

January 13, 2015

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, was held on January 13, 2015, in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 7:30 PM, Closed Session beginning at 7:00pm, with Mayor Danny Turner presiding. Council Members present included: Mayor Danny Turner, Vice Mayor Jennifer Bowles, Gene Teague, Sharon Brooks Hodge, and Mark Stroud. Staff present included: Leon Towarnicki, City Manager, Brenda Prillaman, Eric Monday, Linda Conover, Wayne Knox, Dave Brahmstadt, E. C. Stone, Rob Fincher, and Sean Dunn.

Mayor Turner 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 Mark Stroud, seconded by Sharon Brooks Hodge, with the following 5-0 recorded vote: Turner, aye; Teague, aye; Hodge, aye; Stroud, aye; and Bowles, aye, Council convened in Closed Session, for the purpose of discussing the following matters: (A) Appointments to Boards and Commissions as authorized by Subsection 1. (B) Discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and 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) 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. Council recessed Closed Session and will continue at the end of regular session.

Following the invocation by Vice Mayor Bowles and Pledge to the American Flag, the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced action to be taken from Closed Session.

ICSM Medical School: A motion was made by Sharon Brooks Hodge, seconded by Mark Stroud, with a 5-0 vote, to execute the performance agreement with ICSM Medical School and the Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission for \$800,000. Signature Page:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement to become effective as of the date first written above.

TOBACCO INDEMNIFICATION AND  
COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION  
COMMISSION  
By: Tim Pfohl  
Tim Pfohl, Interim Executive Director  
Date: 1.15.15

CITY OF MARTINSVILLE  
By: Gene Teague  
Title: City Manager  
Date: 1/14/15

INTEGRATIVE CENTERS FOR SCIENCE  
AND MEDICINE & COLLEGE OF  
HENRICOPOLIS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
By: Paul J. Boag  
Title: President  
Date: 1/14/15

Minutes: On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Jennifer Bowles, with a 5-0 vote, Council approved the minutes of the October 14, 2014 and October 28, 2014 meetings.

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Recognition of Magna Vista High School Football team: Mayor Turner turned meeting over to Vice Mayor Bowles to read proclamation and handle recognition of football team.

Recognition of Assistant Fire Chief Rodney Dan Howell, II: Mayor Turner turned the meeting over to Council Member Stroud to handle recognition of Dan Howell for his completion of the Executive Fire Officer Program.

Recognition of Ginny Wray and Mike Wray: Mayor Turner turned the meeting over to Council Member Gene Teague to handle recognition of Ginny Wray and Mike Wray of the Martinsville Bulletin.

Update from Goodwill Industries: Mayor Turner announced an update to be given by Goodwill Industries. Misty Adams, Donated Goods Events Coordinator, gave the update to Council.

Update regarding Animal Control: Animal Control Officer E. C. Stone updated Council on statistics regarding animal control policies and procedures.

Update regarding city diversity hiring: Human Resources Director Dave Brahmstadt presented the following information:

<h3>Activities 2014</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diversity and Recruiting Policy began March 2014 &amp; approved 7.1.14             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Half (4 of 8) people hired since were women or minorities</li> </ul> </li> <li>Minister and College Outreach increased, previously non-existent             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focused outreach to PHCC and HSBCUs</li> </ul> </li> <li>5 Diversity Advantage Trainings</li> <li>Continued consultation with Lenora Billings-Harris who was previously recognized by SHRM as one of the top 100 Diversity Leaders.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan to continue consulting relationship 2015</li> </ul> </li> <li>On-line application implemented</li> </ul>	<h3>Employee Census 2014</h3> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Census-CM (City)</th> <th>2014#</th> <th>2014%</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>AA/F</td> <td>7</td> <td>3.1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AA/M</td> <td>17</td> <td>7.6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W/F</td> <td>30</td> <td>13.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W/M</td> <td>167</td> <td>75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L/M</td> <td>1</td> <td>0.4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NA/M</td> <td>1</td> <td>0.4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTALS</td> <td>223</td> <td>100.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>AA/F = African American Female          AA/M = African American Male          W/F = White Female          W/M = White Male          L/M = Latino Male          NA/M = Native American Male</p>	Census-CM (City)	2014#	2014%	AA/F	7	3.1	AA/M	17	7.6	W/F	30	13.5	W/M	167	75	L/M	1	0.4	NA/M	1	0.4	TOTALS	223	100.0	<h3>Turnover</h3> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Department</th> <th># In Department</th> <th>% Dept Turnover</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT</td> <td>15</td> <td>26.7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FIRE DEPARTMENT</td> <td>32</td> <td>3.1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POLICE DEPARTMENT</td> <td>52</td> <td>1.9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PUBLIC WORKS</td> <td>58</td> <td>6.9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>UTILITY BILLING</td> <td>8</td> <td>25.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Department	# In Department	% Dept Turnover	ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT	15	26.7	FIRE DEPARTMENT	32	3.1	POLICE DEPARTMENT	52	1.9	PUBLIC WORKS	58	6.9	UTILITY BILLING	8	25.0
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After lengthy discussion among Council members, Mr. Brahmstadt was thanked for his presentation acknowledging that the first step to get better is to have the conversation.

Approval of Northside Grant documents: Wayne Knox briefed Council on the CDBG revitalization project. A resolution authorizing the contract documents starts the clock ticking on this 24-month endeavor. The program design is probably the most important document to review as it details the process and procedures by which this project will function. The documents for executing the contract for the official start of the Northside Neighborhood Comprehensive Community Development project are included in the City Council packet. On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Jennifer Bowles, with a 5-0 vote, Council approved the four contract documents to authorize the City Manager to execute required contract for Northside Neighborhood Comprehensive Community Development Project-CIG#14-13.

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Consent Agenda: On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Sharon Brooks Hodge, with a 5-0 vote, Council approved the following consent agenda:

BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 1/13/15				
ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
<b>FY15</b>				
<b>General Fund:</b>				
01102926	443403	Categorical Federal - LEMP Grant		7,500
01334122	506131	Safety Coordinator - LEMP Grant Supplies	7,500	
		Local Emergency Mgmt Performance Grant		
01101917	442402	Categorical Other State - Confiscated Assets - C Atty		1,822
01221082	506105	Comm Atty - Conf Assets State	1,822	
01101917	442401	Categorical Other State - Confiscated Assets - Police		5,263
01311085	506078	Police Dept - Conf Assets State	5,263	
		Asset Forfeiture Proceeds		
<b>Total General Fund:</b>			<b>14,585</b>	<b>14,585</b>
<b>CDBG Fund:</b>				
47102926	447061	Categorical Federal - NCI Comm. Improv. Grant		35,000
47833380	503191	NCI CIG - Prof. Services - Contractors	35,000	
		NCI pass-through funding		
<b>Total CDBG Fund:</b>			<b>35,000</b>	<b>35,000</b>
<b>School Operating Fund:</b>				
18103905	489909	Sale of Other Equipment		22,365
80004500	568100	Vehicle Services - Capital Outlay Replacement	22,365	
		Funds rec'd through GovDeals sales of surplus		
<b>Total School Operating Fund:</b>			<b>22,365</b>	<b>22,365</b>

Business from floor: Will Boyd-912 Carol St.—comments on fluoride in city water and why he thinks it should not be in city water. City staff will research the fluoride issue and provide information to Council; Chad Martin-gave details on Martin Luther King events and said he is going to South Africa in February for the Peace Corps.

Council comments: Stroud-looking forward to a new year; Bowles-asked if Council could have a conversation regarding legislative aide to localities; Teague-asked for Council to pass a resolution that the City Attorney will draft and send to legislators and governor's office to eliminate aid to Commonwealth by localities as a means to balance the state budget. A motion was made by Mark Stroud, seconded by Jennifer Bowles, with a 5-0 vote, to have the City Attorney send the resolution.

City Manager comments: Mr. Towarnicki reported the city website now has mobile friendly access on smartphones; The Henry is scheduled to have tenants in by June and project is moving forward; funds will be forthcoming from the USDA generator grant; Hooker Field artificial turf project looking good and the National Baseball Association have again signed tournament contracts.

Mayor Turner commented the medical school funding is a good announcement and stressed the importance of everyone to be our biggest cheerleaders. Council will now reconvene to 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 the Session. On a motion by Sharon Brooks Hodge, seconded by Mark Stroud, with the following recorded 5-0 vote: Turner, aye; Teague, aye; Hodge, aye; Stroud, aye; and Bowles, aye, Council returned to Open Session for following action:

Board actions taken: On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Mark Stroud, with 5-0 vote, Council appointed Daniel Spencer, 1215 Preston Rd. to the Transportation Safety Commission for a 4 year term

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ending 12/31/18 and with same motion appointed Smith Chaney, 55 General Longstreet, to the Transportation Commission for a 4 year term ending 12/31/18 with a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Sharon Brooks Hodge and seconded by Jennifer Bowles to appoint Ural Harris, 217 Stuart St. to the Planning Commission for a 4 year unexpired term ending 6/30/16. A second motion was made by Gene Teague, seconded by Mark Stroud, to appoint Jonathan Martin, 1203 Valley View Rd. to the Planning Commission for a 4 year unexpired term ending 6/30/16. The vote on the first motion carried with a 3-2 vote (Teague-nay and Stroud-nay) to appoint Mr. Ural Harris, so no vote was taken on the second motion.

On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Mark Stroud, with a 5-0 vote, Jennifer Bowles was appointed to serve in the Council Member spot on the West Piedmont Planning District Commission for a 4 year term coinciding with term on Council.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm.

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Brenda Prillaman  
Clerk of Council

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Danny Turner  
Mayor