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AGENDA
MORGANTOWN CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, February 23, 2010
7:00 p.m.

NOTE : Committee of the Whole Meetings of the Morgantown City Council are intended to provide an opportunity for the Council to receive information, ask questions, and identify policy options in an informal setting. No official action is taken at these meetings. At this Committee of the Whole Meeting the following matters are scheduled:

1. **PARTNERS IN EDUCATION CERTIFICATES**
2. **PUBLIC PORTION**
3. **CENSUS 2010**
4. **DECKER'S CREEK SPONSORING LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS**
5. **HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE**
6. **PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2010-2011**
7. **PROPOSED 2010 STREET PAVING PROGRAM**
8. **NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS**
9. **ORDINANCE – CREATING SPECIAL LITTER PREVENTION OFFICERS**
10. **ORDINANCE – AMENDING SOUTH PARK/GREENMONT PARKING**

***If you need an accommodation contact us at 284-7439.**

United States Department of Agriculture



Natural Resources Conservation Service
1550 Earl Core Road, Suite 200
Morgantown, WV 26505
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February 2, 2010

Mr. Dan Boroff, City Manager
City of Morgantown
389 Spruce Street
Morgantown, WV 26505

Mr. Asel Kennedy, President
Monongalia County Commission
County Courthouse
Attn: Diane DeMedici
Morgantown, WV 26505

Dear Sirs:

Thank you for meeting with Pamela Yost of my staff on January 19, 2010 to continue the discussion on restoration plans for Deckers Creek. The meeting was progressive and it is clear that there is momentum to seek a solution for the Richard Mine Site. This site is the most challenging and also the most devastating to the water quality in Deckers Creek. Much progress has been made in the upper reaches of the watershed to reduce or eliminate acid mine drainage impacts to the stream. However, Deckers Creek remains virtually lifeless from the Richard Mine Site to the Monongahela River.

There has been considerable investment by NRCS, Friends of Deckers Creek, the Monongahela Conservation District, and the West Virginia Conservation Agency to gather and analyze the data from the Richard Mine Site. In 2009, a consultant completed an analysis of all the potential solutions for the Richard Mine Site. This study concluded that there are basically two options: a treatment plant approach, or separating the mine flow from the stream and conveying it to the Monongahela River. As we've previously discussed, both options have positives and negatives. As we go forward, there will be more intense discussion on these options before one is selected.

As you know, NRCS projects require a Sponsoring Local Organization (SLO) to operate and maintain the option that is eventually chosen. Also, the decision as to which option to select rests with the SLO. NRCS will offer technical advice but the final decision must be made by local entities involved.

Before there is additional effort expended on the Richard Mine Site, NRCS is seeking assurance that there will be a SLO for the Richard Mine Site. This assurance does not constitute a financial commitment at this time. Rather, it is a good faith commitment to work in partnership with NRCS on whichever option is the most acceptable.

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For your consideration, I've included a document that would provide such assurance to NRCS. Please feel free to edit the document as needed. Pamela Yost will continue to work with you on this document until it is acceptable to all parties involved.

Thank you for your continued support on this project. If you have questions regarding either this letter or the overall project, please contact Pamela Yost, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs, at (304) 284-7572.

Sincerely,


STEPHEN G. CARPENTER
Acting State Conservationist

Enclosure

DRAFT

City of Morgantown Letter / Monongalia County Commission letterhead

Insert appropriate date

Mr. Stephen G. Carpenter
Acting State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
1550 Earl Core Road, Suite 200
Morgantown, WV 26505

Dear Mr. Carpenter:

In the interest of advancing the Upper Deckers Creek Water Quality Project, we encourage the NRCS to move forward with options analysis for the Richard Mine Site. Such analysis will include a more detailed cost estimate, land rights information, more defined operation and maintenance items, and other aspects that will be more clearly identified as the project is advanced.

We understand that there must be a Sponsoring Local Organization (SLO) for the Richard Mine Site before an alternative can be selected. We also understand that the SLO will ultimately select the option. NRCS will make recommendations and offer technical assistance to assist the SLO in making this decision. The SLO will commit to operate and maintain the option once it is constructed. These roles and responsibilities will be clearly defined in a Project Agreement prior to any financial commitment on the part of the SLO.

The purpose of this letter is to assure the NRCS that the City of Morgantown and Monongalia County Commission will work together with NRCS to secure sponsorship for the Richard Mine Site. This assurance does not constitute a financial commitment at this time. Rather, it is a good faith commitment to work in partnership with NRCS to further develop options for the Richard Mine.

Dan Boroff, City Manager
City of Morgantown

Asel Kennedy, President
Monongalia County Commission

A PROPOSAL: A TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS

THE NEED:

Homelessness is increasing, in the nation and in our community. Food banks, soup kitchens, and shelters all report large increases in the need for services. Here in Monongalia County, Bartlett House added 25 beds that were filled in a week. They often have people in the halls and are out of room. The Friendship Room has seen a sharp increase in use and is functioning at capacity. And there has been a marked growth in the size of groups gathering outside the library and other places where people who are on the streets tend to congregate.

In the short term our community needs expanded shelter facilities and drop-in services including laundry, showers, messaging center, computer center, and a centralized information center for all available services.

But even more important is a coordinated, community-wide effort to address homelessness and to work toward solutions.

The immediate impact of homelessness is, of course, on those who find themselves without a place to live. However, this problem also affects the quality of life for all in our community because of the demand upon police, health, and other public services and the impact on downtown Morgantown businesses and organizations. All of us have a stake in addressing this problem.

The many social services agencies which provide services to those who struggle with poverty or homelessness do an outstanding job. However, they have more than they can do to stay on top of the need for immediate, direct services. Especially with the growing demand of recent months, there simply is not time or energy for them to devote to community-wide planning for long-term solutions. There is need for an entity whose sole purpose is to study the problem and develop a community-wide response.

TARGET CLIENTELE

Homeless persons are not all alike. There are several different categories of persons whose needs must be addressed in different ways.

1) Those at risk of becoming homeless: One of the most important gaps in services at present concerns those who are vulnerable to losing their housing. Interventions and supportive services can help individuals and families to remain in their homes. It is often much easier and more cost effective to keep people in their homes rather than trying to re-stabilize them after they have become homeless.

2) Those who have recently become homeless: The longer persons remain homeless the more difficult it can be for them to regain independence. If services to address the cause of their homelessness are readily available, persons can begin quickly to work on whatever challenges must be addressed in order for them to regain stability.

3) The chronically homeless: The chronically homeless present a different kind of challenge. Often there is another type of problem complicating their recovery: substance abuse, serious mental illness, and PTSD among veterans. With proper support, many can achieve a greater degree of self-sufficiency.

A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

A Comprehensive Plan would study and address the following needs, among others:

Affordable Housing and Supportive Housing

A critical part of addressing homelessness is the development of additional affordable housing for individuals and for families. Some of this housing needs to be in the form of supervised, supportive housing for those in transition, giving them time to work on the issues that are preventing them from being independent, issues such as, addiction, mental or emotional problems, education or job training, credit problems, applying for disability if they qualify.

Support Services

Among the services that can be of assistance are:

- Employment services, including job training, career counseling, and job placement
- Financial Literacy classes
- Self-sufficiency workshops and classes
- Life skills training
- Personal counseling and pastoral counseling

Some of these services are available if people know how to find them. Often persons need support in following through on accessing the services they need. Without a centralized program, many drift from one thing to another. A central case management system would give persons both support and accountability to use the services available. A comprehensive program must include both compassionate support and the expectation that people will be accountable for their own lives to the degree they are physically and mentally capable of doing so.

The creation of a county-wide task force would be the necessary first step in beginning to develop the kind of comprehensive plan needed in order to address these needs and to improve the quality of life for all of our citizens.

THE PROPOSAL:

Therefore, we propose that the Monongalia County Commission and the Morgantown City Council create a Task Force on Homelessness and share the responsibility for appointing its members. Members should be drawn from the community, representing:

1. The Monongalia County Commission
2. The Morgantown City Council
3. The Business Community
4. The Mon Valley Homeless Initiative
5. Persons who are or have been homeless

6. Blacksville and Wadestown Community Services

The purpose of the Task Force would be to improve the quality of life for all citizens of the county through addressing the causes of homelessness and working toward solutions.

Tasks would include:

- to develop a comprehensive community-wide plan for addressing homelessness
- to promote community-wide cooperation among government, non-profits, faith-based groups, business community, housing developers, and the general public
- to identify causes of homelessness and encourage efforts to address those causes
- to foster inter-agency cooperation, such as universal discharge planning and coordination of services
- to seek out under-served areas of the county and facilitate better programming for all areas
- to identify long-term strategies for increasing the availability of affordable housing and support services to help homeless persons to regain independence
- to seek funding sources, both public and private

With cooperation and perseverance, we can make a greater impact upon the lives of those who are experiencing homelessness and upon the quality of life for all persons in the county.

This proposal has been developed by an ad hoc committee made up of community members and individuals from a variety of organizations serving persons who are homeless and has the endorsement and support of the Mon Valley Homeless Initiative.

Committee members submitting this proposal include:

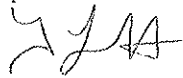
Keri DeMasi, Executive Director, Bartlett House
Randall Brown, Case Manager, Bartlett House
Mary Gutmann, Board Member, View at the Park Condominium
Jean Haley, President, Mon Valley Homeless Initiative
Tina Hammack, Executive Director, Friendship Room
Laura Jones, Executive Director, Milan Puskar Health Right
Lindsey Knotts, Housing Coordinator, Caritas House
John Sonnenday, Co-Pastor, First Presbyterian Church
Judy Wilkinson, Volunteer, Milan Puskar Health Right
Sharon Wood, Executive Director, Caritas House
Karen Zeller, Assistant Director, Bartlett House
Kate Ziesenheim, Supervisor, Valley Health Care

Memo

City of Morgantown Public Works Department

To: Dan Boroff, City Manager

From: Terry Hough, Public Works Director



Subject: 2010 Paving Project

Date: January 13, 2010

Attached is the proposed list for the 2010 Paving Project. The estimated cost is \$401,984.60. The budget is for \$400,000.00. Also included is a contingency list in case the bids come in below the estimated cost or if the amount of asphalt used is less than estimated. It should be noted that in the past, streets from the contingency list have been added. Hopefully this trend will continue.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me.

2010 Proposed Main Paving List

1	Grandview Avenue (Grand St. to Dead End)	(21' x 1270')
2	Cobun Avenue (Walnut St. to Grand St)	(26' x 622')
3	Pleasant Street (Cobun Ave. to Bridge Approach)	(28' x 180')
4	Woodland Drive (Greendale to Eastern Ave)	(23' x 210')
5	North Street (University Ave. to Jones Ave.)	(22' x 240')
6	University Avenue (North St to Grand Central)	(31' x 718')
7	University Avenue (North St to Kelly Apts Ent) (curbs)	(2931')
8	Sherman Avenue (King St. to Grand St.)	(22' x 1260')
9	Louise Avenue (DesMoines Ave. to Johnson Ave.)	(12' x 707')
10	Louise Avenue (James St. to Dayton St.)	(21' x 500')
11	Hess Street (Standard St. to Madison Ave.)	(22' x 490')
12	Tyson Street (Jerome St. to Knob St)	(17' x 819')
13	Southpoint Circle (To Be Determined)	

2010 Proposed Contingency Paving List

1	Rotary Street (Collins Ferry Rd. to University Ave.)	(17' x 1402')
2	Simpson Street (Wilson Ave. to S. High St.)	(26' x 870')
3	Cherry Street (Cobun St. To Arch St.)	(23' x 410')
4	Meridan Street (Collins Ferry Rd. to Western St.)	(22' x 500')
5	Riverview Drive (University Ave. to Oakland St.)	(23' x 1740')
6	Rawley Avenue (Riverview Dr. to Oakland St.)	(21' x 1150')
7	Easton Avenue (Hirshman St. to Dead End)	(9' x 500')
8	First Street (Beechurst Avenue to Hall St.)	(13' x 175')
9	Logan Avenue (Grand St. to King St.)	(21' x 830')
10	Richwood Avenue (James St. to Vernon St.)	(26' x 1100')
11	Elm Street (Euclid Ave. to Jackson Ave.)	(23' x 545')
12	Callen Avenue (Wharton St. to Leonard St.)	(20' x 630')
13	Carlisle Alley (Darst St. to Dairy Mart)	(8' x 585')
14	Sheetz Alley (Dewey St. to Kingwood St)	(14' x 534')
15	Jefferson Street (Wilson Ave. to Jackson Ave.)	(25' x 900')
16	Corvet Avenue (Bottom 100/150 ft on Dead End)	(20' x 260')

DRAFT

Dear BOE members:

We are concerned with plans to close Woodburn Elementary School and consolidate with Easton on a site *outside* of the City. We are also concerned about plans to reshape Suncrest Primary as a pre-K bussed-in facility rather than a Primary School for students who live near to the school.

We feel that it is imperative to educate Woodburn Elementary and Suncrest Primary students at their current locations:

- Each neighborhood school is a major “anchor” of the Community. Many young families chose to live in the Woodburn and Suncrest neighborhoods. They are often looking at the high quality and nearby location of the school. These schools are close to where parents work and where families can take advantage of city services and amenities.
- It is important to provide elementary and primary school options for families that choose an urban lifestyle—this includes parents who don’t drive a car and those who prefer to walk.
- These schools and their playgrounds serve as common areas for parents and students before and after school and during out-of-school time during the summer and on the weekend.
- A Healthy Green school begins with students and parents being able to walk to school.
- Retaining schools in their urban location encourages re-development, neighborhood stabilization and a positive community impacts.
- This is an opportunity to develop compact urban schools using an urban scale of development, avoiding sprawl.

We respectfully ask that the Board of Education slow down the decision-making process and listen to the needs of the community.

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 523.21 WITHIN ITS GENERAL OFFENSES CODE; AND ADDRESSING AND CREATING SPECIAL LITTER PREVENTION OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the City of Morgantown has previously adopted, by the authority granted to it under Section 8-12-5 of the West Virginia Code, Article 523 within its General Offenses Code which addresses the offense of littering;

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2009, the West Virginia Legislature enacted Section 8-12-16b of the West Virginia Code, authorizing municipalities to appoint special litter officers to aid municipalities in their anti-littering ordinance enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Morgantown City Council is of the opinion that it should amend Morgantown's Litter Ordinance, Article 523 of the Morgantown City Code, so as to provide for the appointment of special litter officers who will aid in the City's enforcement of anti-littering.

Now, therefore, the City of Morgantown hereby ordains that a new section 523.21 of its General Offenses Code is adopted which reads as follows:

523.21 SPECIAL LITTER PREVENTION OFFICERS.

In addition to those municipal employees already authorized by law to enforce this Article, the municipality shall also utilize Special Litter Prevention Officers who are authorized to enforce the provisions of this Article.

The specific municipal employees who are authorized to perform the duties of Special Litter Prevention Officers shall include the Chief Code Official of the City's Building Inspection Department, Code Enforcement Officers within the Building Inspections Department, Rental Housing Inspectors within the Building Inspections Department, and Morgantown Parking Authority Parking Meter Attendants.

The Special Litter Prevention Officers are authorized to issue Article 523 citations, and issue summons and sign complaints as a result of Article 523 violations, and shall display at all times either a badge or other sign of authority, issued by the municipality, evidencing their authority to enforce Article 523.

Prior to performing the duties of a Special Litter Prevention Officer, all such municipal employees shall be required to complete a Litter Enforcement Training Program, which shall be conducted by City Administration

This Ordinance shall be effective upon date of adoption.

FIRST READING:

MAYOR

ADOPTED:

FILED:

CITY CLERK

RECORDED:

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN AMENDING THE SOUTH PARK
- GREENMONT PARKING.**

The City of Morgantown hereby ordains that the area within the South Park - Greenmont Parking District is expanded to include the portions of Lyndhurst and Arlington Streets, as shown on the exhibit hereto attached.

This Ordinance shall be effective upon date of adoption.

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EXHIBIT

South Park / Greenmont Parking District Proposed Expansion

