

**FEBRUARY 13, 2020**

The Council of the City of Clarksburg met in Special Meeting on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. at the Clarksburg Municipal Building – Council Chambers, 222 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia, with Mayor Kennedy presiding.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Frank Ferrari  
Marshall Goff  
Gary Keith  
Jimmy Marino, Vice Mayor,  
Ryan Kennedy, Mayor

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Annette Wright, Interim City Manager  
Paula Hardman, Interim City Clerk

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Lillie Junkins  
Jim Malfregeot

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **DISCUSSION RELATED TO POSSIBLE REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION(S)**
3. **DISCUSSION OF LEGAL MATTERS**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Ferrari, **SECONDED** by Vice Mayor Marino to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 6, Article 9A, Section 4 of the West Virginia Code to discuss matters involving the purchase, sale or lease of property, advance construction planning, the investment of public funds or other matters involving competition which, if made public, might adversely affect the financial or other interests of the city and to discuss legal matters and that the following persons be present: Mayor, Members of City Council and Interim City Manager. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

It was decided to recess at this time until after the Conference Session, at which time they would proceed with executive session. **MOTION** by Councilmember Ferrari, **SECONDED** by Vice-Mayor Marino to recess until after Conference Session. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**AT THIS TIME CLARKSBURG CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE SESSION TOO PLACE THURSDAY; FEBRUARY 13, 2020 AT 6:00 PM WITH THE MINUTES AS FOLLOWS:**

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The Clarksburg City Council met in CONFERENCE SESSION on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. at the Clarksburg Municipal Building – Council Chambers, 222 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Frank Ferrari  
Manager

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Annette Wright, Interim City

Following roll call, Council proceeded with the following agenda:

**Fairmont State University- Clarksburg Needs Assessment (Ms. Janie Leary):**

At this time, Councilmember's browsed through displays while being educated on the 2019 City of Clarksburg Needs Assessment conducted by Community Health Needs Assessment Class at Fairmont State University. Students presented their findings to council informing them of their studies and recommendations to solve the issues. Handouts were also provided for their review. Some of the issues highlighted in detail were Healthcare Access, Transportation, Financial Instability, Homelessness, Harm Reduction, Childhood Obesity and the growing obesity problem, Disabilities and lastly, Physical Activity. They noted the survey concerns from those that were assessed including reasons for said concerns. After the needs were collected from approximately 186 case studies, the students compiled their results reporting to council as such. They also informed of their conclusions to the needs explaining of future studies and plans to control said issues.

**Update/Discussion regarding Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center Financials:**

Mr. Ryan Tolley along with Finance Director Kim Karakiozis reported to council quarterly financial reports also providing handouts for their review with Mr. Tolley explaining in detail the same as such addressing any area of concern. He informed the report was detailed and to look at the overall report as he explained it.

At this time Councilmember Keith along with Vice Mayor Marino voiced concerns with a loss revealed on said financial report also inquiring as to a yearly report, made simple, as to understand by breaking it down to what all is collected and what all is paid out as has been requested in the past with Ms. Karakiozis informing of a misunderstanding and a new financial report as requested would be taken care of.

Mr. Tolley reviewed the report in detail also revealing future plans to gain control of any said issues with increase in ticket prices and also looking into applying for grants as to help with funding informing council that things would look better next quarter. He also informed them of upcoming events. Council thanked him for his time informing him they were looking forward to future meetings with better news.

At this time Vice Mayor Marino requested the Communication Specialist for the city, Dominique Spatafore work with finance director, Kim Karakiozis as to add the quarterly financial reports to the website for the citizens to view at their convenience. Transparency is important.

**Update on Public Safety- recommendations:**

Interim City Manager Wright informed council of a pilot program for rebates on security cameras that was discussed when the safety committee met approximately three weeks prior adding that the program would be under the direction of Chief Kiddy explaining the same as such.

Chief Kiddy informed council of meeting with North View Pride also explaining that the meeting went very well.

Wayne Worth was also present reporting to council of traveling to Charleston to testify regarding the trespassing law explaining the same as such. The homeless problem was discussed in detail at this time requesting help from council to contact the WVML for additional help and to start organizing groups as soon as next month as to go in next time better prepared. Interim City Manager Wright informed at this time that she would be reaching out to Travis Blosser at the WVML for information. A detailed discussion ensued.

**Update on Project Mountaineer**

**Discussion regarding Economic Development Study and/or Comprehensive Plan Study-RFP's therefor**

Interim City Manager Wright informed of adding this to said agenda as to request direction from council. She informed of a study done back in 2006 called Study Maplewood that had a lot of information available for them that needed to be reviewed before any additional money was spent on another study and since it was time to update the Comprehensive Plan this year, maybe they could work the two in together.

Council all agreed at this time because by law the Comprehensive Plan has to be done this year so it was agreed at this time to tie the two in together.

Interim City Manager Wright informed she would bring back to council suggestions as such for them to consider.

**Discussion regarding resolution to support Health Departments Vaping prohibition**

Vaping was discussed at this time in regards to it rising to a nation level of concern along with the flu epidemic.

Concluding a detail discussion regarding Vaping addressing any area of concern. It was agreed by all of Council to come together in support the Health Department in taking a stand to add this to the clean in door act.

At this time, Vice Mayor Marino highlighted and commended the "HGTV" promotional "We Love our Hometown", Clarksburg WV, "Hometown Takeover" video thanking everyone for all their hard work and dedication. Those include; Justine Scott Marino, wife of Vice Mayor Jimmy Marino, Councilwoman Lillie Scott-Junkins, Sammy Davisson, son of Interim City Clerk Paula Hardman, Ryan Tolley and Emily Moore of the RGPAC, Marsha Viglianco, owner of "The Flower Shop", Chris Marrs of WBOY, Derek Hess, Rus Reppert, NutterFort Elementary School / Hannah David, John Dominic Seti, Michael Brown and everyone who agreed to be filmed. Council agreed and was very pleased with the video. Vice Mayor Marino also mentioned he would like to see the video used to promote the City of Clarksburg with council in agreement as such.

Lastly, he inquired as to Communication Specialist, Dominique Spatafore looking into the promotion of the video and to also check into purchasing better quality equipment if necessary as to do a better job at promoting the City while continuing to cover the meetings in-house. He stressed the importance of this in the future.

Concluding Conference Session, **MOTION** made, **SECONDED** and **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY** to reconvene into Executive Session.

Concluding Executive Session, **MOTION** by Councilmember Ferrari, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Keith to reconvene into Special meeting. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

There being no further business to come before Council, **MOTION** made, **SECONDED** and **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY** to adjourn.

  
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Ryan Kennedy, Mayor

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