

November 27, 2018, 2018 Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia was held on November 27, 2018 in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 7:30 PM with Mayor Gene Teague presiding. Council Members present included Gene Teague, Jim Woods, Jennifer Bowles, and Vice Mayor Chad Martin. Kathy Lawson was not in attendance. 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, Assistant Police Chief Rob Fincher, Commissioner of Revenue Ruth Easley, and Electric Director Durwin Joyce.

Mayor Teague called the meeting to order.

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

Recognize City Employees who are eligible for Service Awards for the period October 1-December 31, 2018 – City Manager Towarnicki shared that the employees were recognized earlier in the week and received a certificate. Mayor Teague read the list and thanked those employees for their service.

Name	Department	Years of Service
Jared Pruett	Telecommunications	5
Susan McCulloch	Community Development	10
Johnny Jennings	Public Works	15
Darrell Harris	Wastewater Plant	15
James Cassidy	Wastewater Plant	20
Carman McDowell	Wastewater Plant	40

Hear an update from Alice Wolfe, General Manager of Blue Ridge Power Agency – Wolfe said that Blue Ridge Power Agency is a non-profit organization with eight members who help residents with power costs and detailed some of the steps the organization takes to reduce costs. Martinsville City Electric Director Durwin Joyce serves as the Board Chairman for the organization. Wolfe touched on the history, accomplishments, benefits, local projects and future opportunities of BRPA. Towarnicki explained that BRPA is a good resource for the City. Several projects are presented to the City and when those projects could potentially benefit the City then they would be brought to Council for a discussion.

Blue Ridge Power Agency Overview

Alice Wolfe
General Manager
 November 27, 2018



Who we are

Member	Established	Meters	All-Time Peak Load
Bedford	1899	6,536	66
Central Virginia Electric Cooperative	1937	35,406	255
Danville	1886	41,417	217
Martinsville	1905	7,783	44
Radford	1922	7,342	72
Richlands	1920	2,583	25
Salem	1892	13,635	92
Virginia Tech	1893	6,298	62
Totals		121,000	833

- 3 million MWh annually
- 25 MW of owned, behind-the-meter generation
- Eight shared power supply projects
- Includes solar, wind, and hydro

Affiliations: American Public Power Association (APPA), Municipal Electric Power Association of Virginia (MEPAV), Transmission Access Policy Study group (TAPS), Public Power Coalition (PPC), Southeast Federal Power Customers



History

- Formed in October 1988 by Bedford, Danville, Martinsville, Radford, Richlands, and Salem
- Board President:
 - Duane Dahlquist, City of Danville, November 1988 – December 1995
 - Doug Smith, City of Salem, January 1996 – December 2001
 - Tim Taylor, Town of Richlands, January 2002 – June 2017
 - Durwin Joyce, City of Martinsville, July 2017 – present
- General Manager:
 - Duane Dahlquist, 1996 – June 2016
 - Alice Wolfe, June 2016 – present



Accomplishments

- Highlights:
 - Under the Energy Act of 1992, filed and won first fully litigated transmission case to import power from outside of APCo
 - In 1998, secured an unprecedented 7-year, fixed price wholesale purchase from Cinergy that remained significantly below market over the term
- Kept members' wholesale tariff rates for power and transmission equitable and fair: millions in refunds over the years
- Facilitated development of a model pole attachment agreement for Virginia municipal and cooperative electric utilities
- Led efforts to ensure Virginia municipal electric systems can provide telecommunications services
- Provided due diligence and risk assessment on members' power supply transactions over the years saving millions in cost and stranded investments
- Secured a change in Virginia State law to allow municipal investment in construction of power plants outside of Virginia
- Assisted 4 members in joining AMP and developing a diversified portfolio, including market purchases and ownership of diverse generation technologies and varying fuels



Benefits

- Joint negotiation and administration of power supply contracts with like-minded organizations
- Virginia-specific voice in critical market roles
- Cost-effective oversight of one of the utility's largest expenses
- Increased communication and coordination with local public power communities
- Industry knowledge and support



Martinsville Projects

BRPA Project Number	Project Title	Participants
1.00	General Consulting	All members
5.00	SEPA Support Services	Bedford, Central Virginia, Martinsville, Radford, Richlands and Salem
37.03	FERC Proceedings--EL02-111/ER03-212--SECA Refunds	Bedford, Martinsville, Richlands, Salem, CVEC
53.02	AMP AMPGS Project	Bedford, Martinsville and Richlands
64.00	AMP Hydrn Project Phase 1: Canehon, Smithland, Witow Island	Martinsville and Richlands
66.00	AMP Fremont NGCC Project	Bedford, Central Virginia, Martinsville and Richlands
70.02	Administration AMP MSAs/PSAs	Martinsville and Richlands
70.03	AMP - General Member Services	Bedford, Central Virginia, Martinsville and Richlands
86.00	AEP-Blue Ridge ILDSA Support Services	All members
89.00	AMP Prairie State Project	Bedford, Martinsville and Richlands
91.00	PJM RPLM/LFTR-Type Market and/or Rate Issues	All members
92.00	FERC Litigation--PJM RPM-Related Issues	All members
113.00	Virginia Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Filing	Bedford, Central Virginia, Martinsville, Radford, Richlands and Salem
115.00	AMP Peaking Project Review	Martinsville and Richlands



Future Opportunities

- VML Day at the Capitol:
 - Wednesday, January 30, 2019
- American Public Power Association (APPA) Legislative Rally:
 - Monday, February 25 – Wednesday, February 27, 2019



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Conduct a public hearing for the purpose of consideration of the adoption of an ordinance establishing a land bank authority in the City of Martinsville – City Attorney Monday explained that this is not a “bank” or a repository of funds, but a repository for property that could assist with property maintenance concerns. A land bank will be similar to the Housing Authority and Council would serve as land bank authority officials. A land bank is a little more attractive recipient for federal and state grant money. When property is in the land bank, it is tax-exempt, with a probability of redevelopment and opportunity for resell to an individual or organization that will care for the development and/or maintenance of the property. Mayor Teague or the incoming Mayor would serve as Chairman of the Land Bank Authority. Teague confirmed that this is another tool to address City properties of concern at no additional cost to the City. This program has been very effective in Danville and Norfolk, Virginia. City Manager Towarnicki explained that properties entered into the land bank would be quickly resold; the City is not in the real estate business. Mayor Teague opened the public hearing. No one approached the podium; the public hearing was closed. Council Member Bowles motion to approve the ordinance as presented, Vice Mayor Martin seconded the motion with the following 4-0 roll call: Council Member Woods, aye; Council Member Bowles, aye; Vice Mayor Martin, aye; and Mayor Teague, aye.

CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA

ORDINANCE No. 2018-6

ESTABLISHING MARTINSVILLE LAND BANK AUTHORITY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, in Regular Session held on December 11, 2018, that Chapter 2 of the City Code be, and hereby is, amended to add a new Article IX, Section 2-135, to read as follows:

2-135. Martinsville Land Bank Authority.

Having conducted a public hearing duly advertised pursuant to Code of Virginia § 15.2-7502, the City of Martinsville does hereby establish, under the authority granted by Code of Virginia § 15.2-7501, a land bank entity, created as an authority, a public body corporate and political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

1. The name of the authority shall be the Martinsville Land Bank Authority.
2. The City of Martinsville is the sole locality creating the authority.
3. The purpose for which the authority is created shall be those set forth in Title 15.2, subtitle IV, Chapter 75 of the Code of Virginia, as hereafter amended.
4. The names, addresses and terms of office of the initial board of directors are:
 - a. Gene Teague, Chairman, 921 Hunting Ridge Road, Martinsville, Virginia 24112, for a term expiring December 31, 2018.
 - b. Chad Martin, Vice Chairman, 911 Royal Drive, Martinsville, Virginia 24112, for a term expiring December 31, 2020.
 - c. Jennifer Bowles, 1670 Roundabout Road, Martinsville, Virginia 24112, for a term expiring December 31, 2022.
 - d. Kathy Lawson, 909 Barrows Mill Road, Martinsville, Virginia 24112, for a term expiring December 31, 2020.
 - e. James Woods, 815 Clarke Road, Martinsville, Virginia 24112, for a term expiring December 31, 2020.
5. Succeeding members of the board of directors, officers of the board of directors, and their terms of office shall be the same persons, offices, and terms as those of the Martinsville Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

Attest:

Karen Roberts, Clerk of Council

Consider authorizing the Commissioner of the Revenue to execute a contract to upgrade the real estate mass appraisal software to the most current version of the operating software offered by Vision Government Solutions, Inc. – Commissioner of Revenue Ruth Easley summarized the need for the upgrade real estate software which provides more stabilization at a discounted price. The move will be required within three years but if the City waits, the cost will increase by approximately \$10,000. A deposit would be needed to sign the contract to hold the spot at a discounted rate with the remaining balance due in October 2019 when the program is installed. Mayor Teague questioned the need for the software if the City begins reversion discussions and prefers to wait on the decision until early 2019 before the price increases. The conversion takes 2 weeks; Martinsville has a spot held for October at a discounted price. Council Member Bowles made a motion to authorize the contract; Vice Mayor Martin seconded the motion. Mayor Teague voted against the motion; he believes that its \$28,000 that the City may not need to spend if the reversion happens. Council Member Bowles and Vice Mayor Martin voted aye, Mayor Teague Council Member Woods voted nay. Motion dies for lack of majority vote.

Consider approval on second reading of Ordinance 2018-5 establishing Rental Property Inspections in the City of Martinsville – City Attorney Monday summarized the need and steps taken towards approval of the Rental Property Inspection ordinance. Vice Mayor Martin made a motion to approve the ordinance on second reading, Council Member Bowles seconded the

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motion with the following 4-0 roll call vote: Vice Mayor Martin, aye; Council Member Woods, aye; Council Member Bowles, aye; and Mayor Teague, aye.

CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA

ORDINANCE No. 2018-5

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, in Regular Session held on November 27, 2018, that Chapter 6 of the City Code be, and hereby is, amended to add a new Article III, Sections 6-22 through 6-27, to read as follows:

ARTICLE III--RENTAL PROPERTY INSPECTIONS

• Section 6-22. - Findings.

- (a) The Council finds that, for each of the individual residential rental dwelling unit described in section 3 of this article, at least one of the following conditions exists:
1. There is a need to protect the public health, welfare and safety of the occupants of that individual dwelling unit;
 2. The individual dwelling unit is either blighted or in the process of deteriorating; or
 3. There is evidence of violations of the Building Code that affect the safe, decent and sanitary living conditions for tenants living in such individual dwelling unit.

• Section 6-23. - Definitions.

The following terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section:

Building code means the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code.

Day means a calendar day.

Dwelling unit means a building or structure or part thereof that is used for a home or residence by one (1) or more persons who maintain a household. The term does not include a group home.

Family means one (1) or more persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption, or under approved foster care.

Founded complaint means any complaint concerning an individual rental dwelling unit received by the Building Inspector, which, after having been duly investigated, results in the Building Inspector's determination that any of the findings in section 1 of this Article apply.

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In instances where the complaint is made by the tenant, the tenant must be in compliance with the Virginia Landlord Tenant Act, if applicable, and must be current in rental payments in order for the complaint to be founded.

Group home means a licensed residential facility in which no more than eight (8) mentally ill, mentally retarded, or developmentally disabled persons reside, with one (1) or more resident counselors or other staff persons. Mental illness and developmental disability shall not include current illegal use of or addiction to a controlled substance. A group home is licensed by the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.

Managing agent means any person having the authority, singly or in combination with another, to enter into an agreement for the occupancy of property subject to this article.

Multi-family dwelling unit means any single building, lot, or two (2) or more adjacent buildings or lots under common ownership, which contain(s) three (3) or more residential rental dwelling units. The term shall not include mobile homes under common ownership in a mobile home park or subdivision, and such term shall not include single-family dwellings, family homes with accessory apartments, two-family dwellings, or townhouses under common ownership.

Occupant means a person who, on a regular basis, spends nights at a residence. A person is considered an occupant regardless of whether he or she spends the majority of nights at a residence, if the times he or she does stay overnight are regular and recurrent. In addition, a person shall be considered an occupant if his or her clothes or other daily living supplies are maintained at the residence.

Owner means the person shown on the current real estate assessment books or current real estate assessment records, or the current fee simple title holder of the property if ownership has changed since tax assessment records were last updated.

Rent means to lease, sublease, let or otherwise grant for consideration the right to occupy a dwelling unit.

Residential rental dwelling unit means a dwelling unit that is leased or rented to one (1) or more tenants.

• Section 6-24. - Applicability.

- (a) Council may designate a rental inspection district(s) or make other individual residential rental dwelling units outside the inspection district subject to this article after notice and a public hearing thereon, as provided by Virginia Code § 36-105.1-1(B)(3), and a finding for each such individual dwelling unit by the local governing body that (i) there is a need to protect the public health, welfare and safety of the occupants of that individual dwelling unit; (ii) the individual dwelling unit is either (1) blighted or (2) in the process of deteriorating; or (iii) there is evidence of violations of the Building Code that affect the safe, decent and sanitary living conditions for

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tenants living in such individual dwelling unit. The Council conclusively finds that any individual rental dwelling unit about which the Building Inspector makes a determination of three or more founded complaints in any period of twelve consecutive months satisfies those criteria and is made subject to this Article.

(b) Any property made subject to this Article shall remain so for a period of no less than three years thereafter, unless subsequently granted a certificate of compliance

• Section 6-25. - Rental certificate of compliance required.

No owner or managing agent shall rent or offer to rent a residential rental dwelling unit that is subject to this article without a rental certificate of compliance therefor, issued after a satisfactory inspection of the property by the building official or his or her designee.

• Section 6-26. - Inspections, generally.

- (a) The building official is hereby authorized to establish schedules to accomplish the inspection of dwelling units subject to this article. The building official shall inspect any individual residential rental dwelling unit within ninety (90) days of the date the dwelling unit is made subject to this article. After such inspection, the owner and the managing agent, if any, will be provided with a list of any violations found and the date by which such violations must be corrected. Following the initial inspection of a residential rental dwelling unit subject to this article, the building official shall perform a re-inspection in a timely manner after the date given in the violations notice.
- (b) Upon a determination that a rental dwelling unit is in compliance with the provisions of the existing structures regulations of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, a rental certificate of compliance shall be issued to the owner. No certificate shall be issued until all inspection fees are paid.
- (c) There shall be no fee for the initial inspection required by this article or the first re-inspection. If all violations are not corrected at the time of the first re-inspection, then the fee for the second and any subsequent re-inspection for the original violation shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- (d) The building official, or his or her duly authorized agent, shall have the right to inspect any rental dwelling unit subject to this article at any reasonable time, in order to carry out an inspection required by this section. The owner, managing agent, occupant, or other person in charge of the premises shall permit the building code official, or his or her duly authorized agent, access to any dwelling unit subject to this article for the purpose of conducting an inspection authorized by this article. In the event the building official or his or her authorized agent is denied access to a dwelling unit, he or she may apply for an administrative search warrant in order to gain access to the premises.
- (e) Nothing in this article shall prohibit an inspection of any residential rental dwelling unit or individual residential dwelling unit subject to this article for a violation of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, pursuant to a complaint, as required by section 1 of this chapter. In the case of complaints made

by the tenant of the individual rental dwelling unit, the tenant must be in compliance with the terms of the lease, including being current on all rent, as prerequisite for the inspection of the complaint, or for the final determination of a founded complaint.

(f) The owner or managing agent shall be notified of the complaint, prior to any inspection to determine if there is a founded complaint. The owner or managing agent may appeal the building official's determination of a violation of the building code to the Board of Appeals.

• Section 6-26. - Appeal.

- (a) The owner, managing agent or tenant may appeal a notice of revocation based upon the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code to the Board of Appeals. Any such appeal shall be filed with the department of planning and building within twenty (20) days after the date the notice of violation was served upon the owner or manager, whichever was served first. Section PM-111.0 of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code shall apply to any such appeal.
- (b) The inspection exemption shall remain in effect pending the resolution of the appeal by the Board of Appeals.

• Section 6-27. - Violations.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any owner or any other person, firm or corporation to violate any provision of this Article. Any violation shall be deemed a misdemeanor and any owner or any other person, firm or corporation convicted of a violation shall be punished by a fine of not more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00). If the violation remains uncorrected at the time of the conviction, the court shall order the violator to abate or remedy the violation in order to comply with the code. Except as otherwise provided by the court for good cause shown, any such violator shall abate or remedy the violation within six (6) months of the date of conviction. Each day during which the violation continues after the court-ordered abatement period has ended shall constitute a separate offense. Any person convicted of a second offense committed within less than five (5) years after a first offense under this chapter shall be punished by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) nor more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00). Any person convicted of a second offense committed within a period of five (5) to ten (10) years of a first offense under this chapter shall be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) nor more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00). Any person convicted of a third or subsequent offense involving the same property committed within ten (10) years of an offense under this chapter shall be punished by confinement in jail for not more than ten (10) days and a fine of not less than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), either or both. No portion of the fine imposed for such third or subsequent offense committed within ten (10) years of an offense under this chapter shall be suspended.

- (b) Any prosecution under this section shall be commenced within two (2) years as provided in Virginia Code § 19.2-8.
- (c) In lieu of criminal prosecution, a civil penalty equal to the amounts set forth in subsection (a) hereof may be levied for a violation.

Attest:

Karen Roberts, Clerk of Council

Consider adoption of the City's 2019 legislative agenda – City Attorney Monday detailed the steps taken to revise the proposed legislative agenda and encouraged residents to contact their legislators if there are any changes they would like to see happen. There was discussion on

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 rewording the section regarding the partnership with NCI. Council agreed to take out the 4-year higher-education organization requirement. Another concern pointed out by Monday was to align the state tax code to align with the federal tax code, which would encourage legislators to conform state to federal code. Council Member Bowles made a motion to adopt the Legislative Agenda. Vice Mayor Martin seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor.



The City of Martinsville appreciates the efforts its legislators undertake at both the state and federal level on behalf of its citizens. Listed below are the City's priorities requested of its legislative delegation in 2019.

Virginia General Assembly

Transportation

1. In the short term, upgrade those portions of Route 220 overlaying I-73 to interstate standards. Any construction or upgrades to the I-73 corridor should begin on those sections passing through Henry County.
2. Continue to place priority on Route 58 improvements, particularly the section between Stuart and Hillsville, Virginia.
3. Increase VDOT funding for road construction and repaving.

Education

1. City Council endorses the concept asserted by Sen. Bill Stanley that the Virginia Constitution and United States Supreme Court precedent requires statewide parity in state funding for school construction, maintenance and operations.
2. City Council endorses the agenda proposed by the Martinsville City School System and also endorses the educational priorities adopted by Henry County, on behalf of its school system.
3. Oppose the imposition of unaided education mandates and in the event of revenue cuts by the Commonwealth opposes targeted cuts by the Commonwealth, instead preferring local decision making authority on where to make any such cuts.
4. Recognizing its potential to promote economic development within our community and region, continue support for the development and funding of the New College Institute in its current location in Uptown Martinsville; urge that any funding reductions to New College Institute, if considered, be minimized to the greatest extent possible; and support the affiliation of The New College Institute as a branch of a four-year public university.
5. Request the Commonwealth to fully fund the expenditures imposed upon local school systems by implementing the Standards of Quality.
6. Encourage the Commonwealth to continue or increase the current levels of financial support provided to Patrick Henry Community College.
7. Request the Commonwealth to provide incentives for consolidation of school systems.

Economic Development

1. Maintain current levels of funding for economic development incentives, including but not limited to the Governor's Opportunity Fund.
2. Enhance the authority granted to localities to address and eliminate blighted properties, and the formation of interstate compacts to allow expedited recourse against out-of-state property owners.
3. Increase funding levels for the Virginia Museum of Natural History.
4. Request enhanced state and federal financial assistance for localities which exceed the average state unemployment rate by 150% for a period of five consecutive years.
5. Support continued tourism awareness initiatives in the Martinsville-Henry County region.

6. Expand local authority to designate Enterprise Zones and establish incentives.
7. Oppose efforts by Henry County PSA to reopen the Lower Smith River Wastewater Treatment Plant, absent a regional study concluding that such is in the best interests of Martinsville-Henry County taxpayers, customer base, economic needs and state environmental policy.
8. Expand grants and resources available to fiscally stressed localities, and to business development entities in such localities, to aid in the encouragement or development of small and entrepreneurial businesses.
9. Support the Virginia Grocery Investment Fund, as a public-private initiative to improve nutrition and access to quality food, and enhance economic development by encouraging the development of grocery stores in neighborhoods where none exist.

Governance

1. Adopt the recommendations of the Virginia Commission on Local Government in its 2018 Annexation Moratorium Study, and urge the General Assembly to enact those recommendations in the 2019 Session.
2. Add Martinsville to Code of Virginia 58.1-3970.1(B), allowing for transfer of title to the City of certain delinquent or blighted properties.
3. Request legislation under Code of Virginia 10.1-2211.2 to secure state funding for historical African-American cemeteries in the City's West End.
4. Require full funding for HB 599 funds, in fulfillment of the Commonwealth's commitment to cities in return for their acquiescence in the annexation moratorium.
5. Require that the Commonwealth fully fund its obligations to the Virginia Retirement System, and refrain from borrowing from VRS funds.
6. Request the elimination of "local aid to the Commonwealth" in the state budget; local aid artificially inflates state revenues by shifting responsibility for cuts in vital services onto localities.
7. Elimination of all unfunded mandates from the Commonwealth to localities.
8. Oppose any elimination or alteration of local revenue streams, and specifically oppose any amendment to the current manner in which the Business Occupation and Licensing Tax and the Machinery and Tools Tax are levied, unless a replacement revenue stream, not subject to biennial appropriation, is guaranteed by the Commonwealth.
9. Preserve intact local authority to regulate zoning, land use, and regulation of the installation of wireless communication equipment.
10. Request at a minimum, level funding for operational requirements of the Henry-Martinsville Department of Social Services.
11. Request that the General Assembly leaves intact the fire programs fund and the rescue squad assistance funds and not use these funds as a way to balance the state budget.
12. Request that the Commonwealth fully fund its obligations to constitutional officers.
13. Oppose any attempt to curtail the doctrine of sovereign immunity for localities.
14. Oppose any attempt to permit collective bargaining for state and local government employees.
15. Oppose any amendment of the existing burden of proof or process in local tax appeals cases.
16. Request authority to refund erroneously paid taxes at an interest rate which differs from that imposed on delinquencies, and to refund taxes erroneously paid through the fault of the taxpayer at no interest.
17. Support VML's endorsement of a JLARC study of assigning a proportional share of lottery sales revenue to the localities generating such sales.
18. Require the Commonwealth to fund 100% of the per-diem costs of housing state inmates in local jails.
19. Support all state efforts to provide aid and support services to fiscally stressed localities, but oppose any attempts to interfere with localities' right to solve their own financial problems locally.

20. Support the alteration of award criteria in the "REACH Virginia" and all other VHDA programs to a per-capita income-based model.

United States Congress

1. Request the addition of the urban center of micropolitan statistical areas to the eligibility list of "Entitlement Cities."
2. Oppose any effort to impose additional taxation or regulation of electrical power generation by coal or natural gas.
3. Urge the Federal Highway Commission to adopt the CTB's designated route for I-73, or alternatively to preserve the current record of decision in the event the CTB's route is rejected.
4. In the short term, upgrade those portions of Route 220 overlaying I-73 to interstate standards.
5. Request \$3.72M in funds for the redevelopment of brownfields extending from the former American Furniture and Sara Lee sites, along Aaron Street, to Rives Road.
6. Request \$6.25M in funds for the elimination and redevelopment of blighted areas in the city.
7. Request legislation to provide special federal incentives to businesses locating in regions which have experienced job losses in excess of 5% of the total workforce and/or declines in median incomes since the adoption of NAFTA, WTO or GATT. Target such areas for increased federal funding in education or workforce retraining.
8. Extend high speed broadband service throughout southern Virginia.
9. Request enhanced state and federal financial assistance for localities which exceed the average state unemployment rate by 150% for a period of five consecutive years.
10. Oppose the elimination or reduction of the federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit.

Staff Designations

City Council empowers the following staff members to speak on its behalf and in its best interests to the Virginia General Assembly and United States Congress, its members and committees:
City Attorney Eric Monday
City Manager Leon Towarnicki
Other department heads as appointed by the City Manager

Consider information related to the 2019 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) list –Wayne Knox of the Community Development Department explained there had been no additions or changes by Council or the City at large to the list. All projects must be listed to be considered. The final approved listing is due in March but should be finalized at the December 11, 2018 Council meeting.

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Revitalization of Uptown Business District--City of Martinsville	1/III	Incentivize small businesses (interior makeover/elevator)	EDA	\$900,000	\$900,000	Positive	80
Revitalization of Uptown Business District--City of Martinsville	1/II	Construct/ retrofit condos in Uptown	EDA	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	Positive	15
			DHCD	\$300,000			
			VHDA	\$500,000			
			City	\$200,000			
Smith River Interceptor Project--City of Martinsville	4/II	Repair and reline approximately 10,500 linear feet of reinforced concrete pipe for the sanitary sewer interceptor line that extends generally along Smith River to City Wastewater Treatment Plant	EDA	\$1,000,000	\$8,000,000	Positive	400/Indirect
			ARC	\$500,000			
			Local	\$6,500,000			
Community Development Project CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District--City of Martinsville	1/II	Purchase blighted properties on Starling Avenue and adaptively reuse	HUD/NSP	\$700,000	\$1,000,000	Positive	20/Indirect
			HTC	\$300,000			
Southside Community Park Upgrading--City of Martinsville	1/III	Upgrade existing four (4) fields to accommodate youth and collegiate softball and baseball tournaments. This would include new lighting where necessary, upgrade concession stand and new sports surfaces.	DCR	\$200,000	\$3,000,000	Positive	N/A
			EDA	\$600,000			
			ARC	\$150,000			
			VTC	\$750,000			
			Other	\$1,300,000			
Community Development Project CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District--City of Martinsville	1/IV	Purchase blighted properties, prepare site for development (Draper - West Church Street) - City of Martinsville	Brownfield	\$400,000	\$825,000	Unknown	100/Indirect
			EDA	\$325,000			
			City	\$100,000			
Community Development Project	1/III	Rives Road Site Development- full site development	EDA	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	Positive	400

CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District--City of Martinsville		including A & E, site grading					
Community Development Projects City of Martinsville	1/III	Further develop lots- at Clearview Business Park to prepare for companies- Parcels 2, 4, & 5	EDA	\$750,000	\$750,000	Positive	200+
Community Development Project CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District--City of Martinsville	1/I	Adaptive reuse of historic building on Fayette Street- Paradise Inn and lots surrounding it	VHDA	\$800,000	\$3,800,000	Positive	100
			EDA	\$1,000,000			
			CDBG	\$1,000,000			
			Grants	\$1,000,000			
Community Development Development Projects--City of Martinsville	1/V	Recruit manufacturers of Clean Energy Components to Martinsville Area and Enterprise Zone	EDA	\$100,000	\$100,000	Positive	Indirect
Community Development Project CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District--City of Martinsville	1/III	Upgrade, widen, and landscape Beaver Street from Fayette Street to Memorial Blvd - City of Martinsville	MAP-21	\$800,000	\$850,000	Positive	Indirect
			VHDA	\$50,000			
Community Development Project CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District--City of Martinsville	1/I	Prepare City-owned site at corner of Fayette & Beaver Sts for residential, educational or commercial development - Martinsville Area and Central Business District	EDA	\$300,000	\$3,500,000	Positive	Indirect
			Local	\$200,000			
			CDBG	\$1,000,000			
			Grants	\$2,000,000			
Community Development Project CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District--City of Martinsville	1/II	Write arts & cultural plan for Arts & Cultural District	NEA	\$25,000	\$82,000	Positive	Indirect
			City	\$25,000			
			ARC	\$32,000			

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Community Development Project	1/II	Enhance Fayette Area Business District facades/greenscape/	CDBG	\$1,000,000	\$2,045,000	Positive	Indirect
CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central		economic revitalization - Fayette Street from Moss Street to	Local	\$1,000,000			
Business District--City of		Memorial Blvd. Planning stipend for Citizens Design - CIRD	CIRD	\$35,000			
Martinsville			Match - Ink	\$10,000			
Community Development Project	1/IV	Purchase blighted properties - prepare site for redevelopment	Brownfield	\$900,000	\$1,900,000	Unknown	150 - Indirect
CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central		(202 Cleveland Avenue) - City of Martinsville	EDA	\$500,000			
Business District--City of			City	\$500,000			
Martinsville							
Community Development Project	1/III	Work with partners to develop an amphitheater on Depot	NEA	\$50,000	\$100,000	Positive	5/Indirect
CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central		Street	ARC	\$50,000			
Business District--City of							
Martinsville							
Community Development Project	1/III	Acquire and redevelop properties along commercial corridor	ARC	\$250,000	\$3,250,000	Positive	50
CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central		for reuse	CDBG	\$2,000,000			
Business District--City of			EDA	\$1,000,000			
Martinsville							
Community Development Project	1/IV	Rives Theatre renovations	IRF	\$600,000	\$1,100,000	Positive	5/indirect
CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central			ARC	\$200,000			
Business District--City of			HTC	\$300,000			
Martinsville							
Community Development Project	1/III	Commonwealth Corridor Enhancement & Pedestrian	VDOT	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	Positive	Indirect
CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central		linkages to Uptown & Fayette Street	CDBG	\$500,000			
Business District--City of							
Martinsville							

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Community Development Project	1/III	Purchase of West Church Street property, complete	IRF	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	Positive	20/Indirect
CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District--City of Martinsville		feasibility study, adaptive reuse	CDBG	\$500,000			
Community Development Project	1/III	Purchase of Main Street property, complete feasibility study,	IRF	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	Positive	20/Indirect
CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District--City of Martinsville		adaptive reuse	CDBG	\$500,000			
MINet Fiber Optic Expansion-- City of Martinsville	1/III	Citywide expansion of MINet Martinsville fiber optic system to reach businesses and homes	EDA Other Local	\$2,000,000 \$11,000,000 \$7,500,000	\$20,500,000	NA	NA
Community Development Project	1/III	Upgrades to the concession, seating, and restroom areas at	ARC	\$200,000	\$1,700,000	Positive	N/A
Hooker Field Upgrades-- City of Martinsville		Hooker Field - covered seating, ADA compliant restrooms expanded press box/concession/office space	DRC OTHER	\$500,000 \$1,000,000			
Virginia Museum of Natural History City of Martinsville	1/II	Construct Outdoor Education Pavilion in rear of VMNH, to include exhibits interpreting eastern North American forest ecology	EDA DCR Local	\$50,000 \$50,000 \$50,000	\$150,000	Positive	NA
Wilson Park Upgrading-- City of Martinsville	1/IV	Connection of outdoor education pavilion in rear of VMNH with a bridge, crossing over Oakdale Avenue, along with a 1,000 foot canopy loop into the grand old trees in the park.	EDA ARC Other	\$600,000 \$800,000 \$600,000	\$2,000,000	Positive	NA
Community Parks Upgrading-- City of Martinsville	1/IV	Upgrade nine (9) existing parks (Baldwin, Beaver Creek, Jackson Street, West End, J. Russel Mason, Chatham Heights, Cole & Carol St, Victor A. Lester, Spruce St.) to improve accessibility and safety. This would include new lighting where necessary, concession stands, age-appropriate playground equipment and new playing surfaces.	DCR ARC EDA Local	\$200,000 \$200,000 \$300,000 \$800,000	\$1,500,000	Positive	NA

Consider approval of consent agenda – Council Member Bowles made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; Vice Mayor Martin seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor.

BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 11/27/18				
ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
FY19				
BUDGET ADDITIONS				
General Fund:				
01100908	480401	Miscellaneous - Donations/Police		200
01311085	506070	Police Department - Pound Supplies	200	
		Donations for Dog Pound Expenses		
Total General Fund:			200	200
Water Fund:				
12101918	443307	State Grants - VRA Dam Safety, Flood Prevention Grant		71,244
12542315	508220	Reservoir - Physical Plant Expansion	71,244	
		Grant award for Beaver Creek Dam		
Total Water Fund:			71,244	71,244

Business from the Floor – No one approached the podium.

Comments by Members of City Council – Council Member Bowles wished a happy birthday to her father and aunt. The Christmas parade and tree lighting event were both successful.

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Bowles said the Harvest Youth Board successfully delivered 240 meals for Thanksgiving. New Heights Foundation's Annual Holiday event is December 5 at NCI 6:00pm-8:00pm. Vice Mayor Martin said Harvest Youth Board and several local churches worked well together during the Thanksgiving holiday. He also praised The Salvation Army for the warming shelter and angel tree.

Comments by City Manager – The audit presentation will be at the December 11, 2018 Council meeting. Auditors will be meeting with Council members to answer questions earlier that day.

City Attorney Monday encouraged residents to attend the Scrooge Macbeth presentation at the Black Box Theater; it is a live comic performance that can be enjoyed by all ages. Council Member Woods does a wonderful song and performance as Lady Macbeth.

There being no further business, Council Member Bowles made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Council Member Woods with all Council Members voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Karen Roberts
Clerk of Council

Gene Teague
Mayor