

ADDENDUM

MARTINSVILLE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

May 22, 2018

7:30 pm – REGULAR SESSION ADDENDUM

1. Consider approval of a resolution approving and confirming a Declaration of Local Emergency..

Meeting Date: May 22, 2018

Item No: 1.

Department: City Manager

Issue: Consider approval of a resolution approving and confirming a Declaration of Local Emergency.

Summary: On Friday afternoon, May 18th, the City experienced a storm event with unusually heavy rainfall amounts dumping 4 to 5 inches of rain within a brief window of time. As a result, a number of City streets flooded requiring temporary road closures, and later, clean up of mud, limbs, and other storm debris. A section of Cherokee Trail between Root Trail and Sam Lions Trail at the upper end of Lake Lanier washed out as a corrugated metal culvert failed. A number of homes experienced minor flooding as rainfall amounts over a short period of time exceeded the ability to drain, resulting in damaged carpeting, furniture, and other materials.

In response to the storm event and in accordance with the City's Emergency Operations Plan, a Declaration of Local Emergency is suggested which may allow access to resources to assist with cleanup and roadway reconstruction. According to §44-146.21 of the Code of Virginia, such declaration must be approved by the governing body.

Typically a Declaration of Local Emergency specifies a timeframe and you will note the attached Declaration is made retroactive to 3 pm, May 18th and ends with Council's next meeting date of June 12th. It is anticipated that all clean-up will be completed within this time-frame, however, reconstruction of Cherokee Trail is expected to take at least 4 to 6 weeks. The Declaration facilitates a request for public assistance through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

Attachment: Resolution

Recommendation: Motion to approve Resolution.

Council Members
Gene Teague, Mayor
Chad Martin, Vice-Mayor
Jennifer Bowles
Sharon Brooks Hodge
Kathy Lawson



City Manager
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Karen Roberts

RESOLUTION DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, at approximately 3 pm on Friday, May 18, 2018, the City of Martinsville experienced storms with locally and unusually heavy rainfall amounts; and

WHEREAS, the storm event produced 4 to 5 inches of rainfall within an approximate one- hour timespan that coupled with already-saturated ground conditions from storms the prior day, resulted in unusually heavy, concentrated, and rapid storm run-off that in many cases greatly exceeded the capacity of the overall drainage system; and

WHEREAS, the storm event resulted in the flooding of a number of City streets and roadways requiring traffic detours and also necessitating reconstruction and significant cleanup effort from mud and storm debris; and

WHEREAS, assessment of damages and cleanup efforts are expected to continue for several weeks as roadways are restored and storm damaged materials and debris removed by the City from public streets in addition to providing assistance to residents with removal and disposal of personal materials; and

WHEREAS, Section 44-146.21 of the Code of Virginia requires that such Declaration of Local Emergency be approved and confirmed by the local governing body;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia that a Declaration of Local Emergency is hereby approved and confirmed retroactive to 3 pm, May 18, 2018 and extending through and including June 12, 2018. Furthermore, City staff is hereby authorized to work with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and other agencies as may be appropriate regarding any assistance that might be available in this endeavor.

Adopted this 22nd day of May, 2018

Attest:

Karen Roberts
Clerk of Council