

AGENDA--CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA

Council Chambers – Municipal Building
7:00pm Regular Session
Tuesday August 8, 2023

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Pledge to the American Flag and Invocation by Council Member Lawson

1. Approve minutes from July 25, 2023 Council Meeting and the August 3, 2023 Closed Session. (5 mins)
2. Hear an awareness discussion to educate the community on the process to foster a child or support children in need. There is a strong need for foster parents. (15 mins)
3. Consider requested use of the National Guard Armory by I Won't Stop Family, LLC. (10 mins)
4. Consider reallocation of approved FY24 Capital Funds for Water Treatment Facility. (10 mins)
5. Consider requested use of the national Guard Armory by I Won't Stop Family, LLC. (10 mins)
6. **Business from the Floor -**
The public comment portion of the Council meeting provides citizens the opportunity to discuss matters relevant to the operation of the City, which are not listed on the printed agenda.
Citizens who wish to participate in a meeting's public comment period may do so by emailing their comments to Karen Roberts, Clerk of Council, at kroberts@ci.martinsville.va.us, calling in their comments to 276-403-5182, faxing comments to 276-403-5280, or mailing comments to City of Martinsville, attn.: Karen Roberts, P.O. Drawer 1112, Martinsville, VA 24114. *Comments must be received by 12:00noon Monday August 7, 2023.* Citizens may also request to speak at the Council meeting in the same manner.
Comments, or a request to speak, must be received by noon the day before a Council meeting for consideration by Council at the meeting. Any person submitting comments or requesting to speak must identify themselves by name and address, including zip code, limit their remarks to 3 minutes or less (as read aloud), address a topic of City business, and refrain from making any personal references or accusations of a factually false and/or malicious nature. Priority for comments is given to City residents, taxpayers, and business owners. Speakers may not yield time. Groups of speakers on the same topic must designate a single representative. Comments violating these rules may not be presented at the Council meeting. Any speaker violating these rules may be removed from the podium or from the Council chamber.
This policy does not apply to public hearings, at which any citizen of Martinsville may appear and speak on the subject of the public hearing.
7. Comments by members of City Council. (5 mins)
8. Comments by City Manager. (5 mins)



City Council Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: August 8, 2023

Item No: 1.

Department: Clerk of Council

Issue: Consider approval of minutes

Summary: None

Attachments: July 25, 2023 Council Meeting
August 3, 2023 Closed Session

Recommendations: Motion to approve minutes as presented.



City Council Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: August 8, 2023
Item No: 2.
Department: City Manager / Mayor
Issue: Fostering a Child – By Intercept Health

Summary: Hear an awareness discussion to educate the community on the process to foster a child or support children in need. There is a strong need for foster parents.

Attachments: Intercept Health information paper

Recommendations: Allow Intercept Health to discuss the issue.



- ✓ Intercept Health TFC is licensed to provide treatment foster care services in the state of Virginia.
- ✓ There are currently 513,000 children in foster care nationwide, there are a total of 153,000 homes available, that leaves 360,000 children without homes.
- ✓ Intercept is on a statewide mission to recruit the most willing qualified homes to provide a safe haven for these children.
- ✓ Basic Qualifications:
 - Can be married, single, widowed or divorced.
 - Must be over 21 years old.
 - Have a monthly income that is enough to pay monthly expenses.
 - Pass background checks: criminal history, child protective services, and driving record.
 - Need to have a physical exam and TB test or screening that shows that each household member is healthy and free of communicable diseases.
 - Must have bedspace/room available: no sleeping on the floor, on cots, or on couches.
- ✓ The approval process:
 - An orientation session that is scheduled at your convenience.
 - Pressley Ridge Training that gives you the knowledge and skills to parent foster children
 - Home visits to make sure the home meets licensure standards.
 - A meeting at an Intercept office to introduce foster parents to Treatment Foster Care staff and review paperwork requirements.
 - Completing the Intent to Foster Assessment to tell us about your preferences about age, gender, race/ethnicity as well as what needs or behaviors you could work with.
- ✓ After approval:
 - Matching placements with your preferences and abilities.
 - Maintaining low caseloads so our workers can make frequent contact with foster parents and provide assistance as needed.
 - Offering 24/7 on-call support.
 - Arranging respite on an emergency or planned basis.

- Paying foster parents, a monthly reimbursement that is based on the child's age as well as the child's needs and behaviors. This is not income and is not reported on your taxes.
 - Providing monthly foster parent training. This is a great opportunity to meet other foster parents and gain additional information about foster parenting.
 - Intercept Health's LifeBridge Continuum of Care connects parents to additional support services.
 - Access to local community support groups
- ✓ You will have 24/7 support and access to needed services while fostering with Intercept.

We currently have office locations in:

- Stafford
- Chester
- Chesapeake
- Staunton
- Lynchburg
- Rocky Mount
- Danville
- Martinsville
- Wytheville
- Roanoke

If fostering is not for you or you are unsure: there are other ways to help!!

- ✓ Offer support to those around you who are fostering: bring them a meal, volunteer to get groceries for the family, offer to watch the children to give parents a break.
- ✓ Find an organization and become a mentor/big brother/big sister.
- ✓ Educate yourself on the foster care system and the specific needs for your area.
- ✓ Get your church involved: LEARN ABOUT CARE PORTAL!



City Council Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: August 8, 2023
Item No: 3.
Department: City Manager
Issue: Requested use of the National Guard Armory by I Won't Stop Family, LLC

Summary: The Mayor and former City Manager Leon Towarnicki were approached by Mr. Chris Draper, the Owner of I Won't Stop Family, LLC, a regional organization that specializes in basketball skills development. He would like to use the NG Armory to conduct their development classes. Please see the attached document provided by Mr. Chris Draper.

They plan to keep the facilities clean and are willing to make payments that support the rental and cost of utilities. At this writing I do not have an estimate on utility cost. Additionally, they plan to keep the facility clean.

I do not believe their activities will have a negative impact on our current RFP or on the facilities.

Attachments: Proposal NG Armory.

Recommendations: Approve the use of the NG Armory by I Won't Stop Family, LLC, to support area youth. Charge a monthly fee for the rental of the facility and then they are responsible for utilities and keeping it clean.

I Won't Stop Family, LLC is an organization that specializes in youth basketball skills development and is the only company of its kind in Martinsville, VA. We have identified a need for grass roots instruction focused on the minute disciplines of the game of basketball.

Current operations are held at Fairway Baptist Church located on Fairystone Park Highway. Our current location is not a gymnasium and is extremely small. We would love to utilize The Armory as it would allow us to better service the area of Martinsville. We understand this location would be temporary, as it is our ultimate goal to build a stand-alone facility or stabilize a location to service the community.

The Armory would give our countless Martinsville kids easier access with the ability to reach even more children within our area. It also provides a central location for our clients who come from the areas of Patrick, Franklin, Pittsylvania and Henry County as well as Danville City.

For over five years we have provided a family atmosphere to over 250 clients and 75 clients a week. We offer private, semiprivate, group, vertimax, shooting machine and team sessions and would love to offer open basketball runs for all age groups. We operate Mon-Fri from 4-9PM and Saturday from 10AM-3PM. We do not expect a handout and will pay the city rent and or utilities for using the gymnasium itself. Many of our kids have obtained countless awards, national and state rankings, and scholarships as a result.

Awards and accolades are awesome, but we love pouring into our kids. I Won't Stop Family uses basketball as a vehicle to teach youth important life skills that lead to success on and off the court. Of course, we teach them how to compete to win against others. But in doing so, they also learn how to accept defeat and remain confident enough to keep pushing forward. Basketball is a team sport, kids get to interact with others, both on their team and the opposing side. They learn how to cooperate with their team and build a sense of camaraderie. Getting good at basketball or anything doesn't happen overnight. Every skill taught develops a level of patience within our kids. Developing skills to be successful take time and patience. Kids who are patient with themselves and keep persevering will succeed outside of basketball. There is always a fear of failure, but basketball teaches dealing with that fear to emphasize effort over ability. Nothing great comes out of anything easy and getting good at basketball requires hard work. Kids and young adults need to learn the value of hard work and determination if they want to succeed. Basketball can be very demanding not only physically but mentally and emotionally. Emotional and mental stability is not a life lesson you can pick up through lecture but through basketball kids learn to maintain stability in all aspects. I highly suggest our basketball skills training because it's an activity our kids enjoy and can continue to learn valuable life lessons.



City Council Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: August 8, 2023

Item No: 4.

Department: Water Resources Department

Issue: Consider Reallocation of Approved FY24 Capital Funds for Water Treatment Facility

Summary: The Water Resources Department is seeking permission to reallocate funds that were approved in the FY24 Water Fund Budget to the sludge collector installation project.

The current sludge collection system has ceased to function, increasing the levels of organics and the likelihood of disinfection byproducts in the drinking water system. Therefore, it is believed that the sludge collector installation takes priority over the approved capital requests to prevent a reduction in the quality of water distributed to Martinsville's citizens.

The FY24 Water Budget included \$500,000 for roof and basin repairs. The city is requesting Council's permission to delay the roof and basin repair while the preliminary engineering reports are performed for the project to move forward.

The sludge Collectors equipment was approved to purchase in FY23 budget. The project's installation plan included using existing maintenance staff to install the equipment, presented an advantage and significant cost savings. The equipment was delivered in May 2023, the existing staff member is no longer able to perform the installation due to unforeseen circumstances.

Since the City has lost the experienced maintenance staff, the 1-year manufacturer warranty on the equipment, and complexity of the installation, the need to determine the cost to install, which is why the RFP was issued on June 5, 2023. The only proposal received was in the amount of \$495,000.

The City is seeking approval to commit the \$500,000 that was approved in the FY24 Capital Budget for structural repairs of the Water Treatment facility to the Sludge Collector Install Project located at the Water Plant. Understanding that the roof and basin repairs will not be able to occur this fiscal year due to the reallocation, the Water Resources Department plans to seek outside funding sources to complete a treatment plant upgrade project that will address the structural issues and improve the safety, functionality, and treatment processes of the facility.

Since we are requesting to reallocate the use of the funds for another project, there is no budget adjustment needed since we are not increasing the Water Fund budget.

Attachments: None

Recommendations: Approval to reallocate funds already approved in FY24 Water Budget