

November 26, 2013

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, was held on November 26, 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 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 matters: (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.

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.

Board appointment action taken: Transportation Safety Commission—3 appointments made with one motion. On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Danny Turner, with a 5-0 vote, Council re-appointed John Smith, 339 Country Place Road, Axton to a 4 year expired term on the TSC Board ending 12/31/17; re-appointed Doug Sharpe, 206 Clearview Drive, to a 4 year expired term on the TSC Board ending 12/31/17; appointed Vincent Rivera, 701 Forest St., to a student term on the TSC Board.

Following the invocation by Vice Mayor Teague and Pledge to the American Flag, the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised of an adjustment to the agenda noting that the Trinity Support Services update will be postponed.

Minutes: On a motion by Mark Stroud, seconded by Sharon Brooks Hodge, with a 5-0 vote, Council approved the minutes of the September 24, 2013 and October 8, 2013 meetings.

Employee Service Awards: Mayor Adkins read the following list of names of City Employees recognizing those that were able for Service Awards from October 1 through December 31, 2013:

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

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Update from Transportation Safety Commission: Chairman of the Transportation Safety Commission, Ralph Lawson, updated Council on the commission’s recommendation regarding Children at Play signage. 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. 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. Each sign is \$850 and the commission feels children should be taught to never play in the street which will be encouraged through education efforts. Council agreed by consensus to support the Transportation Safety Commission recommendation.

Public Comment regarding reversion: City Manager Leon Towarnicki presented the following information regarding reversion which is a condensed version of the original reversion presentation:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ The cost to provide services for the citizens of Martinsville continues to increase, while revenue does not. Balancing the budget requires use of fund balance, increasing rates and fees, or significant reductions in service (or combinations of all 3).</li> <li>□ Continued use of fund balance to balance the annual budget is unsustainable.</li> <li>□ Reversion allows the possibility of consolidation of certain like services (schools and constitutional functions) with those currently provided by Henry County.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ A feasibility study for the consolidation of Martinsville City and Henry County School Divisions</li> <li>□ An evaluation of the prospective financial impact of the City of Martinsville’s transition to town status</li> <li>□ Financial forecast for the period FY2014 to FY2019 for the City of Martinsville</li> </ul>																														
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ The study identifies financial benefits related to a consolidated school system coming from two main areas – personnel (reduction of positions and pay scale changes) and application of the Local Composite Index (LCI). The LCI determines a school division’s ability to pay education costs fundamental to the State’s Standards of Quality, which in turn determines the level of State aid for local education.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Cost savings resulting from a reduction of 11.5 administrative positions</li> <li>□ Financial impact of merging 2 different pay scales – there is an approximate 4% difference between City and County School pay scales (City is approximately 4% lower).</li> <li>□ The City of Martinsville has a lower LCI than Henry County. Under the State’s Consolidation Incentive Program Legislation, the lower index may be used to determine state aid of a consolidated system for a period from 5 to 15 years after consolidation.</li> </ul>																														
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ In comparison to the City of Martinsville, the Town of Martinsville would experience a substantial reduction in operational expenses of approximately \$28 million.</li> <li>□ To generate revenues to balance with operational expenses, Town property tax rates could be proportionately reduced substantially compared to current City levels, resulting in a reduction of approximately \$28 million in revenues from property taxes and other local, state, and federal funds.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ The County of Henry would experience an increase in revenues of approximately \$26 million and an increase in expenditures of approximately \$27.3 million.</li> <li>□ Services shifted to Henry County are primarily those of the Constitutional Offices (Sheriff, CA, Courts, COR, and Treasurer) and Schools.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Net gain in State school aid of \$1.2 million from the Davis School Study is included</li> <li>□ Generally, the amounts of “City revenues” no longer associated with a Town offered service have been recognized in the study on a dollar for dollar basis as new revenues of the County</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ As with the revenue analysis, as a general matter the amounts of City expenditures no longer performed by the Town but performed by the County have been recognized on a dollar for dollar basis as new expenses of the County.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Staff and related expenses for all Constitutional offices are expected to transfer to the County. (Two positions from the office of the COR whose transfer is not supported by State Compensation Board analysis are anticipated to be retained within the structure of the Town’s finance operations.)</li> <li>□ Town will need to retain Treasurer-related functions since collections (utilities, taxes, etc.) will continue, possibly as a function of the Finance Department</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Opportunities for School-related savings of approximately \$600,000 noted by the Davis School Study are recognized.</li> <li>□ The Town of Martinsville would expend approximately \$28 million less than the City of Martinsville</li> <li>□ The County of Henry is expected to expend approximately \$27.3 million more after the transition</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Calculations from the study show that assessing tax rates at approximately 7.4% of the City’s current rate for each class of taxable property will yield revenues sufficient, with other expected revenues, to “balance” and “break even” with prospective expenditures.</li> <li>□ No estimates have been made with respect to the cost, if any, for transfer or use of general capital facilities such as the jail or courthouse that might be needed by the County</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ No estimates have been made regarding additional office space that might be needed by the County for employees, in particular Constitutional employees.</li> <li>□ Also possible - there could be efficiencies and cost savings in the provision of County services to Town residents by elimination of certain positions or other expenditures.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ In a transition from City to Town status, Constitutional functions and City Schools becomes a function of the County</li> <li>□ The Town of Martinsville would realize a decrease in both revenue and expenses of approximately \$28 million</li> <li>□ The County of Henry is expected to experience a revenue increase of approximately \$26 million, and expenditures of approximately \$27.3 million</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ For a “break even” budget with revenues balancing expenditures, Town residents could see a reduction in property taxes while also realizing an increase in revenue available for a variety of Town projects, programs, and infrastructure improvements, as per Council’s discretion.</li> <li>□ Other current City services such as Police, Fire, Utilities, Public Works, Finance, General Administration, etc. continue since these services will remain as a function of the Town.</li> <li>□ The Town can annex, whereas the City cannot.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Should be noted the forecasts are for planning purposes and are not to be regarded as accountant’s opinions of the present or future financial position of the City. The forecasts are based upon trends and assumptions, and their validity depends upon the outcomes of future events. Modification will become necessary as City growth and development progresses, or if there are changes in market or other economic conditions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ 1 - Maintain status quo, tax rate remains revenue neutral, does not include capital or new debt, and fully depletes fund balance (Table 5)</li> <li>□ 2 - Maintains status quo but does not deplete fund balance – maintains 10% cash balance margin (approx \$8M), does not include capital (Table 6)</li> <li>□ 3 - Includes capital funding and maintains 10% cash balance margin (Table 7)</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Projects of a fixed nature with a long service life.</li> <li>❑ Currently programming consists of arranging the projects in a time series schedule of anticipated implementation. Schedule is reviewed in light of 3 major considerations: The City's Comprehensive Plan and City's Goals &amp; Initiatives; Considerations of the public health, safety, and general welfare of the City's citizens, and the City's fiscal capabilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ The schedule is reviewed annually and subject to modification – projects may be added, deleted, or rescheduled.</li> <li>❑ The total capital program during the planning period (FY14 through FY18) contemplates capital expenditures totaling \$15.4 million. FY14 contemplated \$3.55 million in capital expenditures.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ FY2014 budget was used as the base year. The forecast was prepared by applying prospective annual rates of change to the detailed sources of City revenue and objects of expenditure.</li> <li>❑ No significant changes in revenue are anticipated.</li> <li>❑ No significant changes in expenditures are anticipated (other than normal increases).</li> <li>❑ There are no unanticipated non-recurring costs.</li> <li>❑ New capital projects and any new debt service are not included nor is existing debt service beyond the budget year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ 5 years (2008 to 2012) of data for forecast factors (Table 2) were used.</li> <li>❑ Revenues are anticipated to remain approximately constant at \$71.3 million for the forecast period, FY2014 through FY2019.</li> <li>❑ Expenditures are forecasted to grow from \$75.5 million (FY14) to \$78.2 million (forecasted FY19).</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Given the related parameters, revenue, and expense projections, the \$17 million fund balance is forecast to be depleted by sometime in FY2018.</li> <li>❑ This forecast is based upon past trends and their validity depends upon the outcome of future events. The forecast is not to be regarded as the accountant's opinions of the present or future financial position of the City.</li> <li>❑ Summary is highlighted in Table 5</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Maintains cash balance to meet operational and minimum cash requirements (10%)</li> <li>❑ Financial Forecast for the period FY2014 through FY2019 – to continue to fund operations exclusive of funding the capital program, the real estate tax would need to increase incrementally from the current \$1.06/\$100 of assessed value, to \$2.03/\$100 in FY2019.</li> <li>❑ Summary is highlighted in Table 6</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Factors that could influence the rate change includes controlling and reducing City expenditure patterns and/or programs.</li> <li>❑ Enhancing revenues attributable to City growth and development</li> <li>❑ Rate and fee increases for services rendered</li> <li>❑ Other tax rate adjustments.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Using the same analysis and including costs related to funding the City's Capital Improvement Program, the real estate tax would need to increase incrementally from the current \$1.06/\$100 of assessed value, to \$2.11/\$100 in FY2016, and remain above \$2/\$100 through FY2019.</li> <li>❑ Summary is highlighted in Table 7</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ School consolidation is feasible and operation of a consolidated system could result in savings over two separately-operated systems.</li> <li>❑ City transition to Town would result in shifting Constitutional Office functions and Schools to Henry County. Other "urban" services such as Police, Fire, and Utilities continues as Town functions. Town residents could pay less in taxes.</li> <li>❑ Maintaining current City status will eventually result in service reductions, rate/fee increases, or combinations of both.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Voluntary settlement of reversion issues – negotiated settlement</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Supplemental studies, additional information needed, clarifications, seek public comment/input</li> <li>❑ If decision to proceed, prepare supporting materials for COLG proceedings, decisions regarding proposed terms &amp; conditions of town status</li> <li>❑ Council resolution and supporting materials are filed with COLG</li> <li>❑ COLG conducts hearing, examines evidence, examines and cross-examines witnesses</li> <li>❑ COLG files report of conclusions and findings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Court petition is filed within 6 months of COLG report</li> <li>❑ Three-judge court is appointed by Supreme Court</li> <li>❑ Court ruling in approximately 6 to 9 months</li> <li>❑ Appeal to Supreme Court</li> <li>❑ City can terminate process at any point up to 21 days after the court ruling.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ If decision is made not to proceed, staff and Council will utilize the study materials to the fullest extent possible as the FY15 and subsequent year budgets are developed.</li> <li>❑ Revisit Goals &amp; Initiatives to ensure compatibility with City's financial plan.</li> </ul>

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Council asked that administration provide information regarding reversion efforts in Clifton Forge and South Boston and their tax rate at that time and tax rate today; questions related to consideration of voting districts; consideration of merging schools first.

Public comments regarding reversion: Pandora Hill, 701 Third St.-questions on how it will affect her business taxes; Gary Budd, 1114 Knollwood-schools need to be consolidated and would be a win-win for all; Deborah France, 416 Swanson St.—concerns with cost to new town if reversion efforts pass; Ms. Samia, 511 Rosewood Ave.-concerns about which schools will remain open; Betty Hylton, 416 Swanson St.-urged Council to not give up because of money and expressed concerns about holding public comment period during holiday week; Vincent Harris, Greensboro—concerns with impact of reversion on business recruiting; Deborah France-concerns about certain people’s desire to keep buildings empty; Naomi Hodge Muse, NAACP President-appreciative of ability to address City Council , concerns about not having a voice in Henry County if reversion goes forward; Dorothy Arnold, Brass Shop Road, Ridgeway-questions about a referendum for voters to participate in reversion decision; Roger Dalton, 1006 A St.-concerns about effect of reversion on jobs and does not want NCI given to the county; Ural Harris, 217 Stuart St.-feels reversion will be a lose-lose situation and wants city administration to cut budget and not raise taxes.

2014 City Legislative Agenda: After Council discussion on several items in the proposed Legislative Agenda, a motion was made by Gene Teague, seconded by Sharon Brooks Hodge, with a 5-0 vote, to approve the modified 2014 Legislative Agenda. Following is Modified Approved 2014 Legislative Agenda:

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 2014:

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. Urge the General Assembly to amend the 2013 comprehensive state transportation funding plan (2013 HB 2313) to eliminate contingency requirements such as the passage of an e-commerce tax, which would prevent regions outside Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads from fairly sharing in transportation funds.

**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.
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. Urge the issuance of necessary permits from the Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers for development of the Commonwealth Crossing Site.
3. Maintain current levels of funding for economic development incentives, including but not limited to Governor’s Opportunity Fund.
4. 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.
5. Continue current funding levels of the Virginia Museum of Natural History.
6. Request enhanced state and federal financial assistance for localities which exceed the average state unemployment rate by 150% for a period of five consecutive years.
7. 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

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- 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.
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 VA Retirement System and refrain from borrowing from VRS funds.
4. 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.
5. Elimination of all unfunded mandates from the Commonwealth to localities.
6. 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.
7. Request at a minimum, level funding for operational requirements of the Henry-Martinsville Department of Social Services.
8. 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.
9. Request that the Commonwealth fully fund its obligations to constitutional officers.
10. Oppose any attempt to curtail the doctrine of sovereign immunity for localities.
11. Oppose any attempt to permit collective bargaining for state and local government employees.
12. Oppose any amendment of the existing burden of proof or process in local tax appeals cases.

**United States Congress**

1. Oppose any effort to impose additional taxation or regulation of electrical power generation by coal or natural gas.
2. Urge the issuance of necessary permits from the Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers for development of the Commonwealth Crossing Site.
3. 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.
4. In the short term, upgrade those portions of Route 220 overlaying I-73 to interstate standards.
5. Request \$3.72M in funds for the redevelopment of brownfields extending from former Sara Lee site along Aaron Street to Rives Rd.
6. Request \$6.25M in funds for the elimination and redevelopment of blighted areas in the city.
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 150% for a period of five consecutive years.

**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, City Manager, and other department heads as appointed by the City Manager

**Overview of Southside Neighborhood meeting:** Mayor Adkins gave an overview of citizen concerns from the November 25, 2013 Southside Neighborhood Tour and Meeting noting main citizen concerns were about rental properties not being kept up. Council Member Stroud requested the City Manager look into putting information on the city utility bills about bulk trash pickup and other trash rules.

**Business from the Floor:** none.

**Council comments:** Stroud-expressed Thanksgiving wishes and encouraged all citizens to look out for each other during cold weather; Turner-thanked all citizens for their opinions on the reversion issue; Teague-expressed Thanksgiving wishes; Hodge-expressed appreciation for dialogue with Council members and thanked citizens for their input; Adkins-expressed Thanksgiving wishes.

**City Manager comments:** pointed out reversion information presented is the work of the consultants; commended Wayne Knox for being featured on the cover of the VA Town & City Magazine; noted that the city observes state holiday schedule for Thanksgiving. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.

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Brenda Prillaman  
Clerk of Council

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Kim Adkins  
Mayor