AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 162
PROVIDING FOR THE WOODBURN COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the City of Morgantown has established a commission to watch over and advise the City Manager and City Council regarding present and future development of the former Woodburn School property, programming, financing of projects, and operations of the property as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes that the former Woodburn School property and its programming and use continue to evolve and wishes to align the Commission with the current mission and vision for the property;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Morgantown hereby ordains that Article 162 of the City Code is amended as follows:

ARTICLE 162. WOODBURN SCHOOL REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Sec. 162.01. Established.

There is hereby established a Woodburn School Redevelopment Commission (the “Commission”).

Sec. 162.02. Purpose.

The function of the Woodburn School Redevelopment Commission is to watch over and advise the City Manager and City Council regarding present and future development of the former Woodburn School property, programming, financing of projects, and operations of the property as a whole.

Sec. 162.03. Membership.

(a) The Woodburn School Redevelopment Commission shall consist of seven members who shall be appointed by City Council. Each of the seven members, except the member from City Council, shall serve for a three-year term and shall continue in office until a successor is appointed and qualified, except upon their resignation or removal from office. Upon the conclusion of that three-year period, subsequent reappointments or new appointments will be for terms as follows:

Two members for a one-year term; and
Two members for a two-year term; and
Three members for a three-year term.

(b) One member of the Commission shall be a member of the governing body of the City and shall be elected by City Council. The term of the City Council member shall be coextensive with the term of the office to which he or she has been elected or appointed. The
Commission will be administered by the City Manager's Office. All members shall serve without compensation.

Sec. 162.04. Vacancies.

Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as for appointments to the Commission, but for the unexpired portion of the term only. The office of a member of the Woodburn School Redevelopment Commission shall become vacant upon his/her death, resignation, removal from office, or failure to attend three consecutive regular meetings of the Commission without being excused by the Commission either before or after such absence.

Sec. 162.05. Officers.

The Woodburn School Redevelopment Commission shall select from its own membership a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary.

Sec. 162.06. Meetings.

The Woodburn School Redevelopment Commission shall meet as often as it may deem necessary, upon call of the chairperson. All meetings will be subject to the West Virginia Open Government Proceedings Act.

Sec. 162.07. Written reports.

The Commission shall submit annual reports to the City Manager and City Council summarizing its past year's activities and recommendations for the ensuing year.

Sec. 162.08. Freedom of Information Act applies.

As a Commission of the City, the Woodburn School Redevelopment Commission shall be subject to the West Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption. The terms of the current members of the Commission are not affected by adoption of this ordinance, and each member shall continue to serve until their term expires in accordance with Article 162.

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