

# City of Morgantown

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

August 25, 2020

To protect public health during the COVID-19 pandemic, personal attendance at the meeting was not permitted. When it was time, the public participated by videoconference at the following link: <https://cityofmorgantown.wv.webex.com/meet/cityofmorgantown> with meeting number (access code) 793 734 477, or by calling in at the following number 408-418-9388 and using the access code 793 734 477. All members of the public could view the meeting on Channel 15 or by streaming hosted on the City's website at [www.morgantownwv.gov](http://www.morgantownwv.gov). Any person who wished to speak at the meeting completed a form at <https://www.morgantownwv.gov/FormCenter/Public-Comment-Sign-Up-Sheet-14/Public-Comment-Committee-of-the-Whole-fo-89> or provided their name, phone number used to participate, and the topic on which they would like to speak by texting 304-288-0847. They could sign up to speak at any time until the meeting began. Additionally, the public could submit written comments for the public portion of the meeting by sending written comments via email to the City Clerk at [cwade@morgantownwv.gov](mailto:cwade@morgantownwv.gov). In the email, they used the subject line "Public Comment 08/25/2020" and indicated in the body of the email if they would like their comment read aloud during the public portion of the meeting.

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Morgantown was held by via Webex on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at 7:11 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Via Webex Interim City Manager Emily Muzzarelli, City Attorney Ryan Simonton, Mayor Ron Dulaney, Jr., Deputy Mayor Rachel Fetty, and Council Members Bill Kawecki, Zackery Cruze, Jenny Selin, Dave Harshbarger, and Barry Wendell.

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Fetty.

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

**1. WVU School of Public Health – Lauri Andress**

Assistant Professor and Chief Researcher and Content Developer Sandra Fallon presented council with information regarding the development of the project "Place and Health in West Virginia and underrepresented populations". The project focuses on addressing population health as an outcome of intentional policy decisions made by leaders about where people live, work, and play.

**2. Community Policing – Jacob Powers, Chair Human Rights Commission**

Jacob Powers presented council with a proposed resolution that would strengthen community policing in the City of Morgantown by adding 18 public safety improvements.

**3. Certified Arts Community Presentation – Vincent Kitch**

Director of Arts and Cultural Development Vincent Kitch presented council with a resolution approving the City of Morgantown becoming a Certified Arts Community.

### **PUBLIC PORTION:**

Deputy Mayor Fetty opened the public portion and asked if there was anyone wishing to speak.

Kimberly Quedado expressed her concern of the safety of her neighborhood in Suncrest due to recent break-ins.

Interim City Manager read a written comment from Lisa Flower, requesting that council ask the Governor to keep the bars closed downtown until mid-September for the safety of the community during the pandemic.

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Interim City Manager read a written comment from Jan Derry. She expressed her thanks to council for their collaboration with the Human Rights Commission to create the community policing resolution.

There being no others wishing to speak, Deputy Mayor Fetty closed the Public Portion.

## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

**1. Resolution affirming and strengthening community policing**

Interim City Manager explained, after discussion, this item was moved to the September 1, 2020, Regular Meeting agenda.

**2. Resolution supporting the City of Morgantown becoming a Certified Arts Community**

Interim City Manager explained, after discussion, this item was moved to the September 1, 2020, Regular Meeting agenda.

**3. Ordinance authorizing annexation of Suncrest Elementary School**

Interim City Manager Emily explained, after discussion, this item was moved to the September 1, 2020, Regular Meeting agenda.

**4. Resolution authorizing annexation of Morgantown Community Resources, Inc. Property**

Interim City Manager explained, after discussion, this item was moved to the September 1, 2020, Regular Meeting agenda.

**5. Ordinance placing proposed change to Council Member Terms on April 2021 Ballot**

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**6. Ordinance amending article 913 – Sidewalks**

Interim City Manager explained, after discussion, this item was moved to the September 1, 2020, Regular Meeting agenda.

**7. Ordinance amending article 909 - Street Design and Classification Manual**

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## ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion by Councilor Wendell, second by Councilor Selin, to adjourn the meeting. Time: 10:00 p.m.

  
City Clerk

  
Mayor