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The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, was held on August 14, 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, Gene Teague, Mark Stroud and Danny Turner. Staff present included: Leon Towarnicki, Interim City Manager, Brenda Prillaman, Eric Monday and Mike Rogers.

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

Minutes: On a motion by Mark Stroud, seconded by Kimble Reynolds, with a 5-0 vote, Council approved the minutes of the May 22, 2012, May 24, 2012, and June 12, 2012 meetings.

Recognitions: Mayor Adkins presented a proclamation recognizing National Recovery Month September 2012 to Piedmont Community Service staff members.

Update on City Manager Search: John Anzivino of Springstead updated Council on the city manager search advising that 44 people applied for the position and Springstead has determined the 10 most qualified applicants which will be shared with Council during closed session. Council will then set dates for interviews and draft interview questions.

Resolution approval-Mel Cartwright Sr.: On a motion by Danny Turner, seconded by Kimble Reynolds, with a 5-0 vote, Council approved the following resolution nominating Mel L. Cartwright, Sr. for induction in the Virginia High School Hall of Fame:

WHEREAS, Mel L. Cartwright, Sr. is long revered for his success as a basketball coach and educator in the Martinsville area; and
WHEREAS, Mel L. Cartwright, Sr. started his successful career as a basketball coach and educator in 1952 when he was hired to coach junior varsity boys' basketball and teach world history and western civilization at Martinsville High School; and by 1956 was named the head basketball boys' coach, a post he held exclusively for six years and led the Martinsville Bulldogs to their first three state championships in 1958, 1961, and 1964; and
WHEREAS, Mel L. Cartwright, Sr. innovatively began sharing the head coaching responsibilities in 1961 with long-time friend and colleague, Robert "Husky" Hall; whereby Cartwright's direction and with the ideals of teamwork by example, they alternated the head coach title every two years until 1964, when Mr. Cartwright accepted the administrative position of principal at Patrick Henry Elementary School in Martinsville; and
WHEREAS, Mel L. Cartwright, Sr., while at Patrick Henry Elementary School from 1964 to 1981, volunteered to help create a youth basketball league and launched Patrick Henry's Booster Club team, both of which helped cultivate talented student-athletes in the state; and
WHEREAS, upon retirement, Mel L. Cartwright, Sr. was hired as an assistant men's basketball coach by legendary coach "Lefty" Driesell at the University of Maryland for four years; and in 1984 with Coach Cartwright's assistance, the University of Maryland won the only ACC tournament during Driesell's tenure, and afterwards Cartwright returned to the Martinsville area to teach and coach at Carlisle School, then to Magna Vista High School as an assistant coach, helping the team to earn a Virginia state championship title in 1998; and
WHEREAS, a talented and demanding coach, Mr. Cartwright improved every basketball program he touched, and championships seemed follow soon after he arrived; and
WHEREAS, for all his exceptional basketball coaching success, Mr. Cartwright is remembered also as a dedicated, inspirational teacher and public school administrator, encouraging and improving the lives of generations of Martinsville school children; and now therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED, that Martinsville's City Council, does hereby highly recommend, posthumously, Mel L. Cartwright, Sr. for induction in the Virginia High School Hall of Fame for his exceptional accomplishments as a coach, teacher and concerned citizen; and furthermore recognizes the impact he has had on the game of basketball, our students and student-athletes, and the Martinsville area.

M-HC Economic Development Corporation update: Lisa Fultz, Director of Small, Minority & Entrepreneurial Division of the EDC provided an update on programs and activities and shared brochures and flyers. She pointed out there is a need for a more business friendly atmosphere and more funding opportunities for start up businesses. Mr. Turner asked for information on Commonwealth Crossing which Ms. Fultz will pass along to Mr. Heath who could not be present at this meeting.

Reversion update/public comment period/approval of appropriation for studies: City Attorney Eric Monday briefed Council on reversion information previously shared at last Council meeting. He clarified that the decision tonight is whether to fund the necessary studies for pursuing reversion which will enable Council and citizens to make an informed decision. He noted that before reversion can be seriously considered as an option for the City's future, and before any reversion petition can be filed with the Commission on Local Government and the court, three studies are necessary: (a) an analysis of the future fiscal situation of the City, (b) an analysis of the effect of reversion on both the City/Town and County, and (c) an analysis of the effect of a consolidated City/County school system. The

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estimated cost of these studies is \$120,000.00. He encouraged early-on communication with the county for a cooperative effort to studies and negotiations to make it as smooth and non-adversarial as possible. Mayor Adkins then opened the public comment period for comments on authorizing the cost of the studies. Deborah France, 416 Swanson St., commented money could be better spent somewhere else and it sounds like we don't believe in ourselves; Mike Siedle, Firestone Drive, Stanleytown- commented in favor of pursuing reversion noting the merging of the schools will be the most difficult piece. He referenced a thesis written several years by Benny Summerlin and said there should be agreement within both school systems before starting reversion. Jim Clark, 817 Spruce St.-reported on his findings after meeting with officials from Clifton Forge, Bedford, and South Boston regarding their reversions experiences and noted he is supportive of Council moving ahead with the studies and appropriating the money. Regina Harris, Fieldale, is against reversion and need to save money on city manager search and give job to Mr. Towarnicki. Mayor Adkins closed the public comment period. Council comments before vote: Teague-it is a good business decision to go forward with the studies to get required information to decide on reversion in order to make an informed decision; Stroud-need the studies to make informed decision; Turner-will support funding studies as the city cannot sustain itself as we are now; Adkins-supportive of analysis and allocation up to \$120,000; Reynolds-supportive of going forward with studies. On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Kimble Reynolds, with a 5-0 vote, Council authorized the City Manager to retain firms to conduct the studies and authorized appropriating up to \$120, 000 to pay for the estimated cost of the studies.

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

BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 8/14/12				
ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
FY12				
<u>General Fund:</u>				
01100909	490104	Advance/Recovered Costs		200
01321102	506010	Fire Dept. - Fire Prevention Supplies appropriation of restitution received	200	
01100908	440403	Miscellaneous - Donations/Mustangs		2,478
01725422	505508	Mustangs - Meals various donations	2,478	
Total General Fund:			2,678	2,678
<u>Water Fund:</u>				
12101918	443306	Grants - State - WSAG Lanier Rd Project		5,139
12541311	508220	Water - Physical Plant Expansion Grant Reimbursement	5,139	
Total Water Fund:			5,139	5,139
FY13				
<u>General Fund:</u>				
01100909	490104	Advance/Recovered Costs		48,484
01812245	506831	Uptown Master Plan Phase I reimbursement/Depot St Trail restroom	48,484	
01100904	442401	Local Confiscated Assets - Police		7
01311085	506118	Police Dept - Local Confiscated Assets Local Confiscated Assets	7	
01100904	442402	Local Confiscated Assets - Comm. Attorney		7
01221082	506118	Comm. Atty - Local Confiscated Assets Local Confiscated Assets	7	
Total General Fund:			48,498	48,498

Business from floor: none

Council comments: Turner-congratulations to Jeff Adkins for being named MHS coach; Stroud-hopes citizens understand Council moving forward on reversion process and offered condolences to the Hunt and Lovelace families.

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Interim City Manager comments: Mr. Towarnicki advised that the DEQ has issued a drought watch advisory to increase public awareness and he noted the city reservoir is only down 7/10ths of a foot at this point.

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; Stroud, aye; Reynolds, 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 and (B) A personnel matter as authorized by Subsection 1. 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 Closed Session. On a motion by Kimble Reynolds, seconded by Danny Turner, with the following recorded 5-0 vote: Adkins, aye; Reynolds, aye; Teague, aye; Stroud, aye; and Turner, aye, Council returned to Open Session.

Board appointments: Planning Commission—on a motion by Mark Stroud, seconded by Danny Turner, with a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Tiffany Bowles Lawrie, 816 Mulberry Rd., to a four year term ending 6/30/16 on the Planning Commission. Library Board—on a motion by Kimble Reynolds, seconded by Mark Stroud, with a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Mary T. Wampler, 203 Westover Lane, to a four year term ending 6/30/15 on the Blue Ridge Regional Library Board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

Brenda Prillaman
Clerk of Council

Kim Adkins
Mayor