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The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, was held on August 9, 2011, 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, Sr., and Danny Turner. Staff present included: Clarence Monday, City Manager, Brenda Prillaman, Eric Monday, Linda Conover, Leon Towarnicki, Wayne Knox, Dennis Bowles, Andy Lash and Mike Rogers.

Following the invocation by Council Member Gene Teague and Pledge to the American Flag, the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Mark Stroud, with a 5-0 vote, Council approved the minutes of the July 26, 2011 Council meeting.

A proclamation recognizing the Virginia Cardinals travel baseball team was presented to team members and coaches.

Jim Tobin briefed Council on the annual Piedmont Community Services contract that the state requires the local government to approve. This contract does not make the local government a party to the contract and creates no additional responsibility. After discussion, a motion was made by Gene Teague, seconded by Kimble Reynolds, with a 5-0 vote, to approve the FY12 Performance Contract between Piedmont Community Services and the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.

Dennis Bowles briefed Council on the AMP Fremont Power Sales Contract and the opportunity to re-visit its initial decision to participate in the Fremont Energy Center with the post closing knowledge that the plant is now owned by AMP as of July 28, 2011. The plant is fully subscribed and participant allocations have been set based on a pro-rata share of the plant output of 512 MW. Martinsville's pro-rata share, should City Council decide to participate, is 4579 kW or 4.579 MW. He reported the plant is 99% complete. Council members were provided documents of AMP PSC comparisons of municipal participants & VA Electric Cooperative, AMP contract Appendices comparisons, certification from AMP, Blue Ridge Power Agency support letter, Attorney Fred Ritts' support letter, and Attorney Carter Glass support letter. Mr. Bowles reported the staff recommendation is to consider re-approval of a resolution authorizing the execution of the AMP Fremont Power Sales Contract. AMP also requests that the City Council rescind its June 2011 instructions to the City Attorney to transmit the Power Sales Contract subject to the restriction that there are no differences in other participants' PSCs. Mayor Adkins then opened the public hearing. Vince Stone of the Power Advisory Committee spoke regarding AMP newspaper articles; Ural Harris, 217 Stuart St. spoke in opposition to the AMP contract and comments on city dealing with APCO; City Manager Clarence Monday responded to the APCO inquiry that the city has solicited bids for power from APCO and the rates have not been the most competitive; Dave Maddox, Chairman of the Power Advisory Committee stated that now 85 more communities have done their due diligence and have concluded that Fremont was a good deal just as the Power Advisory Committee

recommended. Mayor Adkins closed the public hearing. On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Kimble Reynolds, with the following 4-1 recorded vote: Adkins, aye; Teague, aye; Reynolds, aye; Stroud, aye; and Turner, nay, Council approved the following resolution authorizing the execution of the AMP Fremont Power Sales Contract:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE FORM AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A POWER SALES CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC. AND TAKING OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH REGARDING PARTICIPATION IN THE AMP FREMONT ENERGY CENTER

WHEREAS, the City of Martinsville, Virginia ("hereinafter Municipality") owns and operates an electric utility system for the sale of electric power and associated energy for the benefit of its citizens and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, in order to satisfy the electric power and energy requirements of its electric utility system, Municipality has heretofore purchased, or desires to purchase in the future, power and energy from, or arranged by, American Municipal Power, Inc. (hereinafter "AMP"), of which Municipality is a Member; and

WHEREAS, Municipality, acting individually and, along with other municipalities which own and operate electric utility systems, jointly, endeavors to arrange for reliable, reasonably priced supplies of electric power and energy for ultimate delivery to its customers; and

WHEREAS, it is efficient and economical to act jointly in such regard; and

WHEREAS, AMP is an Ohio nonprofit corporation, organized to own and operate facilities, or to provide otherwise, for the generation, transmission or distribution of electric power and energy, or any combination thereof, and to furnish technical services on a cooperative, nonprofit basis, for the mutual benefit of AMP members ("Members"), such Members, including Municipality, being, and to be, political subdivisions of their respective states that operate municipal electric utility systems in, as of the date of adoption hereof, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, each of the Members owns and operates its electric system for the benefit of its customers; and

WHEREAS, certain of the Members, including the Municipality, ("Participants") have determined they require additional, long-term sources of reliable intermediate electric capacity and energy at reasonable costs and have requested that AMP arrange for the same by developing or otherwise acquiring interests in certain intermediate generation facilities; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of such purpose, AMP intends to finance, construct, operate and own up to a one hundred percent (100%), and in any case not less than an eighty percent (80%), undivided ownership interest, in the Fremont Energy Center having an expected net rated electric generating capacity of approximately six hundred seventy five (675 MW), consisting of 512 MW of base capacity and 163 MW of "duct-fired" peaking capacity, to be known collectively as the American Municipal Power Fremont Energy Center (as hereinafter defined, "AMP Fremont Energy Center"); and

WHEREAS, AMP has resolved, in accordance herewith, to develop, including, as appropriate, the financing, acquisition, construction, ownership and operation of, and arrangements for the acquisition, financing, payment and prepayment of fuel for, its ownership interest in the AMP Fremont Energy Center (the "Project") as well as other arrangements related thereto, which AMP and, in certain cases, the Participants, deem necessary to enable AMP to fulfill its obligations hereunder to sell and transmit, or otherwise make available, electric capacity and energy to the Participants pursuant to the Fremont Energy Center Power Sales Contract (hereinafter "PSC"); and

WHEREAS, in order to obtain such sources of electric capacity and energy, the Participants are willing to pay AMP for their respective rights to such electric capacity and energy and transmission service at rates that are sufficient, but only sufficient, to enable AMP to (i) recover all costs and expenses incurred with respect to, and arrangements for the acquisition, financing, payment and prepayment of fuel for, the Project as set forth herein, all other Power Sales Contract Resources obtained by AMP to supplement the Project, and related service arrangements undertaken by AMP to enable it to fulfill its obligations hereunder, and (ii) recover any other expenditures or revenues authorized hereunder.

WHEREAS, AMP has investigated both a self-build of a new natural gas combined cycle project as well as the acquisition of one of several existing natural gas combined cycle projects either operating or in various stages of construction; and

WHEREAS, because the expected in service date of the Fremont Energy Center is on or about January 1, 2012, certain Participants may need to have AMP rearrange their current power supply portfolio by selling certain already purchased power, principally for 2012 through 2015, into the market ("Buy-Out") and finance the cost of such transaction pursuant to the PSC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA:

SECTION 1. That the PSC between Municipality and AMP, substantially in the form on file with the City Clerk including Appendices thereto is approved, and the City Manager of Municipality is hereby authorized to execute and deliver such Power Sales Contract, with such changes as the City Manager may approve as neither inconsistent with this Resolution nor materially detrimental to the Municipality and report said changes to City Council, his or her execution of the PSC to be conclusive evidence of such approval.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to acquire on behalf of the Municipality, as a Participant, as defined in the PSC, Power Sales Contract Resources (hereinafter "PSCR Share"), as defined in the PSC, from AMP and to execute and deliver any and all documents necessary to become a Participant in the AMP Fremont Energy Center project pursuant to the conditions set forth herein and in the PSC and to carry out its obligations thereunder and to arrange for the Buy-Out of any excess power and energy currently under contract with AMP as the City Manager deems in the best interests of the Municipality.

SECTION 3. That it is further acknowledged and understood that because the Participants will finalize the precise PSCR Share to be acquired by each Participant electing to enter into the PSC after all such Participants execute and deliver the PSC, the City Manager in connection with the execution and delivery of the PSC, is authorized and directed to determine and acquire Municipality's PSCR Share (not taking into account the Step-Up as defined in the PSC), of up to a nominal amount of 5200 kilowatts, after consultation with AMP and the other Participants regarding the PSCR Share available pursuant to said PSC, such PSCR Share to be set forth in Appendix A of the PSC, such determination as to such PSCR Share being conclusively evidenced by the adoption of Appendix A to the PSC, as authorized therein.

SECTION 4. That the City Manager, as a part of such officer's official duties, is hereby appointed as Municipality's representative for any meetings or determinations of the Participants or the Participants Committee pursuant to the PSC and is authorized and directed, acting for, in the name of and on behalf of this Municipality, to vote Municipality's PSCR Share with regard to any determinations regarding the AMP Fremont Energy Center project as set forth in the PSC.

SECTION 5. That the City Manager may appoint, in writing from time to time as convenient or necessary, another appropriate representative of the Municipality as his or her alternate to carry out the duties set forth in Section 4 hereof.

SECTION 6. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of City Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in conformance with applicable open meetings laws and that all deliberations of this Council and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in compliance with all legal requirements including any applicable open meetings requirements.

SECTION 7. If any section, subsection, paragraph, clause or provision or any part thereof of this Resolution shall be finally adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remainder of this Resolution shall be unaffected by such adjudication and all the remaining provisions of this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect as though such section, subsection, paragraph, clause or provision or any part thereof so adjudicated to be invalid had not, to the extent of such invalidity, been included herein.

SECTION 8. That this Resolution supersedes the Resolution that was adopted by the Council of the City of Martinsville on June 28, 2011, and that was titled "A Resolution of the City Council to Approve the Form and Authorize the Execution of a Power Sales Contract with American Municipal Power, Inc. and Taking Other Actions in Connection Therewith regarding Participation in the AMP Fremont Energy Center."

SECTION 9. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted in Martinsville, Virginia this 9th day of August, 2011.

On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Mark Stroud, with a 4-0 vote (Turner abstained), Council approved sending a letter to AMP rescinding its June 2011 instructions to the City Attorney to transmit the Power Sales Contract subject to the restriction that there be no differences in other participants' PSCs.

Clarence Monday briefed Council on city baseball history and how it has provided significant quality of life for the community. He reported that the Letter of Intent has to be signed each year indicating our desire to continue baseball for the next season. He pointed out that Leon Towarnicki will make a presentation regarding the Mustangs showing the many positives brought to the community by the Martinsville Mustangs many of which cannot be measured in dollars and cents, after which, Pete Bock, Commissioner of the Coastal Plans League will address Council regarding the Mustangs.

Leon Towarnicki presented this information:

As requested by City Council, this summary of financial details for the 2011 Martinsville Mustangs baseball season that ended August 1 is being provided on Friday, August 5th, in advance of the Tuesday, August 9 Council meeting to provide Council with an opportunity to review the information prior to the regular meeting. As has been pointed out previously, with this report being generated only days after the season ends the information being presented is as accurate as possible recognizing that some expenses and revenue may be realized for the next several weeks. In the financial analysis, wherever possible efforts are made to provide an estimate of anticipated expenses or revenues. As noted, this summary focuses entirely on the financial details and will be included in a report presented publicly on Tuesday, August 9, in addition to other general information related to the 2011 season.

In generating this report, information available through the City's financial accounting system (Munis) for both the FY11 and FY12 years was reviewed. This report generally covers expenses and revenues attributed to the team operation from the period of approximately September 1, 2010, through August 31, 2011. The Martinsville Mustangs' budget contains 45 individual line items and month by month records of each line item were reviewed to determine which playing season expenses should be attributed to, and in some cases to determine if costs are in the correct line item and/or budget. Additionally, expenses that have yet to be posted to Munis are reviewed and as noted previously, estimates for anticipated expenses through the end of August are included. Final numbers will not be known until September or October once all invoicing/billing and revenue collections have made their way through the system.

For the 2011 season, revenue is projected to be \$154,312, coming from the usual sources – ticket sales, concessions, souvenir sales, baseball camps, advertising sales, and donations. Expenses for the 2011 season are projected to be \$212,776, for a net cost to the City of \$58,464. While this is obviously not the number we were hoping to see, it is consistent with annual net costs from previous seasons - \$55,699 in 2007; \$60,000 in 2008; and \$56,888 in 2009. Last year's report (2010) indicated a net cost to the City of \$44,365 but in retrospect the decrease was due primarily to two factors – the General Manager's position was not filled until February, 2010 which saved approximately \$13,000 in salary, and there were minimum team uniform and ticket supply costs due to supplies purchased for the 2009 season that carried over to the 2010 season. Were it not for those factors, 2010 season costs would likewise have been in the \$55,000 to \$60,000 range – consistent with numbers from previous seasons. One positive note is that while costs have increased, similar increases in revenue have been achieved to keep the net cost at the same approximate level.

For the 2011 season, savings were realized by using Patrick Henry Community College's bus for Mustangs' out of town games but as is often the case, savings in one area are often balanced with increases elsewhere – for 2011 the full annual salary of the general manager was accounted for; new ticket stock had to be reordered; there were 3 rained out games which accounted for \$5000 to \$8000 in lost revenue; some of the outfield billboards had to be replaced; and team uniforms were replaced. There were some notable achievements that will be highlighted in the report at the August 9th meeting – despite 3 rainouts season attendance and game day revenue both showed increases.

Regarding the 2012 season, the City has 2 options:

Do not execute the Letter of Intent and do not field a team for the 2012 season. Under this scenario the City may be obligated to reimburse the Coastal Plain League for a portion of the annual team dues and consideration will need to be given to continuation of baseball into the 2013 season or sale of the franchise. With this option, the City saves approximately \$50,000 for the season; it "buys" the City time during which the operation can be re-evaluated: options for privatization can be explored; or options for discontinuing the Martinsville Mustangs and sale of the franchise can be considered. The disadvantage is that if it is decided to continue with baseball in the following 2013 season, considerable staff time will be required to reassemble the pieces needed to put a team back in place – hiring personnel, re-establishing player and advertising contacts, etc.

Execute the Letter of Intent for the 2012 season. The obvious question this option raises is what can be done differently from previous seasons to provide the best possible operation for reduced expenditures and increased revenues? There are several recommendations:

- Coach Matt Duffy has expressed an interest in continuing to work for the Mustangs in the offseason selling advertising on a commission-only basis. Any sales revenue would be "new" money and would not be derived from existing sales or contacts that Jim Taipalus has made. There is no cost to the City to do this.
- Move Jim Taipalus to a full-time employee status (he has been working on a contractual basis since February, 2010) and allocate 25% of the salary/benefit costs to Parks & Recreation. A similar amount of Jim's time would be spent assisting with programming and related Parks & Recreation programs. This change would have little or no effect on the Mustangs' budget.
- Utilize the services of a business manager during the season – primarily from late April through the early part of August. Hopefully this could be a volunteer position utilizing the experience of a retired business manager or executive, interested in helping Mustangs' baseball. The position would help monitor day to day expenses, provide some oversight on travel expenditures, assist with vendor expenses and inventory, and provide guidance to the team general manager regarding financial matters.
- Develop a committee to include a representative of the City's Finance Department with the task of analyzing every facet of Mustangs' operations that have a financial impact. This would include for example ticket sales, concessions, souvenir sales, etc. The committee would look at how each operation is currently handled, costs associated with that specific operation, options for privatization of certain functions, pricing structure, proper documentation, etc.
- Continue with efforts to promote the team, expand sales/advertising, and seek new ways to enhance revenue while reducing expenses.

Conclusion: City Council is faced with a difficult decision. There are many in the community who support Mustangs' baseball and feel strongly about continuing the program. As outlined in this and previous annual reports, there is a cost, however, associated with providing summer baseball and that cost obviously must be weighed against the availability of resources. If the decision is made to continue baseball into the 2012 season, the decision should be made with the realization that local net cost will again likely be in the \$50,000 to \$60,000 range, not with the expectation that a significantly lower and perhaps unrealistic net cost can be achieved. Staff will, however, continue to work diligently to provide the best possible program at the lowest cost using any and all available resources.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7th Season in Coastal Plain League Finished 25 -29, most wins since 2007 3rd in team batting, 10th in pitching/fielding Franchise record 5 players named to CPL All- Star team; several players high in league stats Scott Diamond (2006/07) becomes 1st Mustang player to play in majors (July 18 for Minnesota Twins vs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2011 Attendance – 65% increase to 43,880 (26,534 in 2010, 27,833 in 2009, 25,792 in 2008, and 24,649 in 2007. 3 rainouts in 2011, 2 nights (6/30 & 7/2 over 3200) Game day revenue - \$93,403 (\$86,055 in 2010; July 2 - \$10,778.55 record night) Advertising sales - \$48,270, total with trades is \$56,700. <p>Over 2000 “friends” on Facebook</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial summary Covers period from 9/1/10 – 8/31/11 Revenue projected to be \$154,312 Expenses projected to be \$212,776, for net cost of operations of \$58,464 FY11 budgeted net cost was \$80,385, FY12 budgeted net cost is \$50,924 <p>2007 NC - \$55,699; 2008 NC - \$60,000, 2009 NC \$56,888; 2010 NC - \$44,365</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What impacted 2011 costs? Full year of GM salary, only 7 months in 2010 3 rainouts, loss of \$5000 to \$7000 in revenue Materials/supplies, uniforms, etc. Savings from use of PHCC bus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hooker Field currently used as a “community facility” with practices/games by Martinsville High School, Patrick Henry Community College, Mustangs, and American Legion <p>City has a substantial investment in the facility and will need to continue with maintenance even if Mustangs do not return</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tourism – economic impact - visitors, effect on local sales, meals, business taxes, etc. “Quality of Life” – safe, clean, family-oriented recreational activity for the summer Community exposure due to league publicity Economic Development – part of “what the community has to offer” to prospective businesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City has the option to not execute the Letter of Intent and not play in the 2012 season May be CPL costs associated with the “no-play” option City will save approximately \$50,000 Consider options to disband the team, sell or lease the franchise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disadvantages of not signing the LOI If it is decided to resume play in 2013, much effort will be required to re-hire staff, recruit, re-establish contacts, etc. May prove to be difficult in the future to generate interest in bringing a team in What happens to Hooker Field? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Execute the LOI for the 2012 season Sell advertising on commission-only basis for new revenue, no cost to the City Utilize some of the GM’s time to help with Parks & Recreation Business Mgr during the season (volunteer?) Establish a committee(s) to review every aspect of operation that has a financial impact <p>Continue with efforts to promote team, expand sales and improve revenue</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff recommends that Mustang baseball continue into 2012 and beyond Continue to seek and investigate opportunities to partner or privatize Continue with efforts to increase revenue, reduce costs, and to provide the best operation possible. 		

Commissioner Pete Bock’s comments included: Mustangs are a big part of the CPL League; urged Council to agree to a multi-year extension; said the CPL league office would work with team officials to provide assistance in creating or revising the team’s current business plan and review the team’s 2011 expense budget line-by-line to help identify ways to cut expenses and increase revenue; said he would help identify a private business or individual to purchase or lease the team; pointed out possibility of Hooker Field hosting the two-day CPL All-Star weekend in the near future, provided some facility improvements were made to Hooker Field, such as the addition of a roof over a portion of the stands. Mayor Adkins then asked for any public comment. L. D. Oakes, Mulberry Rd., pointed out importance of baseball and encouraged Council to do 2-yr. commitment & get the county on board; Mr. Price, 1022 Chatham Rd. encouraged keeping the Mustangs team for a 6-yr. commitment & extend season to mid August; Gary Ade, 815 Clarke Rd, team adds to community enrichment & happiness/morale; Chet Bason spoke in favor of a 2 yr commitment; Pam Allen, 1005

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Corn Tassel, baseball relationships build values in young people; John Wallace, 1003 Chalmers, wants to see baseball stay here; Beth Deatherage, HD Web Studio, spoke about quality of life baseball adds & how it helps local businesses; Tiffany Hayworth, 832 Banks Rd., said Eden NC celebrated their All America City Award at a Mustangs game; Ken Ball, Blacksburg, parent of a player, said the Mustangs spread a good impression of Martinsville; Mariah Wells, 1307 Hillcrest, & Brooke Mason, 707 Circle Ct. said that without the Mustangs there would be nothing for young people to do in the summer. Following is a prepared statement read by Mayor Adkins:

Mustang Position Statement - Mayor Adkins 8.9.11

Last year, I did not support the continuation of the Mustangs because I wanted more time to evaluate the materials presented by the administration. For this, I appreciate the administration's release of these materials prior to tonight's meeting, giving me and my colleagues on council more time to evaluate our options.

With this said, based on the last meeting's report from staff, I have to be honest that I was anticipating a net loss, but not greater than the previous year's. A reported anticipated 32 percent greater net loss from the previous year caused me to pause and to rethink if the city should be in the baseball business. I asked myself two primary questions: (1) Do the Mustangs significantly add to the Martinsville's area quality of living, specifically as it pertains to the city's having an excellent venue for family entertainment? (2) Have city businesses come to rely on home game activities with visitors and residents staying out to eat in our restaurants or frequent our convenience stores and, in some cases, spend the night in our hotels?

When it comes to family entertainment in the region, the city has the reputation of investing and sustaining this infrastructure. For the most part, the city taxpayers have always supported many Parks & Recreation activities and programs pertaining to youth and seniors, our parks and now our trails. They have also advocated for the ongoing support for many nonprofits in our region that showcase the city and add to our quality of life annually, such as but not limited to Piedmont Arts, VA Museum of Natural History, Fourth of July Celebration and our library system. Our non-government agency and activity support alone adds up to more than \$1 million annually, a significant and worthy investment of taxpayer dollars in my view. While revenue is generated from alternative sources, such as fees and sponsorships, many of our programs under the umbrella of Parks & Recreation do not generate a net gain of revenue for the city, but they add greatly to our quality of living. The Mustangs are no different.

Recent reports have shown that the City of Martinsville still has the highest unemployment rate in the state of 17.3 percent. Eliminating a venue that is affordable for families and that helps to keep businesses afloat and employing our residents may not be the right decision at this time.

Therefore, after a great deal of thought, I support the city's continued investment in the Martinsville Mustangs. I furthermore support an agreed upon multi-year commitment. This level of a commitment may help to secure additional sponsorships and other revenue-generated activities at the ballpark. Changing the operational structure that supports this multiple-year commitment should position the city to reduce its net loss and over time create an infrastructure that is closer to becoming self-sustaining.

There was lengthy Council discussion on the need to take advantage of league assistance in creating a business plan to assist Mustangs with revenues and expenses and the need to seek potential partners. On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Danny Turner, with a 4-1 vote

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(Reynolds-nay), Council approved signing the Letter of Intent for a two year commitment with the understanding that the Mustangs will explore business plan services available through the Coastal Plain League and entertain offers of future partnerships.

Andy Lash briefed Council on the City of Martinsville Water Supply. As part of the mandated Regional Water Supply Plan, all localities in the West Piedmont Planning District Commission region must hold a public hearing to adopt the water supply plan and adopt an ordinance which implements the Drought Response and Contingency Plan, which is part of the overall plan. The local public hearing must be advertised consistent with requirements in Section 15.2-1427 of the Code of Virginia. This section states that the ordinance must be published once a week for TWO successive weeks prior to its passage. The news publication shall include a statement that a copy of the full text of the ordinance is on file in the clerk's office of the circuit court of the locality and is available for public inspection. The resolutions adopting the plan and the adopted ordinances will become part of the formal submittal of the Plan to the State Water Control Board.

Time Line: July 21 thru Aug. 23—Council review documents

August 9, 2011—Council set public hearing

Sept. 13, 2011—hold public hearing and adopt resolution and ordinance on first reading—two required advertisements before holding public hearing

September 27, 2011 adopt resolution and ordinance on second reading

On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Mark Stroud, with a 5-0 vote, Council agreed to set the public hearing on the Water Supply Plan for September 13, 2011.

Business from the floor: Eric Monday, speaking as a resident of city, pointed out it was nice to hear that Martinsville has been ranked as least expensive place to live in Virginia and he would hope that the local media and EDC would pick up on that and run with it.

Comments from City Council: Stroud-encouraged EDC to advertise the info regarding Martinsville is least expensive place to live; Turner-commented that Black Box Theatre presentation was entertaining.

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 Kimble Reynolds, with the following 5-0 recorded vote: Adkins, aye; Teague, aye; Reynolds, aye; Stroud, aye; and Turner, aye, Council convened in Closed Session, for the purpose of discussing the following matters: (A) A personnel matter as authorized by Subsection 1; (B) A prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community as authorized by Subsection 5.

City Council recessed and convened as the Martinsville Redevelopment and Housing Authority for one agenda item. Wayne Knox briefed the MRHA regarding the minimum rent for recipients of assistance under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. MRHA Chairman

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Adkins opened the public hearing. Hearing no public comments, MRHA Chairman Adkins closed the public hearing.

The Martinsville Redevelopment and Housing Authority then adjourned and Martinsville City Council re-convened for their 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 Kimble Reynolds, seconded by Gene Teague, with the following recorded 5-0 vote: Adkins, aye; Reynolds, aye; Teague, aye; Stroud, aye; and Turner, aye, Council returned to Open Session. No was action taken.

There being no further business, Mayor Adkins adjourned the meeting at 10:30 pm.

Clarence C. Monday, Clerk of Council

Kim E. Adkins, Mayor