

March 13, 2018

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia was held on March 13, 2018 in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 7:30 PM with Mayor Gene Teague presiding. Council Members present included Gene Teague, Chad Martin, Sharon Hodge, and Kathy Lawson. Council Member Jennifer Bowles was not in attendance but participated by phone. Staff present included City Manager Leon Towarnicki, Assistant City Manager Wayne Knox, City Attorney Eric Monday, Clerk of Council Karen Roberts, Finance Director Linda Conover, and Police Chief Eddie Cassady.

City Attorney Monday explained that Council Member Bowles would be unable to attend the meeting. In accordance with the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3708.1(A1 and 2) she could participate in the meeting by phone if present Council Members agreed. Council Member Lawson made a motion to allow Bowles to participate by phone; Council Member Hodge seconded the motion with all present Council Members voting in favor. Mayor Teague called the meeting to order and advised Council would go into Closed Session beginning at 7:00 PM. In accordance with section 2.1-344 (A) Code of Virginia (1950, and as amended) and upon a motion by Council Member Lawson, seconded by Council Member Hodge, with the following 5-0 recorded vote: Council Member Hodge, aye; Council Member Bowles, aye; Council Member Lawson, aye; Mayor Teague, aye; and Vice Mayor Martin, aye, Council convened in Closed Session to discuss the following matters: (A) Discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interview of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body as authorized by Subsection 29, and (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 the Session. A motion was made by Council Member Hodge; seconded by Council Member Lawson, with the following 5-0 recorded vote in favor to return to Open Session: Council Member Bowles, aye; Vice Mayor Martin, aye; Mayor Teague, aye; Council Member Lawson, aye; and Council Member Hodge, aye.

Business out of Closed Session included a motion by Council Member Bowles to approve a performance agreement related to Virginia Mirror Company and Virginia Glass Products and a \$35,000 Tobacco Region Opportunity Fund Grant; Council Member Hodge seconded motion with Council Members voting in favor. Mark Heath, President and CEO of the Martinsville-Henry County EDC spoke on behalf of John Korff, President and CEO of

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Virginia Mirror and Virginia Glass, explaining that this grant money would be invested in new equipment and help add 9 new employees. Heath detailed the TROF Grant and explained that this is great news for the community.

 <p>Growing Your Business is Our Business.™</p> <p>FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE</p> <p>Contact: Mark Heath President and CEO Martinsville Henry County Economic Development Corporation 276-403-5940 mheath@yesmartinsville.com</p> <p>MARTINSVILLE, Va. (March 13, 2018) — Longtime local manufacturers Virginia Mirror Company and Virginia Glass Products are investing \$3.8 million in new equipment and adding 9 jobs at their Martinsville and Henry County sites.</p> <p>The companies announced their modernization plans at the City of Martinsville’s Council meeting on March 13, 2018.</p> <p>Virginia Mirror was founded in Martinsville in 1913 and Virginia Glass Products was started in 1956. Together, the companies currently have 165 employees. Virginia Mirror and Virginia Glass Products offer a wide array of glass products including all glass entrances, mirrors, custom tempering, frameless shower enclosures, and custom laminated products.</p> <p>Virginia Mirror and Virginia Glass Products are receiving a \$35,000 TROF Grant (Tobacco Region Opportunity Fund), combined City and County Enterprise Zone Grants of \$130,500 over five years and a \$75,000 Existing Industry Grant from the EDC.</p> <p>The investments and jobs will be spread between both plants and are “part of our companies’ continuous improvement as we are constantly looking to update and modernize our production operations to provide our residential and corporate customers the very best glass products on the market,” said John Korff, President and CEO.</p> <p>Korff also expressed his appreciation to the Martinsville City Council, the Henry County Board of Supervisors, the Martinsville-Henry County EDC and the Virginia Tobacco Commission for the support and attention provided to existing companies.</p> <p>Tobacco Commission member, Senator Bill Stanley said, “Virginia Mirror has been a valuable corporate partner for many years in Martinsville and Henry County. Their continued success is a testament to the strength of our local economy and the dedicated workforce we have here. I am pleased that the Tobacco Commission chose to support this project and look forward to many years of continued success for Virginia Mirror.”</p> <hr/> <p>Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation 191 Fayette St, 3rd Floor P.O. Box 631 Martinsville, Virginia 24114 ☎ 276 403 5940 📠 276 403 5941 YesMartinsville.com</p>	<p>“On behalf of the City of Martinsville, we’re pleased that between Tobacco, local enterprise zone benefits, and an Existing Industry Grant through the EDC, a generous package of financial assistance can be provided to one of the community’s long-standing corporate partners. We look forward to the continued success of both Virginia Mirror and Virginia Glass Products,” noted Martinsville Mayor Gene Teague.</p> <p>“Virginia Mirror and Virginia Glass have been stalwarts of the Martinsville-Henry County business community for more than 100 years,” said Jim Adams, Chairman of the Henry County Board of Supervisors. “We are thrilled that they’ve decided to expand and grow at their local facilities.”</p> <p>“With today’s announcement, Virginia Mirror and Virginia Glass continue to be a solid member of our industrial base and we appreciate their continued investment and job growth in our community. We know our existing industries are other communities ‘prospects’ and we do not take that for granted,” said Mark Heath, President and CEO of the EDC.</p> <p><i>The mission of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation is to create new job opportunities and expand the tax base for the area. The organization strives to support and develop local industry, as well as market Martinsville-Henry County globally as an exceptional place to live, work and play.</i></p> <p><i>The EDC is a public-private partnership between the City of Martinsville, Henry County, the Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce, the Martinsville-Henry County Chamber’s Partnership for Economic Growth (C-PEG) and the Harvest Foundation of the Piedmont.</i></p> <p>###</p> <hr/> <p>Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation 191 Fayette St, 3rd Floor P.O. Box 631 Martinsville, Virginia 24114 ☎ 276 403 5940 📠 276 403 5941 YesMartinsville.com</p>
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Following the Pledge to the American Flag and invocation by Mayor Teague, Teague welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Read and present a proclamation acknowledging the month of March as Red Cross Month – Council Member Hodge read the proclamation that was presented to Ralph Lawson, representative of the local American Red Cross organization. Lawson thanked Council and stated that the Martinsville charter was started August 1917. Lawson encouraged residents to check the batteries in their smoke detectors and thanked the Martinsville Fire and EMS for installing almost 2,000 smoke alarms for City residents.



Proclamation

**RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS
AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH**

WHEREAS, March is American Red Cross Month - a special time to recognize and thank our heroes - those who volunteer, donate blood, take life-saving courses or provide financial donations to support an organization whose mission is to help those in need; and

WHEREAS, we would like to remember those who help all of us here in the City of Martinsville by giving their time to help their neighbor, and thank our heroes- our volunteers, blood donors, class takers and financial supporters who help assist those in need; and

WHEREAS, in our community, Red Cross works tirelessly through its employees and volunteers to help when disaster strikes, when someone needs lifesaving skills or the comfort of a helping hand; and

WHEREAS, across the country, the American Red Cross responds to nearly 70,000 disasters a year. It provides some 400,000 services to military members, veterans and civilians, collects and distributes about 40 percent of the nation's blood supply and trains more than seven million people in first aid, water safety and other life-saving skills every year; and

WHEREAS, our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission, and despite these challenging economic times, the American Red Cross continues to offer help and comfort to those in need,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gene Teague, Mayor, and members of Martinsville City Council, on this 13th day of March, 2018 do hereby proclaim and recognize the month of March as American Red Cross Month and acknowledge our sincere appreciation for the work Red Cross does in our community. We encourage all citizens to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

Gene Teague, Mayor

Read a Proclamation acknowledging March 2018 as Women's History Month – Mayor Teague read the proclamation recognizing March as Women's History Month.



PROCLAMATION

**RECOGNIZING MARCH, 2018 AS WOMEN'S HISTORY
MONTH IN THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE**

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation; and

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

WHEREAS, American women have served our country courageously in the military; and

WHEREAS, American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, Over time, Martinsville women have served in a variety of key leadership roles including Council Members Elizabeth Haskell, Eliza Severt, Kathy Lawson, Kim Adkins, Sharon Brooks Hodge, and Jennifer Bowles, and

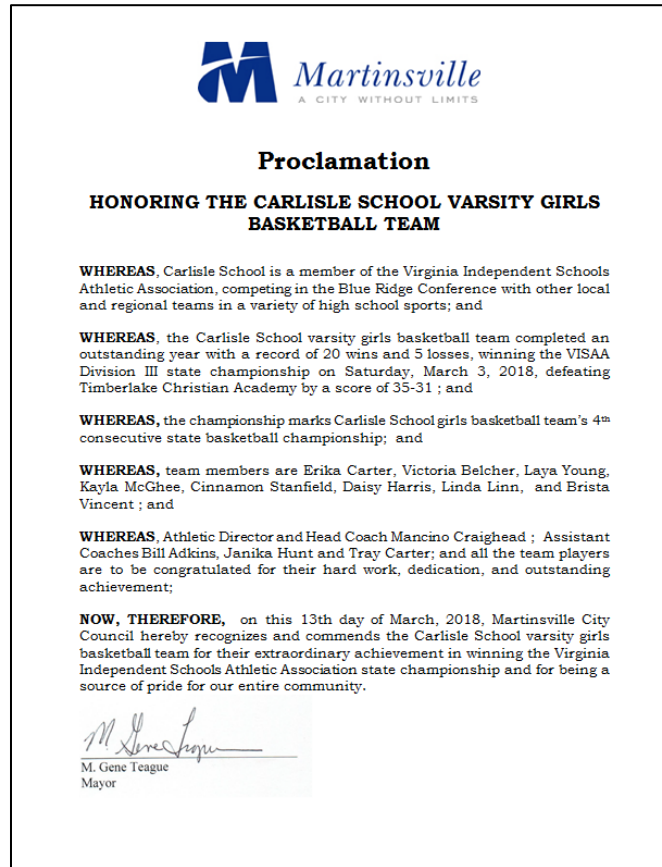
WHEREAS, Despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gene Teague, Mayor, and members of Martinsville City Council do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2018 as Women's History Month in the City of Martinsville and we urge all citizens to join in celebrating the contributions women have made to our society.

Gene Teague, Mayor

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Present a Proclamation honoring the Carlisle School varsity girls' basketball team for their accomplishments this past season and winning the Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association D3 state championship – Vice Mayor Martin read the proclamation, which was presented to players and coaches in attendance. The players thanked Council for their support. The coaches said it feels good to have the community standing behind them when they do something well. Coaches shared that the team Grade Point Average is 3.6 this year, which is amazing and proves that the ladies put forth effort both on and off the court. Council Member Bowles said it was fitting that the Chiefs won their fourth championship during Women's History month.



Conduct a public hearing regarding the sale of surplus property located on the south corner of the intersection of Fayette Street and Memorial Boulevard – Wayne Knox of the Community Development department described the property in question. The City maintains the property currently but the owner of the property behind this property would like to purchase the lots on the south corner of Fayette and Memorial. The property has been appraised and Mr. Lawrence has made a counter offer. Council Member Hodge asked if there was any plan for different use of the property. Knox said not at this time but that the property will be zoned commercial. No owners of other adjacent property have expressed any concern or interest in the property. City Manager Towarnicki explained that the property in question is small remnants of full lots that were trimmed down when the intersection was widened over 20 years ago. Mayor Teague opened the public hearing; no one approached the podium so he

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closed the public hearing. Lawson made a motion to sell the property; Hodge seconded the motion with the following roll call: Teague, Hodge, Bowles, Martin, Lawson



ADDENDUM: Consider setting a public hearing on a request from James Coleman of Lanier Farms, LLC for a Special Use Permit to allow the former Food Lion building located at 1000 Spruce Street to be used as a warehouse – Wayne Knox explained that there was a Planning Commission meeting earlier regarding the use of the former Food Lion building. The owners of the property and the realtor ensure that the building would have good use. Council Member Hodge asked about the discussion regarding the warehouse use versus the former grocery store use and how it may affect the community. Knox explained that no members or local property owners felt that the use of the property as a warehouse felt that it would have negative effects. Joe Martin of the Planning Commission said he had spoken to local business owners who also hope that those employees take advantage of their restaurants. City Manager Towarnicki explained that there would only be approximately three trucks in or out of the location each day. Council Member Lawson made a motion to set the public hearing for March 22, Vice Mayor Martin seconded the motion with all Council in favor.

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Mayor Gene Teague
City of Martinsville
55 W Church Street
Martinsville, VA 24112

Dear Mayor Teague,

On Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 2 PM in Council Chambers, the Planning Commission held a duly advertised public hearing to consider the request by Lanier Farms for a Special Use Permit to allow the use of a warehouse at 1000 Spruce Street (the former Food Lion building).

The Commission voted to approve the request, and to send the request to Martinsville City Council for consideration and recommends approval of the request. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Joe Martin
Chair, City of Martinsville Planning Commission

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Susan:

The purpose of this letter is to offer the EDC's support of the Special Use Permit, facilitating Cougar Paws move to the former Food Lion facility on Spruce Street.

The EDC assisted Cougar Paws in finding their current location in the City of Martinsville ten years ago and they have grown to the point of needing additional space. The Food Lion facility would ensure the space needed and would keep Cougar Paws and their employees in the City for the long term.

Thank you for your help and if you have any question please contact me.

Respectfully,

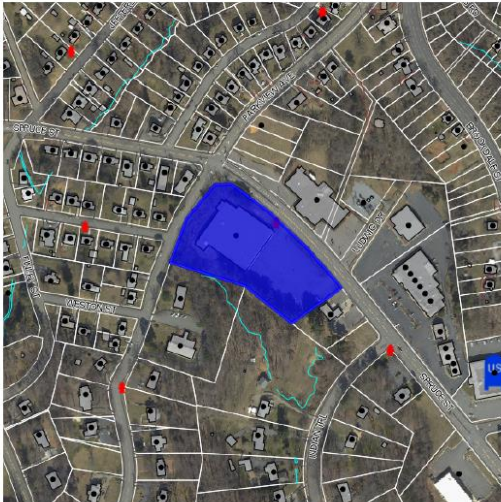
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City of Martinsville, Virginia Property Report

Property Report - City of Martinsville




Current Data:
Property ID: 000426600 Tax Map Number: 45 (07)B /32
Owner: LANIER FARM INC
Address: PO BOX 472 City/State/Zip: MARTINSVILLE VA
Deed/Page: 000/000 Legal Description: LAND BET PARKVIEW & INDIAN TR
Acquired Date: NA Consideration: \$0.00
Year Built: 1978 Property Desc: 1 STR C/B Above Grade Sq Ft: 35329
Acres: 4.469 Zoning: C-N
Land Value: \$389300.00 Building Value: \$205200.00 Total Value: \$594500.00

Previous Data:
Owner: NA
Acquired Date: NA Deed/Page: NA Consideration: \$0.00


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Performer Boot (/p-212-performer-boot.aspx)

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Cover (/p-215-cover.aspx)

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Consider approval of Consent Agenda - Council Member Lawson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; Council Member Hodge seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor.

BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 3/13/18				
ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
FY18				
General Fund:				
01100917	442810	Categorical Other State - Highway Project		27,538
01420152	508220	VDOT Reserve - Physical Plant Expantion Bridge reimbursements	27,538	
01102926	405555	Federal Categorical - Brownfields Grant - EPA		9,419
01812247	503136	Brownfields - Professional Services - Consultant	9,013	
01812247	505500	Brownfields - Travel Project reimbursement	406	
01100909	490104	Advanced/Recovered Costs		1,000
01321102	506130	Fire Dept - Rep/Maint - Burn Building Reimbursement for training a volunteer fire dept.	1,000	
01100909	490104	Advanced/Recovered Costs		49,700
01413145	503191	Street Maintenance/Prof. Serv.-Contractors Insurance reimbursement for repairs to overhead sign on Commonwealth	49,700	
Total General Fund:			87,657	87,657

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Business from the Floor – Ural Harris, 217 Stuart Street asked now the proposed walking trail has changed, what happens to the property and does it stay on the tax roll. Mayor Teague explained that Henry County owns the property and until they decide what to do, it is not on the tax roll. Police Officer Eddie Cassady shared that retired Officer Jewell Hagwood passed away recently and offered his condolences to the family.

Comments by members of City Council – Council Member Bowles offered condolences to the Hagwood family. Bowles explained that Fast Track was another successful event this year. She appreciated the opportunity to read to two classrooms recently. Dancing for the Arts was also a very successful event. Council Member Hodge asked where Council stands on their request to the Planning Commission for changes to the zoning policy since the Planning Commission denied Council's request. Mayor Teague said his impression was that the Planning Commission does not feel that it is a worthy change to the zoning ordinance so they do not plan to discuss it further. Joe Martin of the Planning Commission said that Council's request for changes to the special use permit was not clear or specific regarding "open spaces" could include a lot of things or locations. Martin explained that if Council requests the change to be made across the board that it would include considerably more legwork on behalf of the City. Martin said there was ample discussion in previous meetings as well, a motion was made but died due to no second. Mayor Teague recommended the Knox and City Manager Towarnicki get more information about what other communities are doing related to anything that would be covered in "open spaces". Mayor Teague expressed concerns about unintended consequences related to this broad change. Hodge requests that the topic be revisited with the Planning Commission. Ural Harris expressed his main concern, stating that he does not want to see any more property bought and removed from the tax roll. Knox and Towarnicki will come back to Council with information then Council will provide specific language for the Planning Commission to review. Council Member Lawson had the opportunity to read to the Albert Harris second graders which she really enjoyed. Lawson said that the Martinsville High School after-prom BINGO fundraiser will be held Saturday at 5:00pm. Lawson asked that the Neighborhood tour March 26 be postponed since neither she nor Hodge could be present. Mayor Teague also said he enjoyed the opportunity to read to students at Clearview Elementary.

Comments by City Manager – City Manager Towarnicki said the Druid Hills meeting has been rescheduled for 7:00pm March 19, 2018 at Druid Hills Elementary. The School Board meeting has been rescheduled for Monday March 19, 2018 in Council Chambers. Citizen's academy will be held Thursday at 6:00pm in Council Chambers. City had four booths at FastTrack, he thanked those employees who helped to organize those booths and who worked each night. Kathy Vernon of the HR office spearheaded the setup. The City had close to 4500 customers without power recently due to high winds and with the exception of a few

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customers who had damage on their side; all residents had power back by Saturday morning. Towarnicki thanked the departments who assisted including the police department for directing traffic, fire, sheriff, public works, electric department etc.

There being no further business, Council Member Lawson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Council Member Hodge with all Council Members voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

Karen Roberts
Clerk of Council

Gene Teague
Mayor