

**AMENDED AGENDA FOR PARKERSBURG CITY COUNCIL,  
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020 7:30 PM  
SECOND FLOOR, COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
(Live streamed for the public through YouTube)**

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Council President, Mike Reynolds
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. MINUTES – Council meeting March 9, 2020  
Council meeting March 10, 2020  
Council meeting March 11, 2020  
Council meeting March 13, 2020
- IV. REPORTS FROM STANDING OR SPECIAL COMMITTEES
- V. MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE
- VI. PUBLIC FORUM
- VII. CITY COUNCIL FORUM
- VIIa. **PROCLAMATION** encouraging the residents of Parkersburg and of our greater community to fully and completely commit to and join in with the effort to overcome the dreaded disease, COVID-19, and aid in the prevention of harm to ourselves and our community during this epidemic. (Sponsored by Councilmen Fox, Stanley, and Carpenter)
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. **PUBLIC HEARING** – to hear and consider any objections to the budget estimate for fiscal year 2020-2021. NOTE – microphone set up in Executive Conference Room for citizens to speak.
  - B. To receive, file and approve the State Auditor's approval of the Levy Estimate
  - C. To lay the levy rates
- XI. RESOLUTION
  - 1. Resolution amending the Parkersburg-Wood County HOME Consortium by moving \$35,201.80 from three line items into the Down Payment Assistance Program. (Sponsored by Councilmen Kuhl, Reynolds, Reed, Fox, McCrady, Mercer, Carpenter and Stanley)
- X. ORDINANCE, FIRST READING:
  - 2. An ordinance amending Section IX, Benefits, Vacation leave, of the City's Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual, for a one-time carryover for any and all unused accrued vacation hours from July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020, to the upcoming year. (Sponsored by Councilman Mercer, Kuhl, Fox, and Reynolds)
- XI. ADJOURNMENT – Next meeting May 5, 2020

A PROCLAMATION ENCOURAGING THE RESIDENTS OF PARKERSBURG AND OF OUR GREATER  
COMMUNITY TO FULLY AND COMPLETELY COMMIT TO AND JOIN IN WITH THE EFFORT TO OVERCOME  
THE DREADED DISEASE, COVID-19, AND AID IN THE PREVENTION OF HARM  
TO OURSELVES AND OR COMMUNITY DURING THIS EPIDEMIC

WHEREAS, the continuing and ever growing COVID-19 Pandemic threatens public health within the City;

WHEREAS, the most effective public health measures capable of limiting the spread of the disease is to effectively and frequently wash your hands while also avoiding large gatherings and limiting social and other interactions with others (social distancing);

WHEREAS, taking steps to limit interpersonal interaction and effectively washing your hands has been determined by health experts to be essential to avoiding a rapid increase in the spread of COVID-19 infections that would be likely to overwhelm available health care resources and thereby limit the ability of the health care system not only to treat victims of COVID-19 but also to treat others with emergent medical needs;

WHEREAS, it is essential to the public health that everyone engage in the practice of good hygiene by frequently and effectively washing their hands and that the recommended measures be followed to limit personal interaction through social distancing in order to inhibit the spread of COVID-19 and help ensure that health care resources are available for the residents of the City of Parkersburg and the greater community;

WHEREAS, in order to help curb the spread of this disease a number of states and including the state of West Virginia, have established public standards by limiting public gatherings, limiting certain food and beverage establishments to providing only carry out, curbside and delivery services and requiring closure of certain business operations;

WHEREAS, such measures are an effective and necessary means of assuring that all members of the public are protected to the greatest extent practicable from the effects of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, effective March 16, 2020, Jim Justice, Governor of the State of West Virginia declared a state of emergency exists in all 55 West Virginia counties as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; that on March 17, 2020 the Governor further ordered all restaurants and bars to offer service by carry out, curbside or delivery only; that on March 18, 2020 the Governor then ordered the closure of all gyms, fitness centers and recreational facilities; and, now as of March 23, 2020, the Governor issued a stay at home order for all residents as well as the closure of all nonessential businesses in the hope of stemming the spread of the disease;

WHEREAS, the ongoing spread of the COVID-19 pandemic and the related threat that the pandemic will deny individuals necessary health care resources and the concomitant threat to life if measures are not promptly taken to limit public gatherings and interactions requires all of us to take this matter very seriously and follow completely the safety measures and recommendations we have and will be given.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARKERSBURG that the residents of the City of Parkersburg and of our greater and surrounding community be encouraged to follow all of the recommendations of the public health officials and of the health care community at large and of our Governor and other public officials and specifically to engage in continued social distancing and proper and effective hand washing so as to minimize the spread of this terrible disease.

It is important to understand and recognize that these efforts must be maintained by everyone, whether young or old, so as to protect ourselves, our loved ones, our friends and neighbors and our entire community. It will likely be for an extended period of time but if we are to be successful in overcoming this disease we must stay the course. This is a war, a war against a very serious enemy, COVID-19, but a war we can and shall win if we simply follow all of the recommendations we have been given and especially staying at home except for necessary reasons, keeping a six foot physical distance one from the other and effectively washing our hands for so long as it may be necessary to succeed in our efforts to overcome this terrible disease.

Proclaimed and Joined Together With Council Members: