

JAMES C. HUNT

Areas of Expertise

- **Local Government Leadership.** Mr. Hunt's 27 years in elected municipal government with experience as mayor and city councilmember enables him to assist clients in navigating the complex world of local government. He has a deep understanding of municipal finance, construction, municipal infrastructure and administration which allows him to guide his clients to productive outcomes. His leadership of a regional planning and development council and memberships in various economic development organizations gives him the background and experience to assist his clients develop strategic plans and vision.
- **Nonprofit Management.** Mr. Hunt's role as Manager for the WV Housing Development Fund and Executive Director of the Sunnyside Up-Campus Neighborhoods Revitalization Corporation in Morgantown, WV led to experience in nonprofit administration, budgeting and strategic planning. He built and led, highly effective development teams that managed development and construction of over \$1.0 billion in new single and multi-family housing and commercial projects along with developing the first nonprofit tax increment financing project in the state.
- **Government, Nonprofit, and Private Sector Consulting.** After successful careers in housing development, real estate, and governmental relations, Mr. Hunt founded Amazing Cities, a consulting organization that has given him the opportunity to work with clients from a wide array of business sectors, bringing innovation and technology to local government organizations. A gifted writer, he has authored numerous reports, articles and studies along with publishing two books, *The Amazing City-7 Steps to Creating an Amazing City* and *Bottom Line Green-How America's Cities are Saving the Planet (And Money Too!)*.

Professional Experience

- **Bearing Advisors, LLC**, Founding and Managing Member, 2020-present
- **Professional Speaker and Author**, 2012-present
- **Amazing Cities**, Clarksburg, WV, Founder and CEO and podcast host, 2012-present
- **Utility Service Partners, Inc.** (now HomeServe USA), Strategic Advisor, 2012-present
- **Sunnyside Up-CNRC**, Morgantown, WV, Executive Director, 2007-2011
- **West Virginia Housing Development Fund**, Charleston, WV, Manager, 1991-2006
- **City of Clarksburg, WV**, Mayor and City Councilmember, 1985-2012

Professional Licenses and Services, Awards, Recognition, and Certifications

- President, National League of Cities, 2006 and President's Award Recipient, 2012
- World Council, United Cities & Local Governments (UCLG), 2003-2012
- President, WV Municipal League, 1995, Hall of Fame Inductee, 2012 and Lifetime Achievement Award, 2013
- Municipal Leader of the Year by *American City & County Magazine*, 2006
- Advocate of Peace Award, WV Martin Luther King Jr. State Holiday Commission, 2014
- Distinguished Mountaineer, presented by Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin, 2013
- West Virginia University, Richard T. Feller Distinguished Alumni Award, 2009
- Harrison Co. Chamber of Commerce, Citizen of the Year, 2006
- National Community Reinvestment Coalition, Board of Directors, 2007-2012
- United States Army Reserve, USAR Ambassador Emeritus, 1999-present
- Habitat for Humanity, Global Village Program in Poland, 1998 and Hungary, 2002

Education

- Bachelor of Arts, Secondary Education, West Virginia University, 1973
- Graduate work in Special Education, West Virginia University, 1974-76
- Rural Policy Institute Fellowship to the European Union, Brussels, Belgium, 2005