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Environment and Recycling Committee, Chair
Finance Committee
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TO: Environment and Recycling Committee
FROM: Brent Burton, Chair
RE: Committee Meeting

A meeting of the Council Committee on Environment and Recycling will be held on Monday,
April 7, 2025. The meeting will begin promptly at 6:00 PM
In the **AV Room #308** in City Hall, 501 Virginia St. E. Charleston, WV 25301.

Agenda

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. 10-24-2024

UPDATE FROM THE GREEN TEAM

THE DATE AND TIME WERE CHANGED ON 3/13/2025

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MINUTES

ENVIRONMENT & RECYCLING COMMITTEE MEETING OCTOBER 30, 2024 - 5:00 PM AV ROOM-CITY HALL

Committee Members Present: Brent Burton, Chair – Emmett Pepper, Vice Chair
Joe Solomon - Chelsea Steelhammer

Others Present: Kevin Baker – Brent Webster
(Via Zoom) – Mark Schaff -Regan O’Brian- Kleinfelder
Kevin Richards- DEP
John Gianola
Mrs. Carte

The Chairman called the Environment & Recycling Meeting, to order and entertained a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, amended to reflect the suggestion by Joe Solomon to potentially consider meeting on a more frequent basis. After some discussion, Emmett Pepper made a motion to approve the previous minutes, as Amended.
Chelsea Steelhammer Seconded. Motion to approve Amended previous meeting minutes passed with no objection.

The Chairman stated that the only item on the agenda was Bill #8047(attached). He turned the meeting over to Kevin Baker who gave a brief overview of Bill. He stated the Bill impacts 3 properties other than the gas station, 2 residences across the street from the gas station, and the Church property adjacent to the gas station. He went on to say that the City had sent letters to each property owner and went door to door to speak to everyone who may be impacted. He added that he would leave the science of it all to expertise of the panel joining via Zoom. The Chairman entertained a motion to approve Bill #8047. Emmett Pepper moved to approve. Bill #8047 approved without objection.

The Chairman then asked if there were any questions and/or comments. Emmett Pepper asked if the Bill would create a permanent covenant on these properties such that there would never allow for wells to be built there. Kevin Baker remarked that to remove the Bill would require future action by the City Council.

Joe Solomon asked if there were any efforts to remediate or remove in a safe way. Mr. Schaff stated that several different remedial activities have already been conducted. He added that there are no effective active remedial strategies for these low concentrations.

Chelsea Steelhammer asked what, if any impact this might have on property and /or resale values

of the impacted homeowners. Mr. Schaff stated he believes it would be of little concern for two reasons, one being the property already is being served by public water and the other is he does not believe the city would allow installation of water supply wells within city limits.

Kevin Richardson added that in his experience most of the properties that have gone through risk-based closures have actually had their property values go up. Mrs. Carte had some questions regarding her property, specifically, which were addressed by the panelist. Mr. Schaff stressed that this Bill is just one of several administrative actions and the case does not close once it is established. Emmett Pepper remarked that since the bill would be recorded and possibly affect property values it was important that we were informed and understood before passage. He stated he supports the passage of the Bill. Chairman Burton agreed. The Chairman asked John Gianola, who sponsored the Bill, if he had any comments or questions. He responded that he did not.

Chairman put the question of adoption of Bill #8047 to the Committee. With all members voting in the affirmative, declared Bill #8047 as adopted.

Emmett Pepper made motion to adjourn, Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

After the meeting adjourned there was a conversation regarding the Joe Solomon suggestion that the Committee meet more frequently. After some discussion it was suggested that perhaps meeting quarterly could be worthwhile.

