

September 8, 2009

A Community Meeting with City Council for the Druid Hills/Uptown area was held on September 8, 2009, at Wilson Park, East Church St. Ext., Martinsville, Virginia, at 7:30 P. M., with Mayor Kathy Lawson presiding and Council members present including: Gene Teague, Kimble Reynolds, Jr., Mark Stroud, and Danny Turner. Staff present included: Clarence Monday, City Manager; Leon Towarnicki, Assistant City Manager; Brenda Prillaman, Scott Coleman, Wayne Knox, Eric Monday, Ted Anderson, Gary Cody, and Eddie Cassidy.

Mayor Lawson called the meeting of the Martinsville City Council to order. City Council then recessed and convened as the Martinsville Redevelopment and Housing Authority. On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Mark Stroud, with a 5-0 vote, the Redevelopment and Housing Authority requested funds from the City of Martinsville for purchase of the Henry Hotel not to exceed \$95,000 inclusive of closing costs (recording fees, insurance premiums, etc.)

The Martinsville Redevelopment & Housing Authority then adjourned and the Martinsville City Council reconvened.

The Mayor opened the public hearing regarding the purchase of the Henry Hotel. Public comments included: Dr. Mervyn King-thinks it is a super move and would like to see an increase in upscale housing and the existing restaurant expanded; unnamed citizen asked for information on plan for current residents and businesses in the Henry Hotel. The Mayor then closed the public hearing.

On a motion by Kimble Reynolds, seconded by Mark Stroud, with a 5-0 vote, Council approved the following budget additions for 9/8/09 for the purchase of the Henry Hotel:

BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 09/08/2009				
ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
<u>FY10</u>				
<u>HOUSING CHOICE FUND</u>				
49103938	462101	Contribution from Fund Balance		95,000
49535281	508250	Housing Assistance/Land Acquisition	95,000	
		Appropriate funds for purchase of Henry Hotel		
Total Housing Choice Fund:			95,000	95,000

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Mayor Lawson opened the floor for public comment for the Neighborhood Community Meeting. Dr. King of Jones Street raised the question on No Turn on Red signage on certain streets Uptown—this issue will be researched by the Transportation Safety Commission; Imogene Draper, 1035 Mulberry Rd. reported overgrowth around power and sewer lines from Madison St. down to First Presbyterian Church; Council Member Turner pointed out overgrowth in Bondurant St. area; Gary Cody reviewed Leisure Services' activities with those in attendance as well as his efforts to secure skate park funding;

Building Official Ted Anderson reviewed property maintenance concerns with Council noting that City Attorney Eric Monday is working with his staff to have properties demolished that have been pending for some time. A new software system is now being implemented to document complaints and should be completed by year end.

There was brief discussion regarding the recent announcement of state budget cuts with questions as to how the city budget would be impacted. City staff will look at each category and have a recommendation for Council.

There being no further business, Mayor Lawson declared the community meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Clarence Monday
Clerk of Council

Kathy C. Lawson
Mayor