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The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, was held on March 27, 2012, in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 7:30 PM, with Mayor Kim Adkins presiding. Council Members present included: Mayor Kim Adkins, Vice Mayor Kimble Reynolds, Mark Stroud and Danny Turner. Gene Teague was absent. Staff present included: Leon Towarnicki, Interim City Manager, Brenda Prillaman, Eric Monday, Linda Conover, Wayne Knox, Bobby Phillips, Eddie Cassady, Marshall Thomas, Mike Rogers and Ruth Easley.

Following the invocation by Mayor Kim Adkins and Pledge to the American Flag, the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes: On a motion by Danny Turner, seconded by Kimble Reynolds, Council approved, with a 4-0 vote, the minutes of the February 28, 2012 and February 29, 2012 meetings.

Recognitions: Police Chief Mike Rogers reported that each year the Martinsville Police Department presents its "Outstanding Citizen of the year" award to a citizen for outstanding contributions to the community. Employees of the department submit nominations for the award to a Selection Committee of 5 members of the department, who review the applications and then present their recommendation to the Chief of Police. Nominees for the award must be someone of good moral character with a good attitude towards law enforcement and the person must have shown support and/or concern for the police department in its efforts to better serve our citizens. Co-recipients of the 2012 Citizen of the Year Award, Dr. Mervyn King and Mrs. Virginia King, were recognized and Captain Eddie Cassady and Captain Marshall Thomas assisted the Police Chief in the presentation.

Mayor Adkins read and presented a proclamation to Sandy Dawson of Citizens Against Family Violence recognizing Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Mayor Adkins read and presented a proclamation to Ralph Lawson and Nancy Kennett of the Martinsville Exchange Club recognizing Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month.

Mayor Adkins read and reported on a proclamation which was previously presented on March 14, 2012 at Albert Harris School recognizing March 2012 as Kindergarten Month.

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant opportunities: Bob Phillips reported the following:

As directed at the June 28, 2011 Council meeting, staff has continued to pursue grant opportunities to improve the City's ability to alert citizens of emergency situations such as severe weather. Tropical storm Lee, and the magnitude 5.8 earthquake in Mineral, VA, both received Presidential Declarations for portions of Virginia in 2011. These disasters have resulted in significant funding of the Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program. Council's adoption of the updated Hazardous Mitigation Plan at the November 22, 2011 Council meeting has positioned the City well so that funds can be applied for under this program. A pre-application has been submitted and approved allowing the City to prepare grant applications for two projects to: (1) enhance the City's ability to notify citizens of acute emergencies, such as a tornado. This project would involve the installation of eight sirens, strategically placed for maximum coverage. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$155,000, and; (2) install a generator providing emergency backup power to the Middle School located on Cleveland Ave. This school has been identified as the City's emergency shelter, but does not have the needed backup power capability. This project would cost approximately \$225,000. Funding for each of these grants would be 75% federal and 25% state and local funds. In-kind services can be utilized to make up most, if not all, of the local match obligation. He asked that Council authorize staff to proceed with the application process for the two HMGP grants described above; announce a public comment period to run through April 10, 2012. Public Comment can be addressed to the Feedback portion of the City's Webpage or emailed directly to the Emergency Management Coordinator and provide an opportunity at the April 10, 2012 Council meeting for public comment.

On a motion by Mark Stroud, seconded by Kimble Reynolds, with a 4-0 vote, Council authorized staff to move forward with the application process for the sirens and generator.

Littering presentation: Students from Mr. Greg Hackenberg's class at Albert Harris were recognized and Sue Ella Ramos read her letter to Council regarding the littering issue.

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Dr. Noel Boaz report to Council regarding medical school: Dr. Noel Boaz reported on his current efforts to establish a medical school in the area. He pointed out the school is needed to help train doctors to prevent a shortage expected in the next 20 years and the school would encourage pupils to remain in Southside to launch their medical practices. This school would be different from other medical schools in that it will focus on students learning through clinical activities and their goal is to educate 300 per year and open in the fall of 2013 once a site is found and faculty is hired. The following document was distributing outlining the project:

INTEGRATIVE CENTERS FOR SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

College of Henricopolis School of Medicine

Reconstruction of America's First Hospital, "Mount Malady," in Virginia

Re-inaugurating Sir Francis Bacon's Plan for a Research University in the New World (1620)

The College of Henricopolis was America's first institution of higher education, founded in 1618-19 at the City of Henricus in Virginia. It was dedicated to educating all ethnic groups, was tied to a school (also America's first, the "East India School") to prepare students for college, was adjacent to America's first hospital (nicknamed "Mount Malady"), and was planned to grow into a university along lines laid out by one of its founders, Sir Francis Bacon, architect of the Scientific Revolution. The College of Henricopolis has now been re-founded and incorporated as part of a nonprofit Virginia corporation, the Integrative Centers for Science and Medicine, based in Martinsville/Henry County, Virginia.

The modern College of Henricopolis will start out as an allopathic medical school educating M.D. physicians. It will follow in the academic footsteps of its predecessor in its adherence to Baconian evidence-based science, cultural competency, and an "educational pipeline" preparing K-12 and undergraduate students for its exacting and integrative medical curriculum. Its programs and activities will subserve the three well-established core functions of American medical education: training, research, and service. The College's programs will begin in the summer of 2012, with the first medical school class projected to matriculate in fall, 2013. Responding to local, state, regional, and national health care needs, the school will concentrate on educating primary care physicians dedicated to serving rural and historically disadvantaged populations in America.

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Possible Sites for Future College of Henricopolis School of Medicine

Martinsville Medical Center - an 8.5-acre site adjacent to Memorial Hospital of M-HC

- Two existing structures:
- Two-story 22,000 s.f. medical office building w/ basement
- One-story 2,000 s.f. former pharmacy building w/ basement
- Proximity to MHMHC and MHS
- Room for expansion but constraints of site grade

Baldwin Block - a 5-acre site adjacent to Central Business District of M-HC

- No existing structures
- Proximity to NCI and thoroughfares; 1.2 miles from MHMHC
- High-visibility site w/ level grade
- Room for expansion

Monthly Finance Report: Finance Director, Linda Conover, presented the following information related to the monthly finance report:

FY12 – Revenues & Expenditures through February 2012

Exclusive of School and Special Revenue funds, actual revenues were \$36,585,943, representing 63.5% of budget.

Highlights:

- Local Sales/Use Taxes (7mos) – received 58.1% of budget
 - Meals Taxes – received 67.1% of budget
 - Refuse Fund – ARRA & loan proceeds reimbursements rec'd to date inflate revenues until appropriated through consent agenda
 - Sewer Fund – sewer service surcharge revenues greater than budget
- Actual expenditures were \$37,670,262, representing 61.1% of budget.

- Refuse Fund – expenditures vs. budget inflated until appropriated through consent agenda

On a motion by Kimble Reynolds, seconded by Mark Stroud, with a 4-0 vote, Council approved the monthly finance report.

FY13 budget process review: Interim City Manager, Leon Towarnicki, presented the following information related to the FY13 budget review process:

Budget work sessions are anticipated for schools, capital needs, and city departments/constitutional offices. Administration will poll Council members for suitable dates for worksessions.

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- April 25th or April 26th-City Manager FY13 budget presentation to City Council.
- May 1st-May 3rd- Two budget work sessions – schools & capital (afternoon or evening)
- May 8-regular Council meeting date
- May 7th-May 11-schedule one or two budget work sessions (afternoon or evening)
- May 22th-regular Council meeting date to conduct FY13 budget public hearing and approve budget ordinance on first reading.
- June 12th-regular Council meeting date to approve FY13 budget on second reading

Consent Agenda: On a motion by Danny Turner, seconded by Kimble Reynolds, with a 4-0 vote, Council approved the following consent agenda:

| ORG | OBJECT | DESCRIPTION | BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 3/27/12 | |
|-----------------------------|--------|---|------------------------------|----------------|
| | | | DEBIT | CREDIT |
| <u>FY12</u> | | | | |
| <u>General Fund:</u> | | | | |
| 01100909 | 490104 | Advance/Recovered Costs | | 67,528 |
| 01129290 | 508220 | Purchasing - Physical Plant Expansion | 67,528 | |
| | | appropriation of insurance funds for replacement HVAC | | |
| 01102926 | 443157 | Categorical Federal - Safe Routes to School | | 5,956 |
| 01413146 | 503140 | Street Marking - Prof. Services - Engineering | 5,956 | |
| | | Reimbursement | | |
| 01101917 | 442810 | Categorical Other State - Highway Projects | | 20,208 |
| 01413151 | 503140 | Thoroughfare Constr - Prof. Services - Eng & Arch | 20,208 | |
| | | Liberty Street Reimbursement | | |
| <u>Total General Fund:</u> | | | <u>93,692</u> | <u>93,692</u> |
| <u>Electric Fund:</u> | | | | |
| 14101917 | 442810 | Categorical State - Liberty St Utility Cost | | 133,928 |
| 14564339 | 503191 | Electric Construction - Prof. Serv. Labor | 133,928 | |
| | | Liberty Street Reimbursement | | |
| <u>Total Electric Fund:</u> | | | <u>133,928</u> | <u>133,928</u> |

VML 2012 Policy Committee nominations: After Council discussion of the Virginia Municipal League’s request for 2012 Policy Committee nominations, Council agreed to submit the following names to VML for membership on the VML 2012 Policy Committees:

Community & Economic Development—Kim Adkins, Mayor

Environmental Quality—Eric Monday, City Attorney

Finance—Leon Towarnicki, Interim City Manager

General Laws—Gene Teague, Council Member

Human Development & Education-Mark Stroud, Sr., Council Member

Transportation—Kimble Reynolds, Vice Mayor

Outside Agency reports review: No comments were made by Council regarding agency reports which were included in agenda packets.

Business from floor: Laura Bowles, 1607 Sam Lions Tr. and Exec. Dir. of MURA-- requested that Council terminate the \$50 itinerant merchant vending fee for the Farmer’s Market. She pointed out that the Farmer’s Market accomplishes many of Council’s goals for Uptown and this is a unique situation since the City owns the Farmer’s Market and it is open fewer hours than regular businesses Uptown. Commissioner of Revenue Ruth Easley--commented on Council’s options and cautioned Council to tread carefully as there should be a fair and consistent policy and there may be ramifications from other itinerant merchants. Council asked that the City Attorney prepare a draft ordinance related to the Farmer’s Market fee for consideration at the next Council meeting along with recommendations from administration after consultation with MURA and legal counsel. Ural Harris—commented that city budget should be cut and there should be no more increases in fees.

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Council comments: Adkins-reminder about public hearing to be held by VDOT on April 24 and reported City Manager search process is progressing with the online survey and staff will be interviewed this week; Stroud-pleased with information about siren warning systems; Turner—expressed condolences at loss of Dr. Irby and reported MHS band did an excellent job; Reynolds-commented that MHS jazz band did an excellent job and advised that the Human Relations Advisory Committee met and has been officially dissolved and their work will be used to move forward.

Interim City Manager comments: Mr. Towarnicki reported (1) long range transportation priorities will be presented to Council at the next meeting (2) Lanier Rd. water line project is moving forward with construction anticipated to begin mid to late April (3) littering issue will be on next agenda.

City Attorney Eric Monday emphasized the importance of citizens having a power of attorney prepared.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Brenda Prillaman
Clerk of Council

Kim Adkins
Mayor