

AGENDA--CITY COUNCIL -- CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA
Council Chambers – Municipal Building
7:00 pm CLOSED SESSION **7:30 pm regular session**
November 26, 2013

7:00--Closed Session

1. Items to be considered in Closed Session, in accordance with the Code of Virginia, Title 2.2, Chapter 37—Freedom of Information Act, Section 2.2-3711(A)—Closed Meetings, the following:
 - A. Discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body as authorized by Subsection 29.
 - B. Appointments to Boards and Commissions as authorized by Subsection 1.

7:30—Regular Session

Invocation & Pledge to the American Flag-Vice Mayor Gene Teague

1. Consider approval of City Council meeting minutes of September 24, 2013 and October 8, 2013 meetings. (2 mins)
2. Recognition of recipients of Employee Service Awards. (3 mins)
3. Hear an update from the Transportation Safety Commission regarding signage. (5 mins)
4. Hear a presentation from Trinity Support Services. (5 mins)
5. Hear public comment on reversion study. (30 mins)
6. Consider approval of 2014 Legislative Agenda. (5 mins)
7. Hear overview of Southside Neighborhood Tour and meeting. (5 mins)
8. Business from the Floor
This section of the Council meeting provides citizens the opportunity to discuss matters, which are not listed on the printed agenda. In that the Council meetings are broadcast on Martinsville Government Television, the City Council is responsible for the content of the programming. Thus, any person wishing to bring a matter to Council's attention under this Section of the agenda should:
 - (1) come to the podium and state name and address;**
 - (2) state the matter that they wish to discuss and what action they would like for Council to take;**
 - (3) limit remarks to five minutes;**
 - (4) refrain from making any personal references or accusations of a factually false and/or malicious nature.****Persons who violate these guidelines will be ruled out of order by the presiding officer and will be asked to leave the podium.**
Persons who refuse to comply with the direction of the presiding officer may be removed from the chambers.
9. Comments by members of City Council. (5 minutes)
10. Comments by City Manager. (5 minutes)



City Council Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: November 26, 2013

Item No: 1.

Department: Clerk of Council

Issue: Consider approval of minutes of City Council meetings September 24, 2013 and October 8, 2013.

Summary: None

Attachments: September 24, 2013 meeting
October 8, 2013 meeting

Recommendations: Motion to approve minutes as presented

September 24, 2013

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, was held on September 24, 2013, in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 7:30 PM, Closed Session beginning at 7:00PM, 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, City Manager, Brenda Prillaman, Linda Conover, Eric Monday, Eddie Cassady, Susan McCulloch, and Wayne Knox.

Mayor Adkins called the meeting to order and advised Council will go into Closed Session. In accordance with Section 2.1-344 (A) of the Code of Virginia (1950, and as amended) and upon a motion by Danny Turner, seconded by Mark Stroud, with the following 5-0 recorded vote: Adkins, aye; Teague, aye; Stroud, aye; and Hodge, aye, Turner, aye, Council convened in Closed Session, for the purpose of discussing the following matters: (A) Appointments to boards and commissions as authorized by Subsection 1. (B) A personnel matter as authorized by Subsection 1.

Council returned to Open Session and Mayor Adkins reported Council will reconvene Closed Session at end of this meeting. Board appointment action taken: On a motion by Danny Turner, seconded by Sharon Brooks Hodge with a 5-0 vote, Council re-appointed Bernadette Moore, 621 Mulberry, to a 4 year term on the Arts & Cultural Committee ending 12/31/16. On a motion by Mark Stroud, seconded by Gene Teague, with a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Susannah Bridges Smith, 712 Druid Lane, to a 3 year term on the Architectural Review Board ending 3/31/15.

Following the invocation by Mayor Kim Adkins and Pledge to the American Flag, the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Home Child Care Zoning Ordinance amendment: Mayor Adkins pointed out the official public hearing on this issue will be held at the October 8, 2013 meeting, however, public comments will be taken at tonight's meeting. Council Member Hodge inquired if any local child care agencies will be put out of business due to passing this ordinance and Mr. Knox responded none will be put out of business. Wayne Knox briefed Council on the ordinance as follows: At present, the City of Martinsville allows home child care as a home occupation, caring for up to six (6) children as a use permitted by right in all residential and professional districts. The Virginia Department of Social Services (DSS) will license home child care for up to twelve (12) children. In recent years, DSS would issue a license to a home child care operator without requiring contact with the local Zoning office and due to the inconsistency between the two offices, several home child care businesses have technically been in violation of our local statute. Officials with Smart Beginnings approached the City's Zoning Office inquiring about an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to bring the City more in line with the State's license. Officials with Smart Beginnings worked with the City of Danville on this same issue in 2012 and that effort was very successful. After several work sessions, the Planning Commission has finalized their recommendation on this issue as follows: A. Amend the number of children permitted by right in a home child care from six (6) to five (5) non-related children. B. As a separate item, add home child care as a use permitted by special use permit for caring for between six (6) and twelve (12) non-related children. Mayor Adkins opened floor for public comment: Melanie McLardy with Smart Beginnings commented this meets a big need and is in favor of passing the ordinance; Patricia Foster of 500 Mulberry Rd., commented from a parent point of view and is in favor of passing the ordinance. A motion was made by Gene Teague, seconded by Sharon Brooks Hodge, with the following 5-0 recorded vote: Adkins, aye; Teague, aye; Stroud, aye; and Hodge, aye, Turner, aye, to approve the following ordinance on first reading:

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS – ZONING ORDINANCE
(~~Strikethrough~~ indicates deletion; **italized bold** indicates addition)

SECTION X: RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

- B. Uses permitted by right in the R-16 District.
 - (4) Home child care operated as an incidental home occupation, caring for not more than ~~six (6)~~ **five (5) non-related** children, with an outdoor play area equivalent to at least one hundred (100) square feet per child and otherwise complying with requirements of the definition of a home occupation.
- D. Uses permitted by special use permit in the R-16 District.
 - (7) **Home child care operated as an incidental home occupation, caring for between six (6) and twelve (12) non-related children for less than a twenty-four (24) hour period, with an outdoor play area equivalent to at least one hundred (100) square feet per child, complying with the licensing requirements of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and otherwise complying with requirements of the definition of a home occupation.**
- F. Uses permitted by right in the R-9 District.
 - (14) Home child care operated as an incidental home occupation, caring for not more than ~~six (6)~~ **five (5) non-related** children, with an outdoor play area equivalent to at least one hundred (100) square feet per child and otherwise complying with requirements of the definition of a home occupation.
- H. Uses permitted by special use permit in the R-9 Residential District.
 - ~~{7} Reserved.~~ **Home child care operated as an incidental home occupation, caring for between six (6) and twelve (12) non-related children for less than a twenty-four (24) hour period, with an outdoor play area equivalent to at least one hundred (100) square feet per child, complying with the licensing requirements of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and otherwise complying with requirements of the definition of a home occupation.**
- J. Uses permitted by right in the R-6 District.
 - [12.]16. Home child care operated as an incidental home occupation, caring for not more than ~~six (6)~~ **five (5) non-related** children, with an outdoor play area equivalent to at least one hundred (100) square feet per child and otherwise complying with requirements of the definition of a home occupation.
- L. Uses permitted by special use permit in the R-6 Residential District.
 - 11. Home child care operated as an incidental home occupation, caring for between six (6) and twelve (12) non-related children for less than a twenty-four (24) hour period, with an outdoor play area equivalent to at least one hundred (100) square feet per child, complying with the licensing requirements of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and otherwise complying with requirements of the definition of a home occupation.**

SECTION XI: PROFESSIONAL DISTRICTS

- B. Use permitted by right in the P-1 District.
 - 8. Home child care operated as an incidental home occupation, caring for not more than ~~six (6)~~ **five (5) non-related** children, with an outdoor play area equivalent to at least one hundred (100) square feet per child and otherwise complying with requirements of the definition of a home occupation.
- D. Uses permitted by special use permit in the P-1 district.
 - 7. Home child care operated as an incidental home occupation, caring for between six (6) and twelve (12) non-related children for less than a twenty-four (24) hour period, with an outdoor play area equivalent to at least one hundred (100) square feet per child, complying with the licensing requirements of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and otherwise complying with requirements of the definition of a home occupation.**
- F. Uses Permitted by right in the P-2 District.
 - 8. Home child care operated as an incidental home occupation, caring for not more than ~~six (6)~~ **five (5) non-related** children, with an outdoor play area equivalent to at least one hundred (100) square feet per child and otherwise complying with requirements of the definition of a home occupation.
- H. Uses permitted by special use permit in the P-2 District.
 - 7. Home child care operated as an incidental home occupation, caring for between six (6) and twelve (12) non-related children for less than a twenty-four (24) hour period, with an outdoor play area equivalent to at least one hundred (100) square feet per child, complying with the licensing requirements of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and otherwise complying with requirements of the definition of a home occupation.**
- J. Uses permitted by right in the RP-1 District.
 - 8. Home child care operated as an incidental home occupation, caring for not more than ~~six (6)~~ **five (5) non-related** children, with an outdoor play area equivalent to at least one hundred (100) square feet per child and otherwise complying with requirements of the definition of a home occupation.
 - L. Uses permitted by special use permit in the RP-1 District.
 - 7. Home child care operated as an incidental home occupation, caring for between six (6) and twelve (12) non-related children for less than a twenty-four (24) hour period, with an outdoor play area equivalent to at least one hundred (100) square feet per child, complying with the licensing requirements of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and otherwise complying with requirements of the definition of a home occupation.**

Arts & Cultural Committee ordinance 2nd reading: Susan McCulloch presented the following information: In 2009, City Council voted to establish the City of Martinsville Arts & Cultural District and the advisory Arts & Cultural Committee. During meetings of the Arts & Cultural Committee, the group realized that more stakeholders from the many organizations were needed to get proper input from the Committee's ideas and staff recommends increasing the number of members of the advisory Arts and Cultural Committee from five to eleven. A motion was made by Gene Teague, seconded by Danny Turner, with the following 5-0 recorded vote: Adkins, aye; Teague, aye; Stroud, aye; and Hodge, aye, Turner, aye, to approve the following ordinance on second reading:

ORDINANCE 2013-8

Increasing membership of advisory Arts and Cultural Committee

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, in regular session held on September 24, 2013 that Section 2-126 of the City Code is hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE VIII: Martinsville Arts and Cultural District

Sec. 2-126. Purpose.

The City of Martinsville finds that the continued development and success of its downtown commercial district and surround area requires incentives, and determines that the most appropriate method of offering incentives for the area described is to create an Arts and Cultural District in that area, as authorized by Section 15.2-1129.1 of the Code of Virginia. The City believes that the establishment of an Arts and Cultural District will improve the economic conditions of this geographic area located in the central business district portion and corridors to the central business district, which could, in tum, benefit the welfare of the citizens of Martinsville. An advisory Arts and Cultural Committee, consisting of five eleven members appointed by City Council for staggered three year terms, shall suggest the direction and purpose of the district.

(Ord. No. 2010-01, § 1, 12-8-2009)

Resolution opposing elimination of BPOL tax: Mr. Towarnicki presented the following information: in recent sessions of the General Assembly, there has been discussion and growing interest in eliminating primarily BPOL taxes and also M & T taxes. Based on current assessments, the combination of these 2 taxes represents approximately \$1.8 million in revenue for the City which goes toward funding education, public safety, capital projects, economic development, etc. Elimination of \$1.8 million in revenue from the City's budget would have dire consequences and would result in substantial increases in other taxes and rates if the same levels of services are to be maintained, or a possible reduction in services and elimination of several employee positions. \$1.8 million represents approximately a \$0.28 increase in the property tax, elimination of approximately 35 positions and resulting services, or combinations of both. City staff was directed to bring to Council a Resolution for consideration expressing opposition to efforts by State Legislators to eliminate the Business, Professional, and Occupancy License (BPOL) and Machinery & Tools (M & T) taxes. Lengthy Council discussion occurred with Council Member Turner and Council Member Hodge expressing their opposition to adopting the resolution. A motion was made by Gene Teague, seconded by Mark Stroud, to approve the proposed resolution. With a 3-2 majority vote (Hodge-nay, Turner-nay), Council approved the resolution to be forwarded to legislators notifying them this resolution was passed by a majority of Council:

RESOLUTION

OPPOSING ANY EFFORT BY LEGISLATORS AND THE VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ELIMINATE THE BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL, AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE (BPOL) AND THE MACHINERY & TOOLS TAXES

WHEREAS, the City of Martinsville has the authority to: (1) collect Business, Professional, and Occupational License (BPOL) Tax pursuant to Section 58.1-3703.1 of the Code of Virginia, and (2) similar authority to collect Machinery & Tools (M & T) tax pursuant to Section 58.1-3507 of the Code of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, through current assessments the taxes collected from both BPOL and M & T represents approximately \$1.8 million in annual revenue for the City of Martinsville; and

WHEREAS, these taxes are vital for the City of Martinsville and its fiscal budget, providing much-needed funds for operational costs for public safety, education, economic development, capital projects, infrastructure maintenance, and a myriad of other local government responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of these taxes and the corresponding revenue they generate would necessitate significant adjustments in other rates and taxes and/or reductions in services, the equivalent of which could be an approximate \$0.28 increase in the property tax rate, a reduction of approximately 35 employee positions, or combinations thereof; and

WHEREAS, in recent years these taxes, particularly the BPOL tax have become the target of negative attention at the state level of government, generating considerable discussion regarding possible elimination of these taxes in the Virginia General Assembly as well as among candidates for key State offices; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by a majority of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, in regular session assembled September 24, 2013, that it hereby opposes any effort by the State Legislature to eliminate the BPOL and M & T taxes unless the State can provide a comparable and sustainable replacement revenue source, and furthermore, requests that State Representatives consider all aspects of the impact of elimination of BPOL and M & T taxes and contacts all cities, towns, and counties for their input before any such changes are made .

Attest:


Clerk of Council

September 24, 2013
Date Adopted

September 24, 2013

Piedmont Community Services update: Jim Tobin updated Council on activities and services at Piedmont Community Services .

Semi Annual outside agency reports: Council acknowledged receipt of agency reports with no comments.

Business from the Floor: Ural Harris, 217 Stuart St.-comments on BPOL resolution and several city job positions not needed.

Council comments: Turner-encouraged attendance at Oktoberfest; Stroud-encouraged blood and organ donors; Hodge-thanks extended to all those participants in Day to Serve projects and reported on neighborhood issues discussed at Sept. 12 and Sept. 17 community meetings and asked for staff followup; Adkins-reported on Sept. 12 community meeting noting a shorter span of time for action on property maintenance concerns is an ongoing issue.

City Manager comments: Towarnicki-reported 28 units of blood were collected on Day to Serve and he expressed appreciation to all participants in the events.

Council recessed regular session and reconvened Closed Session. 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 Sharon Brooks Hodge, seconded by Mark Stroud, with the following recorded 5-0 vote: Adkins, aye; Teague, aye; Stroud, aye; and Hodge, aye; Turner, aye, Council returned to Open Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Brenda Prillaman
Clerk of Council

Kim Adkins
Mayor

October 8, 2013

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, was held on October 8, 2013, in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 7:30 PM, Closed Session beginning at 7:00PM, 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, City Manager, Brenda Prillaman, Linda Conover, Eric Monday, Karen Roberts, Wayne Knox and Eddie Cassidy.

Mayor Adkins called the meeting to order and advised Council will go into Closed Session. In accordance with Section 2.1-344 (A) of the Code of Virginia (1950, and as amended) and upon a motion by Danny Turner, seconded by Mark Stroud, with the following 5-0 recorded vote: Adkins, aye; Teague, aye; Stroud, aye; and Hodge, aye, Turner, aye, Council convened in Closed Session, for the purpose of discussing the following matter: (A) Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members, attorneys or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, or other specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, as authorized by Subsection 7.

Following the invocation by Council Member Stroud and Pledge to the American Flag, the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that Council has recessed their Closed Session and will reconvene Closed Session after the regular meeting.

Minutes: On a motion by Mark Stroud, seconded by Sharon Brooks Hodge, with a 5-0 vote, Council approved the minutes of the August 27, 2013 meeting.

Proclamation-Extra Mile Day: Mayor Adkins read a proclamation recognizing Extra Mile Day 2013.

Proclamation-Woman's Book Club 100th Anniversary: Mayor Adkins presented a proclamation to representatives of the Woman's Book Club of Martinsville recognizing their 100th Anniversary.

Resolution approval for Marshall Ecker: On a motion with Gene Teague, seconded by Mark Stroud, with a 5-0 vote, Council approved the following resolution in memory of the late Chairman of the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors, Marshall Ecker:

**In Memory of Marshall A. Ecker,
Chairman of the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors**

WHEREAS, on Thursday, September 26, 2013, Chairman of the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors Marshall A. Ecker was called to rest by our Heavenly Father due to an unexpected heart attack at his home in Greta, Virginia, at the age of 68 years old;
WHEREAS, Chairman Ecker, a highly respected Board of Supervisor, representing the Staunton River Magisterial District in northern Pittsylvania County, was first elected to the Board of Supervisors in 2007, re-elected in 2011 and elected by the supervisors to preside as Chairman of the Board in 2013.
WHEREAS, Chairman Ecker was known for wanting to put common sense back to government, took a 10 percent pay cut when he took office in 2008 and encouraged his colleagues on the board to embrace new ideas and "think outside of the box."
WHEREAS, Chairman Ecker advocated for the citizens of Pittsylvania County and worked tirelessly on their behalf, while also supporting regional efforts in Southern Virginia;
WHEREAS, Chairman Ecker was a decorated Vietnam veteran with an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Expert Marksmanship Badge, Republic of Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal and Republic of Vietnam Campaign ribbon.
NOW, THEREFORE, Martinsville's City Council recognizes Chairman of Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors Marshall A. Ecker for his leadership and as a dedicated local elected official, activist for positive change and loyal public servant to our country;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, on this eighth day of October, 2013, Martinsville's City Council hereby formally honors and remembers the public service life of Marshall A. Ecker and gives our sincere condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.

Public Hearing and Ordinance approval 2nd reading regarding home child care zoning amendment: Wayne Knox briefed Council on the home child care zoning amendment which was approved on first reading at Council's last meeting noting that no opposition has been voiced. Mayor Adkins opened the public hearing: Sharon Martin of Martin Family Day Care commented on how the changes will affect families she cares for and her household income; Terry Finney, a local child care provider, commented that she would like the number of children allowed be brought back up to 12. Both child care providers speaking said they will be applying for the special use permit. On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Sharon Brooks Hodge, with the following 5-0 recorded vote, Adkins,

October 8, 2013

aye; Teague, aye; Stroud, aye; and Hodge, aye; Turner, aye, Council approved the ordinance on second reading:

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H. Uses permitted by special use permit in the R-9 Residential District.

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Update from M-HC Economic Development Corporation: Mark Heath presented information on the monthly activities of the EDC we well as presentation of the following Return on Investment Report from the EDC as of October 2013:

HOW WE COMPARE: NUMBER OF ANNOUNCEMENTS (FY2007 - FY2014)

The following table shows the top localities in the state of Virginia when ranked by the number of announcements since FY2007. Please keep in mind that there are 135 cities/counties in Virginia:

TOP LOCALITIES IN VIRGINIA BY NUMBER OF ANNOUNCEMENTS SINCE FY2007

Rank	Location	# OF ANNOUNCEMENTS	New Jobs	Investment (\$M)
1	Fairfax County	517	35,627	\$926.2
2	Virginia Beach	168	6,505	\$462.1
3	Henrico County	130	7,792	\$736.5
4	Chesapeake	114	2,940	\$341.5
5	Prince William County	99	1,924	\$518.1
6	Arlington County	95	6,559	\$594.1
7	Chesterfield County	73	5,162	\$725.5
T-8	Loudoun County	59	4,023	\$1,649.5
T-8	Suffolk	59	1,545	\$264.5
10	Hampton	52	3,073	\$147.5
11	Frederick County	48	2,435	\$523.5
12	Martinsville-Henry County	47	2,936	\$280.8

Source: Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP)

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6	Newport News	25	4,038	\$1,567.5
7	Loudoun County	59	4,023	\$1,649.5
8	Danville	43	3,780	\$517.4
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HOW WE COMPARE: REGIONAL COMPARISON (FY2007 - FY2014)

The following table shows the localities in Southern Virginia and the breakdown of announcements since FY2007:

SOUTHERN VIRGINIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

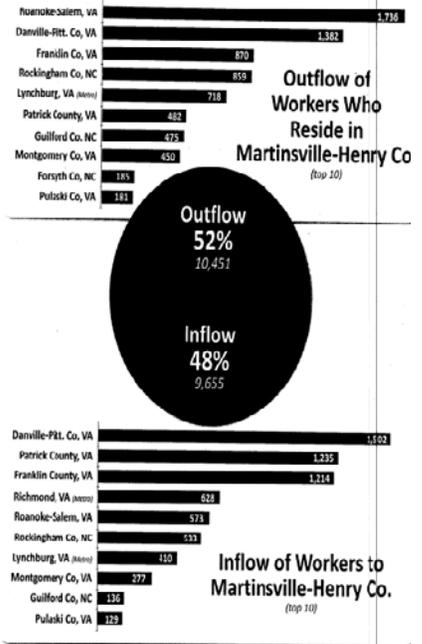
July 1, 2006 - Present

Location	# of Announcements	NEW JOBS	Investment (\$M)
Danville City	43	3,780	\$517.4
Martinsville-Henry County	47	2,936	\$280.8
Roanoke City	34	1,508	\$41.8
Pittsylvania County	13	1,018	\$303.5
Patrick County	15	866	\$9.4
Roanoke County	19	714	\$353.1
Halifax County	14	623	\$218.8
Franklin County	9	614	\$27.2

Source: Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP)

COMMUTING PATTERNS IN MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY (2011)

The following table and graph shows the 2011 Commuting Patterns for Martinsville-Henry County:



FUNDING HISTORY

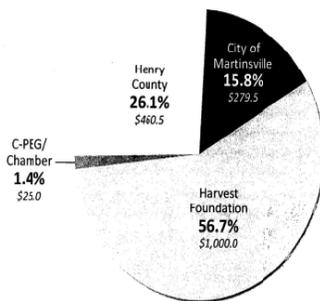
Listed below is a table which shows the funding history for the EDC since FY2007: (amounts in thousands)

	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014
Henry County	\$500.0	\$500.0	\$500.0	\$475.0	\$460.5	\$460.5	\$460.5	\$460.5
City of Martinsville	\$400.0	\$400.0	\$400.0	\$380.0	\$339.5	\$339.5	\$279.5	\$279.5
Harvest Foundation	\$800.0	\$800.0	\$1,000.0	\$950.0	\$1,000.0	\$1,000.0	\$1,000.0	\$1,000.0
C-PEG/Chamber	\$200.0	\$200.0	\$25.0	\$25.0	\$25.0	\$25.0	\$25.0	\$25.0
TOTAL FUNDING	\$1,900	\$1,900	\$1,925	\$1,830	\$1,825	\$1,825	\$1,765	\$1,765

CURRENT (FY2014) FUNDING PARTNER DISTRIBUTION

Listed below is a table & graph which details the FY2014 funding percentage for each partner: (amounts in thousands)

Partner	Funding Amount	% Funding
Harvest Foundation	\$1,000.0	56.7%
Henry County	\$460.5	26.1%
City of Martinsville	\$279.5	15.8%
C-PEG/Chamber	\$25.0	1.4%
TOTAL	\$1,765.0	100%



TRUE NET COST TO THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE

Listed below is a table which shows the true net cost to Martinsville by including the development costs that are funded through the EDC budget: (amounts in thousands)

	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	TOT
City of Martinsville Contribution	\$400.0	\$400.0	\$400.0	\$380.0	\$339.5	\$339.5	\$279.5	\$279.5	\$2,813
CCBC Revenue Sharing	-	\$170.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$770
CCBC Water Lines/Tank*	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$43.3	-	\$43
Shell Building*	\$64.4	\$4.3	\$28.5	\$78.4	-	-	-	\$21.7	\$191
Patriot Ctr. Lot 2 Grading*	-	-	-	-	-	\$41.7	-	-	\$41
Master Planning*	\$12.3	\$6.3	\$58.5	-	-	-	-	-	\$77
RTI Donor*	-	\$16.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$16
Mustang Porlion to RTI*	-	\$14.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$14
Retail/Commercial Study*	\$15.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$15
Welcome Signs	-	-	\$19.7	-	-	-	-	-	\$19
Virtual Shell (Clearview)	\$30.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$30
Total Prod. Development To the City of Martinsville	\$121.8	\$411.7	\$206.7	\$178.4	\$100.0	\$141.7	\$148.3	\$121.7	\$1,438
% of City Funds to Product Development	30.5%	105.4%	51.7%	46.9%	29.5%	41.7%	51.3%	43.5%	50.9
NET COST TO MARTINSVILLE	\$278.2	(\$21.7)	\$193.3	\$201.6	\$239.5	\$197.8	\$136.2	\$157.8	\$1,382

*These line items are in revenue shared locations: 2/3 to Henry County and 1/3 to the City of Martinsville

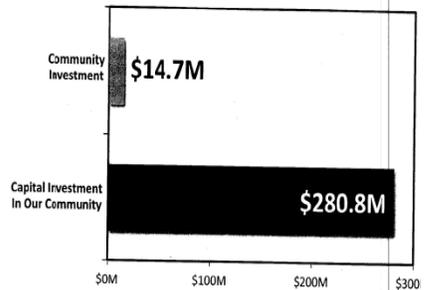
TOTAL EIGHT YEAR FUNDING COMPARISON

The chart to the right shows that more than half of the total eight (8) year funding from the City of Martinsville has gone directly to Product Development:



CAPITAL RETURN ON COMMUNITY'S INVESTMENT

Since FY2007 our Community has invested \$14.735 million in the EDC. During that time, the EDC has assisted in leveraging that investment into \$280.84 million of capital invested in our Community. So for every \$1.00 invested in the EDC, our Community's return has been \$19.06 of capital invested.



ANNOUNCED INDUSTRY: FY2007 TO FY2014

Listed below is a table which shows the total announced industry since FY2007 in Martinsville-Henry County:

Industry Type	Jobs	Capital Investment
Manufacturing Total	1,268	\$228.14M
Distribution Total	356	\$19.47M
Office Total	1,004	\$19.43M
Small Business Total	308	\$13.80M
GRAND TOTAL	2,936	\$280.84M

CITY OF MARTINSVILLE ANNOUNCED INDUSTRY: FY2007 TO FY2014
 Listed below is a table which shows the total announced industry solely in the City of Martinsville since FY2007:

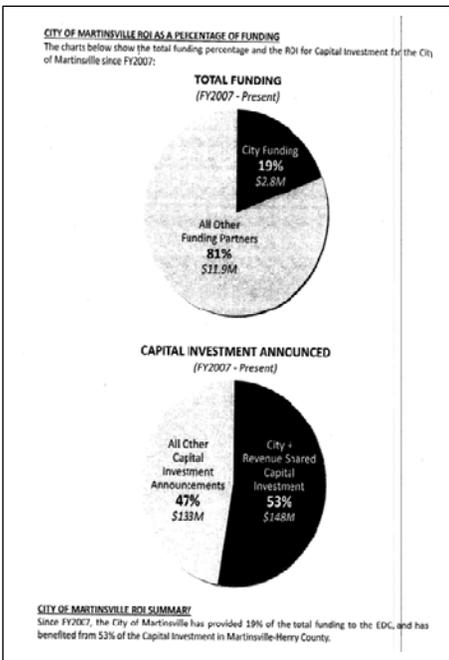
Company Name	Announced Date	Jobs	Cap. Inv.
LifePoint	8/1/2007	23	
Cougar Paws, Inc	12/10/2007	3	
Sparta, Inc./Cobham PLC	10/27/2008	25	\$1,000,000
Faneuil, Inc.	4/28/2010	250	\$2,400,000
Southern Finishing Company	11/30/2010	67	\$1,700,000
Tax Authority Consulting Services PC	12/18/2011	17	\$25,000
Faneuil, Inc.	1/23/2013	100	\$1,000,000
Shine Systems and Technologies	1/31/2013	50	
Stone Dynamics	6/11/2013	44	\$1,000,000
GRAND TOTAL		579	\$7,125,000

CITY OF MARTINSVILLE + REVENUE SHARED ANNOUNCED INDUSTRY: FY2007 TO FY2014
 Listed below is a table which shows the total announced industry in the City of Martinsville plus other revenue shared lot announcements (denoted with an asterisk) in Henry County since FY2007:

Company Name	Announced Date	Jobs	Cap. Inv.
LifePoint	8/1/2007	23	
Cougar Paws, Inc	12/10/2007	3	
Sparta, Inc./Cobham PLC	10/27/2008	25	\$1,000,000
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Stone Dynamics	6/11/2013	44	\$1,000,000
RT International Metals*	1/8/2008	150	\$120,000,000
ICF International*	4/11/2011	539	\$15,000,000
Commonwealth Laminating*	8/15/2012	60	\$5,450,000
GRAND TOTAL		1,328	\$147,575,000

PROJECTED ANNUAL REVENUE FROM MACHINERY/TOOLS & REAL PROPERTY TAXES
 Shown below is the total estimated ANNUAL tax revenue to the City of Martinsville which will result from the three recent revenue-shared announcements in the Patriot Centre Industrial Park.

	ICF International	RTI Metals	Commonwealth Laminating	GRAND TOTAL
Real Property Investment	\$9,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$3,150,000	\$23,150,000
Machinery/Tools Investment	\$6,000,000	\$115,000,000	\$2,300,000	\$117,300,000
Total Capital Investment	\$15,000,000	\$135,000,000	\$5,450,000	\$180,450,000
Annual Real Property Tax Revenue	\$43,920	\$97,600	\$15,372	\$112,912
Annual Machinery/Tools Tax Revenue	\$86,136	\$1,650,940	\$33,019	\$1,689,915
Total Annual Local Tax Revenue	\$130,056	\$1,748,540	\$48,391	\$1,798,915
Total Annual Tax Revenue to Henry County	\$86,704	\$1,165,593	\$32,261	\$1,197,915
Total Annual Tax Revenue to the City of Martinsville	\$43,352	\$582,847	\$16,130	\$598,915



Mr. Heath pointed out the Return on Investment Report was due to the requests of Council Member Hodge to present quantitative data in addition to qualitative data and he appreciated the opportunity to present the information. Council Member Hodge expressed her appreciation for the information he provided which shows the taxpayers that the EDC is accountable and Mr. Heath indicated this would be done on a more regular basis.

Resolution approval – Election Not to Participate in VA Local Disability Plan: Finance Director Linda Conover presented the following information regarding consideration of adoption of a Resolution required by Virginia Retirement System to opt out of the Virginia Local Disability Program (VLDP). The 2012 General Assembly created VLDP for political subdivision employees who will be covered under the VRS Hybrid Retirement Plan effective January 1, 2014. Participation in VLDP is automatic unless City Council elects to opt out and provide a comparable employer-paid disability program effective Jan. 1. The comparable coverage must include short-term and long-term disability. The decision to participate or opt out is irrevocable. On a motion by Mark Stroud, seconded by Sharon Brooks Hodge, with a 5-0 vote, Council adopted the following resolution:

October 8, 2013

RESOLUTION--Irrevocable Election Not to Participate in Virginia Local Disability Program

WHEREAS, by enacting Chapter 11.1 of Title 51.1 of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia General Assembly has established the Virginia Local Disability Program ("VLDP") for the payment of short-term and long-term disability benefits for certain participants in the hybrid retirement program described in Virginia Code § 51.1-169; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of VLDP administration, an employer with VLDP-eligible employees may make an irrevocable election on or before September 1, 2013, requesting that its eligible employees not participate in VLDP as of the VLDP effective date of January 1, 2014, because it has or will establish, and continue to maintain, comparable employer-paid disability coverage for such employees that meets or exceeds the coverage set out in Chapter 11.1 of Title 51.1 of the Code of Virginia, with the exception of long term care coverage, by January 1, 2014; and WHEREAS, it is the intent of City of Martinsville, Employer Code #55223, to make this irrevocable election to request that its eligible employees not participate in VLDP;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that City of Martinsville irrevocably elects not to participate in VLDP because it has or will establish, and continue to maintain, comparable employer-paid disability coverage for such employees; and it is further RESOLVED that, as an integral part of making this irrevocable election, City of Martinsville certifies that it has or will establish, and continue to maintain, comparable employer-paid disability coverage for such employees.

Adopted in Martinsville, Virginia this 8th day of October, 2013.

Approval of employee payroll deduction computer purchase program: Finance Director Linda Conover presented the following information: The Martinsville City and School Administrations are taking preliminary steps in offering a payroll deduction employee computer purchase program again this year, partnering with Henry County. Under this program, the City and School will front-fund the cost and employees will have the opportunity to purchase computers and I Pads (exact items yet to be determined) with the cost, including applicable sales tax, recovered through six monthly payroll deductions from January through June 2014. The benefit to employees will be the cost savings realized through a bulk purchase program with six-month no-interest financing through payroll deduction payments. The City will not provide a warranty for any units purchased. Any warranty, software, or other issues will be strictly between the purchaser and the manufacturer. On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Danny Turner, with a 5-0 vote, Council approved the employee purchase program and appropriation of said funds to be recovered though payroll deduction.

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 10/08/13				
ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
FY14				
General Fund:				
01100909	490104	Advance/Recovered Costs		2,068
01331108	501300	Sheriff/Corrections - Part-time & Temporary Wages	1,510	
01331108	502100	Sheriff/Corrections - Social Security	94	
01331108	502110	Sheriff/Corrections - Medicare	22	
01331108	506008	Sheriff/Corrections - Vehicle Equipment & Maint.	302	
01331110	506200	Sheriff/Annex - Prisoner Allowance	140	
		Reimbursement from Henry County for litter pickup - August		
01100908	480410	Donations - Fire Department		1,500
01321102	505230	Fire Department - Telecommunications	1,500	
		Donation		
01100909	490104	Advance/Recovered Costs		600
01321102	505500	Fire Dept - Travel/Training	100	
01321102	506130	Fire Dept - Prof. Services - Rep/Maint Burn Building	500	
		Reimbursement from Gretna Vol. Fire Dept		
01100909	490104	Advance/Recovered Costs		1,500
01221082	501300	Commonwealth's Attorney - Part-time/Temporary Wages	1,500	
		NCI Intern reimbursement		
Total General Fund:			5,668	5,668
SCHOOL FUND				
18103919	489904	Dominion Foundation		4,000
71001100	566000	Materials and Supplies	3,428	
71001100	566056	Non-Cap Equipment	572	
18101918	480303	School Security Equipment Grant		79,408
80004600	568200	Non-Capital Equipment	79,408	
Total School Fund:			83,408	83,408

Business from the Floor: Ural Harris, 217 Stuart St.-comments regarding pavement issues, city budget priorities and BPOL tax.

October 8, 2013

Council comments: Turner commended all for successful Oktoberfest event.

City Manager comments: (1) announced Household Hazardous Waste Day October 19 (2) encouraged citizens to evaluate any insurance mailings they receive and noted the recent water line insurance mass mailing is not from the City nor is it endorsed by the City (3) reminder about West End neighborhood meeting on October 15 with Community Development Department (4) encouraged applicants to serve on Board of Zoning Appeals (5) reported that the consolidation of the services of Sheriff Department and Police Department has not revealed any substantial savings and administration will move forward to fill the Police Chief position.

City Council then re-convened the Closed Session. 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 Danny Turner, seconded by Sharon Brooks Hodge, with the following recorded 5-0 vote: Adkins, aye; Teague, aye; Stroud, aye; and Hodge, aye; Turner, aye, Council returned to Open Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:59 pm.

Brenda Prillaman
Clerk of Council

Kim Adkins
Mayor

- Meeting Date:** November 26, 2013
- Item No:** 2.
- Department:** Human Resources
- Issue:** Recognition of City Employees who are eligible for Service Awards – October 1 through December 31, 2013
- Summary:** The Service Award Program is designed to build individual morale and show appreciation to the long-service employee for their faithful service to the City of Martinsville.
- Attachment:** Listing of City Employees who are eligible for the service award for the second quarter of FY 13-14.

TO BE READ BY MAYOR. NO ACTION NECESSARY.

**SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS
SECOND QUARTER - FISCAL YEAR 13-14
FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013**

EMPLOYEE	DEPARTMENT	YEARS
Susan McCulloch	Community Development	5
Darrell Harris	Wastewater Plant	10
Jay Collins	Public Works	10
Johnny Jennings	Public Works	10
Bonnie Hammock	Sheriff's Department	15
Darrell Pace	Fire Department	15
James Cassidy	Wastewater Plant	15
Michael Watkins	Sheriff's Department	15
Andy Petty	Police Department	20
Andy Phillips	Fire Department	25
Robert Cooke	Wastewater Plant	30
Carman McDowell	Wastewater Plant	35
Dennis Bowles	Electric Department	40

Meeting Date: November 26, 2013

Item No: 3.

Department: Public Works

Issue: Hear an update from the Transportation Safety Commission regarding 'Children at Play' Signs

Summary: At the Council meeting of September 10, 2013, it was requested that the Transportation Safety Commission review the issue of installing 'Children at Play' signs in the City.

Information was gathered from VDOT's Guidance on Installation of Watch for Children Signs, issued November 2012; the Virginia Institute of Government's inquiry from select localities on the subject, and a request for information from Henry County and the City of Danville on their policy on installation of these signs.

According to VDOT's revised policy, counties and towns can install and maintain these signs at their own expense, only by agreement with VDOT, and must follow proper installation guidelines.

In February 2013, Henry County opted to not install any new signs. The Virginia Institute of Government's inquiry showed most localities no longer install these signs as well.

The City of Danville does not install 'Watch for Children' signs, however they do install 'Playground' signs in the vicinity of established playgrounds or public parks.

Attachments: VDOT Traffic Engineering Memo on Guidance on Installation of Watch for Children Signs Summary

Installation of Children at Play Letter to Resident

Recommendations: The Transportation Safety Commission recommends that 'Watch for Children' signs not be installed within the City, and that the traffic division review the placement of "Playground" signs, where applicable.

**VDOT Traffic Engineering Division Memorandum on
Guidance on Installation of Watch for Children Signs
Issued: November 7, 2012**

- Counties and Towns can install and maintain “Watch for Children” (W15-V1) signs only by agreement with VDOT, and the installation and maintenance costs of such signs are solely the responsibility of the County or Town.

- The placement of the signs shall be as detailed below:
 1. Within a subdivision, a single sign may be placed on streets that are major entry points where the posted speed limit is 35 mph or less, beyond but not within 200 feet of, the posted speed limit sign.
 2. Signs shall NOT be installed where indicated as follows:
 - On any roadway where the posted speed limit exceeds 35 mph.
 - In lieu of a standard Playground sign (W15-1), used to warn motorists of a designated playground.
 - At a location where School warning signs are in place.
 - In combination (on same pole) with any other regulatory or warning signs.
 - Preceding any existing regulatory or warning signs.
 - Closer than 200 feet to any existing regulatory or warning signs.



Watch for Children Sign



Playground Sign



Re: Installation of “Children at Play” Signage

Dear _____,

Thank you for your inquiry to the City. Your request was reviewed by the City of Martinsville Traffic Safety Commission. The Traffic Safety Commission is a committee comprised of traffic management and enforcement professionals on the City staff who meet monthly to address traffic and pedestrian safety problems on city streets and right-of-ways.

Occasionally, the City receives requests from residents asking the City to erect signs reading “Children At Play”, “Slow Children”, “Handicapped Child” or similar wording upon a city street in their neighborhood. I am writing to share with you why the City’s long standing policy is not to erect such signage.

First, if every request for a “Children At Play” sign were honored, the City would be full of these signs. Since children live and play in every area of the community, to be fair, we would have to erect them virtually everywhere.

Second, we do not think the signs would be effective. They may even be harmful. Our police officers tell us that driver inattention is one of the primary causes of accidents in the City of Martinsville. The City does not want to give a false sense of security by encouraging them to believe that motorists are observing the signs and changing their driving behavior. Regrettably many motorists simply do not change their behavior for any reason. The City has learned that one of the more dangerous things our employees do is to work in the streets. Despite construction signage placed directly in the street, flashing lights, and orange safety vests worn by our workers, many motorists speed by seemingly unaware of their presence.

Instead of posting signs that might encourage some children to play in the street we all need to educate children about the hazards of streets. Children need to be taught to never play in a street; to never cross a street anywhere but at an intersection and to always look both ways and listen for on-coming traffic.

City staff understands your concerns and share your frustrations. The City’s Traffic Supervisor will review your neighborhood for the proper installation of speed limit signs and other traffic control devices. In addition, the City Police Department will review the department’s enforcement practices on your street.

If you have further questions or concerns, feel free to contact Chris Morris, City Engineer at 403-5159.



City Council Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: November 26, 2013

Item No: 4.

Department: City Council

Issue: Hear a presentation from Trinity Support Services.

Summary: Laverne Tucker Carr of Trinity Support Services will give this update on mental health services.

Attachments: None

Recommendations: No action required



City Council Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: November 26, 2013

Item No: 5.

Department: City Council

Issue: Hear public comment on reversion study.

Summary: City Council will hear public comments on reversion study.

Attachments: none

Recommendations:



City Council Agenda Summary

Date: November 26, 2013

Item No: 6.

Department: City Attorney

Issue: Discussion of 2014 legislative agenda

Summary: The City annually determines its legislative priorities. Attached is 2013's legislative agenda, annotated with staff recommendations as to deletions, additions, and prioritizations for 2014. Comments are *italicized* with footnotes, deletions are in ~~strikethrough~~, additions are in *underlined italics*.

Prefiling for specific legislation is December 6, 2013. Most mandates (funded and unfunded) are addressed though modification of the state budget, may not require individual bills, and could be addressed during the General Assembly session.

Attachments: 2013 Legislative Agenda, annotated

Recommendations: Discussion, possible amendment and final approval.



The City of Martinsville appreciates the efforts its legislators undertake at both the state and federal level on behalf of its citizens. Listed below are the City's priorities requested of its legislative delegation in 2013.

Virginia General Assembly

Transportation

1. In the short term, upgrade those portions of Route 220 overlaying I-73 to interstate standards. Any construction or upgrades to the I-73 corridor should begin on those sections passing through Henry County.
2. Continue to place priority on Route 58 improvements, particularly the section between Stuart and Hillsville, Virginia.
3. ~~Endorse the rapid development of the Trans-Dominion Express, with particular emphasis on extension of passenger rail service to Roanoke.~~
4. ~~Encourage the enactment of a long-term capital funding formula for the future transportation needs of the Commonwealth.~~

Education

1. *City Council endorses the agenda proposed by the Martinsville City School System and also endorses the educational priorities adopted by Henry County, on behalf of its school system.*¹
2. Oppose the imposition of unaided education mandates and in the event of revenue cuts by the Commonwealth opposes targeted cuts by the Commonwealth, instead preferring local decision making authority on where to make any such cuts.
3. Recognizing its potential to promote economic development within our community and region, continue support for the development and funding of the New College Institute; urge that any funding reductions to New College Institute, if considered, be minimized to the greatest extent possible; and support the affiliation of The New College Institute as a branch of a four-year public university.

Economic Development

1. Urge the General Assembly to maintain the current moratorium on uranium mining; engaging in uranium mining would result in highly damaging effects on all other economic development efforts in the region, excluding the jobs created by a mine itself.
2. Maintain current levels of funding for economic development incentives, including but not limited to the Governor's Opportunity Fund.
3. Enhance the authority granted to localities to address and eliminate blighted properties, and the formation of interstate compacts to allow expedited recourse against out-of-state property owners.
4. Continue current funding levels of the Virginia Museum of Natural History.
5. ~~Support the development of a multiuse trail traversing Southern Virginia from the Blue Ridge Parkway to the Chesapeake Bay in order to stimulate economic growth and promote regional tourism.~~
6. ~~Include Mayo River State Park on the Commonwealth's list for future capital funding, as a benefit to the entire southern Virginia region.~~
7. Request enhanced state and federal financial assistance for localities which exceed the average state unemployment rate by ~~300% or more~~ 150% for a period of five consecutive years.
8. *Urge the issuance of necessary permits from the Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers for development of the Commonwealth Crossing Site.*²

¹ No agendas have been received, but historically this has been on the City's list.

² Recommended this be moved to #2.

9. Support continued tourism awareness initiatives in the Martinsville-Henry County region.

Governance

1. *Request the appointment of a joint gubernatorial/legislative commission to examine the structure of local government in Virginia, the commission's mandate to include:*
 - a. *Examination of local government in the other 49 states for potential adaptation to Virginia.*
 - b. *Enable cities to expand their revenue base*
 - c. *Elimination of the "zero-sum" revenue base structure, which creates friction between cities and counties.*
 - d. *Elimination of redundant services and programs between contiguous cities and counties.*³
2. *Require full funding for HB 599 funds, in fulfillment of the Commonwealth's commitment to cities in return for their acquiescence in the annexation moratorium.*
3. *Require that the Commonwealth fully fund its obligations to the Virginia Retirement System, and refrain from borrowing from VRA funds.*
4. ~~*Explore all potential options for the generation of revenue by localities.*~~
5. *Request the elimination of "local aid to the Commonwealth" in the state budget; local aid artificially inflates state revenues by shifting responsibility for cuts in vital services onto localities.*
6. *Elimination of all unfunded mandates from the Commonwealth to localities.*
7. *Oppose any elimination or alteration of local revenue streams, and specifically oppose any amendment to the current manner in which the Business Occupation and Licensing Tax and the Machinery and Tools Tax are levied.*
8. *Request at a minimum, level funding for operational requirements of the Henry-Martinsville Department of Social Services.*
9. *Request that the General Assembly leaves intact the fire programs fund and the rescue squad assistance funds and not use these funds as a way to balance the state budget.*
10. ~~*Support legislation directing health insurance credit for retirees of local government, constitutional officers, school division employees, and state employees.*~~
11. *Request that the Commonwealth fully fund its obligations to constitutional officers.*
12. *Oppose any attempt to curtail the doctrine of sovereign immunity for localities.*
13. *Oppose any attempt to permit collective bargaining for state and local government employees.*
14. *Oppose any amendment of the existing burden of proof or process in local tax appeals cases.*

United States Congress

1. *Urge the Federal Highway Commission to adopt the CTB's designated route for I-73, or alternatively to preserve the current record of decision in the event the CTB's route is rejected.*
2. *In the short term, upgrade those portions of Route 220 overlaying I-73 to interstate standards.*
3. ~~*Oppose any change in the route of the Amtrak Crescent train service. Encourage Amtrak to provide motorcoach transfer service between Danville and Martinsville.*~~
4. *Endorse the imposition of an e-commerce tax, as failure to enact will deprive Martinsville and other localities outside the Urban Corridor of transportation funds under the Virginia's 2013 transportation legislation.*
5. *Request \$3.72M in funds for the redevelopment of brownfields extending from the former Sara Lee site, along Aaron Street, to Rives Road.*
6. *Request \$6.25M in funds for the elimination and redevelopment of blighted areas in the city.*⁴

³ There does not appear to be any momentum for this in the General Assembly; Council may wish to consider deletion.

⁴ Council may wish to reconsider these location and amounts.

7. Request legislation to provide special federal incentives to businesses locating in regions which have experienced job losses in excess of 5% of the total workforce and/or declines in median incomes since the adoption of NAFTA, WTO or GATT. Target such areas for increased federal funding in education or workforce retraining.
8. Extend high speed broadband service throughout southern Virginia.
9. Request enhanced state and federal financial assistance for localities which exceed the average state unemployment rate by ~~300% or more~~ 150% for a period of five consecutive years.
10. Urge the issuance of necessary permits from the Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers for development of the Commonwealth Crossing Site.⁵

Staff Designations

City Council empowers the following staff members to speak on its behalf and in its best interests to the General Assembly, its members and committees:

City Attorney Eric Monday

City Manager Leon Towarnicki

Other department heads as appointed by the City Manager

⁵ Recommend this be moved to #1.



City Council Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: November 26, 2013

Item No: 7.

Department: City Council

Issue: Hear an overview of Southside Neighborhood Tour and Meeting.

Summary: Mayor Adkins will give this update.

Attachments: None

Recommendations: No action required