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CITY OF CHARLESTON
WEST VIRGINIA

MAY 15, 2006

THE COUNCIL MET IN CHAMBERS OF THE CITY BUILDING AT 7:00 P.M., FOR THE SECOND MEETING IN THE MONTH OF MAY ON THE 15th DAY, IN THE YEAR 2006, AND WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE HONORABLE MAYOR, DANNY JONES. THE INVOCATION WAS DELIVERED BY HARRISON, AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY REED.

**CHESTNUT
DEITZLER**

**HIGGINS
LANE
MILLER
NIELSEN
ROBERTSON**

MAYOR JONES

**CLOWSER
EALY
HARRIS
JONES
LANHAM
MONROE
REED
SADD
WEINTRAUB**

**DAVIS
HALL
HARRISON
LOEB
MARKHAM
MORTON
REISHMAN
TALKINGTON**

TWENTY- FIVE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT, THE MAYOR DECLARED A QUORUM.

PENDING THE READING OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING, THE READING THEREOF WAS DISPENSED WITH AND THE SAME DULY APPROVED.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. James Straughter
2. Vicki Kennedy-Simms

CLAIMS

1. A claim of Traci Markham, 626 St. John Street, Grafton, WV; alleges personal injury. Refer to City Solicitor.

COMMUNICATIONS

One Proclamation – Mary Alice Hodgson

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 030-06

Introduced in Council

Adopted by Council

May 15, 2006

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Tom Lane, Council President
Charlie Loeb, Majority Leader
Linda Nielsen, Minority Leader

Resolution No. 030-06: To declare May 15, 2006 as a day to express sympathy to the family and friends of Chuck Gardner on behalf of the City of Charleston, West Virginia.

WHEREAS, Charles “Chuck” Gardner served as the 37th Mayor of the City of Charleston from November 1987 to May 1991 and brought a steady hand of leadership to city government when Mayor Mike Roark’s resignation created a vacancy in the Office; and

WHEREAS, After a successful career in the private sector, Chuck Gardner sought early retirement so he could answer the call of public service to become City Manager in 1984 and brought a no-nonsense style of management to city government that continued after he was appointed Mayor three years later; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Gardner laid the foundation for the creation of Haddad Riverfront Park, developed Magic Island into a community asset and led the effort to invest \$15 million in repairing the city’s bridges, among many other achievements of a straight-talking non-politician who stepped up to lead when leadership in our city was needed; and

WHEREAS, Many past and current residents of the City of Charleston mourn the

passing of Mayor Gardner on Sunday, May 14 and take this opportunity to celebrate his life and recognize his many personal and professional accomplishments in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA:

That May 15, 2006 is declared as a day to honor the memory of former Mayor Charles "Chuck" Gardner, a man who provided solid and dependable leadership in our city and who answered the call to public service in the truest and most honorable sense of the words.

The question being on the adoption of the Resolution a vote was taken. There being no dissent the Mayor declared Resolution No. 030-06, adopted.

Resolution No. 031-06

Introduced in Council

Adopted by Council

May 15, 2006

May 15, 2006

Councilman Tom Lane, Bobby Reishman
Members of City Council

Resolution No. 031-06 : To declare May 15, 2006, as a day to honor the talent and efforts of Kathe Deitzler and to express the gratitude of City Council for a job well done in greatly enhancing the civic experience and purpose of the Council Chambers within the City's historic City Hall.

WHEREAS, the City Council formally functions within historic chambers inside a City Hall which was first dedicated in 1922 and has subsequently been listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, Council Chambers is a large meeting space, framed by elegant wood panels, intricate plaster ceiling details, suspended lights, and large framed windows; and

WHEREAS, years of use, wear, and maintenance efforts had impeded the sound dampening effects of the original cork flooring, making it difficult to communicate over the echo's produced by such a grand space; and

WHEREAS, Kathe Deitzler has generously employed her considerable experience and training as an interior decorator to investigate the historical nature of the Chamber, and to pursue solutions to acoustical challenges presented by the naked space, and

WHEREAS, Kathe Deitzler not only spent considerable uncompensated time to find ideal and complementary colors and textures for window treatment, carpeting, and blinds, but also used her considerable talent to design and oversee the construction and installation of these various elements in a way that enhances the experience and important purpose advanced in these historic Chambers;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA:

That May 15, 2006, is declared as a day to honor the talent and efforts of Kathe Deitzler and to express the gratitude of the City Council for a job well done in greatly enhancing the civic experience and purpose of our historic Council Chambers.

The question being on the adoption of the Resolution a vote was taken. There being no dissent the Mayor declared Resolution No. 031-06, adopted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE

Councilman Bobby Reishman, Chairman of the Council Committee on Finance, submitted the following reports.

1. Your Committee on Finance has had under consideration Resolution No. 029-06, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that the committee report be adopted.

Resolution No. 029-06 : “Authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with the West Virginia Development Office for FY-2006 LEDA Grants on behalf of various agencies.”

Be it Resolved by the Council of the City of Charleston, West Virginia:

That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to sign a contract with the West Virginia Development Office for FY-2006 LEDA Grants on behalf of the following agencies:

Women’s Club of Charleston	\$ 4,000
Good News Mountaineer Garage	20,000
New Covenant Community Development Facility	10,000
New Covenant Community Development Fine Arts Academy	2,000

The question being on the adoption of the Resolution a roll call was taken and there were; yeas-24, absent – 3, abstain – 1, as follows:

YEAS: Chestnut, Clowser, Davis, Deitzler, Hall, Higgins, Harris, Harrison, Jones, Lane,

Lanham, Loeb, Markham, Miller, Monroe, Morton, Nielsen, Reed, Reishman, Robertson, Sadd, Talkington, Weintraub, Mayor Jones.

ABSENT: Hanna, Ware, White,

ABSTAIN: Ealy

With a majority of members elected recorded thereon as voting in the affirmative the Mayor declared Resolution No. 029-06, adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. Report of the City of Charleston, Municipal Court Financial Statements; April, 2006. Received and Filed.

2. City Treasurer's Report to City Council Month Ending April 2006; Received and Filed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Mike Clowser presented to Council the Infrastructure Task Force Report.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll and the following members were in attendance:

YEAS: Chestnut, Clowser, Davis, Deitzler, Ealy, Hall, Higgins, Harris, Harrison, Jones, Lane, Lanham, Loeb, Markham, Miller, Monroe, Morton, Nielsen, Reed, Reishman, Robertson, Sadd, Talkington, Weintraub, Mayor Jones.

ABSENT: Hanna, Ware, White,

At 7:35 p.m., on motion of Councilman Loeb, Council adjourned until Monday, June 5, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.

Danny Jones, Honorable Mayor

James M. Reishman, City Clerk