions**

- **Board of Zoning Appeals – 2 Vacant Terms and 2 Alternate Terms**

*Members:* Logan Shamberger, *Vacant position (3-year term 1/1/20 – 12/31/2022)*, Heidi Cook, *Vacant position (3-year term 1/1/22 – 12/31/24)*, Chris Benison, and Kevin Meehan (Alternate member), *Vacant position Alternate member (3-year term 1/1/20 – 12/31/2022)*, *Vacant position Alternate member (3-year term 1/1/21 – 12/31/2023)*

*Term to expire 12/31/22 – Vacant position (3-year term 1/1/20 – 12/31/2022)*, *Vacant position Alternate member (3-year term 1/1/20 – 12/31/2022)*

*No one has applied at this time.*

- **BOPARC Board – 1 Vacant Term**

*Members:* Danielle Trumble, Jenny Thoma, Cal Shamberger, Rachel Fetty, Jenny Selin, *Vacant position (6-year term 7/1/17 – 6/30/23)*, and Susan Klingensmith.

*Interviewed:* Peter Giacobbi 7/27/21, Jim Heiko 8/10/21, Ash Orr 8/31/21, Lisa Di Bartolomeo 10/26/21.

*Applicant who has applied:* Alexandria Svolos

*Scheduled to Interview:* Alexandria Svolos 4/26/22

- **Building Commission – No Vacancies**

*Members:* Marlene Savino, Aaron Reel, Terry Jones

*Term to expire:* None

*No one has applied at this time.*

- **Civilian Police Review & Advisory Board – 9 Vacant**

*No Members at this time:*

*Applied and interviewed:* Rachel Fetty 8/10/21, Mary Clark 9/21/21, Ross Jones 10/5/21, Richard Burks 11/30/21, Stephen Prince 11/30/21, Joseph Scotti 12/7/21, Robert Bob Cohen 12/7/21 (*letter from NAACP recommending him*), Shirley Robinson 12/21/21, Nicholas Anderson-Amore 2/1/22, Ronald Allen 2/1/22, Dr. Dady Dadyburjor 2/15/22, Brian Blackburn 2/15/22, Megan Gandy 2/22/2022, Amy Chandler 2/22/2022, James Stevens 3/29/22, Michael Rockis 4/5/22

*Terms to expire:* 3 open positions not filled will expire on 5/17/2022.

*No one has applied at this time.*

*Removed:* Jan Derry 10/19/21, due to moving to Florida.

- **Cultural Arts Commission – 1 Vacant Term**

*Members:* *Vacant position (4/1/2022 – 3/31/2026)*, Richard McEwuen, Mark Downs, Mark McCoy, Nikki Bowman-Mills, Ron Dulaney, Joshua Williamson, Brian Butcher.

*Term expired 3/31/22 – Vacant position (4/1/2022 – 3/31/2026)*

*Applicant who has applied:* Alexandria Svolos

*Scheduled to interview:* Alexandria Svolos 4/26/22

- **Fairmont – Morgantown Housing Authority – 1 Term to Expire 8/3/2022**

*Members:* Jay Rogers, Margaret Stout, Marcella Yaremchuk, John Fallon, and Brian McAllister

*Terms to expire 8/3/2022:* Margaret Stout

*Applicant who has applied:* Brennan Williams

*Scheduled to Interview:* Brennan Williams 4/26/22

- **Fire Code Board of Appeals – 3 Vacant & 2 terms to Expire 4/30/2022**

*Members:* *Vacant position – Legal (3-year term 5/1/19 – 4/30/22)*, Pat Esposito, *Vacant position – General Contractor (3-year term 5/1/19 – 4/30/22)*, Edward Heyden, Larissa Cason, Mark Lambert, *Vacant position - ALT Member (3-year term 5/1/19 – 4/30/22)*, and Jonathan McGee.

**Terms to expire 4/30/2022:** All positions above

**Scheduled to interview:** Mark Lambert 5/3/22,

**Applicants have applied:** Mark Lambert

**Interviewed & Reappointed:** Edward Heyden 3/1/22, Larissa Cason 3/1/22

**Not reapplying again:** Pat Esposito

- **Health & Wellness Commission – 2 Vacant Terms and 2 Terms to Expire 12/31/2022**

**Members:** Vacant position (3-year term 1/1/21 – 12/31/23), Lynn Castro, Kimberly Kelly, Vacant position (3-year term 1/1/20 – 12/31/22), Margaret Karcher, Sabina Nduaguba, Ixya Vega, and Ronalie Abeyratne (student).

**Terms to expire 12/31/2022:** Vacant position (3-year term 1/1/20 – 12/31/22), Margaret Karcher, and Ronalie Abeyratne

**Interviewed:** Joseph Scotti, PhD. (12/7/21)

**Applicant who has applied:** Alexandria Svolos

**Scheduled to interview:** Alexandria Svolos 4/26/22

- **Historic Landmarks Commission – 1 to Expire 11/4/2022**

**Members:** Jessica Eichlin, Shannon Tinnell, Vacant position (4-year term 11/5/21– 11/4/25), Mark Lambert, and Bill Kawecki.

**Scheduled to interview:**

**Term to expire 11/4/2022:** Jessica Eichlin

**No one has applied at this time.**

- **Human Rights Commission – 4 Terms to Expire 6/30/2022**

**Members:** Ash Orr, Daniel Trejo, Bonnie Brown, Zoey Svolos, Rosalyn Lauderback, Don Spencer, Jena Martin, and Tim Harston.

**Terms to expire 6/30/2022:** Ash Orr, Daniel Trejo, Bonnie Brown, and Zoey Svolos.

**Resignation:** Don Spencer 5/2022

**Applicants who has applied:** Ross Jones, Joseph Scotti, Ash Orr, Daniel Trejo, Zoey Vilasuso, and Alexandria Svolos

**Scheduled to interview:** Alexandria Svolos 4/26/22

**Interviewed:** Ross Jones 10/5/21, Joseph Scotti 12/7/21, Ash Orr 3/29/22, Zoey Vilasuso 3/29/22

**Appointed:** Zoey Vilasuso 4/5/22

- **ICC Board of Appeals – 2 Vacant and 1 to Expire 4/30/2022**

**Members:** Vacant position - Master Electrician (5-yr term – 5-yr term 5/1/20 – 4/30/25), Jim Pompili, Barry Dickson, Pat Esposito, Vacant position - Civil Engineer (5-year term 5/1/21 – 4/30/26)).

**Terms to expire 4/30/2022:** Pat Esposito

**No one has applied at this time.**

**Not reapplying again:** Pat Esposito

- **Land Reuse & Preservation Agency Board – No Vacancies**

**Members:** David Satterfield, Laura Rye, Jessica McDonald, Brent Bailey, Patrick Kirby, Tim Stranko, and Michael Mills.

**Terms to expire:** None

**Applicant who has applied:** Brennan Williams, and Alexandria Svolos

**Scheduled to interview:** Brennan Williams 4/26/22, and Alexandria Svolos 4/26/22

- **Library Board – 1 Term to Expire 6/30/2022**

**Members:** Meredith Hartery, Judith Lannin Panagakos, Penny Pugh, Sue Carpenter, and Linda Durfee.

**Terms to expire 6/30/2022:** Penny Pugh

**Applicant who has applied:** Alexandria Svolos

*Scheduled to interview:* Alexandria Svolos 4/26/22

- **Morgantown Housing Advisory Commission – No Vacancies**

*Members:* Brian Walker, Gail Lipscomb, Lisa Darden, Alexis McMillen, Jennifer Hagerty, James Craig, Adelheid Schaupp, Arthur Trussler, Sara Ruff, Rachel Fetty, Bill Kaweck, Sara Maloney, and

*Term to expire:* None

*Applicant who has applied:* Brennan Williams

*Scheduled to interview:* Brennan Williams 4/26/22

- **Morgantown Utility Board – 1 Term to Expire 10/31/2022**

*Members:* J. T. Straface, Tom Witt, Barbara Parsons, Erik Carlson, Karen Kunz

*Terms to expire 10/31/22:* J. T. Straface

*No one has applied at this time.*

- **Parking Authority – 4 Terms to Expire 6/30/2022**

*Members:* Shane Mardis, Charles McEwuen, Amy Dale, Jeanne Hagen, and Brian Butcher

*Terms to expire 6/30/2022:* Shane Mardis, Charles McEwuen, Amy Dale, and Jeanne Hagen.

*No one has applied at this time.*

- **Personnel Board – 1 Vacant Term and 1 Term to Expire 6/30/2022**

*Members:* Suzanne Gosden Kitchen, *Vacant position (3-yr term 7/1/21 – 6/30/24)*, Sarah Stevenson

*Terms to expire 6/30/2022:* Sarah Stevenson

*Applicant who has applied:* Larissa Cason

*Interviewed:* Larissa Cason 3/1/2022

- **Planning Commission – 1 Vacant Term and 2 Terms to Expire 12/31/2022**

*Members:* Sam Loretta, Tim Stranko, William Blosser, William Petro, Mike Shuman, Peter DeMasters, *Vacant position 7<sup>th</sup> Ward (3-year term 1/1/22 – 12/31/24)*, AJ Hammond, Danielle Trumble.

*Terms to expire 12/31/22:* William Blosser 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward and Peter DeMasters 6<sup>th</sup> Ward

*No one has applied at this time for the following terms that will be expiring on 12/31/22.*

- **Sister Cities Commission – 4 Vacant and 3 to Expire 5/31/2022**

*Members:* George Lies, Helene Friedberg, Elizabeth Finklea, 3 *Vacant positions (6/1/21 – 5/31/24)*, Bryan Phillips, *Vacant position (6/1/20 – 5/31/23)*, Ixya Vega, Lola Contreras (Ex-Officio), Vacant (Ex-Officio).

*Terms to Expire 5/31/2022:* George Lies, Helene Friedberg, and Elizabeth Finklea.

*Applicant who has applied:* Elizabeth Finklea, Helene Friedberg, and George Lies

*Scheduled to Interview:* George Lies 4/19/22

*Interviewed & Reappointed:* Elizabeth Finklea 4/5/22, and Helene Friedberg 4/5/22.

- **Traffic Commission – 2 Vacant - 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wards**

*Members:* 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Francis Brownfield, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Tony Tarantini, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Charlie Byrer, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward *Vacant position 4/4/21 – 4/3/2024*, 5<sup>th</sup> Ward *Vacant position 4/4/21 – 4/3/2024*, 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Sharon Patrick, 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Martin Dombrowski, Damien Davis Engineering Department, William Runyan Morgantown Police Department, William Blosser Planning Commission, Dave Harshbarger, Chip Wamsley, Matthew Cross.

*No Terms to Expire in 2022.*

*Applicant who has applied:* Brennan Williams 5<sup>th</sup> Ward

*Scheduled to Interview:* Brennan Williams 5<sup>th</sup> Ward 4/26/22

- **Transit Authority Board of Directors – 2 to Expire 12/31/2022**

**Members:** Carol Heiberger, Jenny Dinsmore, Marly Hazen, Jeremy Evans (County/City), Terri Cutrig (County), Ron Bane (County), and Wesley Nugent (County).

**Terms to expire 12/31/2022:** Marly Hazen and Jeremy Evans

**No one has applied at this time.**

- **Tree Board – 1 Vacant and 2 to Expire 11/14/2022**

**Members:** Donna Foster, Matthew Cummons, *Vacant position (3-yr term 11/15/20 – 11/14/23)*, Dan Brown, Jon Weems, Dave Barnett, Greg Dahle, Joe Abu-Ghannam, Marchetta Maupin.

**Terms to Expire 11/14/22:** Dan Brown and Jon Weems

**Applicant who has applied:** Alexandria Svolos 4/29/22

- **Urban Landscape Commission – 2 Vacant and 2 to Expire 11/14/2022**

**Members:** *Vacant position – Horticulture (3-yr term 7/1/20 – 6/30/23)*, Michael Hasenmyer, Kara Hurst, *Vacant position – Plant Health (3-yr term 7/1/21 – 6/30/24)*, Mel Burch, Danielle Trumble, Marchetta Maupin (ex-officio).

**Resigned:** Kara Hurst

**Terms to Expire 11/14/22:** Michael Hasenmyer and Vacant Position

**No one has applied at this time.**

- **Ward & Boundary Commission – 3 Vacant**

**Members:** 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Sarah Barnes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Cindy O'Brien, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward *Vacant (2-yr term 7/1/21 – 6/30/23)*, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward *Vacant (2-yr term 7/1/21 – 6/30/23)*, 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Johnathon Trumble, 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Alice Meehan, 7<sup>th</sup> Ward *Vacant (2-yr term 7/1/21 – 6/30/23)*.

**No terms to Expire in 2022.**

**No one has applied at this time.**

- **Woodburn Commission – 2 Vacant and 3 to Expire 12/31/2022**

**Members:** Chris Haddox, Johnathon Trumble, Evan Fedorko, *Vacant position (3-year term 1/1/22 – 12/31/24)*, *Vacant position (3-year term 1/1/22 – 12/31/24)*, Marti Shamberger, Ron Dulaney, Danielle Trumble.

**Terms to Expire 12/31/22:** Chris Haddox, Johnathan Trumble, and Evan Fedorko

**No one has applied at this time.**



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Finance Department

## MEMO

**DATE:** April 12, 2022  
**TO:** Christine Wade, City Clerk  
**FROM:** Kevin Tennant, Finance Director  
**RE:** Agenda Item

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Please include on the agenda for April 19, 2022 under New Business:

Consideration of the APPROVAL OF THE RATES OF LEVY LAID BY THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN AND APPROVED BY THE STATE AUDITOR FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 11 ARTICLE 8 OF THE WEST VIRGINIA CODE.

Attached is the *Levy Order and Rate Sheet* to be included in the Council packets.

After approval, please sign the *Levy Order and Rate Sheet* and return to me for submission to the State Auditor's Office.

Thank you.

**MUNICIPALITY OF MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA**  
**LEVY ORDER AND RATE SHEET**  
**2022 - 2023**

**The following is a true copy from the record of orders entered by this entity  
on the 19 day of April, 2022.**

**SIGNATURE:**

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Municipal Clerk or Recorder

	<b>Column E</b>	<b>Levy</b>	<b>Taxes</b>
<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Certificate of Valuation</b>	<b>Rate/\$100</b>	<b>Levied</b>
	<b>Assessed Value for Tax Purposes</b>	<b></b>	<b></b>
Class I			
Personal Property	\$ _____ 0	12.500	\$ _____ 0
Public Utility	_____ 0		_____ 0
<b>Total Class I</b>	<b>\$ _____ 0</b>		<b>\$ _____ 0</b>
Class II			
Real Estate	\$ _____ 480,561,070	25.000	\$ _____ 1,201,403
Personal Property	_____ 1,448,436		_____ 3,621
<b>Total Class II</b>	<b>\$ _____ 482,009,506</b>		<b>\$ _____ 1,205,024</b>
Class IV			
Real Estate	\$ _____ 552,960,060	50.000	\$ _____ 2,764,800
Personal Property	_____ 160,307,484		_____ 801,537
Public Utility	_____ 65,643,969		_____ 328,220
<b>Total Class IV</b>	<b>\$ _____ 778,911,513</b>		<b>\$ _____ 3,894,557</b>
<b>Total Value &amp; Projected Revenue</b>	<b>\$ _____ 1,260,921,019</b>		<b>\$ _____ 5,099,581</b>
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		4.00%	_____ 203,983
Less Tax Discounts		1.00%	_____ 48,956
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing - see worksheet (Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			_____ 418,697
<b>Total Projected Property Tax Collection</b>			<b>_____ 4,427,945</b>
Less Assessor Valuation Fund (Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)		2.00%	_____ 88,559
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes For Budget Purposes			<b>\$ _____ 4,339,386</b>

Resolution No. 2022-\_\_

**A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2021-32 AND PROVIDING THAT MASKS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS**

The City of Morgantown hereby resolves that, due to the reduced risk of infection with COVID-19 relating to lower infection rates in the community, Resolution No. 2021-31, which required attendees of public meetings of The City of Morgantown to wear a face covering designed to limit airborne spread of disease, is rescinded. Attendees of public meetings of The City of Morgantown are no longer required to wear face coverings, but shall be permitted to wear face coverings designed to limit the airborne spread of disease in their discretion.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of April, 2021:

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Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

Resolution No. 2022-\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REQUESTS FOR  
CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING**

The City of Morgantown hereby resolves that the City Manager is authorized to make application for funds available through Congressionally Directed Spending by submitting requests to West Virginia Senators Manchin and Capito in accordance with such procedures, forms, rules, and regulations as may be required by the offices of the Senators, or either of them, or by the United States Senate and its committees; and

The City of Morgantown further resolves that it anticipates that the City Manager will request allocation of Congressionally Directed Spending funds in the approximate amount of Six Million Dollars for the purpose of constructing a new fire station to replace the existing South High Street fire station, as well as for such other funds and projects as may be in the best interests of the City of Morgantown and as may be proposed by the offices of Senators Manchin and Capito, or either of them; and

The City of Morgantown further resolves that the City Manager is authorized to execute any applications, requests, reports, responses, studies, or other materials necessary and helpful to assist in requesting Congressionally Directed Spending funds as authorized in this Resolution.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of April, 2022:

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Hon. Jennifer Selin, Mayor

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Christine Wade, City Clerk