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The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, was held on April 22, 2014, in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 7:30 PM, with Mayor Kim Adkins presiding. Council Members present included: Mayor Kim Adkins, Vice Mayor Gene Teague, Sharon Brooks Hodge, Mark Stroud and Danny Turner. Staff present included: Leon Towarnicki, City Manager, Brenda Prillaman, Eric Monday, Linda Conover, Dennis Bowles, Wayne Knox, Kenneth Draper, Kris Shrader, Steve Draper and Eddie Cassady. Prior to the meeting, Council members toured the NCI facility at 6:00pm.

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 Gene Teague, seconded by Mark Stroud, 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) Discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the City of Martinsville would be adversely affected, as authorized by Subsection 6.

Board & Commissions appointments from Closed Session actions:

On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Mark Stroud, Mike Kirby of 1150 Stephens St. was appointed to a four year term on the Social Services Board ending 5/31/18. On a motion by Mark Stroud, seconded by Sharon Brooks Hodge, Sammy Redd of 303 Oakdale St. was appointed to a 3 year term on the Piedmont Community Services Board ending 6/30/17. On a motion by Danny Turner, seconded by Mark Stroud, Tim Martin of 913 Mulberry was re-appointed to a 4 year term on the Planning Commission ending 6/30/18.

Following the invocation by Vice Mayor Gene Teague and Pledge to the American Flag, the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted there will not a public hearing held on the zoning issue at this meeting.

Minutes: On a motion by Mark Stroud, seconded by Sharon Brooks Hodge, with a 5-0 vote, Council approved the minutes of the February 10, 2014 tour and the February 10, 2014 Neighborhood meeting.

Proclamation National Correctional Officers Week: Mayor Adkins read and presented a proclamation regarding National Correctional Officers Week.

Proclamation Martinsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority: Mayor Adkins read and presented a proclamation to representatives of the Martinsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

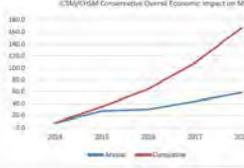
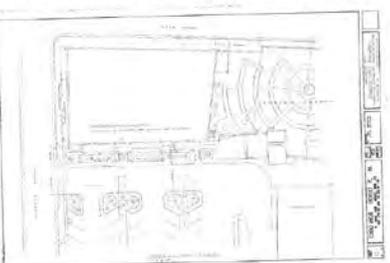
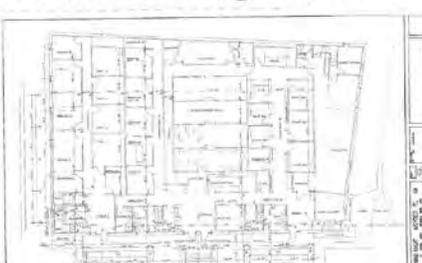
Proclamation Nurses Week 2014: Mayor Adkins read and presented a proclamation regarding Nurses Week 2014 to representatives from Memorial Hospital.

Recognition of Fire Chief Kenneth Draper: Fire Chief Kenneth Draper has completed a four year program at the National Fire Academy and tonight is being awarded his Executive Fire Officer Program certificate.

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The Executive Fire Officer Program (EFOP) is an initiative of the United States Fire Administration/National Fire academy designed to provide officers in key leadership roles with an understanding of: (1) The need to transform fire and emergency services organizations from being reactive to proactive; with an emphasis on leadership development, prevention, and risk reduction; (2) Transforming fire and emergency services organizations to reflect the diversity of America's communities; (3) The value of research and its application to the profession; (4) The value of lifelong learning; (5) Enhanced executive-level knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to lead these transformations, conduct research, and engage in lifelong learning. The officers enhance their professional development through a unique series of four graduate and upper-division-baccalaureate equivalent courses. The EFOP spans a 4-year period with 4 core courses and each course is 2 weeks in length. To graduate from the EFOP, participants must write and submit a graduate-level Applied Research Project (ARP) that relates to their organization after each course. Each ARP is highly scrutinized and graded by an external evaluator. The ARP must be completed within six months from the end of each EFOP class and must receive a minimum passing score before the student can take the next class in the series. Only after all four classes have been completed and all four ARP's have received passing grades is the EFOP certificate awarded to a student. To date, Chief Draper is the third Martinsville Fire & EMS employee to complete the Executive Fire Officer Program. Former Fire Chief and City Manager Clarence Monday and Deputy Chief Kris Shrader have also completed this program. All of the department's Chief Officers are currently enrolled in the program.

Hear update on from Dr. Noel Boaz of ICSM: Dr. Noel Boaz presented the following information to Council regarding ICSM:

 Integrative Centers for Science and Medicine Plan for the Medical College Basic Sciences Campus in Martinsville's West End Noel T. Boaz, Ph.D., M.D.	<h3>Economic Impact</h3>  <p>The new medical school will be a major economic engine for Martinsville and Henry County, as well as for Southside Virginia.</p> <p><small>ICSM/CHSM Conserved Overall Economic Impact on M-1</small></p> <p><small>INPLAN economic impact analysis for ICSM, a nonprofit scientific and charitable organization, and its affiliated allopathic medical school, the College of Henricopolis School of Medicine, a Virginia benefit (for-profit) corporation on Martinsville and Henry County, shows:</small></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic impact of \$7.3 million this year, from direct effects, indirect effects, and induced effects. • Opening of the medical school in September, 2013 will contribute \$19.2 million, to an overall ICSM-CHSM economic impact in 2015 of \$27.2 million. • When fully operational, economic impact is conservatively projected to be \$58.4 million per year. • Cumulative economic impact over the first four years of operation is projected conservatively to be \$166.9 million. If planned operations are optimized economic impact will be significantly greater. 	<h3>Medical School Basic Science Campus</h3> 
<h3>Basic Science Campus Overview</h3> 	<h3>Shackelford Building – Main Floor</h3> 	<h3>Shackelford Building – Lower Floor</h3> 
<h3>Artist's Rendering of Renovated Shackelford Building</h3> 	<h3>Request to the City of Martinsville</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 feet of frontage from the Fayette Street parking lot to allow for east portico construction • Abandonment of ex-George Street driveway between Shackelford Building and Physick Garden • Donation of small cinderblock office to be renovated as Interpretive Center/Greenhouse for "inside" plants • Reroute storm drain now exiting from northwestern corner of parking lot to Physick Garden to eastern down-slope outflow 	

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Dr. Boaz asked that his request for four things from the City be considered by Council. City Attorney Eric Monday noted that it would have to go through the public hearing process. Council directed the City Manager to coordinate with Dr. Boaz on steps to move the process forward and to determine specific actions on each.

Hear update from Carl Dehart on MHC Historical Museum: Carl Dehart briefed Council on information and data available at the Historical Museum located at 41 East Church Street.

Hear update from Pat Folio on the Farmers Market Uptown: Pat Folio, Manager for the Farmer's Market Uptown, provided an update to Council regarding activities, events and future plans for the Farmer's Market and encouraged all citizens to stop by and visit and help in promoting the market.

Electric Rate Stabilization Plan: Utilities Director, Dennis Bowles, briefed Council on the need to terminate the Rate Stabilization Plan. The Rate Stabilization Plan fund was depleted in mid-February with the withdrawal of \$551,881 to offset or stabilize excessive January '14 power costs. Based on projected increases in purchase power costs for FY'15, staff recommends termination of the Rate Stabilization Plan at this time due to the projected future under performance of the fund. American Municipal Power Inc. requires written notice to terminate the Rate Stabilization Plan. After Council discussion, a motion was made by Gene Teague, seconded by Mark Stroud, with a 5-0 vote, to authorize the City Manager to send an authorization letter to AMP. Following is the letter:



Set public hearing on FY15 Budget and first reading of budget ordinance: On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Danny Turner, with a 5-0 vote, Council set the public hearing on the FY15 Budget and consideration of approval of budget ordinance on first reading at the May 13, 2014 meeting.

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

BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 4/22/2014				
ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
FY14				
General Fund:				
01101917	442810	Categorical State Other - Highway Projects		503,826
01413151	508220	Thoroughfare Construction	503,826	
		Liberty St project reimbursement		
Total General Fund:			503,826	503,826
CDBG Fund:				

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47102926	447061	NCI Improvement Grant		14,000
47833380	503191	NCI Improvement Grant - Prof. Services - Contractors	14,000	
		Pass-through funding		
Total CDBG Fund:			14,000	14,000
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School Fund:				
18101918	410406	State Grant - VPSA Technology Grant		68,400
80008110	568210	VPSA Ed Technology - Hardware Additions	68,400	
Total CDBG Fund:			68,400	68,400

VML 2014 Policy Committee members: Council members agreed to continue serving on same VML committees they served on in previous year. Council Member Turner refrained from participation. Following are 2014 Policy Committee assignments which will be forwarded to VML:

VML 2014 Policy Committee membership:

Community & Economic Development-Kim Adkins, Mayor
Environmental Quality-Eric Monday, City Attorney
Finance-Leon Towarnicki, City Manager
General Laws-Gene Teague, Vice Mayor
Human Development & Education-Mark Stroud, Council Member
Transportation-Sharon Brooks Hodge, Council Member

Business from floor: Ural Harris, 217 Stuart St.-concerns regarding electric, water rates, budget department costs.

Council comments: Teague-impressed with NCI building and new look of City Website; Hodge-reminder regarding job fair on May 7 at Probation & Parole and asked that follow up on Neighborhood meetings be provided in the minutes; Stroud-impressed with NCI facility and the medical school facility; Turner-good positive things happening including NCI, medical school, Henry Hotel & Farmers Market.

City Manager comments: reminder of Household Hazardous Waste Day April 26; recognized employee Kris Bridges for being named to the VA Manufactured Housing Board; provided follow up information on the car wash issue noting the issue has been resolved; Greyson Street traffic counts and coordinating of traffic signals in progress; gave brief overview of agenda for budget worksession April 23.

Council recessed open session and re-convened 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 Mark Stroud, 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.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Brenda Prillaman
Clerk of Council

Kim Adkins
Mayor