

October 22, 2019 Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia was held on October 22, 2019 in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 7:30 PM with Mayor Kathy Lawson presiding. Other Council Members present included Chad Martin, Jennifer Bowles, Jim Woods and Danny Turner. Staff present included City Manager Leon Towarnicki, Assistant City Manager/City Attorney Eric Monday, Finance Director Linda Conover, and Police Captain Chad Rhoads.

Mayor Lawson called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge to the American Flag and invocation Lawson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Hear an overview of the October 21, 2019 West End neighborhood tour and meeting – City Manager Towarnicki summarized the West End tour and neighborhood meeting, sharing details of resident concerns and how the City is following up on those.

Hear an update on Martinsville Mustangs Baseball – City Manager Towarnicki explained the City's status with the Martinsville Mustangs, stating that they did not want to get back into management of the team. Greg Suire, owner of two teams in the Coastal Plain League has been in discussion with the City this past year about management of the team in the 2020 season. A contract has been signed with Suire to manage the team September 1, 2019 through August 2020. Suire thanked Council and the people of Martinsville for the opportunity. Suire plans to enhance the quality of baseball in the community and energize the fan experience. He hopes to help brand Martinsville and make it a location where other teams want to play and fans want to visit. He hopes to help renew interest in the community through the Martinsville Mustangs. He is in the process of hiring new staff.

Hear a presentation from Michael Stowers, Partnership Specialist for the U.S. Census Bureau – Michael Stowers, Partnership Specialist for the US Census Bureau thanked Council for inviting him back and presented a PowerPoint about the upcoming census including what to expect, why accurate counts are important and job availability to assist with the census. Stowers explained the process, which would include a postcard with a unique id, directing you to a website to complete the census online. If residents do not respond then a second postcard and a third mailing will be sent. If residents do not respond to any of these mailings then a census worker will visit the residence. The census worker will provide appropriate identification to verify they are working with the census bureau. The workers will have an iPad to complete the census on site. Stowers encourages the residents to contact the police if they are uncomfortable with the worker visiting their residence. Council Member Bowles encouraged residents to respond to the census because those census results are what determine financial assistance for the area. Every resident who is missed could potentially cost the community \$1,099 per person.

Virginia Counts

Preparing for the 2020 Census

United States Census Bureau

Census 101

- Constitutionally mandated (Article I, Section 2)
- Has occurred every 10 years since 1790
- Easy, safe, and important
- Decides apportionment of representatives
- Defines redistricting & local voting precinct locations
- Determines spending of over \$675 billion in federal funds
- Viewed as the gold standard for data

About Us

Michael Stowers, Partnership Specialist
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Our Mission:

"To count everyone once, only once, and in the right place..."

Our Promise

Your responses to the census are completely confidential.

- Private information is never published
- Your answers **cannot** be used against you by any government agency or court
- Answers are used only to produce statistics – you are kept anonymous
- Our IT infrastructure is designed to defend against and contain cyberthreats.
- We continually refine our approach to identifying, preventing, detecting, and responding to these threats

The Census Bureau is bound by Title 13 of the U.S. Code to keep your information confidential.

What to Expect in 2020

- Outreach via traditional media and social media
- Internet, telephone self response options
- Fieldworkers with handheld devices for data collection
- Automated systems for recruiting, training, & payroll

The 2020 Census: A New Design for the 21st Century

Motivate People to Respond
Conduct a nation-wide communications and partnership campaign
Blaze new outreach using traditional and new media
Target ads to specific audiences
Work with trusted sources to inspire participation

Count the Population
Collect data from all households, including group and long-term care arrangements
Make it easy for people to respond anytime, anywhere
Encourage people to use the new online response option
Use the most cost-effective strategy to contact and count nonrespondents
Adjust efforts only when necessary

Establish Where to Count
Identify all addresses where people could live
IN FIELD
BY OFFICE
Conduct a 100% review and update of the address list
Minimize field work with office updating
Use multiple data sources to identify areas with address changes
Get local government input

Count Everyone Once in the Right Place
Process and Merge Census Data
Deliver apportionment counts to the President by December 31, 2020
Release counts for redistricting by April 1, 2021
Share a release for the public to get data

Census 101: Federal Assistance at a Glance

- Medicaid
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Highway planning/construction
- Medicare Part B
- State Children's Health Insurance Program (S-CHIP)
- Women, Infants, Children (WIC)
- Special Education/Title I Grants
- Head Start/Early Head Start
- Health Center Programs (Community, Migrant, Homeless, Public Housing)
- Foster Care
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)
- Child Care and Development Fund Entitlement
- National School Lunch Program

COUNTING FOR DOLLARS 2020 VIRGINIA

Allocation of Funds from 55 Large Federal Spending Programs Guided by Data Derived from the 2010 Census (Fiscal Year 2016)

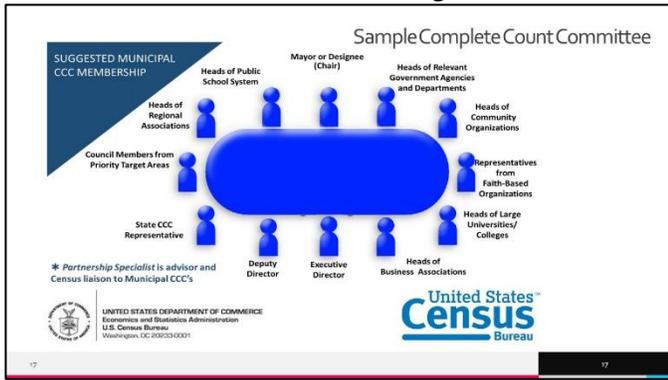
Total Program Obligations: \$17,766,199,831

Program	Dept.	Obligations	Program	Dept.	Obligations
Financial Assistance Programs	HHS	\$14,488,872,817	Community Facilities Loans/Grants	EDA	\$62,273,688
Medical Assistance Programs (Medicaid)	HHS	\$6,659,050,000	Supporting Effective Instruction - State Grants	ED	\$59,124,748
Federal Direct Student Loans	ED	\$2,847,549,078	State-Administered	ED	\$66,936,846
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs	USDA	\$1,181,512,444	Child-Administered	ED	\$14,024,114
Medicaid Support (Medicaid Assistance Plan II)	HHS	\$1,758,763,033	CCDF - Child Care Grants	HRD	\$20,269,000
Highway Planning and Construction	DOT	\$1,028,387,847	Public Housing Capital Fund	HRD	\$20,269,000
Federal Job Training Programs	ED	\$438,163,666	Workforce System Improvement and Treatment of Unemployed Youth	HHS	\$19,979,768
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	HHS	\$480,268,000	Work and Study Incentive Programs for Rural Communities	HRD	\$20,269,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	HHS	\$138,281,172	Social Services Block Grant	HHS	\$41,743,188
Way-Leave/Multigenerational Housing Loans	USDA	\$237,262,000	Rural Rental Assistance Payments	HRD	\$22,062,454
Yield Grants to Lenders	ED	\$23,443,842	Business and Industry Loans	EDA	\$46,462,000
State Children's Health Insurance Programs	HHS	\$245,381,000	Capital and Technical Education - Basic Grants	ED	\$23,974,781
Medicaid Child Care Programs	USDA	\$241,811,000	Medicaid Security Grant Program	HRD	\$2,446,000
Special Education Grants	ED	\$236,763,608	WIC-Child and the Elderly Grants	HRD	\$7,445,102
Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program	HHS	\$228,276,000	HCAP	HRD	\$60,015,187
Federal Transit Capital Grants	DOT	\$154,944,000	State CDBG	HRD	\$16,837,481
Home Rule	HHS	\$140,242,243	WIC-Youth Activities	HRD	\$15,278,212
WIC	HHS	\$113,267,000	WIC-Adult Activities	HRD	\$13,748,000
Title II-E Foster Care	HHS	\$10,143,274	Employment Service/Wageon Payor	DOE	\$16,762,579
Medicaid Child Care	HHS	\$87,867,000	Community Services Block Grant	HHS	\$1,128,000
School Breakfast Program	USDA	\$42,474,000	Special Programs for the Aging - Title III, Part C, Non-Federally Administered	HHS	\$12,292,294
Rural Electrification Loans and Loan Guarantees	USDA	\$48,482,000	Cooperative Extension Service	HRD	\$13,937,841
Public and Indian Housing	HRD	\$46,300,000	Rural Area Employment & Training	DOE	\$297,192
Low Income Home Energy Assistance	HHS	\$88,788,144			

Historically Undercounted Groups

Children Under 5, Age Group 18-24, Veterans, Non English Speakers, Immigrants, Persons with a Disability, Seniors

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Benefits of A Complete Count Committee

A CCC...

- knows the pulse of its community
- gains valuable knowledge about the census process and develops a plan to impart that knowledge to its community
- increases the participation ratio and response rate by creating awareness around the 2020 Census




Census Jobs in Your Community

Help Us Recruit!

- Temporary local workforce is essential in conducting the 2020 Census
- Government and community-based groups play a pivotal role in recruiting
- Knowledge about factors that may affect the recruitment process is important to ensure the recruiting and hiring of temporary census staff

Recruitment Process:

- Distribute information in communities when census jobs become available
- Encourage community organizations and governments to spread the word about census jobs
- Identify facilities where applicants can apply online
- Identify locations where training sessions for new hires can be held
- Help identify potential job applicants and refer them to jobs website or the toll-free jobs line

2018 ACO Pay Rates

(pay ranges for the D.C., Maryland, Virginia area)

Position	Pay Rate (subject to change)			Staffing Timeline (Peak Operations)
	D.C.	Maryland	Virginia	
Area Census Office Manager	\$40.00 - \$43.00	\$31.00 - \$38.00	\$25.00 - \$43.00	June 2019
Census Field Manager	\$30.00 - \$32.00	\$23.00 - \$28.00	\$19.00 - \$32.00	June 2019
Administration Manager	\$30.00 - \$32.00	\$23.00 - \$28.00	\$19.00 - \$32.00	June 2019
IT Manager	\$30.00 - \$32.00	\$23.00 - \$28.00	\$19.00 - \$32.00	June 2019
Recruiting Manager	\$30.00 - \$32.00	\$23.00 - \$28.00	\$19.00 - \$32.00	June 2019
Recruiting Assistants	\$25.00 - \$28.00	\$20.00 - \$24.00	\$16.00 - \$28.00	August 2019
Census Field Supervisor	\$25.00 - \$28.00	\$18.00 - \$24.00	\$15.00 - \$28.00	February 2020
Office Operations Supervisor	\$25.00 - \$26.00	\$19.00 - \$23.00	\$15.00 - \$26.00	July 2019
Enumerator	\$21.00 - \$23.0	\$15.00 - \$20.00	\$13.00 - \$23.00	March 2020
Clerk	\$18.00 - \$20.00	\$15.00 - \$18.00	\$12.00 - \$20.00	September 2019

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Thank You

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Hear an update from Martinsville Fire and EMS – Fire Chief Ted Anderson provided a PowerPoint with a recap of recommendations, progress of new steps being taken by Martinsville Fire and EMS, hospital turnaround times and call turnover statistics. Anderson says the staff has access to a chaplain and support teams to assist after tragic calls. Anderson shared that there would be a drug take-back Saturday October 26 from 10:00am-2:00pm.

MF & EMS UPDATE

CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2019

RECAP OF RECOMMENDATIONS

- Address life vs property
- Explore Community Paramedicine program
- Explore first response vehicle (quick response vehicle)
- Look for ways to help cover missed calls
- Develop a quick hospital turnaround process

PROGRESS REPORT

- MF & EMS has always put lives before property
 - We continue to monitor and ensure that if both ambulances are unavailable, the fire apparatus left will be used to assist on calls.
- Community Paramedicine Program
 - Would help with multiple types of calls.
 - Training not available in our area at this time.
 - Will continue to monitor.

PROGRESS REPORT (CONTINUED)

- Quick Response Vehicle
 - Not feasible at this time due to costs.
 - Basically using fire apparatus as QRV which makes it more efficient to respond from EMS calls to fire calls.
- Will attempt to cover priority 3 calls when both ambulances are unavailable.
 - Officer in charge (OIC) will get short report from dispatcher.
 - If call is priority 3 and sounds non-life threatening based on callers information, OIC will inform dispatcher that MF & EMS will cover the call once a unit clears up.
 - En-route time maximum goal is ten minutes in these situations.

HOSPITAL TURN AROUND TIMES

- Initially turnaround times at hospital were 45:20 MM:SS
- With input from our staff and SOVAH, a "drop sheet" was created
 - Drop sheet has the minimum data needed to transfer care.
 - Drop sheet is utilized to expedite clearing from hospital which allows our providers to clear calls sooner.
 - Full report still has to be completed within twelve hours of call.
 - Performed trial run through June 30, 2019.
 - Finalized sheet/procedures were officially put in place July 1, 2019.
- From July 1 to present, hospital time decreased to 25:18 MM:SS

CALL TURNOVERS COMPARISON PER ESO

- April – June 2019 calls turned over = 34
- July – September 2019 calls turned over = 32
- 2018
 - 370 Fire Calls
 - 2944 EMS Calls
 - 3314 Total Calls
- 2019 (Projected)
 - 405 Fire Calls
 - 3412 EMS Calls
 - 3817 Total Calls

ONGOING

- Monitor new process and call data
- Watch for Community Paramedicine program.
- Looking into an alternative to mobile data terminals (MDTs)
 - Will help in logging times.
 - Will help dispatchers.
 - Less radio traffic.
 - Unknown costs at this time.

QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU

Consider setting a public hearing on a request from T-Mobile for a Special Use Permit to allow placement of roof-mounted antennas at The Henry located at 50 East Church Street – City Manager Towarnicki explained the need for a public hearing to get feedback from residents related to the antennas. Council Member Bowles made the motion to set the joint public hearing with the Planning Commission for Council’s November 12 meeting. Vice Mayor Martin seconded the motion with all Council members voting in favor.



Honorable Mayor & Members of Martinsville City Council
City of Martinsville, VA
55 W Church Street
Martinsville, VA 24112

Dear City Council,

On Thursday, October 17th, 2019 at 2PM in Council Chambers, the Planning Commission, during a regularly scheduled meeting, made a motion to request a joint public hearing with City Council at Council's November 12, 2019 meeting, to consider approval of a Special Use Permit application made by T-Mobile to place eight (8) antennas on the roof of The Henry located in Uptown Martinsville. The address of this request is at 50 East Church Street, Martinsville VA 24112.

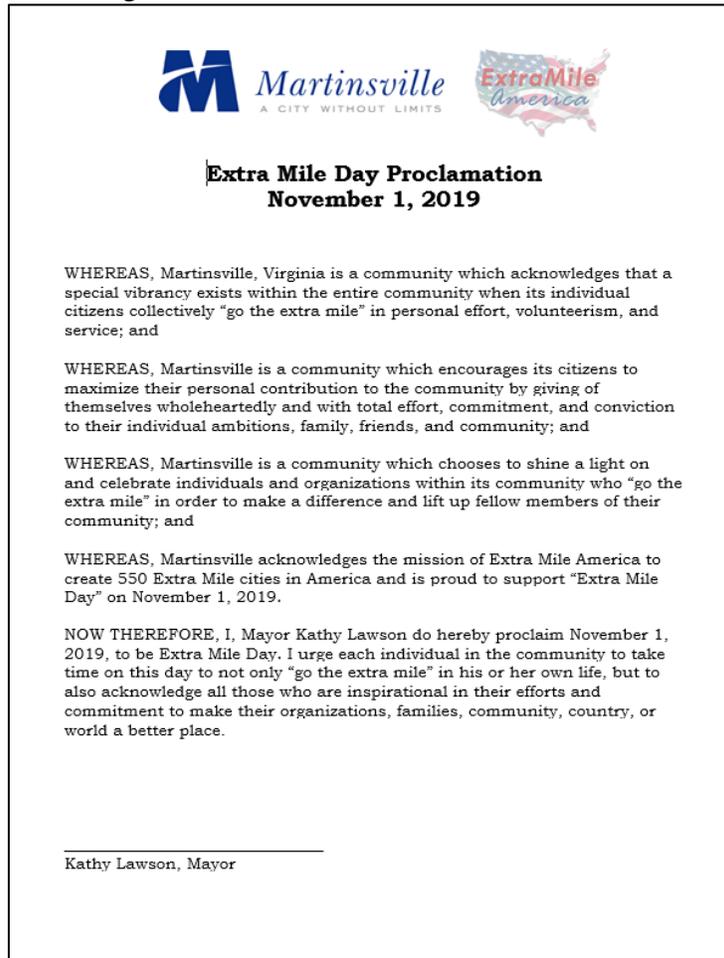
In an effort to expedite this process, the Planning Commission respectfully requests Council's favorable consideration of holding the joint public hearing on November 12, 2019.

Regards,

Joe Martin
Chair, City of Martinsville Planning Commission

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Presentation of proclamation regarding Extra Mile Day November 1, 2019 – City Manager Towarnicki explained that Council has adopted this proclamation annually. Mayor Lawson read the proclamation, which will be mailed to the Extra Mile Foundation.



Consider approving a transfer of property located at 1039 Cherry Street to the adjacent property owner – Council Member Bowles made a motion to recess City Council and convene as the Housing Authority. Vice Mayor Martin seconded the motion with all members voting in favor. City Attorney Monday explained the request to transfer property located at 1039 Cherry Street to the adjacent property owner Bernida Hairston for \$250. Housing Authority Member Turner made a motion to transfer the property. Housing Authority Member Martin seconded the motion with the following roll call vote: Lawson, aye; Martin, aye; Bowles, aye; Turner, aye; and Woods, aye. Housing Authority Member Bowles made a motion to adjourn the Housing Authority and reconvene as Council; Housing Authority Member Martin seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

Consider discussion of the City’s 2020 Legislative Agenda – City Attorney Monday stated that for the General Assembly session for 2020, he expects some dramatic changes coming out of Richmond. Monday detailed items on the City’s Legislative Agenda, the same as last year’s with a few adjustments per Council’s requests. Pre-filing for specific legislation is the first week of December.



The City of Martinsville appreciates the efforts its legislators undertake at both the state and federal level on behalf of its citizens. Listed below are the City's priorities requested of its legislative delegation in 2020.

Virginia General Assembly

Transportation

1. In the short term, upgrade those portions of Route 220 overlaying I-73 to interstate standards. Any construction or upgrades to the I-73 corridor should begin on those sections passing through Henry County.
2. Continue to place priority on Route 58 improvements, particularly the section between Stuart and Hillsville, Virginia.
3. Increase VDOT funding for road construction and repaving.

Education

1. City Council endorses the concept asserted by Sen. Bill Stanley that the Virginia Constitution and United States Supreme Court precedent requires statewide parity in state funding for school construction, maintenance and operations.
2. City Council endorses the agenda proposed by the Martinsville City School System and also endorses the educational priorities adopted by Henry County, on behalf of its school system.
3. Oppose the imposition of unaided education mandates and in the event of revenue cuts by the Commonwealth opposes targeted cuts by the Commonwealth, instead preferring local decision making authority on where to make any such cuts.
4. Recognizing its potential to promote economic development within our community and region, continue support for the development and funding of the New College Institute in its current location in Uptown Martinsville; urge that any funding reductions to New College Institute, if considered, be minimized to the greatest extent possible, and support all partnership initiatives by The New College Institute with other institutions of higher learning.
5. Request the Commonwealth to fully fund the expenditures imposed upon local school systems by implementing the Standards of Quality.
6. Encourage the Commonwealth to continue or increase the current levels of financial support provided to Patrick Henry Community College.
7. Request the Commonwealth to provide incentives for consolidation of school systems.

Economic Development

1. Maintain current levels of funding for economic development incentives, including but not limited to the Governor's Opportunity Fund.
2. Enhance the authority granted to localities to address and eliminate blighted properties, and the formation of interstate compacts to allow expedited recourse against out-of-state property owners.
3. Increase funding levels for the Virginia Museum of Natural History.
4. Request enhanced state and federal financial assistance for localities which exceed the average state unemployment rate by 150% for a period of five consecutive years.
5. Support continued tourism awareness initiatives in the Martinsville-Henry County region.

6. Expand local authority to designate Enterprise Zones and establish incentives.
7. Oppose efforts by Henry County PSA to reopen the Lower Smith River Wastewater Treatment Plant, absent a regional study concluding that such is in the best interests of Martinsville-Henry County taxpayers, customer base, economic needs and state environmental policy.
8. Expand grants and resources available to fiscally stressed localities, and to business development entities in such localities, to aid in the encouragement or development of small and entrepreneurial businesses.
9. Support the Virginia Grocery Investment Fund, as a public-private initiative to improve nutrition and access to quality food, and enhance economic development by encouraging the development of grocery stores in neighborhoods where none exist.

Governance

1. Adopt the recommendations of the Virginia Commission on Local Government in its 2018 Annexation Moratorium Study, and urge the General Assembly to enact those recommendations in the 2019 Session.
2. Add Martinsville to Code of Virginia 58.1-3970.1(B), allowing for transfer of title to the City of certain delinquent or blighted properties.
3. Request legislation under Code of Virginia 10.1-2211.2 to secure state funding for historical African-American cemeteries in the City's West End.
4. Amend Code of Virginia 51.1-155.2 to allow Constitutional Offices, abolished by reversion of any city to town status, to take early VRS retirement, free of penalty.
5. Urge the General Assembly to conform the state tax code to the 2018 changes in the Federal income tax code.
6. Require full funding for HB 599 funds, in fulfillment of the Commonwealth's commitment to cities in return for their acquiescence in the annexation moratorium.
7. Require that the Commonwealth fully fund its obligations to the Virginia Retirement System, and refrain from borrowing from VRS funds.
8. Request the elimination of "local aid to the Commonwealth" in the state budget; local aid artificially inflates state revenues by shifting responsibility for cuts in vital services onto localities.
9. Elimination of all unfunded mandates from the Commonwealth to localities.
10. Oppose any elimination or alteration of local revenue streams, and specifically oppose any amendment to the current manner in which the Business Occupation and Licensing Tax and the Machinery and Tools Tax are levied, unless a replacement revenue stream, not subject to biennial appropriation, is guaranteed by the Commonwealth.
11. Preserve intact local authority to regulate zoning, land use, and regulation of the installation of wireless communication equipment.
12. Request at a minimum, level funding for operational requirements of the Henry-Martinsville Department of Social Services.
13. Request that the General Assembly leaves intact the fire programs fund and the rescue squad assistance funds and not use these funds as a way to balance the state budget.
14. Request that the Commonwealth fully fund its obligations to constitutional officers.
15. Oppose any attempt to curtail the doctrine of sovereign immunity for localities.
16. Oppose any attempt to permit collective bargaining for state and local government employees.
17. Oppose any amendment of the existing burden of proof or process in local tax appeals cases.
18. Request authority to refund erroneously paid taxes at an interest rate which differs from that imposed on delinquencies, and to refund taxes erroneously paid through the fault of the taxpayer at no interest.
19. Support VML's endorsement of a JLARC study of assigning a proportional share of lottery sales revenue to the localities generating such sales.

20. Require the Commonwealth to fund 100% of the per-diem costs of housing state inmates in local jails.
21. Support all state efforts to provide aid and support services to fiscally stressed localities, but oppose any attempts to interfere with localities' right to solve their own financial problems locally.
22. Support the alteration of award criteria in the "REACH Virginia" and all other VHDA programs to a per-capita income-based model.

United States Congress

1. Request the addition of the urban center of micropolitan statistical areas to the eligibility list of "Entitlement Cities."
2. Oppose any effort to impose additional taxation or regulation of electrical power generation by coal or natural gas.
3. Urge the Federal Highway Commission to adopt the CTB's designated route for I-73, or alternatively to preserve the current record of decision in the event the CTB's route is rejected.
4. In the short term, upgrade those portions of Route 220 overlaying I-73 to interstate standards.
5. Request \$3.72M in funds for the redevelopment of brownfields extending from the former American Furniture and Sara Lee sites, along Aaron Street, to Rives Road.
6. Request \$6.25M in funds for the elimination and redevelopment of blighted areas in the city.
7. Request legislation to provide special federal incentives to businesses locating in regions which have experienced job losses in excess of 5% of the total workforce and/or declines in median incomes since the adoption of NAFTA, WTO or GATT. Target such areas for increased federal funding in education or workforce retraining.
8. Extend high speed broadband service throughout southern Virginia.
9. Request enhanced state and federal financial assistance for localities which exceed the average state unemployment rate by 150% for a period of five consecutive years.
10. Oppose the elimination or reduction of the federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit.

Staff Designations

City Council empowers the following staff members to speak on its behalf and in its best interests to the Virginia General Assembly and United States Congress, its members and committees:
 City Attorney Eric Monday
 City Manager Leon Towarnicks
 Other department heads as appointed by the City Manager

Consider approval of consent agenda – City Attorney explained that there are funds available to move forward with demolition and clean-up of the Martin property on Aaron Street. Vice Mayor Martin made a motion to approve item #1 amending the FY20 budget. Council Member

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Turner seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor. City Manager Towarnicki explained that refunds over \$5000 must be approved by Council. Council Member Bowles made the motion to approve item #2 refund; Vice Mayor Martin seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor

BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 10/22/19				
ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
BUDGET ADDITIONS				
FY2020				
General Fund:				
01100909	490104	Advanced/Recovered Costs		800
01413149	506008	Street Construction - Vehicle Maint/Equipment	800	
		Insurance Claim		
01100909	490104	Advanced/Recovered Costs		1,000
01321102	506130	Fire Dept - Repair/Maint - Burn Building	1,000	
		Reimbursement		
01100909	490104	Advanced/Recovered Costs		58,800
01341135	506300	Inspections - Demolition	58,800	
		Aaron Street property demolition		
Total General Fund:			60,600	60,600
School Operating Fund:				
18103919	489904	Private Grants/Donations		21,896
87301310	561300	PT S&W	19,643	
87301310	562100	Soc Sec	1,503	
87301310	565503	Travel	400	
87301310	566000	Mat & Sup	350	
		Goodwill Grant - Adult Ed		
Total School Operating Fund:			21,896	21,896

Business from the Floor – no one approached the podium

Comments by City Council – Council Member Turner shared that the new Coach’s Restaurant will be open next week and they hope for a great start. Council Member Woods thanked the Exchange Club for inviting him to the annual dinner and ceremony honoring the Martinsville-Henry County Fire, EMS and Police. He congratulated the Theater Works community players for their recent Pirates of Chemotherapy production. Mayor Lawson reminded residents of the drug take back at the Fire Station Saturday. This weekend is race weekend so please welcome visitors to our community. November 5 is Election Day so be sure to vote absentee if you will be out of town. Any employees wanting to take advantage of the computer program must contact the Finance Department by tomorrow, 3:00pm is the deadline.

Comments by City Manager –City Manager Towarnicki shard that tomorrow at 3:00pm is the ribbon cutting for Commonwealth Center for Advanced Training, explaining that it is a big event at a beautiful facility. The municipal building will be closed for Veteran’s Day. The reversion work session has been scheduled for October 29; this will be a closed meeting. Towarnicki offered condolences to the family of Kathy Vernon, Human Resources Director who passed away last week.

Comments by City Attorney - City Attorney Monday is pleased to announce that the lawsuit against Mr. Dickson, Dr. Talley and Mr. McPeak was dismissed. Halloween is October 31 with

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events happening Uptown. Monday reminded residents that it is against the law for anyone over the age of 14 to wear masks on Halloween.

There being no further business, Council Member Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Martin with all Council Members voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Karen Roberts
Clerk of Council

Kathy Lawson
Mayor