

# **WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL HOME RULE BOARD**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2008**

A meeting of the West Virginia Municipal Home Rule Board was held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at the City Hall in Bridgeport, West Virginia.

The following members were present:

Jon Amores (designee for Development Office Executive Director Kelley Goes)  
Chris Fletcher, Member  
Brian Jones, Member  
Jim Morgan, Member  
Floyd (Kin) McKinley Sayre III, Member

The following members participated by teleconference:

Edwin Bowman, Member

The following member was absent:

Nick Sparachane (designee for the Honorable Joe Manchin III)

Others present:

Ruth J. Allen, City of Bridgeport  
Jack Baldeni, Concerned Citizen  
Mike Barrick, City of Bridgeport  
Keith Boggs, City of Bridgeport  
Tom Brown, City of Bridgeport  
Mario Blount, City of Bridgeport  
Jim Christie, City of Bridgeport  
Lisa Dooley, West Virginia Municipal League  
Norman Farley, West and Jones  
Bill Ford, Ford Law Office  
Mike Frisa, Concerned Citizen  
Kim Haas, City Manager  
Sarah Kapis, WBOY-TV  
Chuck Lindsey, City of Bridgeport  
Diana Marra, Concerned Citizen

Deloris Martin, West Virginia House of Delegates  
Hank Murray, City of Bridgeport  
Monica Musgrave, City of Bridgeport  
Dean Ramsey, City of Bridgeport  
Charles Roskovensky, West Virginia House of Delegates  
Jim Smith, City of Bridgeport  
Jeff Toquinto, BPT News  
Bob Wilkins, City of Philippi

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jon Amores. It was reported that notice of the meeting had been lawfully given, a quorum was present, and the meeting was convened.

Mr. Amores opened the meeting by introducing members and welcoming guests.

A motion was made by Mr. Kin Sayre to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2008, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brian Jones and unanimously carried. Members Jim Morgan and Edwin Bowman abstained from voting.

#### Chair's Report

The chairman, Mr. Jon Amores, reported on the following.

- Explained the role of the Board and that home rule applications were received from the City of Charleston, the City of Huntington, the City of Wheeling, and the City of Bridgeport.

#### New Business

The application from the City of Bridgeport was presented by City Manager Kim Haas, Mayor Jim Christie and executive staff.

Representatives from city and state government, trade associations, businesses, and concerned citizenry were given an opportunity to declare their support and/or concerns.

Of particular concern were the issues of reversal plans, scaled fees, comprehensive plans and city ordinances, and business meeting legal notifications.

Accordingly, the Board decided to carefully examine the legislation initiating related amendments during the next legislative session to strengthen the statute as deemed necessary concerning reversal plans and scaled fees.

In addition, it was noted by Board Member Kin Sayre that the City of Bridgeport is not required to notice other cities potentially affected by their application. Mr. Sayre further indicated that cities approved for home rule will abide by the city ordinance process outlining comprehensive plans prior to implementation.

As regards advertising, Chairman Amores reiterated that the Municipal Home Rule Board meetings were open to the public and notice was filed with the West Virginia Secretary of the State for timely publication in the State Register. Similarly, Mr. Sayre affirmed that the City of Bridgeport

furnished a letter with their application indicating they complied with all of the statutory requirements.

Lastly, Mr. Amores encouraged concerned citizens, state agencies, etc. to submit information to the board supporting their viewpoints.

#### Old Business

There was no old business to be discussed.

#### Adjournment

Mr. Jon Amores expressed his gratitude to the City of Bridgeport for their hospitality as well as the opportunity to learn more about their home rule application. The Board agreed to meet again in Morgantown on Wednesday, May 21 and on Thursday, May 22 if deemed necessary. With no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Kin Sayre to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chris Fletcher and the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.