

October 10, 2017

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia was held on October 10, 2017 in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 7:30 PM with Mayor Gene Teague presiding. Council Members present included Gene Teague, Chad Martin, Sharon Hodge and Kathy Lawson. Jennifer Bowles 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, Zoning Administrator Susan McCulloch, Parks and Recreation Program Coordinator Zach Morris, Senior Services Coordinator Betsy Pace, and Police Chief Eddie Cassidy.

Mayor Teague called the meeting to order and advised Council would go into Closed Session beginning at 7:00 PM. In accordance with section 2.1-344 (A) Code of Virginia (1950, and as amended) and upon a motion by Council Member Hodge, seconded by Council Member Lawson, with the following 4-0 recorded vote: Council Member Lawson, aye; Council Member Hodge, aye; Mayor Teague, aye and Vice Mayor Martin, aye. Council convened in Closed Session to discuss the following matters: (A) appointments to boards and commissions as authorized by Subsection 1 and (B) 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. 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. A motion was made by Council Member Hodge, seconded by Council Member Lawson, with the following 4-0 recorded vote in favor to return to Open Session: Mayor Teague, aye; Vice Mayor Martin, aye; Council Member Hodge, aye; and Council Member Lawson, aye.

Vice Mayor Martin made a motion to appoint James Hyler and Austin Roberson to the Planning Commission for unexpired 4-year terms both ending June 30, 2018; Council Member Lawson seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor.

Mayor Teague explained that the City is working on a 5-year repayment program with the Tobacco Commission and a letter is being sent to Dr. Boaz, which he will be required to answer. Council will continue to keep the residents updated.

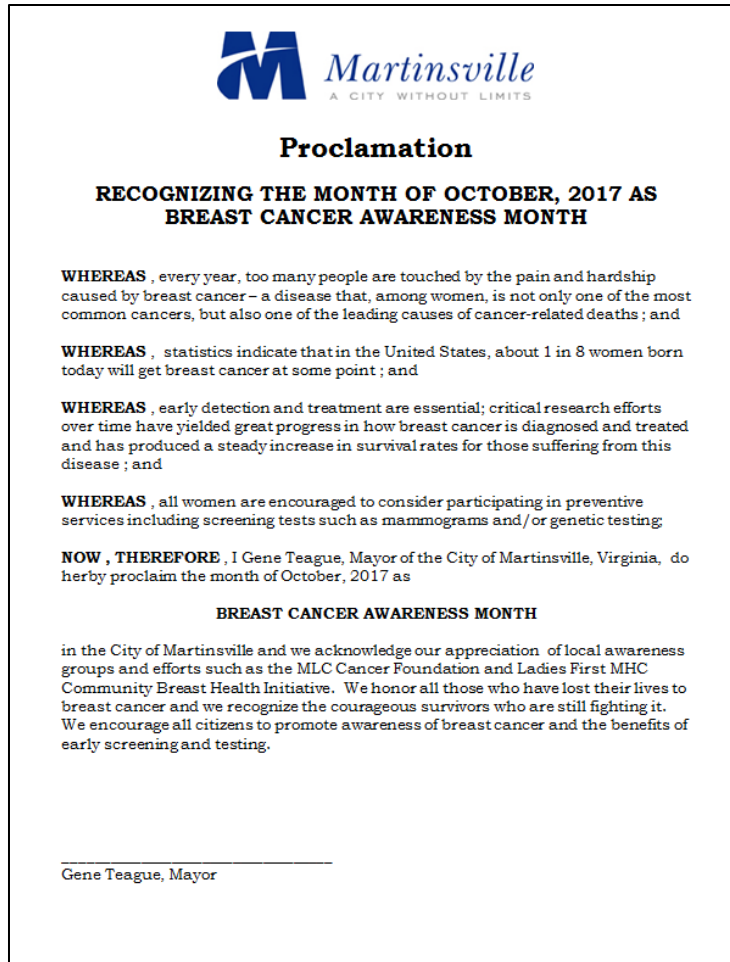
Following the invocation by Mayor Teague and Pledge to the American Flag, Teague welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Consider approval of minutes of the September 25, 2017 Neighborhood Meeting -
Council Member Lawson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Hodge seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor.

Hear a proclamation read designating October 2017 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Martinsville – Council Member Lawson read the proclamation. Patricia

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Via accepted the proclamation on behalf of the MLC Breast Cancer Foundation in honor of her mother and aunt. In the past 6 years, they have raised over \$100,000 and assisted residents with appointments, transportation and moral support. Vice Mayor Martin thanked Via and others for their work and shared that his mother was also a breast cancer survivor.



Consider setting a public hearing for October 24, 2017 on a request from the City of Martinsville – Martinsville Redevelopment and Housing Authority for a Special Use Permit to allow the use of a Vehicle Terminal at 1 Progress Drive at Clearview Business Park – Susan McCulloch detailed a potential business opportunity related to a truck terminal at 1 Progress Drive which would require a special use permit. Council Member Hodge expressed concern about potential odor emissions from the trucks. McCulloch said she would have an answer on that before the public hearing. Council Member Hodge made a motion to set the joint public hearing for October 24, 2017 with the Planning Commission; Council Member Lawson seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor.

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10/4/2017 City of Martinsville, Virginia Property Report

Property Report - City of Martinsville



Current Data:
Property ID: 060002150 Tax Map Number: 14 (03)00 /03
Owner: MARTINSVILLE REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING AUTHORITY
Address: 55 W CHURCH STREET City/State/Zip: MARTINSVILLE, VA
Deed/Page: LR00/00837 Legal Description: PARCEL 3 12.082 ACRES CLEARVIEW BUSINESS PARK
Acquired Date: NA Consideration: \$0.00
Year Built: Property Desc: NA Above Grade Sq Ft: 0
Acres: 12.082 Zoning: B-1
Land Value: \$206100.00 Building Value: \$0.00 Total Value: \$206100.00

Previous Data:
Owner: MARTINSVILLE CITY OF
Acquired Date: NA Deed/Page: NA Consideration: \$0.00

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Mayor Gene Teague
City of Martinsville
55 W Church Street
Martinsville, VA 24112

Dear Mayor Teague,

On Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 2 PM in Council Chambers, the Planning Commission voted to hold a public hearing to consider the request by the City of Martinsville – Martinsville Redevelopment and Housing Authority for a Special Use Permit to allow the use of a Vehicle Terminal at 1 Progress Drive.

The Commission respectfully requests that Martinsville City Council conduct a Joint Public Hearing with Planning Commission during Council's regular meeting on Tuesday, October 24, 2017. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Joe Martin
Chair, City of Martinsville Planning Commission

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Consider setting a public hearing for November 14, 2017 jointly with the Martinsville Planning Commission on the Subdivision Ordinance update – Assistant City Manager Knox asked for the public hearing to be scheduled for November 28th to allow necessary personnel to be present to answer questions. Council Member Lawson made a motion to set the public hearing with the Planning Commission for November 28, 2017; Vice Mayor Martin seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor.

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Hear a staff update on operations of City Parks and Recreation and Senior Services – Betsy Pace updated Council on the Senior Center and how they are moving forward with morning and evening activities. Pace upcoming Council on special events that will be held at the Library as well as Medicare seminars for residents on October 24 and November 14 at the Senior Center. She shared details on the monthly breakfast club, the supper club, and said the golf tournament was a success with another tournament being held on November 15 at Forest Park. The Senior Post newsletter will be distributed soon. The annual senior health fair held in May and the fishing clinic at the City Reservoir were also successful events. Pace said activities are available to all residents 50 years of age or older. She said anyone needing transportation to these activities should contact her about the senior bus. Council Member Hodge questioned transportation, which could be affected by budget cuts and asked that preparations be made in advance of the next year's budget by looking at additional funding. City Manager Towarnicki said they have had discussions with several organizations with buses and are considering working with local churches also. Towarnicki shared details on the health clinic Saturday November 4 at the United Methodist Church as well as transportation routes to get residents to this event. Vice Mayor Martin asked about volunteer hours for students and if there would be evening activities that they could help with at the Senior Center. Zach Morris updated Council on the Parks and Recreation department including summer events

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and camps with over 200 participants. Smith River Fest had over 1,700 people this year. Fall sports had a great enrollment. Morris said he is happy to say that Southside Park is fully booked with activities. They are currently enrolling 4-5year old basketball league; all activities include a \$10 enrollment fee. Council Member Hodge asked that a survey be completed to see if any resident children are missing out because inability to pay the fee. The Great Goblin Gallop will be October 28. Morris shared details on the fall youth volleyball league and winter basketball league. Parks and Recreation staff is looking to complete some general maintenance work during the cooler months when activities slow down. Hodge asked about programs for skateboarders. Morris says he has reached out to residents who are more comfortable with this type of activity but does not have a commitment to instruct. City Manager Towarnicki asked Morris about the amount of children involved in activities, saying it appears that those numbers have increased over years. Morris confirmed that some of the leagues have a waiting list because they had more interest than they had available spots. Vice Mayor Martin asked about collaborating with an organization that may be interested in adult volleyball.

Consider approval of payroll deduction employee computer purchase program – City Manager Towarnicki described the program, which was offered to employees previously, describing how the City would front the money but it would provide equipment to employees at a lower price and on a no interest payment plan. Towarnicki explained that offering this program is labor intensive and there are only two weeks to collect those orders and payment plans. Council Hodge asked that the program be revenue neutral so that taxpayers will not have to pay for the employee time invested in processing this program. Council Member Lawson made a motion to approve the purchase program; Vice Mayor Martin seconded the motion. Council 3-1 approved with Hodge nay.

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

BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 10/10/17				
ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
FY18				
General Fund:				
01100909	490104	Advanced/Recovered Costs		218
01217078	506008	Sheriff-Courts - Vehicle Equipment & Maintenan	218	
		Insurance payment - vehicle repairs		
01102926	405555	Federal Categorical - Brownfields Grant - EPA		27,205
01812247	503136	Brownfields - Professional Services - Consultant	27,205	
		Project reimbursement		
01100909	490104	Advanced/Recovered Costs		1,500
01331108	506061	Sheriff-Corrections - Weapons/Ammunition	1,500	
		Event services provided at Martinsville Speedway		
01101917	442701	Categorical - Other - State - Fire Programs Funds		6,206
01321102	506110	Fire Dept. - State Grant - Fire Programs	6,206	
		Additional Funds		
01102926	436401	Cat. Federal - Federal Confiscated Assets - Police		5,758
01311085	506079	Police Dept - Federal Asset Forfeitures	5,758	
		US Marshals Service		
Total General Fund:			40,887	40,887
CDBG Fund:				
47102926	447063	Categorical Federal - Northside Neighborhood Project		125,453
47835525	505370	Northside - Administration	2,300	
47835525	505375	Northside - Owner Occupied Reconstruction	16,164	
47835525	505601	Northside - Homeownership Creation	1,319	
47835525	505602	Northside - Street Improvements	105,670	
Total CDBG Fund:			125,453	125,453

Business from the Floor – Donald Kirby, 1178 Banner Street expressed concern about curb and gutter on Geter Street. Mr. Kirby said the community asked for curb and gutter and he was under the impression that it would be provided. Kirby said he had a discussion with Wayne Knox and Chris Morris, he said he thought there was a compromise agreed upon until an article was released in the Martinsville Bulletin which explained a different plan. He asked that Geter Street be made wider. Mayor Teague asked Towarnicki to provide additional information at the next Council meeting of what is in the budget and if this problem can be resolved. Council Member Lawson asked that the right-of-way be staked out. Teague said the issue would be revisited.

Patrick H. Wright, Spruce Street asked if there was a brochure available through Parks and Recreation, which was provided to him by Morris.

Ural Harris, Stewart Street said he is glad that the City has responded to the Tobacco Commission Grant. Mayor Teague repeated that Dr. Boaz has been served a series of questions that he is required to respond to by the end of the month. Harris requests that Council ask the Commonwealth Attorney to become involved. Harris asked why the City did not pursue the interested party that recently visited the Commonwealth Crossing. City Manager Towarnicki explained there was a non-profit business interested that opened an office in the City and was interested in expanding in the Martinsville area. Towards the end of

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2016, a meeting was scheduled and after the meeting, the group attended several sites including the Clearview Park. A feasibility study would be required but the organization did not have the funds for the study, the City does not provide grant money for those things. West Piedmont assisted also, communicated the findings back to the organization the following March but never heard back from them. Towarnicki explained that funding was needed to further the plans but was not available.

Comments by members of City Council – Mayor Teague explained that Council Member Bowles had a prior engagement and was unable to attend tonight’s meeting. Council Member Hodge explained that they attended the VML Conference, very informative and she brought back some literature on proposed legislature on Virginia Grocery Fund for our location. Council Member Lawson thanked Liz Secrest and the Chamber of Commerce on a successful OctoberFest. On Saturday October 14, 2017, Gateway will host a Hazardous Waste Day; information is available on the City Facebook page. The City Sheriff’s Department is still accepting donations for the Blessing Buckets. The last speaker on Tuesday at the VML Conference spoke on the HEAL program which was very informative. Mayor Teague complimented members of council who all were able to attend the VML Conference.

Comments by City Manager – Towarnicki explained that Council might have missed previous conferences but explained that it is important to see what other locations are doing with the same issues that Martinsville may be having. It is encouraging to see how advanced Martinsville is and there were some very good sessions available at the conference. The West End neighborhood meeting will be moved to Albert Harris October 23 because High Street Baptist had a schedule conflict that day.

There being no further business, Council Member Hodge made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Council Member Lawson with all Council Members voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Karen Roberts
Clerk of Council

Gene Teague
Mayor