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The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, was held on October 14, 2014, 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, Sharon Brooks Hodge, Mark Stroud and Danny Turner. Staff present included: Leon Towarnicki, City Manager, Brenda Prillaman, Eric Monday, Wayne Knox, Jeff Joyce, and Sean Dunn.

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 Sharon Brooks Hodge, with the following 5-0 recorded vote: Adkins, aye; Teague, aye; Hodge, aye; Stroud, aye; and 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) 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. (C) 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. 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 the Session. On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Sharon Brooks Hodge, with the following recorded 5-0 vote: Adkins, aye; Teague, aye; Hodge, aye; Stroud, aye; and Turner, aye, Council returned to Open Session.

Board actions taken: On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Mark Stroud, with 5-0 vote, Council appointed Bob Vogler, 301 Oakdale St. to a 4 year term ending 12/31/18 on the Transportation Safety Commission. On a motion by Danny Turner, seconded by Sharon Brooks Hodge, with a 5-0 vote, Council re-appointed Will Vaughn, 1015 Sheraton Court, to a 4 year term ending 10/31/18 on the Southern VA Recreation Facilities Authority.

Following the invocation by Mayor Adkins and Pledge to the American Flag, the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced there will be an agenda item added.

Minutes: On a motion by Sharon Brooks Hodge, seconded by Mark Stroud, with a 5-0 vote, Council approved the minutes of the August 26, 2014 meeting.

Addendum-Hooker Field: Mr. Towarnicki briefed Council reporting the following information: In an effort to address unsatisfactory playing surface issues at Hooker Field resulting from extensive use of the facility, the City recently issued a request for proposals to replace the natural grass infield with artificial turf. After a review of proposals, Medallion Athletic Products from Mooresville, NC, has been selected as the contractor. The project is estimated to cost \$230,000 and will involve replacing the entire infield with an artificial turf product with a subsurface drainage system. The project will not only cover the grassed section of the infield but also a section of the warning track adjacent to the infield as well as the skinned (dirt) part of the infield, to the edge of the outfield grass. By no longer having to mow, maintain, water, fertilize, and line the infield, the City will realize a savings in the Hooker Field maintenance budget estimated to be approximately \$14,000. Patrick Henry Community College has secured financing for the project and will be contributing financially, along with other contributors. Recognizing the significant improvement to the field,

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it is recommended the annual savings from the Hooker Field budget be dedicated to the project debt service, currently estimated to be six years. The project will provide for a much better facility while essentially remaining budget-neutral for the City. On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Danny Turner, with a 5-0 vote, Council authorized staff to proceed with the project.

Proclamation-Extra Mile Day 2014: Mayor Adkins read a proclamation regarding Extra Mile Day and reported the document will be mailed to representatives.

Proclamation-Domestic Violence Awareness: Mayor Adkins read a proclamation regarding Domestic Violence Awareness Month October 2014 and the presentation was made to Citizens Against Family Violence representatives, Warren Rogers and Julia Scales.

Set public hearing re: 200 Sellers Street communications tower: Wayne Knox briefed Council with following information: The Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on September 18, 2014 on a request from GCS Electronics & Communications to approve a special use permit to allow construction of a 100 ft. communications tower on their property at 200 Sellers Street. As per Section XIII, G, 4, of the City of Martinsville Zoning Ordinance, telecommunication equipment including towers is a use permitted by special use permit in the M-1 District. The applicant desires to install the tower in order to provide a point-to-point link to a main microwave hub in Spencer, VA. No one spoke for or against the special use permit at the public hearing. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend to City Council that the special use permit be granted with the following conditions:

- a. The tower shall either maintain a galvanized steel finish, or subject to any applicable standards of the FCC or FAA, or be painted a neutral color.
- b. The tower shall not be artificially lit, unless required by the FCC or FAA. If lighting is required, City Council may review and approve the design that would cause the least disturbance to surrounding views.
- c. No advertising of any type shall be allowed on the tower.
- d. The tower must meet or exceed current standards of the FAA, the FCC, and any other agency of the federal government with authority to regulate towers
- e. The tower shall be equipped with appropriate anti – climbing devices.
- f. The owner of the tower shall ensure that it is constructed and maintained in compliance with standards contained in applicable federal, state, and local building codes and regulations.
- g. If the tower is abandoned in the future, the owner shall remove the tower within ninety (90) days of receipt of notice from the building official or city manager notifying the owner of the removal requirement.
- h. A survey must be submitted consolidating the multiple parcels and combining them into one parcel on a plat of survey. This will make the tower setbacks to code. The plat of survey must be submitted for review by the City of Martinsville and recorded with the Circuit Court Clerk.

It was also noted that the proposed location of the tower is already within an area with secured fencing so there would be no need for additional fencing around the tower itself. Giles Smith of GCS Electronics also spoke briefly. On a motion by Danny Turner, seconded by Mark Stroud, with a 5-0 vote, Council agreed to set the public hearing to be held at the first meeting in November due to advertising requirements as described by the City Attorney.

Set public hearing re: renaming Chatham Road: Wayne Knox briefed Council with following information: The issue of renaming of Chatham Road has been discussed at length on several occasions in the recent past. The Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on October 7, 2014 and at the meeting, several residents from the Chatham Heights area spoke on the subject of the name change and its history. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend that the City Council rename the road “Chatham Heights Road”. On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Sharon Brooks Hodge, with a 5-0 vote, Council agreed to set the public hearing for the first meeting in November.

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

<b>BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 10/14/2014</b>				
<b>ORG</b>	<b>OBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DEBIT</b>	<b>CREDIT</b>
<b>FY15</b>				
<b>General Fund:</b>				
01101917	442701	Categorical Other State - Fire Programs Funds		7,358
01321102	506110	Fire Dept. - State Grant/Fire Programs Additional funds received in excess of budget	7,358	
01101917	442401	Categorical Other State - Confiscated Assets - PD		250
01311085	506078	Police - State Asset Forfeitures Additional funds	250	
01101917	442801	Categorical Other State - Street Maintenance		32,354
01103938	462103	Contrib from Reserve for Thorofare Construction		25,000
01413151	508220	Thorofare Construction - Physical Plant Expansion Funding for Uptown paving project - city share	57,354	
01102926	436401	Categorical - Federal - Confiscated Assets - Police		10,879
01311085	506079	Police - Federal Asset Forfeitures Receipts - July & August	10,879	
01100909	490139	Recovered Costs - CIT Program		21,750
01311085	501215	Police - O/T CIT Program	2,694	
01311085	502100	Police - Social Security	167	
01311085	502110	Police - Medicare	39	
01331108	501215	Sheriff Corrections - O/T CIT Program	13,133	
01331108	502100	Sheriff Corrections - Social Security	814	
01331108	502110	Sheriff Corrections - Medicare	190	
01217078	501215	Sheriff - Courts - O/T CIT Program	4,378	
01217078	502100	Sheriff - Courts - Social Security	271	
01217078	502110	Sheriff - Courts - Medicare Reimbursements from CIT Program	64	
01100909	490137	Recovered Costs - Public Safety		27,186
01311085	501200	Police Dept - Overtime	9,868	
01311085	502100	Police Dept - Social Security	612	
01311085	502110	Police Dept - Medicare	143	
01331108	501200	Sheriff Corrections - Overtime	7,559	
01331108	502100	Sheriff Corrections - Social Security	469	
01331108	502110	Sheriff Corrections - Medicare	109	
01217078	501200	Sheriff - Courts - Overtime	2,519	
01217078	502100	Sheriff - Courts - Social Security	156	
01217078	502110	Sheriff - Courts - Medicare	37	
01321102	501200	Fire Dept - Overtime	5,308	
01321102	502100	Fire Dept - Social Security	329	
01321102	502110	Fire Dept - Medicare Reimbursements for Public Safety Coverage	77	
<b>Total General Fund:</b>			<b>124,777</b>	<b>124,777</b>
<b>Minet/Fiber Optic Fund:</b>				
11100909	490104	Advance/Recovered Costs		5,438
11315308	505233	Telecom - Outside Customers Recovered costs from customers	5,438	
<b>Total Minet/Fiber Optic Fund:</b>			<b>5,438</b>	<b>5,438</b>
<b>School Fund:</b>				
18101918	404074	State Grant - School Security Equipment		57,661
80004600	566056	Security - Non-Capital Equipment Additional Funding	57,661	
<b>Total School Fund:</b>			<b>57,661</b>	<b>57,661</b>

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Refund - 2014 Business License - \$3,212.69

Business from floor: Mark Price, 936 Bethel Lane-concerns with citizen health issues regarding electromagnetic radiation from cell phone towers proposed for Bethel Lane water tank, neighborhood wants tank dismantled to eliminate blight. Council asked that staff investigate this issue: (1) how do other communities handle tank leases (2) cost to dismantle the tank (3) research historical significance of tank that over 100 years old (4) look into health considerations. Mr. Towarnicki will report on this at the first meeting in November. Donald Kirby-1178 Banner St.-concerns with the used car lot that is major blight to Boden

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Street due to having a salvage yard in back, wants No Parking signs on Boden St., need to look at zoning violation due to using residential lot for business. Mr. Knox with investigate the bring report to Council for recommendation. Eric Monday, resident of Mulberry-reported Martinsville was recognized for philanthropy.

Update on Voter ID requirements: Voting Registrar Cindy Barbour reported on photo ID requirements for voting and other information for voters in the upcoming election.

Council comments: Teague-comments on recent VA Municipal League conference information he passed along to city staff regarding renter certification programs and growing small business programs. Hodge-interested in Council again having worksessions in order to be more proactive and asked for a comprehensive review of the M-HC Economic Development Corporation with an evaluation measured against the MOU, list of detailed tasks and costs for each, report on marketing of city properties and schematic on revenue sharing lots so the new Council starting in January 2015 will have facts to discuss the city's economic development strategy. She also asked that information regarding VML If I Were Mayor contest be posted on the city website. Stroud-reported he also attended VML meeting and gave update on health concerns. Turner-commended success of recent Oktoberfest and reported on several upcoming local events.

City Manager comments: (1) reported VML conference was very worthwhile and noted during a VHCD roundtable discussion, Martinsville was used as a case study (2) noted the first Council meeting in November will be held on Veterans Day holiday, Tuesday, November 11, 2014. In response to Mr. Turner's suggestion of having WW11 veterans attend the November 11 Council meeting, Mr. Towarnicki asked Council to forward names and contact information of any they wish to attend. (3) responded to Lawrence Mitchell's questions on placement of campaign signs and reviewed general procedures.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

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Brenda Prillaman  
Clerk of Council

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Kim Adkins  
Mayor