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The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, was held on January 14, 2014, in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 7:30 PM, Closed Session beginning at 7:00PM, with Mayor Kim Adkins presiding. Council Members present included: Mayor Kim Adkins, Vice Mayor Gene Teague, Sharon Brooks Hodge and Danny Turner. Council Member Mark Stroud was absent. Staff present included: Leon Towarnicki, City Manager, Brenda Prillaman, Eric Monday, Linda Conover, Wayne Knox, Coretha Gravely, Ruth Easley, Clay Gravely, Sandra Gentry, Paula Bowen, and Nancy Sherman.

Mayor Adkins called the meeting to order and advised Council will go into Closed Session. In accordance with Section 2.1-344 (A) of the Code of Virginia (1950, and as amended) and upon a motion by Danny Turner, seconded by Sharon Brooks Hodge, with the following 4-0 recorded vote: Adkins, aye; Teague, aye; Hodge, aye; and Turner, aye, Council convened in Closed Session, for the purpose of discussing the following matters: (A) A prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community as authorized by Subsection 5. (B) Appointments to Boards and Commissions as authorized by Subsection 1. (C) 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. (D) A personnel matter as authorized by Subsection 1. Council then returned to open session and Mayor Adkins advised Closed Session is recessed until end of meeting.

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

Board appointment: A motion was made by Gene Teague, seconded by Danny Turner, with a 4-0 vote, to appoint Liz Secrest, P. O. Box 614, as the MURA representative on the Arts & Cultural Committee with a term ending 11/30/14.

Minutes: On a motion by Sharon Brooks Hodge, seconded by Danny Turner, with a 4-0 vote, Council approved the minutes of the October 22, 2013, November 12, 2013, and November 18, 2013 meetings.

Recognition of Joan Ziglar: Mayor Adkins and members of City Council made comments thanking Joan Ziglar for her service as the City Commonwealth's Attorney and presented her with a Key to City. Several members of the public also made comments thanking Ms. Ziglar for her service.

Hear update from Eric Deaton of Life Point.: Eric Deaton, Market President for LifePoint's South Central VA market briefed Council on the recently formed South Central Market which includes Memorial Hospital of M-HC and Danville Regional Medical Center. He reported a nationwide search will be starting for a CEO at Martinsville.

Hear update from Robbin Hall of West Piedmont Business Development Center: Robbin Hall briefed Council on the status of the West Piedmont Business Development Center and reported the Board decided at their December 17, 2013 meeting that the transition of the incubator leadership should go to the city by March 2014. Mr. Towarnicki reported the city is currently working on ways to partner with every intention to keep the incubator running as a viable group and the Community Development Department staff will be managing it for the city on an interim basis.

Hear update from Lisa Fultz of Workforce Investment Board: Lisa Fultz briefed Council on activities and programs of the WIB and introduced team members present, Philip Wenkstern, Robby Knight, and Tyler Freeland who also presented information on their specific areas of responsibility.

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Hear update from M-HC Economic Development Corporation: Mark Heath briefed Council on the current activities and prospects.

Setting public hearing on special use permit for 1006 Independence Drive: Wayne Knox briefed Council on a recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding a special use permit for property located at 1006 Independence Drive, City's Tax #(46(06)00/48X. On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Sharon Brooks Hodge, with a 4-0 vote, Council approved setting a public hearing for February 11, 2014 consideration of the special use permit request.

Approval of CEDS list: Wayne Knox briefed Council on the updated list of projects to be included in the 2014 Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Gene Teague, seconded by Sharon Brooks Hodge, with a 4-0, to approve the Martinsville projects list section of the regional CEDS list and authorize the City Manager to provide the information to the U. S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration.

Hear FY15 budget process schedule: Mr. Towarnicki reviewed the proposed FY15 budget timeline with Council. Council asked that city staff poll Council for budget worksession dates.

Consent agenda (Part A): On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Danny Turner, with a 4-0 vote, Council approved the following consent agendas for (a) Finance appropriations and (b) tax refunds authorizations:

BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 1/08/2014				
ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
<b>FY14</b>				
<b>General Fund:</b>				
01101917	442810	Categorical Other - State - Highway Projects		1,019,072
01413151	508220	Thorofare Construction - Physical Plant Expansion Reimbursement-Liberty St Project	1,019,072	
<b>Total General Fund:</b>			<b>1,019,072</b>	<b>1,019,072</b>
<b>Capital Reserve Fund:</b>				
16100905	416209	Sale of Surplus Equipment		3,238
16572362	508127	Tools/Equipment - Park Maintenance GovDeals sales of old mowing equipment	3,238	
<b>Total Capital Reserve Fund:</b>			<b>3,238</b>	<b>3,238</b>

Tax refunds:

- (1) Consideration of amending the FY 2014 General Fund Budget and appropriating \$4,726.21 to refund overpayment by Piedmont Diagnostic Radiology of business license taxes for license year 2009.
- (2) Consideration of amending the FY 2014 General Fund Budget and appropriating \$6,237.72 to refund overpayment by Solid Stone Fabrics LLC of business license taxes for license years 2012 and 2013.

Business from floor: Chad Martin-thanked Council for their assistance to people in need during recent cold weather and invited Council to attend planned Martin Luther King events.

Council comments: Turner-commended the MHS band for their performance at the inauguration; Teague-complimented all the law enforcement officials for the great job done during funeral service for Mike Philippi.

City Manager comments: Mr. Towarnicki announced Senator Warner will be in the area January 23 and Council members are invited from 10:30 to noon at Dyers Store Fire Department; he also reminded Council of February 6, 2014 VML Legislative Day in Richmond.

Council then recessed and reconvened Closed Session.

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

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considered during Session. On a motion by Danny Turner, seconded by Gene Teague, with the following recorded 4-0 vote: Adkins, aye; Reynolds, aye; Teague, aye; and Turner, aye, Council returned to Open Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

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Brenda Prillaman  
Clerk of Council

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Kim Adkins  
Mayor