

INTRODUCTION

I am pleased to present to City Council the principal, proposed budget documents for fiscal year 2005-2006. They have been organized as per the goals and objectives you established earlier this year. Although not all of the issues you identified are resolved herein, contingencies are in place should opportunities be realized.

As in previous years, all of the forecasts have been conservatively drawn. When projections could not be definitively measured, they were constructed with a deliberate, pessimistic view.

Over the past years, the City has been fortunate to effect a number of significant projects in addition to providing the expected levels of traditional services. The proposed budgets build upon these successes and continue Council's strategy for balanced growth.

At the opening of this document, I also want to thank the City Department Administrators who contributed to this proposal and particularly acknowledge the Finance Director Denise White, the Assistant City Manager Jeff Mikorski; Executive Secretary Carol Allen; and the Finance Department Staff for their expertise and imagination. More so than any other though, I thank the individuals that comprise the City work force for their service to the people of Morgantown and for forming a dedicated, professional City Government.

Dan Boroff, City Manager