

AGENDA--CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA

Council Chambers – Municipal Building
6:30pm Closed Session 7:30pm Regular Session
Tuesday November 10, 2020

6:30 pm - Closed Session

Items to be considered in Closed Session, in accordance with the Code of Virginia, Title 2.2, Chapter 37—Freedom of Information Act, Section 2.2-3711(A)—Closed Meetings, the following:

- A. 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.
- 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.

7:30 pm - Regular Session

Pledge to the American Flag and Invocation by Council Member Bowles

1. Approve minutes from the October 27, 2020 Council Meetings. (5 mins)
2. Consider adoption on second reading Ordinance allowing law enforcement to discharge firearms to kill coyotes. (10 mins)
3. Consider adoption on first reading, Ordinance 2020-6, adding J&DR Court to section 1-16 of the City Code regarding charging courthouse security fees. (10 mins)
4. Consider information related to the 2021 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) list. (15 mins)
5. Consider information related to the City proposed 2021 Legislative Agenda. (10 mins)
6. Consider remaining Council meeting dates in calendar 2020. (5 mins)
7. Consider approval of Consent Agenda. (5 mins)
8. Business from the Floor - **CANCELLED**
As a result of COVID-19 issues, business from the floor will not occur at City Council meetings until further notice. Citizens desiring to present comments for Council's consideration may do so by emailing the comments to Karen Roberts, Clerk of Council at kroberts@ci.martinsville.va.us, calling in the 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 noon, November 10 for consideration by Council at this meeting.
9. Comments by members of City Council. (5 minutes)
10. Comments by City Manager and City Attorney. (5 minutes)



City Council Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: November 10, 2020

Item No: 1.

Department: Clerk of Council

Issue: Consider approval of minutes

Summary: None

Attachments: October 27, 2020 Council Meeting

Recommendations: Motion to approve minutes as presented.

Date: November 10, 2020

Item No: 2.

Department: City Attorney

Issue: Consider adoption on second reading, Ordinance 2020-5 allowing law enforcement to discharge firearms in the City to kill coyotes.

Summary: A number of citizens have seen and heard coyotes in the City, and have expressed safety concerns, particularly for pets. Currently discharge of firearms is not allowed in the City, with an exception for law enforcement in the performance of official duties. The proposed amendment includes killing of coyotes in those duties, in a manner in accordance with policies adopted by the Chief of Police.

Attachments: Draft ordinance 2020-5

Recommendations: Discussion, possible amendment. Adoption on second reading at Council's pleasure, by roll call vote.

CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-5

POLICE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS TO KILL COYOTES, ETC.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, in Regular Session held on November 10, 2020, that Section 24-2 of the City Code is hereby amended, to read as follows:

Sec. 24-2. - Discharging firearms—Generally.

(a) No person shall fire or discharge any gun, cannon, pistol or other firearm at any place within the city. A violation of this section shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor.

(b) This section shall not apply to:

(1) any law-enforcement officer in the performance of his official duties, including the killing of coyotes or any other vicious or nuisance animal, as defined by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries; said discharge shall be as directed in policies and procedures adopted by the Chief of Police.;~~not to~~

(2) any other person whose willful act is otherwise justifiable or excusable at law in the protection of his life or property or is otherwise specifically authorized by section 24-3 or by state law;~~This section shall also not apply to~~

(3) veterans' organizations, historical heritage organizations, honor guards and color guards discharging blank cartridges at funerals, burials, parades or other commemorative, celebratory or educational events, or during practice exercises prior to such events.

(c) Pursuant to Code of Virginia, § 15.2-1113, this section shall not apply to any person discharging a firearm while killing a deer pursuant to Code of Virginia, § 29.1-529, on land of at least five (5) acres that is zoned for agricultural use.

(Code 1971, § 11-42; Ord. No. [2016-1](#), 8-9-2016)

Charter reference— Authority of city to prohibit discharge of firearms, Ch. 1, § 2(22).

Cross reference— Penalty for Class 1 misdemeanor, [§ 1-11](#).

State Law reference— Authority of city to regulate or prohibit discharge of firearms, Code of Virginia, § 15.1-865; discharging firearms in streets or other public places, §§ 18.2-280, 18.2-286.

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Attest:

Karen Roberts, Clerk of Council



City Council Agenda Summary

Date: November 10, 2020

Item No: 3.

Department: City Attorney

Issue: Consider adoption on first reading, Ordinance 2020-6, adding J&DR Court to Section 1-16 of the City Code regarding charging courthouse security fees.

Summary: With Council's increase of the Courthouse security fee to \$20, the Juvenile Domestic Relations Court has requested that they be added to the courts charging the fee; they have never been included in the 20+ years the ordinance has been in effect.

Attachments: Draft ordinance 2020-6.

Recommendations: Discussion, possible amendment. Adoption on first reading at Council's pleasure, by roll call vote.

CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-6

**ALLOWING JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT TO CHARGE
COURTHOUSE SECURITY ASSESSMENT**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, in Regular Session held on December 8, 2020, that Section 1-16 of the City Code is hereby enacted, to read as follows:

Sec. 1-16. - Special assessment for funding of courthouse security personnel as part of costs in criminal and traffic cases.

Twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be assessed as part of the costs in each criminal and traffic case in *the juvenile and domestic relations court, the general district court of the city or in and* the circuit court of the city in which the defendant is convicted of a violation of any statute or ordinance, pursuant to the provisions of section 53.1-120D of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended. Such assessment shall be collected by the clerk of court in which the case is heard, remitted to the city treasurer and held by such treasurer subject to appropriation by this council to the sheriff's office for the funding of courthouse security personnel. This assessment shall be in addition to all other costs prescribed by law.

(Ord. No. 2002-2, 5-14-2002; Ord. No. 2007-02, 6-5-2007)

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Attest:

Karen Roberts, Clerk of Council

Meeting Date: November 10, 2020
Item No: 4.
Department: Community Development

Issue: Consider information related to the 2021 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) list.

Summary: Each year, the City has the option of adding, modifying, or deleting projects on the CEDS list to reflect changing local needs and priorities.

As with years past, the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) requires that the WPPDC Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) annual report be submitted by March 31 to align with the PDC's planning grant. In light of this timeframe, WPPDC is requesting that each jurisdiction determine their respective project priority list in order to meet the necessary deadline for the 2021 document update.

Attachment: Excerpt of 2020 CEDS document listing projects specific to Martinsville. Highlighted green is priority #1; yellow #2; and blue #3.

Recommendation: This is being placed on Council's agenda at this time simply for discussion purposes. Approval of the 2021 CEDS project list will occur at either the November 24 or December 8 Council meetings. Any changes to the list will need to be incorporated into the final approved document.

Revitalization of Uptown Business District--City of Martinsville	1/III Incentivize small businesses (interior makeover/elevator)	EDA	\$900,000	\$900,000	Positive	80
Revitalization of Uptown Business District--City of Martinsville	1/II Construct/ retrofit condos/apartments in Uptown	EDA DHCD VHDA City	\$1,000,000 \$300,000 \$500,000 \$200,000	\$2,000,000	Positive	15
Neighborhood Revitalization Project West End/Pine Hall Rd Neighborhood--Martinsville	1/IV Housing rehab; creation of community space	CDBG Local	\$1,000,000 \$250,000	\$1,250,000	Positive	Indirect
Community Development Project - CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District--City of Martinsville	1/II Purchase blighted properties on Starling Avenue and adaptively reuse	HUD/NSP HTC	\$700,000 \$300,000	\$1,000,000	Positive	20/Indirect
Southside Community Park Upgrading--City of Martinsville	1/III Upgrade existing four (4) fields to accommodate youth and collegiate softball and baseball tournaments. This would include new lighting where necessary, upgrade concession stand and new sports surfaces.	DCR EDA ARC VTC Other	\$200,000 \$600,000 \$150,000 \$750,000 \$1,300,000	\$3,000,000	Positive	N/A
Community Development Project - CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District--City of Martinsville	1/IV Purchase blighted properties, prepare site for development (Draper - West Church Street) - City of Martinsville	Brownfield EDA City	\$400,000 \$325,000 \$100,000	\$825,000	Unknown	100/Indirect
Community Development Project - CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District--City of Martinsville	1/III Rives Road Site Development- full site development including A & E, site grading	EDA	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	Positive	400
Community Development Projects--	1/III Further develop lots- at Clearview Business Park	EDA	\$750,000	\$750,000	Positive	200+

City of Martinsville

to prepare for companies- Parcels 2 & 4

Community Development Project - City of Martinsville	1/V	Recruit manufacturers of Clean Energy Components to Martinsville Area and Enterprise Zone	EDA	\$100,000	\$100,000	Positive	Indirect
Community Development Project - CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District--City of Martinsville	1/III	Upgrade, widen, and landscape Beaver Street from Fayette Street to Memorial Blvd - City of Martinsville	MAP-21 VHDA	\$800,000 \$50,000	\$850,000	Positive	Indirect
Community Development Project - CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District--City of Martinsville	1/I	Prepare City-owned site at corner of Fayette & Beaver Sts for residential, educational or commercial development - Martinsville Area and Central Business District	EDA Local CDBG Grants	\$300,000 \$200,000 \$1,000,000 \$2,000,000	\$3,500,000	Positive	Indirect
Community Development Project - CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District--City of Martinsville	1/II	Write arts & cultural plan for Arts & Cultural District	NEA City ARC	\$25,000 \$25,000 \$32,000	\$82,000	Positive	Indirect
Community Development Project - CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District--City of Martinsville	1/II	Enhance Fayette Area Business District facades/greenscape/ economic revitalization - Fayette Street from Moss Street to Memorial Blvd. Planning stipend for Citizens Design - CIRD	CDBG Local CIRD Match - Ink	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$35,000 \$10,000	\$2,045,000	Positive	Indirect
Community Development Project - CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District--City of Martinsville	1/IV	Purchase blighted properties - prepare site for redevelopment (202 Cleveland Avenue) - City of Martinsville	Brownfield EDA City	\$900,000 \$500,000 \$500,000	\$1,900,000	Unknown	150 - Indirect
Community Development Project - CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District--City of Martinsville	1/III	Work with partners to develop an amphitheater on Depot Street	NEA ARC	\$50,000 \$50,000	\$100,000	Positive	5/Indirect

Community Development Project - CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District--City of Martinsville	1/III Acquire and redevelop properties along commercial corridor for reuse	ARC	\$250,000	\$3,250,000	Positive	50
		CDBG	\$2,000,000			
		EDA	\$1,000,000			
Community Development Project - CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District--City of Martinsville	1/IV Develop new (or redevelop existing) location in Uptown Martinsville to serve as community music venue.	IRF	\$600,000	\$1,100,000	Positive	5/indirect
		ARC	\$200,000			
		HTC	\$300,000			
Community Development Project - CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District--City of Martinsville	1/III Commonwealth Corridor Enhancement & Pedestrian linkages to Uptown & Fayette Street	VDOT	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	Positive	Indirect
		CDBG	\$500,000			
Community Development Project - CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District--City of Martinsville	1/III Purchase of West Church Street and/or Fayette Street property, complete feasibility study, adaptive reuse	IRF	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	Positive	20/Indirect
		CDBG	\$500,000			
Community Development Project - CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District--City of Martinsville	1/III Purchase of Main Street property, complete feasibility study, adaptive reuse	IRF	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	Positive	20/Indirect
		CDBG	\$500,000			
MINet Fiber Optic Expansion-- City of Martinsville	1/III Citywide expansion of MINet Martinsville fiber optic system to reach businesses and homes	EDA	\$2,000,000	\$20,500,000	NA	NA
		Other	\$11,000,000			
		Local	\$7,500,000			
Community Development Project - Hooker Field Upgrades-- City of Martinsville	1/III Upgrades to the concession, seating, and restroom areas at Hooker Field - covered seating, ADA compliant restrooms expanded press box/concession/office space	ARC	\$200,000	\$1,700,000	Positive	N/A
		DRC	\$500,000			
		OTHER	\$1,000,000			

Virginia Museum of Natural History-- City of Martinsville	1/II Construct Outdoor Education Pavilion in rear of VMNH, to include exhibits interpreting eastern North American forest ecology	EDA	\$50,000	\$150,000	Positive	NA
		DCR	\$50,000			
		Local	\$50,000			
Wilson Park Upgrading-- City of Martinsville	1/IV Connection of outdoor education pavilion in rear of VMNH with a bridge, crossing over Oakdale Avenue, along with a 1,000 foot canopy loop into the grand old trees in the park.	EDA	\$600,000	\$2,000,000	Positive	NA
		ARC	\$800,000			
		Other	\$600,000			
Community Parks Upgrading-- City of Martinsville	1/IV Upgrade nine (9) existing parks (Baldwin, Beaver Creek, Jackson Street, West End, J. Russel Mason, Chatham Heights, Cole & Carol St, Victor A. Lester, Spruce St.) to improve accessibility and safety. This would include new lighting where necessary, concession stands, age-appropriate playground equipment and new playing surfaces.	DCR	\$200,000	\$1,500,000	Positive	NA
		ARC	\$200,000			
		EDA	\$300,000			
		Local	\$800,000			

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY PRIORITY PROJECTS

April 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021

PROJECT	PRIORITY /TYPE	DESCRIPTION	FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
<i>Revitalization of Uptown Business District--City of Martinsville</i>	1/III	Incentivize small businesses (interior makeover/elevator)	EDA	\$900,000	\$900,000
<i>Revitalization of Uptown Business District--City of Martinsville</i>	1/II	Construct/ retrofit condos/apartments in Uptown	EDA DHCD VHDA City	\$1,000,000 \$300,000 \$500,000 \$200,000	\$2,000,000
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Martinsville			Grants	\$2,000,000	
Community Development Project - CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District--City of Martinsville	1/II	Write arts & cultural plan for Arts & Cultural District	NEA City ARC	\$25,000 \$25,000 \$32,000	\$82,000
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Virginia Museum of Natural History-- City of Martinsville	1/II	Construct Outdoor Education Pavilion in rear of VMNH, to include exhibits interpreting eastern North American	EDA DCR	\$50,000 \$50,000	\$150,000

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		forest ecology	Local	\$50,000	
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ABBREVIATIONS:

ARC = Appalachian Regional Commission
CDBG = Community Development Block Grant
CIT = Center for Innovative Technology
DCR = Dept of Conservation & Recreation
DGIF = Virginia Dept of Game & Inland Fisheries
DHCD = VA Dept of Housing & Community Development
DOE = U.S. Department of Energy
EDA = Economic Development Administration
EPA STAG = Environmental Protection Agency, State & Tribal Assistance Grant
FAA = Federal Aviation Administration
FHWA = Federal Highway Administration
GO Bonds = General Obligation Bonds
HTC = Historic Tax Credits
RBEG = Rural Business Enterprise Grant
USDA-RD = U.S. Dept. of Agriculture-Rural Development
USCAIP = US Community Adjustment & Investment Program
IDA = Danville/Pittsylvania County Industrial Development Authority
IRF = Industrial Revitalization Fund (through DHCD)

MEI = Major Employment Investment (VEDP/VTC)
NEA = National Endowment for the Arts
NSF = National Science Foundation
PRVT = Private Investment
SBA = U.S. Small Business Administration
TBD = to be determined
TEA-21 = VDOT Transportation Enhancement Act Program (Replaced with MAP-21 Transportation Alternatives Program)
VDBA = VA Department of Business Assistance
VTC = Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission (Formerly Tobacco Indemnification & Community Revitalization Comm.)
SERCAP = Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, Inc.
USACE = US Army Corps of Engineers
HRSA = US Dept of Health & Human Services/Health Resources & Svcs. Admin.
LWCF = Land & Water Conservation Fund
SWCB = State Water Control Board
WVWA = Western VA Water Authority
HUD/NSP = Housing and Urban Development/Neighborhood Stabilization Program
Local Fdn = Local Foundations such as Danville Regional Foundation

USDA-RD = U.S. Dept of Agriculture, Rural Development
VDA = Virginia Department of Aviation
VASBI = Virginia Shell Building Initiative
VA-DOA = Virginia Dept of Aviation
VDOT = VA Department of Transportation
VDH = VA Department of Health
VHDA = Virginia Housing Development Authority
VHPF = Virginia Housing Partnership Fund
VRA = Virginia Resources Authority
VATC = Virginia Tourism Corporation
VWP = Virginia Water Projects
WQIF = Water Quality Improvement Funds (VA)
WIA = Workforce Investment Act
VA-DRPT = Virginia Dept. of Rail & Public Transportation
VCC = Virginia Community Capital
VADACS = Virginia Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services
AEP = Appalachian Electric Power/Appalachian Power
CIRD = Citizens' Institute on Rural Design (NEA Program)

PROJECT TYPES:

Type I - Shovel Ready
Type II - Final Planning Stage
Type III - Early Planning Stage
Type IV - Other Projects (USDA, CDBG, VDOT, etc.)
Type V - Technical Assistance/Studies



City Council Agenda Summary

Date: November 10, 2020

Item No: 5.

Department: City Attorney

Issue: Consider information related to the City proposed 2021 Legislative Agenda.

Summary: The City annually determines its legislative priorities. Attached is 2020's legislative agenda for your consideration for deletions, additions, and prioritizations for 2021.

Pre-filing for specific legislation is the first week of December, 2020.

Attachments: 2020 Legislative Agenda.

Recommendations: Discussion, possible amendment. Adoption would be by voice vote at Council's next meeting.



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. 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.
3. Urge the General Assembly to conform the state tax code to the 2018 changes in the Federal income tax code.
4. 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.
5. Require that the Commonwealth fully fund its obligations to the Virginia Retirement System, and refrain from borrowing from VRS funds.
6. 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.
7. Elimination of all unfunded mandates from the Commonwealth to localities.
8. 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.
9. Preserve intact local authority to regulate zoning, land use, and regulation of the installation of wireless communication equipment.
10. Request at a minimum, level funding for operational requirements of the Henry-Martinsville Department of Social Services.
11. 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.
12. Request that the Commonwealth fully fund its obligations to constitutional officers.
13. Oppose any attempt to curtail the doctrine of sovereign immunity for localities.
14. Oppose any attempt to permit collective bargaining for state and local government employees.
15. Oppose any amendment of the existing burden of proof or process in local tax appeals cases.
16. 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.
17. Support VML's endorsement of a JLARC study of assigning a proportional share of lottery sales revenue to the localities generating such sales.

18. Require the Commonwealth to fund 100% of the per-diem costs of housing state inmates in local jails.
19. 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.
20. 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 Towarnicki

Other department heads as appointed by the City Manager



City Council Agenda Summary

Date: November 10, 2020

Item No: 6.

Department: City Manager

Issue: Consider remaining Council meeting dates in calendar 2020.

Summary: After the November 10 Council meeting, there are two remaining regularly scheduled Council meeting dates in 2020 – November 24 and December 8. November 24 is the week of Thanksgiving and in 2019, Council opted to cancel the second November meeting given the lack of pressing or time-sensitive matters. Currently the only time-sensitive matters being considered by Council are the CEDS list and Legislative Agenda, both of which are scheduled for approval at Council's December 8 meeting.

Attachments: None

Recommendations: If Council so chooses, cancellation of the November 24 meeting will not have an adverse impact on remaining business to be considered. If necessary, there are other remaining Tuesday dates that could be considered for a special meeting, should the need arise.

City Council Agenda Summary



Meeting Date: November 10, 2020

Item No: 7.

Department: Finance

Issue: Consent Agenda

Summary:

The attachment amends the FY21 budget with appropriations in the following funds:

FY21

General Fund: \$ 38,201 – Forfeited Assets, Reimbursement, Grant, Re-appropriation

Attachments:

Consent Agenda 11-10-20

Recommendations: Approve

BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 11/10/20

ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
BUDGET ADDITIONS				
FY2021				
General Fund:				
01101917	442401	Categorical Other State - Confiscated Assets - PD		18,318
01101917	442402	Categorical Other State - Confiscated Assets - CA		4,710
01311085	506078	Police Dept - State Asset Forfeitures	18,318	
01221082	506105	Commonwealth's Atty - State Asset Forfeitures	4,710	
		Forfeited assets from Commonwealth		
01102926	405555	Brownfields Grant - EPA		4,342
01812247	503136	Brownfields - Hazardous - Consultant	527	
01812249	503136	Brownfields - Petroleum - Consultant	3,815	
		Requisition #9		
01101917	442601	Categorial Other State - EMS Four for Life		2,431
01322105	506114	EMS - Four For Life	2,431	
		Additional funding		
01103938	462101	Contribution from Fund Balance		8,400
01331108	506010	Sheriff-Corrections - Radios/Weapons	8,400	
		Re-appropriation of remaining funds		
Total General Fund:			38,201	38,201