

May 27, 2014

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, was held on May 27, 2014, in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 7:30 PM, Closed Session beginning at 6:30pm, with Mayor Kim Adkins presiding. Council Members present included: Mayor Kim Adkins, Vice Mayor Gene Teague, Sharon Brooks Hodge, Mark Stroud and Danny Turner. Staff present included: Leon Towarnicki, City Manager, Brenda Prillaman, Eric Monday, Linda Conover, Wayne Knox, Sean Dunn, and Cindy Barbour.

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 Mark Stroud, with the following 5-0 recorded vote: Adkins, aye; Teague, aye; Hodge, aye; Stroud, 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) Discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and the 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. (C) Discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the City of Martinsville would be adversely affected, as authorized by Subsection 6. (D) Appointments to Boards and Commissions as authorized by Subsection 1.

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

Minutes: On a motion by Sharon Brooks Hodge, seconded by Mark Stroud, with a 5-0 vote, Council approved the minutes of meetings on March 11, 2014 and March 25, 2014.

Employee Service Awards Recognition: The following list of names was read to recognize city employees eligible for Service Awards from April 1 through June 30, 2014.

Joan Joyce	Treasurer	5
Terry Martin	Electric Department	5
Jason Biggs	Public Works	10
James Lovell	Police Department	15
Patrick Agee	Police Department	15
Robert Haynes	Police Department	15
Brenda Prillaman	City Manager's Office	20
Cindy Dickerson	Treasurer	20
Eddie Flood	Public Works	35

Public Hearing for receiving names of those interested in serving on City School Board: Pursuant to Code of Virginia section 22.1-29.1 a public hearing is necessary to introduce and consider names of persons interested in appointment to a vacancy on the Martinsville School Board and to receive the views of citizens within the school division. This state code section also states that no nominee or applicant whose name has not been considered at the public hearing shall be appointed as a school board member. Further, the actual appointment must be made at least seven days after the hearing; appointment will therefore be on the June 10, 2014 agenda. Council agreed to interview applicants in closed session and Mayor Adkins opened the public hearing. Following are interested applicants whose names were brought up during the public hearing:



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Zoning Ordinance amendment approval on second reading: Wayne Knox briefed Council providing the following information: Community Development has received inquiries from potential business owners regarding newer uses of land than the City's Zoning Ordinance currently allows and one example is potentially operating a hydroponic facility within the City. The City of Martinsville's Zoning Ordinance is a permissive ordinance, meaning if a specific land use is not explicitly listed as permitted by right or by special use permit in the individual district, then it is not allowed. The Zoning Ordinance is currently being reviewed in its entirety as part of the update budgeted for FY '14 and FY '15. A major goal of the update is to be more flexible with new businesses and new land uses. Staff submits the proposed amendment as a reasonable way to accommodate new hybrid light/industrial commercial development in the interim prior to the adoption of the new ordinance. The Planning Commission held a duly advertised public hearing on March 4, 2014 and no one spoke for or against the amendment during the public hearing. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to send this amendment to City Council for their consideration. This amendment was approved by City Council on first reading at May 13, 2014 meeting. On a motion by Sharon Brooks Hodge, seconded by Mark Stroud, with the following 5-0 recorded vote: Adkins, aye; Teague, aye; Hodge, aye; Stroud, aye; and Turner, aye, Council approved the following zoning ordinance amendment on second reading:

<p><b>PROPOSED AMENDMENTS - ZONING ORDINANCE</b> <small>(Strikethrough indicates deletion; Italicized bold indicates addition)</small></p> <p>SECTION XII: COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS</p> <p>B. Uses permitted by right in the C-1 District.</p> <p>54. Establishments (not to exceed a ground floor footprint of 10,000 square feet gross floor area) for manufacturing, production, processing, assembly, compounding, cleaning, servicing, storage, testing, repair, distribution and sale of materials, goods, products, food, or beverages which conform to federal, state and local environmental performance standards (with no outdoor storage, loading, or displays, and further, excepting those uses which are specifically prohibited by this section or those uses which require a special use permit).</p> <p>C. Uses permitted by special use permit in the C-1 District.</p> <p>8. Establishments (exceeding a ground floor footprint of 10,000 square feet gross floor area) for manufacturing, production, processing, assembly, compounding, cleaning, servicing, storage, testing, repair, distribution and sale of materials, goods, products, food, or beverages which conform to federal, state and local environmental standards (with limited outdoor storage, loading, or displays as determined by special use conditions, and, further, except those uses which are specifically prohibited by this ordinance).</p> <p>F. Uses permitted by right in the C-1A District.</p> <p>67. Establishments (not to exceed a ground floor footprint of 10,000 square feet gross floor area) for manufacturing, production, processing, assembly, compounding, cleaning, servicing, storage, testing, repair, distribution and sale of materials, goods, products, food, or beverages which conform to federal, state and local environmental performance standards (with no outdoor storage, loading, or displays, and further, excepting those uses which are specifically prohibited by this section or those uses which require a special use permit).</p> <p>G. Uses permitted by special use permit in the C-1A District.</p> <p>8. Establishments (exceeding a ground floor footprint of 10,000 square feet gross floor area) for manufacturing, production, processing,</p>	<p>assembly, compounding, cleaning, servicing, storage, testing, repair, distribution and sale of materials, goods, products, food, or beverages which conform to federal, state and local environmental standards (with limited outdoor storage, loading, or displays as determined by special use conditions, and, further, except those uses which are specifically prohibited by this ordinance).</p> <p>J. Uses permitted by right in the C-2 District.</p> <p>72. Establishments (not to exceed a ground floor footprint of 10,000 square feet gross floor area) for manufacturing, production, processing, assembly, compounding, cleaning, servicing, storage, testing, repair, distribution and sale of materials, goods, products, food, or beverages which conform to federal, state and local environmental performance standards (with no outdoor storage, loading, or displays, and further, excepting those uses which are specifically prohibited by this section or those uses which require a special use permit).</p> <p>K. Uses permitted by special use permit in the C-2 District.</p> <p>8. Establishments (exceeding a ground floor footprint of 10,000 square feet gross floor area) for manufacturing, production, processing, assembly, compounding, cleaning, servicing, storage, testing, repair, distribution and sale of materials, goods, products, food, or beverages which conform to federal, state and local environmental performance standards (with limited outdoor storage, loading, or displays as determined by special use conditions, and, further, except those uses which are specifically prohibited by this ordinance).</p> <p>N. Uses permitted by right in the C-3 District.</p> <p>83. Establishments (not to exceed a ground floor footprint of 10,000 square feet gross floor area) for manufacturing, production, processing, assembly, compounding, cleaning, servicing, storage, testing, repair, distribution and sale of materials, goods, products, food, or beverages which conform to federal, state and local environmental performance standards (with no outdoor storage, loading, or displays, and further, excepting those uses which are specifically prohibited by this section or those uses which require a special use permit).</p> <p>O. Uses permitted by special use permit in the C-3 District.</p> <p>8. Establishments (exceeding a ground floor footprint of 10,000 square feet gross floor area) for manufacturing, production, processing,</p>	<p>distribution and sale of materials, goods, products, food, or beverages which conform to federal, state and local environmental standards (with limited outdoor storage, loading, or displays as determined by special use conditions, and, further, except those uses which are specifically prohibited by this ordinance)</p> <p>SECTION XIII: BUSINESS AND MANUFACTURING DISTRICTS</p> <p>B. Uses permitted by right in the B-1 District.</p> <p>12. Establishments (not to exceed a ground floor footprint of 10,000 square feet gross floor area) for manufacturing, production, processing, assembly, compounding, cleaning, servicing, storage, testing, repair, distribution and sale of materials, goods, products, food, or beverages which conform to federal, state and local environmental performance standards (with no outdoor storage, loading, or displays, and further, excepting those uses which are specifically prohibited by this section or those uses which require a special use permit).</p> <p>C. Uses permitted by special use permit in the B-1 District.</p> <p>4. Establishments (exceeding a ground floor footprint of 10,000 square feet gross floor area) for manufacturing, production, processing, assembly, compounding, cleaning, servicing, storage, testing, repair, distribution and sale of materials, goods, products, food, or beverages which conform to federal, state and local environmental performance standards (with limited outdoor storage, loading, or displays as determined by special use conditions, and, further, except those uses which are specifically prohibited by this ordinance)</p> <p>Adopted : May 27, 2014</p> <p>Attest: <i>Brandi Pullman</i> Clerk of Council</p>
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City Council recessed and reconvened as Martinsville Redevelopment & Housing Authority for the adoption of a Resolution by MRHA regarding Father's Day 2014: Wayne Knox briefed Council on the resolution for HUD's Father's Day Initiative as well as highlighting planned weekend of events using local sponsors. Mr. Knox also introduced numerous individuals involved in the planned activities who gave details on each event. On a motion by Vice Chairman Gene Teague, seconded by Authority Member Sharon Brooks Hodge, with a 5-0 vote, the Martinsville Redevelopment & Housing Authority adopted the following resolution:

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**WHEREAS**, the Martinsville Redevelopment and Housing Authority, in cooperation with the Department of Housing & Urban Development, strives to promote the principles of Responsible Fatherhood, by encouraging all fathers to take full responsibility for themselves, their wife or life partner, and their children; and

**WHEREAS**, the blessing of children brings with it, the duty to train them, encourage them, protect them and provide for them; and

**WHEREAS**, the Martinsville Redevelopment and Housing Authority believes all fathers should strive to be a model of civility, respectfulness, faithfulness, and integrity; now therefore,

**BE IT RESLOVED** by the Martinsville Redevelopment & Housing Authority Board of Commissioners that, on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014, in recognition of Fathers' Day 2014, it does hereby pledge to work with its citizens in pursuit of the shared goal and responsibility for ensuring that all children have an environment which includes a strong father.

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Attest:

  
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 Kim Adkins, Chairman

May 27, 2014  
 Date Adopted

Martinsville Redevelopment & Housing Authority adjourned and Martinsville City Council reconvened.

Approval Northside Planning Grant Pre-Contract documents: Wayne Knox explained the requirement of the application process is to adopt several standard certification items prior to the actual awarding of the block grant for the improvements in the Northside neighborhood. Additional documents will require approval in the future once the City has been successful in being awarding the block grant. On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Mark Stroud, with a 5-0 vote, Council approved the Local Business & Employment Plan, Non-Discrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure, Anti-Displacement Plan, and Fair Housing Certification.

Approval of consent agenda: On a motion by Mark Stroud, seconded by Sharon Brooks Hodge, with a 5-0 vote, Council approved the following consent agenda:

		BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 5/27/2014		
ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
<b>FY14</b>				
<b>General Fund:</b>				
01101917	442601	Categorical Other State - EMS 4 for Life Grant		1,604
01322105	506114	EMS - 4 for Life Grant Additional Grant Funding	1,604	
01101917	442402	Categorical Other State - Confiscated Assets - C Atty		1,260
01221082	506105	Comm Atty - Conf Assets State	1,260	
01101917	442401	Categorical Other State - Confiscated Assets - Police		4,900
01311085	506078	Police Dept - Conf Assets State Asset Forfeiture Proceeds	4,900	
01101917	442810	Categorical State Other - Highway Projects		159,828
01413151	503193	Thorofare Construction - Inspection Service	5,909	
01413151	508220	Thorofare Construction - Physical Plant Expansion Liberty St project reimbursement	153,919	
011001918	443405	Grants - State - DEQ - Stormwater Prog #15743		33,373
01812246	503136	Stormwater Program - Prof Services - Consultant	33,000	
01812246	506010	Stormwater Program - Supplies Stormwater Program Development, Phase II	373	
<b>Total General Fund:</b>			<b>200,965</b>	<b>200,965</b>

Business from floor: Kathy Lawson shared comments with Council from Westside meeting regarding the housing office:

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Statements made during the meeting:

Building is a Historical site

It was stated that Someone asked about the building during the neighborhood meeting recently held on the West end and was told she would be kept posted as to the disposition but she's not heard anything.

One Gentleman stated he had heard that someone had bid on the building.

Another person wanted to know why the city wasn't being up front in stating what they plan to do with the building.

Several folks are concerned because there's been no definite information provided as to where the satellite housing office will be located or what days there will be someone available to meet with our city folks who use the services.

There were many folks who expressed their frustration about not knowing...not knowing where they will go for housing services and not knowing what's going to happen with the building.

The statements made to us about the "not knowing" where the housing office would go and "not knowing" what would become of the building were spoken by many.

Rachel Beneke also commented that at that meeting it was evident the residents took a lot of pride in the building and they felt strongly that it should stay a polling precinct. Wayne Knox updated Council that no action has been taken by HUD at this point and he assured Council there will be an open and transparent communication process as this moves forward. Jennifer Bowles of 1670 Roundabout Road urged Council not to sell the housing building and wants it to stay as a voting precinct. Ural Harris of 217 Stuart Street asked for monthly electric transmission costs updates and prices from Prairie State. Lawrence Mitchell of 700 Second Street commented on citizens' confusion as to what will happen with the housing office building. Eric Monday commented on his rewarding experience serving on the local Social Services board and commended the Social Services staff.

Council comments: Stroud-reminded citizens about Memorial Day importance; Turner-thanked Roselawn for the 67<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Ceremony and congratulated Wendell Scott for induction in National Guard Hall of Fame. Adkins-thanked Carver Memorial Gardens for holding a Memorial Day Service.

City Manager comments: reminded Council of tour of YMCA prior to June 10 Council meeting and advised city staff will confirm time and advise Council.

Reconvene 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 considered during Session. On a motion by Sharon Brooks Hodge, seconded by Gene Teague, with the following recorded 5-0 vote: Adkins, aye; Teague, aye; Hodge, aye; Stroud, aye; and Turner, aye, Council returned to Open Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:10pm.

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Brenda Prillaman  
Clerk of Council

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Kim Adkins  
Mayor