

AGENDA--CITY COUNCIL -- CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA
Council Chambers – Municipal Building
7:30 pm Regular Session
Tuesday February 25, 2020

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Pledge to the American Flag and Invocation by Council Member Bowles

1. Recognize City Employees who are eligible for Service Awards for the period January 1 – March 31, 2020. (10 mins)
2. Conduct a public hearing on a request to rezone property at 201 and 209 Aaron Street from ED-I Economic Development Intense to R-T Transitional Residential. (10 mins)
3. Consider adoption of a resolution designating 201 and 209 Aaron Street as a Redevelopment Area. (5 mins)
4. Hear an update on projects related to the City's Brownfields Assessment grant. (10 mins)
5. Consider approval of consent agenda (2 mins)
6. Business from the Floor
This section of the Council meeting provides citizens the opportunity to discuss matters, which are not listed on the printed agenda. Thus, any person wishing to bring a matter to Council's attention under this Section of the agenda should:
(1) come to the podium and state name and address;
(2) state the matter that they wish to discuss and what action they would like for Council to take;
(3) limit remarks to five minutes;
(4) refrain from making any personal references or accusations of a factually false and/or malicious nature.
Persons who violate these guidelines will be ruled out of order by the presiding officer and will be asked to leave the podium. Persons who refuse to comply with the direction of the presiding officer may be removed from the chambers.
7. Comments by members of City Council. (5 minutes)
8. Comments by City Manager and City Attorney. (5 minutes)

Meeting Date: February 25, 2020

Item No: 1.

Department: Human Resources

Issue: Recognize City Employees who are eligible for Service Awards for the period January 1 – March 31, 2020.

Summary: The Service Award Program is designed to build individual morale and show appreciation to the long-service employee for their faithful service to the City of Martinsville.

**SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS
THIRD QUARTER - FISCAL YEAR 19-20
FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2020**

Name	Department	Years of Service
TONY HURD	WASTEWATER PLANT	5
MANDY MUSE	UTILITY BILLING	5
DAVID COLLIE	ENGINEERING	5
TRINA SNEAD	DEPUTY SHERIFF-COURTS	15
MICHAEL MCPEEK	POLICE DEPARTMENT	15
KRISTOPHER SHRADER	FIRE DEPARTMENT	20
ROBIN ACCORD	SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	20
CECIL HARDY	SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	20
ROBERT KERRICK	INFORMATION SERVICES	20
JONATHAN BARKER	SHERIFF – JAIL	20

Attachment: None

Recommendation: The Mayor will read the list.

Date: February 25, 2020

Item No: 2.

Department: Community Development

Issue: Conduct a public hearing on a request to rezone property at 201 and 209 Aaron Street from ED-I Economic Development Intense to R-T Transitional Residential.

Summary: 201 and 209 Aaron Street is the site of the American of Martinsville fire in March 2014. The City has been in discussions with Landmark Property Management Company for over a year regarding possible development of a multi-family housing project at this site and in order to accommodate multi-family usage, the property needs to be rezoned from ED-I (Economic Development Intense) to R-T (Transitional Residential).

In order to have the correct zoning approved in time for an early March grant application process, the Planning Commission conducted their public hearing on Thursday, February 20, and their recommendation to rezone the property as outlined above is included as an attachment.

Attachments: Recommendation from the Planning Commission to rezone the property as outlined above.

Recommendation: Conduct the public hearing, hear and consider any comments made, and if Council concurs, approve the rezoning request.



February 20, 2020

Mayor Kathy Lawson
Members of Council
55 W. Church Street
Martinsville VA 24112

Dear Mayor Lawson,

On Thursday, February 20th, at 2:00pm in Council Chambers, the Planning Commission held a duly advertised public hearing to consider the request for a rezoning application by Landmark Asset Services, Inc., for 201 Aaron Street and 209 Aaron Street, Martinsville VA 24112.

The Planning Commission voted to **recommend approval for the Rezoning Application** and send it to City Council for consideration.

Sincerely,

Joseph Martin

Chairperson, City of Martinsville Planning Commission

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Joseph A. Martin'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned below the typed name and title.

Date: February 25, 2020

Item No: 3.

Department: Community Development

Issue: Consider adoption of a resolution designating 201 and 209 Aaron Street as a Redevelopment Area.

Summary: Representatives from Landmark Property Management Company will be in attendance at this meeting to update Council on plans for a housing project at 201 and 209 Aaron Street. This is the site of the American of Martinsville fire that occurred in March 2014, damaging or destroying most of the buildings on the property.

To enhance the project's possibility of funding through VHDA and other sources, Landmark is requesting that the parcels designated as 201 and 209 Aaron Street be designated as a Revitalization Area, as allowed under §15.2-1129.2 (Creation of Local Economic Revitalization Zones)of the state code.

In early 2019, City Council adopted Ordinance 2019-2 designating this area as a Revitalization Zone. It has recently been brought to staff's attention that a resolution must be adopted, citing specific code sections to also designate the property as a Revitalization Area.

Attachments: Copy of Resolution.

Recommendation: Approval

Council Members
Kathy Lawson, Mayor
Chad Martin, Vice-Mayor
Jennifer Bowles
Danny Turner
Jim Woods



City Manager
Leon E. Towarnicki
City Attorney
Eric H. Monday
Clerk of Council
Karen Roberts

RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 201 AND 209 AARON STREET IN THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE AS A REVITALIZATION AREA

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 36-55.30:2 A of the Code of Virginia of 1950 as amended, the City Council of Martinsville Virginia, desires to designate the area (the "Area") described on Exhibit A attached hereto as a Revitalization Area; and

WHEREAS, in making such designation City Council has determined:

(1) The Area is blighted, deteriorated, deteriorating or, if not rehabilitated, likely to deteriorate by reason that the buildings, improvements or other facilities in the Area are subject to one or more of the following conditions: dilapidation; obsolescence; overcrowding; inadequate ventilation, light or sanitation; excessive land coverage; deleterious land use; or faulty or inadequate design, quality or condition; and

(2) Private enterprise and investment are not reasonably expected, without assistance, to produce the construction or rehabilitation of decent, safe and sanitary housing and supporting facilities that will meet the needs of low and moderate income persons and families in the Area and will induce other persons and families to live within the Area and thereby create a desirable economic mix of residents in the Area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 25th day of February, 2020, pursuant to Section 36-55.30:2 A of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, Martinsville City Council hereby designates the Area identified as 201 and 209 Aaron Street and more fully described in Exhibit A as a Revitalization Area.

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APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Kathy Lawson, Mayor

Karen Roberts, Clerk

EXHIBIT A

The property designated as a Revitalization Area (the “Area”) is identified as 201 Aaron Street being located on the east side of Broad Street, the north side of Aaron Street, and bounded on the north by the railroad track and property owned by N & W Railway Company, consisting of approximately 3.45 acres and further identified by City of Martinsville tax book number 42 (18)00 /01A-R; and property identified as 209 Aaron Street located on the north side of Aaron Street, bounded on the north by the railroad track and property owned by N & W Railway Company, and lying adjacent to and east of 201 Aaron Street, consisting of approximately 2.91 acres and further identified by City of Martinsville tax book number 43 (02)A /01A-S, both properties being located in the City of Martinsville, Virginia.



City Council Agenda Summary

Date: February 25, 2020

Item No: 4.

Department: Community Development

Issue: Hear an update on projects related to the City's Brownfields Assessment grant.

Summary: In 2019, the City was awarded a \$300,000 EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant and is working with the engineering firm of Draper Aden on that project. Representatives of Draper Aden will be attending Council's meeting to provide a brief update on that grant and related projects either underway, or being considered later.

Attachments: None

Recommendation: No action by Council needed; this item is for information purposes.



City Council Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: February 25, 2020

Item No: 5.

Department: Finance

Issue: Consider approval of the consent agenda

Summary:

The attachment amends the FY20 budget with appropriations in the following fund:

General: \$ 16,865 – Reimbursements; Grants; Donations

Attachments: Consent Agenda – 2-25-20

Recommendations: Approve.

BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 2/25/20

ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
<u>BUDGET ADDITIONS</u>				
<u>FY2020</u>				
<u>General Fund:</u>				
01101918	443106	Grants - State - VDEM - SWVA Incident Mgmt Team		13,477
01322106	505500	SWVA Incident Mgmt Team - Travel/Training	683	
01322106	506100	SWVA Incident Mgmt Team - Miscellaneous Exp Reimbursement from Commonwealth	12,794	
01100909	490104	Advanced/Recovered Costs		800
01321102	506130	Fire Dept - Rep/Maint - Burn Bldg Reimbursement from local fire department	800	
01100909	490801	Recovered Costs - Senior Services		2,438
01714212	501300	Senior Services - Part-time Wages	1,654	
01714212	502100	Senior Services - Social Security	102	
01714212	502110	Senior Services - Medicare	24	
01714212	506049	Senior Services - Vehicle Fuels Transportation Grant - July through December	658	
01100908	480420	Miscellaneous - Donations/Sr. Citizens		150
01714212	506016	Senior Services - Program Supplies Donations for Holiday Tea	150	
Total General Fund:			16,865	16,865