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The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, was held on January 8, 2013, in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 7:30 PM, with Mayor Kim Adkins presiding. Council Members present included: Mayor Kim Adkins, Vice Mayor Gene Teague, Mark Stroud, Danny Turner and Sharon Brooks Hodge. Staff present included: Leon Towarnicki, Interim City Manager, Brenda Prillaman, Eric Monday, Linda Conover, Wayne Knox and Mike Rogers.

Following the invocation by Mayor Kim Adkins and Pledge to the American Flag, the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that 2 addendum items have been added to the agenda. The Mayor also recognized Scouts present who are working on merit badges.

Minutes: On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Mark Stroud, with a 5-0 vote, Council approved the minutes of the November 13, 2012, November 26, 2012 tour, and November 26, 2012 Neighborhood meetings.

Finance Report: Linda Conover presented the following finance report: exclusive of School and Special Revenue funds, actual revenues were \$14,130,096, representing 103.2% of the anticipated \$13,689,825 through October 31st. Actual expenditures were \$21,482,234, greater than the anticipated amount by \$2,056,850. The “actual” figures include all outstanding encumbrances and most of those funds may not have really been spent yet, but must be considered as such. Reflecting three months collections, Local Sales/Use Taxes collected through October 31st are slightly ahead of what was anticipated by \$37,808. If all budgeted and re-appropriated funds for FY13 are realized and expended, the projected fund balance is \$10,726,531 – a decrease from FY12 year-end of \$14,304,232. Exclusive of Utility Funds and based upon this projection, the unassigned Fund Balance would be \$2,003,653, 6.6% of the budgeted General Fund expenditures for FY13. On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Danny Turner, with a 5-0 vote, Council approved the finance report.

Victim Witness recognition: Commonwealth Attorney Joan Ziglar briefed Council on the recent recognition received by the Martinsville Victim Witness Program and introduced Mary Ware, Director of the VA Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund. Ms. Ware presented the award to Vicky Belcher, Director, and Gwen Howell, Assistant Director, of the Martinsville Victim Witness Assistance Program for excellence noting that Martinsville’s Program was chosen from among 105 programs in Virginia.

Consent Agenda: On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Mark Stroud, with a 5-0 vote, Council approved the following consent agenda:

BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 1/8/13				
ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
FY13				
General Fund:				
01100905	450209	Revenue from Use of Money/Prop - Surplus		2,700
01322105	503320	Emergency Medical Services - Prof Serv Equip Maint	370	
01322105	506104	Emergency Medical Services - Non-capital Equip	2,330	
		Sales of Hurst Tools through GovDeals for Ambulance Equipment		
01101917	442810	Categorical Other State - Highway Projects		183,578
01413151	503140	Thorofare Construction - Prof Serv - Utility Relocation	262	
01413151	508220	Thorofare Construction - Physical Plant Expansion	183,316	
		Liberty St & Rives Rd project funding		
01102925	436103	Non-categorical Federal - Police/Byrne/JAG Grant		4,701
01311085	506082	Police Dept - Byrne/JAG Grant Program	4,701	
		Grant funding		
01102926	436427	Categorical Federal - Org Crime/Drug Enf Task Force		772
01311085	501219	Police Dept - OCDETF Overtime	772	
		Grant funding		
Total General Fund:			191,751	191,751

Set public hearing on updated transportation priorities: Leon Towarnicki briefed Council on updated transportation priorities previously approved by Council and advised a public hearing will need to be set to satisfy VDOT requirements for the update priorities to be included in VDOT’s FY2014-2019 Six-Year

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Improvement Plan. On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Mark Stroud, with a 5-0 vote, Council set the public hearing for January 22, 2013 to allow for citizen input and to adopt a resolution confirming any changes.

Skateboarding issues: City Attorney Eric Monday briefed Council on his research on skateboarding ordinance issue. At present the only city ordinance on skating/skateboarding makes it a Class 4 misdemeanor for anyone over 14 to skate on city sidewalks. The issue of skateboarding and, in particular, destruction of private property has arisen, primarily in the Uptown area. He pointed out the staff recommendation would be to ban skateboarding in the Uptown/Historic overlay area. After lengthy discussion, Council authorized, by consensus, the city attorney to draft an ordinance to amend the current skateboarding ordinance with a \$50 penalty for Council consideration at the January 22, 2013 meeting. Council will also hold a public input period on January 22nd on the skateboarding issue.

FY14 Budget process schedule: Leon Towarnicki reviewed with Council the proposed FY14 budget process schedule. Council agreed on April 11, 2013 as target date for presentation of budget to Council. Council requested worksessions be arranged for outside agencies including mandated agencies, schools, departmental reviews, and a capital worksession.

FY2013 CEDS list approval: Wayne Knox briefed Council on the annual update for the 2013 Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) which is required to be submitted to the West Piedmont Planning District Commission. After lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Mark Stroud, seconded by Sharon Hodge, with a 5-0 vote, to approve the amended CEDS list:

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

PRIORITY PROJECTS

April 1, 2013 - March 31, 2014

<i>PROJECT</i>	<i>PRIORI TY /TYPE</i>	<i>DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>FUNDING SOURCE</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>ENVIRON- MENTAL IMPACT</i>	<i>NO. OF JOBS</i>
<i>Revitalization of Uptown Business District - City of Martinsville</i>	1 - III	Incentivize small businesses (interior makeover/elevator)	EDA	\$900,000	\$900,000	Positive	80
<i>Revitalization of Uptown Business District</i>	1 - II	Construct/ retrofit condos in Uptown	EDA DHCD VHDA City	\$1,000,000 \$300,000 \$500,000 \$200,000	\$2,000,000	Positive	15
<i>Commonwealth Crossing Business Center - Henry County & City of Martinsville</i>	1 - I	Establishment of new 740 - acre regional industrial park and Enterprise Zone in the Route 220 South corridor. grading of lots 1 and 2; entrance; road development; stormwater, environmental measures	VTC Local Other	\$5,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$1,500,000	\$16,500,000	NA	500-1000
<i>Neighborhood Revitalization Project Northside Neighborhood - City of Martinsville</i>	2 - IV	Housing rehab; creation of community space	CDBG	\$1,000,000	\$1,250,000	Positive	Indirect
<i>Community Development Project City of Martinsville</i>	2 - IV	Upgrade electrical capacity at Clearview Business Park	EDA	\$100,000	\$100,000	Positive	25
<i>Henry Hotel Rehabilitation - City of Martinsville</i>	1 - 1	Rehab bulding for mixed use	Local VCC / VHDA	\$425,000 \$3,500,000	\$3,925,000	Positive	Indirect

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Phoenix CDC Uptown Mixed - Use Central Business District- City of Martinsville	2 - I	Construction of a new residential/commercial structure with off - street parking	VCC	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	Positive	Indirect
Community Development Project - CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District - City of Martinsville	1 - I	Construction of new Academic Building- Baldwin Block	CDBG Local	\$700,000 \$300,000	\$15,000,000	Positive	Indirect
			Other	\$14,000,000			
Community Development Projects - Martinsville Area & Central Business District - City of Martinsville	1 - IV	Purchase blighted properties, prepare site - for development (Draper - West Church Street) - City of Martinsville	Brownfield EDA City	\$400,000 \$325,000 \$100,000	\$825,000	Unknown	100/ Indirect
Community Development Project Martinsville Area & Central Business District- City of Martinsville	1 - III	Rives Road Site Development- full site development including A & E, site grading	EDA	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	Positive	400
Community Development Projects City of Martinsville	1 - III	Further develop 20 acre lots- at Clearview Business Park to prepare for companies- Parcels 2 & 5	EDA	\$750,000	\$750,000	Positive	200+
Community Development Project- Martinsville Area & Central Business District - City of Martinsville	1 -III	Adaptive reuse of historical building on Fayette Street- Paradise Inn	VHDA EDA VTC	\$500,000 \$800,000 \$200,000	\$1,500,000	Positive	100
Community Development Development Projects - City of Martinsville	1 - V	Recruit manufacturers of Clean Energy Components to Martinsville Area and Enterprise Zone	EDA	\$100,000	\$100,000	Positive	Indirect
Community Development Project - Martinsville Area and Central Business District	1 - III	Upgrade, widen, and landscape Beaver Street from Fayette Street to Memorial Blvd - City of Martinsville	ISTEA VHDA	\$800,000 \$50,000	\$850,000	Positive	Indirect
Community Development Project- Martinsville Area & Central Business District	1 - III	Prepare City - owned site at corner of Fayette & Beaver Sts for residential, educational or commercial development - Martinsville Area and Central Business District- City of Martinsville	EDA Local	\$300,000 \$200,000	\$500,000	Positive	Indirect
Community Development Project- Martinsville Area & Central Business District	1 - I	Conduct arts & cultural assessment at corner of Starling & Market Streets	NEA Harvest	\$70,000 \$70,000	\$140,000	Positive	Indirect

Business from floor: Dr. Mervyn King, Jones St.- updated Council on deluxe apartments he is working on at Walnut St. and encouraged promotion of retirees to live Uptown; Ethan Harr-Wedgewood Rd., Ridgeway- apologized for skateboarder kids who have been disrespectful and asked Council to consider option for fixing the water retention issue at the Wilson Park skatepark; Chad Martin-reported on canned food drive, noted that January is National Poverty Awareness Month, advised community gardens will soon be gearing up and he is partnering with city parks & recreation, and MLK celebration is this Saturday; Tony Millner-inquired about a joint meeting of Harvest and City Council which was announced in the Grace Presbyterian church bulletin.

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Council comments: Turner-reported he has spoken with Delegate Merricks about contacting the Attorney General regarding the city getting into cable business; Mayor Adkins pointed out a fiber optic worksession is set for January 30; City Attorney Eric Monday noted it would be preferred by the Attorney General's office to have a specific request from Council; Council directed the City Attorney to contact the Comcast attorney; Stroud-expressed good wishes for the new year; Teague-asked Mr. Towarnicki to have staff address the water retention issue at the skatepark; Hodge-noted volunteers are needed for homeless population survey and she will email information on this to Mr. Towarnicki for MGTV and she encouraged participation in area MLK activities.

Interim City Manager comments: Mr. Towarnicki reported a Council worksession is set for January 30, 2013 at 6:00pm.

Closed Session: In accordance with Section 2.1-344 (A) of the Code of Virginia (1950, and as amended) and upon a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Sharon Hodge, with the following 5-0 recorded vote: Adkins, aye; Teague, aye; Stroud, aye; Hodge, aye; and Turner, aye, Council convened in Closed Session, for the purpose of discussing the following matter: (A) Appointments to Boards and Commissions as authorized by Subsection 1. (B) A personnel matter as authorized by Subsection 1. At the conclusion of Closed Session, each returning member of Council certified that (1) only public business matters exempt from open meeting requirements were discussed in said Closed Session; and (2) only those business matters identified in the motion convening the Closed Session were heard, discussed, or considered during Session on a motion by Mark Stroud, seconded by Sharon Hodge, with the following recorded 5-0 vote: Adkins, aye; Hodge, aye; Teague, aye; Stroud, aye; and Turner, aye.

Board appointments action taken: On a motion by Danny Turner, seconded by Sharon Hodge, with a 5-0 vote, Council re-appointed Ashby Pritchett, 715 Corn Tassel Trail, to a 3-year term ending 3/31/15 on the Architectural Review Board. On a motion by Mark Stroud, seconded by Gene Teague, with a 5-0 vote, Council re-appointed Kris Shrader, 65 W. Church St., to a 3-year term ending 1/31/16 on the Western VA EMS Council.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Brenda Prillaman
Clerk of Council

Kim Adkins
Mayor