

# **ADDENDUM**

## MARTINSVILLE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

September 11, 2018

### **7:30 pm – REGULAR SESSION ADDENDUM**

1. Consider adoption of a resolution declaring the conditions causing the opioid epidemic and the conditions caused by the opioid epidemic a public nuisance.
2. Hear a staff update regarding Hurricane Florence and expected impact to our area in the coming days.

**Date:** September 11, 2018

**Item No:** Addendum 1

**Department:** City Attorney

**Issue:** Opioids declared public nuisance resolution

**Summary:** Under Code of Virginia § 15.2-900 Council may declare certain situations to be a public nuisance requiring correction. Staff requests that the increase in opioid addiction and abuse of legal prescriptions be declared a public nuisance.

**Attachments:** Draft resolution.

**Recommended Action:** Adopt resolution on voice vote.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA**

**Date: August 23, 2018**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (2018)**

WHEREAS, the City of Martinsville is battling an opioid addiction epidemic that impacts its citizens across demographic lines, harming every economic class, race, gender and age group;

WHEREAS, Virginia's State Health Commissioner has declared the Commonwealth's opioid addiction problem a public health emergency;

WHEREAS, the City of Martinsville has been required and will continue to be required to allocate substantial taxpayer dollars, resources, staff energy and time to address the damage the opioid epidemic has caused and continues to cause;

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic endangers the life, health and safety of the City of Martinsville's residents in many ways, including but not limited to:

- (1) opioid-related drug overdose deaths;
- (2) opioid addiction disease;
- (3) infants born addicted to opioids due to prenatal exposure, causing severe withdrawal symptoms and lasting developmental impacts;
- (4) other child abuse and neglect;
- (5) crime associated with illegal drug use and sales;
- (6) unemployment related to an inability to work while addicted to opioids; and
- (7) blight, vagrancy, property damage and property crime.

WHEREAS, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption as provided by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Martinsville City Council, assembled on this day at which a quorum is present, that the City of Martinsville City Council hereby declares that the conditions causing the opioid epidemic and the conditions caused by the opioid epidemic constitute a public nuisance which the Martinsville City Council has authority to abate or cause to be abated.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all resolutions that are inconsistent with this resolution are rescinded.

The motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, and the following vote was recorded:

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[Council Members]

**Date:** September 11, 2018

**Item No:** Addendum 2

**Department:** Fire & EMS

**Issue:** Hear a staff update regarding Hurricane Florence and expected impact to our area in the coming days.

**Summary:** Staff will present a brief update on Hurricane Florence and the expected impact to our area. Additionally, information will be provided regarding actions being taken by the City in anticipation of potential storm impact.

**Attachments:** None.

**Recommendations:** Presented for information purposes. No Council action needed.