

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2013

AGENDA--CITY COUNCIL -- CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA
Council Chambers – Municipal Building

SPECIAL CALLED CLOSED SESSION – 9:30 AM

CLOSED SESSION-7:00 PM

REGULAR SESSION – 7:30 PM

9:30 am -- 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. 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.
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7:00 pm -- Closed Session

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 - A. Appointments to boards and commissions as authorized by Subsection 1.

7:30 pm — Regular Session

Invocation & Pledge to the American Flag-Council Member Mark Stroud

1. Hear overview from City Attorney regarding reversion process. (10 mins)
2. Hear public comment on reversion study. (30 mins)
3. Hear an update from the City's Inspections Department regarding planned changes in administration of the City's Nuisance Ordinance. (10 mins)
4. (a) Hear an update on the Martinsville Mustangs 2013 Season from Team Cole & Associates
(b) Consider approval of a multi-year contract with Team Cole & Associates for management services of the Martinsville Mustangs for the 2015 through 2019 seasons. (15 mins)
5. Business from the Floor
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 - (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.
6. Comments by members of City Council. (5 minutes)
7. Comments by City Manager. (5 minutes)



City Council Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: December 10, 2013

Item No: 1.

Department: City Attorney

Issue: Hear overview from City Attorney regarding reversion process.

Summary: City Attorney Eric Monday will present this information and answer any questions.

Attachments: None

Recommendations: No action required



City Council Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: December 10, 2013

Item No: 2.

Department: City Council

Issue: Hear public comment on reversion study.

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

Attachments: none

Recommendations:

Meeting Date: December 10, 2013

Item No: 3.

Department: City Manager

Issue: Hear an update from the City's Inspections Department regarding planned changes in administration of the City's Nuisance Ordinance.

Summary: In an effort to respond to comments from the public and Council regarding administration of the City's Nuisance Ordinance, City staff has revised the process to reduce the amount of time necessary to abate complaints and improve the tracking process. Additional changes will be implemented regarding notification of property owners for repeat complaints, as well as enforcement of backyard complaints.

Attachments: None

Recommendations: Staff will hear suggestions/comments from Council. Plans are to implement the new process beginning January 1, 2014. No action from Council is required.



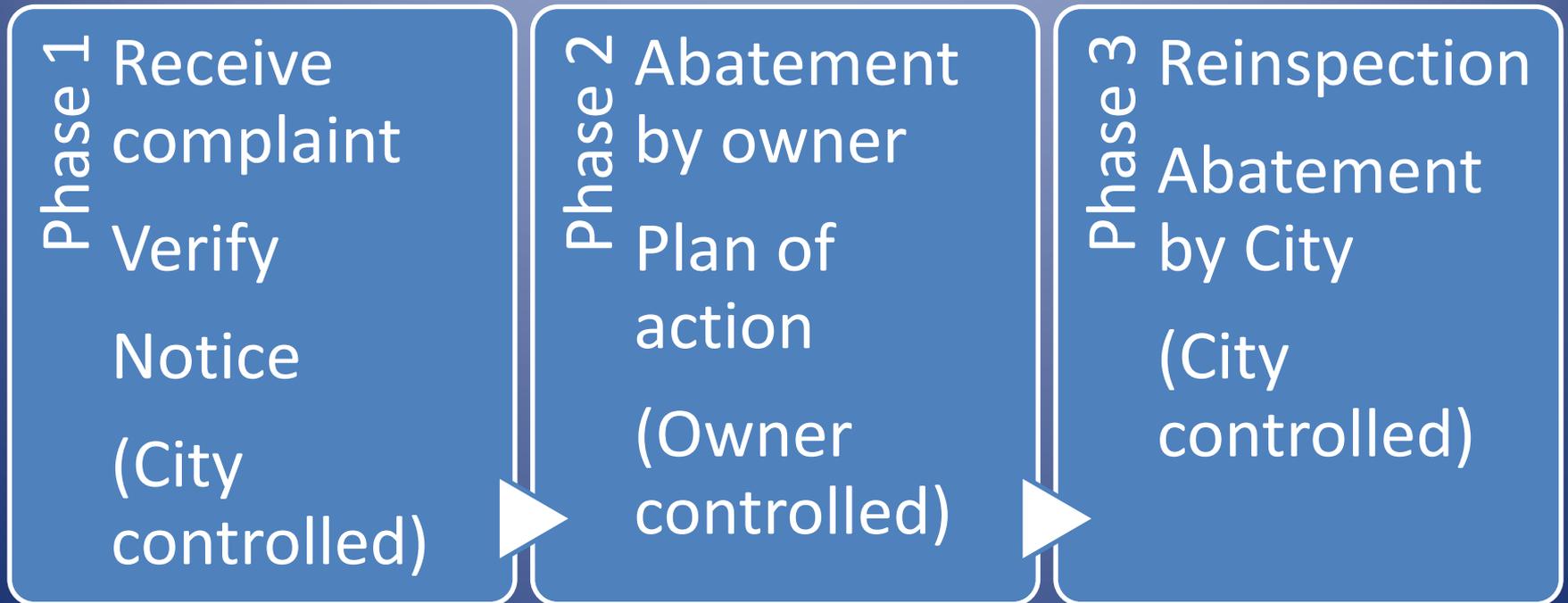
Inspections Division

Nuisance Ordinance Update

Concerns/Needs to Address

- Time of process from complaint-abatement
- Repeat offenders
- Tracking of complaints
- Landlords dumping entire home contents at street
- Backyard enforcement

3 Phases of Process



Nuisance Ordinance Enforcement Changes

- Involve additional City staff in taking complaints, inspections, and notification of owners. Training of staff to occur to ensure consistency.
- Posting of property at time of inspection to provide notice and start the abatement process
- Record data in program designed to track all information associated with the complaint
- Notify crew to abate violation at time of reinspection – either internally (PW or Sheriff) or contract, with collection of fees used to provide on-going funds for the program.

Data Tracking

- Date received
- Received by
- Complainant's info
- Date of follow-up
- Type of complaint
- Inspector assigned
- Date assigned
- Date of inspection
- Inspection results
- Reinspect date
- Reinspection results
- Abatement date
- Date closed
- Invoice submitted

Expected Results

- Additional staff will allow for inspection within 48 hours of receipt of complaint, and reinspection within 48 hours of deadline
- Staff can be proactive with enforcement as they carry out daily duties
- Time for mailing notices will be eliminated
- All data can be retrieved as needed: time to inspect, abate, reinspect, recurring violations, etc..
- Database will allow for tracking of repeat offenders to access escalating penalties

Backyard Enforcement

- Staff will inspect rear yards not visible from ROW
 - From the complainant's property
 - Prioritize these properties
 - Present recommendations to Council for enforcement action (up to 4 per FY)
- Council will have the opportunity to declare violation(s) as a public nuisance to aid in enforcement action.

Meeting Date: December 10, 2013

Item No: 4.

Department: City Manager

Issue: (1) Hear an update on the Martinsville Mustangs 2013 Season from Jesse Cole of Team Cole & Associates, and; (2) consider approval of a multi-year contract with Team Cole & Associates for management services of the Martinsville Mustangs for the 2015 through 2019 seasons.

Summary: Jesse Cole of Team Cole & Associates will provide a brief update of the recently completed 2013 baseball season, as well as plans for the upcoming 2014 season. Additionally, Team Cole & Associates has expressed a desire to continue with management of the team beyond the 2014 season and in that regard, a contract has been developed for the 5 year period from 2015 to 2019 that will be presented for Council's consideration

Attachments: None

Recommendations: Motion to approve of the contract to cover the 2015 through 2019 baseball seasons.