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The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, was held on June 10, 2014, in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 7:30 PM, Closed Session beginning at 6:30pm, 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, Eric Monday, Wayne Knox 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 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) 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 Session. On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Mark Stroud, with the following recorded 5-0 vote: Adkins, aye; Teague, aye; Hodge, aye; Stroud, aye; and Turner, aye, Council returned to Open Session.

Board appointments action taken: On a motion by Danny Turner, seconded by Sharon Brooks Hodge, Council appointed Victor Correa, 1242 Sam Lions Trail, to the Martinsville City School Board for a 3 year term ending June 30, 2017. On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Mark Stroud, Council re-appointed Dr. Craig Dietrich, 1227 Lanier Road, to the Martinsville City School Board for a 3 year term ending June 30, 2017. On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Sharon Brooks Hodge, Council re-appointed Lance Heater, 1015 River Forest Place, to the M-HC Economic Development Corporation for a 3 year term ending June 30, 2017. On a motion by Danny Turner, seconded by Mark Stroud, Council re-appointed Dr. Mark Crabtree, 1100 Mulberry Road, as a City Business Owner representative to the Arts & Cultural Committee for a 3 year term ending March 31, 2017. On a motion by Sharon Brooks Hodge, seconded by Gene Teague, Council re-appointed Joe Keiper, 1125 Cherokee Trail, as VMNH representative on the Arts & Cultural Committee for a 3 year term ending March 31, 2017. On a motion by Mark Stroud, seconded by Danny Turner, Council re-appointed Eddie White, 1725 Meadowview Lane to the Patrick Henry Community College Board for a 4 year term ending June 30, 2018.

Following the invocation by Vice Mayor Teague and Pledge to the American Flag, the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised there will be two items added as an addendum to the agenda regarding a Police Department update and a proclamation for Flag Day.

Minutes: On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Sharon Brooks Hodge, with a 5-0 vote, Council approved the minutes of April 7, 2014 Tour and April 7, 2014 Neighborhood Meeting.

Police Department update: Police Chief Sean Dunn provided an update and explanation regarding realignment of personnel assigned to patrol shifts to provide increased coverage during certain hours of the day.

Proclamation Flag Day: Mayor Adkins announced that Saturday, June 14, is Flag Day and the event will be commemorated by a brief ceremony sponsored by the Patrick Henry and Joseph Martin Chapters of

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the Daughters of the American Revolution beginning at 11am on the lawn in front of the Martinsville Fire Station on Church Street where the proclamation will be formally presented.

EDC presentation: Mark Heath presented information on current projects and activities of economic development efforts.

Update on West End Revitalization campaign: Wayne Knox briefed Council reporting that the beginnings of the West End Working Group took place on Tuesday, December 11, 2012, with a forum/roundtable convened by Rev. Tyler C. Millner at NCI Uptown King Building. The topic of the discussion was “Fayette Street Development –Community Input” which was followed up with community development staff meeting with the individual business owners/operators on Fayette Street. After much conversation among a number of City residents, a community meeting was convened on October 15, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at Albert Harris Elementary School where a group was formed of concerned citizens to begin meeting to further crystalize ideas for creating strategies for revitalization in the West End community. Additional infrequent meetings have been convened from November 7, 2013 up through May 8, 2014. The initial byproduct of the West End Group is an outreach video highlighting some of the attributes of the West End, with theme being “Be a Part of It”. The 10 minute video was then played for Council and the public viewing during the meeting. Another byproduct is the launching of a math camp this summer sponsored by The Integrity Life Ministries Church, in collaboration with the Martinsville School District. It is hoped that these two ventures will be building blocks upon which the community can continue to revitalize and grow. Council Member Hodge introduced Warrick Scott of the Wendell Scott Foundation who spoke of opportunities ahead and endorsed the campaign for revitalization. Citizen participation was encouraged and the next meeting date and location will be advertised. Teresa Harris, co-pastor of Integrity Life Ministries of 509 Fayette Street also spoke about the summer math camp for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders which was a component of the “Be A Part of It” campaign.

National Mayors Maker Challenge: Dr. Joe Keiper briefed Council on the Mayors Maker Challenge regarding information recently received at the Virginia Museum of Natural History regarding a national initiative titled “Mayors Maker Challenge” to promote locally-driven efforts to convene inventors with innovative technology tools to drive progress in manufacturing, engineering, industrial design, hardware technology and education. Much of the focus of this initiative closely aligns with local efforts regarding workforce training/development, entrepreneurship, business incubation/development, and STEM-related activities. In order to participate in this initiative, a public pledge must be made to take one or more of 10 specific actions during 2014 aimed at supporting the movement and to later provide information for development of a national report. With a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Sharon Brooks Hodge, 5-0 vote, Council pledged to participate in the National Mayors Maker Challenge.

Approval of 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 6/10/2014				
ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
<b>FY14</b>				
<b>General Fund:</b>				
01100909	490104	Advanced/Recovered Costs		800
01321102	506130	Fire Dept - Repair/Maint - Burn Building Reimbursements for training/use of facility	800	
<b>Total General Fund:</b>			<b>800</b>	<b>800</b>
<b>CDBG Fund:</b>				

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47102926	447061	NCI Improvement Grant		77,038
47833380	503191	NCI Improvement Grant - Prof. Services - Contractors	77,038	
		Pass-through funding		
<b>Total CDBG Fund:</b>			<b>77,038</b>	<b>77,038</b>
<b>Federal Programs Fund:</b>				
20102926	420172	Special Education Math Supplement		10,000
86701100	561120	Instructional S&W	3,324	
86701100	562100	Social Security Payments	207	
86701100	562150	Medicare Fica	48	
86701100	563042	Professional Development	2,500	
86701100	566013	Instructional Materials & Supplies	681	
86701100	566040	Software and Online Content	3,240	
		Supplemental Grant Award		
<b>Total Federal Programs Fund:</b>			<b>10,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>

Business from floor: Wayne Knox gave an update on Housing issues: the waiting list will be opening on July 23 and will be advertised and the HUD transfer of the Housing services is in the review process. Dawn Moser of Spruce Street presented a petition with 100 signatures asking for consideration of allowing urban chickens and Council asked that Mr. Knox take this issue to the Planning Commission for their recommendation. James Reed of Farmington Court also presented a signed petition in support of urban chickens.

Council comments: Turner-congratulated college teams and offered condolences to the Shelton Scales family; Stroud-requested remembrance of his uncle Clyde Ingram and congratulated college sports activities; Adkins-thanked all for citizens involved for the activities and support of Fatherhood initiative.

City Manager comments: Mr. Towarnicki reminded Council of upcoming Business Appreciation luncheon; reminded about Attorney General invitation to Daily Grind Wednesday; reminded of YMCA tour to be held prior to June 24 meeting; briefed Council on VA First Cities request for participation by a Council member to serve on their Board and asked Council to contact him if interested.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

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Brenda Prillaman  
Clerk of Council

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Kim Adkins  
Mayor