

December 14, 2021 Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia was held on December 14, 2021 in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 7:00 PM with Mayor Kathy Lawson presiding. Other Council Members present included Danny Turner, Jennifer Bowles, and Tammy Pearson. Council Member Chad Martin was not present. Staff present included City Manager Leon Towarnicki, City Attorney Eric Monday, Clerk of Council Karen Roberts, Finance Director Mandy McGhee, Community Development Director Mark McCaskill, and Police Captain Chad Rhodes.

Mayor Lawson called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge to the American Flag and invocation by Rev. Charles Whitfield, Pastor of First Baptist Church East Martinsville, Lawson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approve minutes from the November 4, 2021, November 9, 2021 and the November 16, 2021 Council Meetings – Vice Mayor Bowles requested a correction to the November 4 minutes prior to the Council meeting. Bowles made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Council Member Turner seconded the motion with all Council Member voting in favor.

Consider adoption of a joint Resolution with Henry County recognizing the work of Dr. Mark Crabtree and The Piedmont Virginia Dental Health Foundation in establishing and operating the Community Dental Clinic – Former Mayor Gene Teague thanked Council for the resolution honoring Dr. Crabtree and detailed the benefits of the Dental Clinic. Teague summarized the many people and organizations that are to thank for the success of the clinic and recognized Dr. Crabtree for his time and contributions. Council Member Pearson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Vice Mayor Bowles seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor. Mayor Lawson invited Dr. Crabtree to the podium. Mayor Lawson read the resolution which was presented to Dr. Crabtree and those in attendance. Jim Adams, Chairman of the Henry County Board of Supervisors said he has experienced the need for emergency dental care and said that the clinic has been a vital asset to the community. Council Member Turner said the services the clinic provides has helped a lot of people in the community. Council Member Pearson thanked Dr. Crabtree for all he has done for the community. Vice Mayor Bowles said the Crabtree family has a giving heart and spirit. What we have in Martinsville with the clinic is not readily available in other communities and the City is blessed to have this clinic to help low-income families or those with no dental insurance. Crabtree said that the dental students are scheduled to return soon but COVID has affected their availability.



Martinsville
A CITY WITHOUT LIMITS



JOINT RESOLUTION

OF THE

HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MARTINSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, after the loss of thousands of textile and furniture jobs in the community, many residents had no funds for dental care. The West Piedmont Health District, the Harvest Foundation and the Martinsville/Henry County Dental Advisory Committee developed a plan for an indigent dental clinic; and

WHEREAS, The Piedmont Virginia Dental Health Foundation was created to implement the plan for the clinic. Dr. Mark Crabtree is the founder and president of the Foundation and Dr. Edward Snyder of Snyder Orthodontics and Ms. Ann Huffman of Martinsville Smiles are co-founders; and

WHEREAS, The Clinic opened in Uptown Martinsville in 2006 with funds from government agencies, grants from private foundations and donations from businesses and individuals; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Crabtree hired a staff, including a dentist who supervised patient care. Local dentists volunteered at the Clinic and Dr. Crabtree arranged with the VCU School of Dentistry to have fourth-year students come to Martinsville to provide care to Clinic patients. The students stayed in housing provided by the Foundation. An estimated 1,400 students have treated patients, giving students practical experience and exposing them to the quality of life in a small community and public health careers; and

WHEREAS, over 16 years, the Community Dental Clinic has provided more than \$12.6 million in dental services to low-income and uninsured adults and children. There have been more than 57,000 patient visits, reducing visits to the hospital and under Dr. Crabtree's leadership, the Dental Health Foundation has raised approximately \$4 million from our community to operate the Clinic;

WHEREAS, With the transition to the Martinsville Henry County Coalition for Health and Wellness, the Dental Clinic will offer wider access to care, expanded services to Medicaid patients and long-term financial stability for dental care for low income residents; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Dr. Crabtree, the Martinsville-Henry County community has demonstrated its compassion for the less fortunate and its generous nature. In addition to Dr. Crabtree, the Board of Directors of the Dental Foundation includes Dr. Snyder, Ms. Huffman, Dr. Paul Eason, Gene Teague, Lisa Fultz, Jermaine Shelton.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT JOINTLY RESOLVED on this 14th day of December, 2021, that the Henry County Board of Supervisors and Martinsville City Council do hereby recognize the work of Dr. Mark Crabtree and the Dental Foundation Board in bringing quality dental care to thousands in need in the Martinsville and Henry County communities through The Piedmont Virginia Dental Health Foundation, and we express our sincere gratitude for the hard work, effort, and commitment to seeing this work continue through the Martinsville Henry County Coalition for Health and Wellness.

Jim Adams, Chairman
Henry County Board of Supervisors

Kathy Lawson, Mayor
City of Martinsville

Consider reading and presenting a proclamation recognizing the 70th anniversary of the Martinsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority – Vice Mayor Bowles read the proclamation which was presented to the sorority members in attendance. Brunell Thomas thanked Council for the recognition and on behalf of the sorority, they graciously accepted the proclamation. Thomas asked that parents encourage their seniors to apply for the scholarships and summarized the benefits of the sorority to the community.



PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARTINSVILLE ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated was founded on January 13, 1913, at Howard University by 22 college-educated, African American women whose focus was on education and assistance to people in need; and

WHEREAS, today, this public service organization has more than 250,000 members and more than 1,000 collegiate and alumnae chapters nationally and internationally, including the Martinsville Alumnae Chapter; and

WHEREAS, the Martinsville Alumnae Chapter was chartered as the Delta Lambda Chapter on November 27, 1951, by 11 Sorority members; and

WHEREAS, in realizing the mission of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, the Martinsville Alumnae Chapter has organized an extensive array of public service initiatives that align with the organization's Five-Point Programmatic Thrust of: Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness; and

WHEREAS, these programs include Community Food Drives with such partners as the Salvation Army, Grace Network and Henry-Martinsville Department of Social Services, financial literacy workshops with Carter Bank & Trust, annual book donations to preschoolers at Clearview Early Learning Center, and in partnership with the West Piedmont Health District, distributed information in the community to dispel myths and inaccurate information about the COVID vaccine and the pandemic; the chapter also provides college scholarships to each of the local high schools annually; and

WHEREAS, on November 27, the Martinsville Alumnae Chapter celebrated 70 years of promoting sisterhood and public service in the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathy Lawson, Mayor of the City of Martinsville, do hereby recognize November 27, 2021, as the "70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARTINSVILLE ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED" in Martinsville, and commend its observance to all citizens.

Kathy Lawson, Mayor

Conduct a public hearing on a Special Use Permit request from Smith Wholesale, Inc. to allow for the operation of an office and self-storage facility on property located at 204 Broad Street – Community Development Director Mark McCaskill detailed the need for the public hearing and the Special Use Permit. 204 Broad Street is being remodeled for storage units and offices. No public comments were received at the Planning Commission hearing. Mayor Lawson opened the public hearing; no one approached the podium so the public hearing was closed. Vice Mayor Bowles made a motion to approve the special use permit. Council Member Turner seconded the motion with the following 4-0 roll call vote: Vice Mayor Bowles, aye; Council Member Turner; aye; Mayor Lawson, aye; and Council Member Pearson.

Martinsville
City Council

Public Hearing
December 14, 2021

Application for Special Use Permit

Application of Smith Wholesale, Inc. Applicant and Owner, requesting a Special Use Permit, with possible conditions, to allow for the operation of an office and self-storage facility, on property located at 204 Broad Street and currently zoned C-C, Corridor Commercial District. Self-storage facilities are permitted uses in C-C zoning districts by issuance of a Special Use Permit by Martinsville City Council.

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Background

- The applicants purchased the property in August 2021.
- The applicants intend to expand their current business by rehabilitating and modernizing the existing building.
- The property consists of 1.99 acres and includes an approximate 50,000 square foot warehouse intended for commercial uses.
- The applicant also own all the adjoining properties.

Staff Analysis

- The property is located in the Corridor Commercial (C-C) District.
- The C-C District is intended to provide for large scale retail, and other commercial uses at a lower density than is found in zones C-N and C-UB.
- Uses typically found in the C-C District include regional and community shopping centers, big-box development on individual lots, and automobile sales and service establishments.
- The C-C District emphasizes efficient and convenient automobile access and circulation for City residents.
- There were no public comments received at the advertised public hearing nor comments submitted in writing to staff.

Recommendation of the Planning Commission

The Planning Commission finds that the requested Special Use Permit will NOT be a substantial detriment to adjacent properties and will instead promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the public and help to implement the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan for the orderly future development of the City. Therefore, the Planning Commission recommends APPROVAL, by a vote of 6-0-1-0, of the requested Special Use Permit for property located at 204 Broad Street in the City of Martinsville.

Questions?



Transmittal of Planning Commission Action

Date: November 29, 2021
To: Leon Towamicki, City Manager
CC: Mark McCaskill, Director of Community Development
Kris Bridges, Zoning Administrator
From: Hannah L. Powell, Community Development Specialist
RE: Special Use Permit Request – 204 Broad Street

BACKGROUND:

The applicant, Smith Wholesale, Inc., purchased the property (previously known as home to the Martinsville Bulletin Corporation) from BH Media Group Holdings, Inc. in August 2021. The applicant has rehabilitation and modernization plans for the existing building that will allow for the expansion of their current business. The approval of this request will allow the applicants to implement indoor self-storage facilities in addition to office space.

The property consists of 1.99 acres and includes an approximate 50,000 square foot warehouse intended for commercial use. The applicants also own all adjoining properties.

A public hearing was held before the Martinsville Planning Commission on the evening of November 18, 2021 in which all parties in interest were given the opportunity to be heard. There were no public comments received at the advertised public hearing nor submitted in writing to staff.

Department of Community Development, 55 W. Church Street Martinsville VA 24112, 276-403-5156

STAFF ANALYSIS:

The property in question is located within the Corridor Commercial (C-C) District of the City of Martinsville. The C-C zoning district provides for large-scale retail and other commercial type uses at a lower density than found in the C-N and C-UB zoning districts. Parcels located in the C-C District are primarily found along major city streets, emphasizing efficient travel and circulation for City residents. Uses typically found in the C-C District include but are not limited to shopping centers, big-box development on individual lots, and vehicle sales/service establishments. Office spaces and self-service facilities are permitted uses in the Corridor Commercial district with issuance of a Special Use Permit by Martinsville City Council.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

The Planning Commission recommends, by a vote of 6-0-1-0 (J. Hairston absent), that the City Council of Martinsville consider and APPROVE the requested Special Use Permit to allow for the operation of self-storage facilities on property located at 204 Broad Street.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

(APPROVE) I make a motion to recommend approval of the Special Use Permit for property located at 204 Broad Street, finding that the requested Special Use Permit will promote the public health, safety, prosperity, convenience and general welfare of the public.

OR

(DENY) I make a motion to recommend denial of the Special Use Permit for property located at 204 Broad Street, finding that the requested Special Use Permit will not promote the public health, safety, prosperity, convenience and general welfare of the public.

OR

(DELAY ACTION) I make a motion to delay action on this request until City Council can be provided with more information to effectively make a recommendation.

Department of Community Development, 55 W. Church Street Martinsville VA 24112, 276-403-5156



Date: November 2, 2021
 To: Martinsville Planning Commission
 CC: Mark McCaskill, Community Development Director
 Kris Bridges, Zoning Administrator
 From: Hannah L. Powell, Community Development Specialist
 RE: Special Use Permit Request - 204 Broad Street

SUBJECT:

APPLICATION for SPECIAL USE PERMIT - Application of Smith Wholesale, Inc. Applicant and Owner, requesting a Special Use Permit with possible conditions, to allow for the operation of an office and self-storage facility, on property located at 204 Broad Street and currently zoned C-C, Corridor Commercial District. Self-storage facilities are permitted uses in C-C zoning districts by issuance of a Special Use Permit by Martinsville City Council (Map ID 32(01)M/ 12R, Account # 000073000).

BACKGROUND:

The applicant, Smith Wholesale, Inc., purchased the property (previously known as home to the Martinsville Bulletin Corporation) from BH Media Group Holdings, Inc. in August 2021. The applicant has rehabilitation and modernization plans for the existing building that will allow for the expansion of their current business. The approval of this request will allow the applicants to implement indoor self-storage facilities in addition to office space.

The property is 1.99 acres and includes an approximate 50,000 square foot warehouse intended for commercial use. The applicants also own all adjoining properties.

Department of Community Development, 55 W. Church Street Martinsville VA 24112, 276-403-5156

The property is located at 204 Broad Street and is currently zoned C-C, Corridor Commercial. The Corridor Commercial District is intended to provide for large-scale retail, and other commercial uses, while emphasizing efficient and convenient access at a lower density than is found in C-N and C-UB zoning districts. Office spaces and self-service facilities are permitted uses in the Corridor Commercial district with issuance of a Special Use Permit by Martinsville City Council.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission consider and recommend APPROVAL of the requested Special Use Permit to allow for an office and self-service facility use for property located at 204 Broad Street.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

(APPROVE) I make a motion to recommend approval of the Special Use Permit for property located at 204 Broad Street, finding that the requested Special Use Permit will promote the public health, safety, prosperity, convenience and general welfare of the public.

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NEXT STEPS:

Assuming the Planning Commission acts on this item at their November 18, 2021 meeting, a public hearing will then be held before City Council on December 14, 2021 where they will ultimately approve or deny the Special Use Permit request.

Attachments:

Application Materials

Department of Community Development, 55 W. Church Street Martinsville VA 24112, 276-403-5156

Print Form

**CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA
 Application for Special Use Permit**

Part 1 (to be completed by applicant and submitted with a non-refundable fee of \$200.00) Please type or print in ink the following information:

Applicant's Name: Smith Wholesale, Inc. Telephone: 276-632-8700

Applicant's Address: PO Box 5071, Martinsville, VA 24115

Owner's Name (if different from Applicant): Telephone:

Owner's Address:

Location of Property: 204 Broad Street

Tax Map and Lot Number: Section Block Lots(s)

Existing Land Use: Office & Warehouse Existing Zoning C-C

Description of proposed development (attach all required plans and documents): Office and Self Storage

Statement in Support of proposed Special Use request: Rehab and modernization of existing building for expansion of our current business. We own all property adjacent to this property.

(to be completed by City Staff)
 Name and complete address (with zip code) of the owners of all property located adjacent to or directly across a street from the property for which the change in use is being requested:

Name:

Address:

Tax Map ID: Section Block Lot(s) Zoning

Name:

Address:

Tax Map ID: Section Block Lot(s) Zoning

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I hereby apply for a special use permit for the property described herein subject to all City and State laws, ordinances and regulations. I hereby grant appropriate City officials the right to enter upon the above described property during normal business hours to conduct any inspection necessary. I hereby certify, under penalties of perjury, that the above information is true and correct.

[Signature]
 Signature of Applicant/Agent

Owner's consent if different from applicant: Signature of Owner(s)

Part 2 (to be completed by City)

Date Completed Application and Fee Received: 10/25/21

Date of Planning Commission Hearing: 11-18-21 Dates of Advertisements: 11-6, 11-13

Date of City Council Hearing: 12-14-21 Dates of Advertisements: 11-27, 12-4

I certify that, on each of the property owners adjacent to and across the street from the property affected by this request were sent by first class mail a notification of the public hearing before the Martinsville Planning Commission.

Certifying Signature of City Staff

Attest by Deputy Clerk of Circuit Court

Recommendation by Planning Commission:

Action by Martinsville City Council: Date Approved ☐ Denied ☐

EXHIBIT "B"

Property Location: 204 BROAD ST Map ID: 32 (01) JM /12R Account #: 000073000 Vision ID: 3403 City of Martinsville
Print Date: 08-24-2021 8:08:00 P

CURRENT OWNER		RECORD OF OWNERSHIP		DEED BOOK		SALE DATE		SALE PRICE		Y/V	
BH MEDIA GROUP HOLDINGS INC	BH MEDIA GROUP HOLDINGS INC	1R1500088	04-02-2015	U	404,200	0					
MARTINSVILLE BULLETIN INC	MARTINSVILLE BULLETIN INC	DB 103830	08-02-1971	U	0	0					
1314 DOUGLAS ST, STE 1900	MARTINSVILLE BULLETIN INC	DB 010218	10-30-1969	U	0	0					

OMAHA NE 68102

ASSESSMENT EFFECTIVE 7/1/2021		LEGAL DESCRIPTION		PREVIOUS ASSESSMENTS EFFECTIVE JULY 1st of ASSESSMENT YEAR	
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Being those properties more particularly described in Deed dated December 28, 1987, of record in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, in Deed Book 177, Page 576.

*NOTE: A survey is of record in Map Book 18, Page 157, which combines Tract No. Six and Tract No. Nine, Parcel II, to form "Lot 1M".

Tract No. Ten:

All that certain lot or parcel of land located, lying on the South side of Brown Street in the City of Martinsville, Virginia, and fronting 45 feet on Brown Street and lying between parallel lines, and 18.45 feet on the back line; and,

Being that property more particularly described in Deed dated January 25, 1988, of record in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, in Deed Book 177, Page 707.

*NOTE: a survey is of record in Map Book 19, Page 20, which combines Tract No. Ten and Tract No. Seventeen, to Form "Lot 7R".

Tract No. Eleven:

Unused access right of ways from Brown Street and Market Street as authorized and directed by Martinsville City Council during its regular meeting held Tuesday October 13, 1987 of record in council minute Book 26, Page 103, and being a part of the lands as shown on "Plat of survey for the Martinsville Bulletin, Inc." by J. A. Gustin and Associates, dated March 4, 1988; and,

Being property described in Deed dated March 10, 1988, of record in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, in Deed Book 179, Page 90.

Tract No. Twelve:

All that certain lot or parcel of land, lying and being on the West side of Broad Street, containing One-Half (1/2) acre, more or less; and,

Being that property more particularly described in Deed dated April 19, 1988, of record in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, in Deed Book 179, Page 232,

Tract No. Thirteen:

All that certain lot or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Martinsville, Virginia, and fronting on Brown Street; and,

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Tract No. Seven:

All that certain tract or parcel of land situated on the southeasterly side of College Street, in the City of Martinsville, Virginia, as shown on a certain plat of survey for the Martinsville Bulletin, Incorporated, prepared by J. A. Gustin and Associates, P. E. and L. L. S., dated October 7, 1982, and of record in Map Book 15, Page 195, Clerk's Office, Circuit Court of the City of Martinsville, Virginia; and,

Together with any rights to the joint alleyway reserved by Overton H. Gregory, et ux, to Drafair, Inc., dated December 1, 1947, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 11, at Page 193; and,

Being that property described in Deed dated October 8, 1982, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 146, Page 15.

*NOTE: A survey is of record in Map Book 15, Page 95.

Tract No. Eight:

Parcel I: All that certain lot or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Martinsville, Virginia, on the southeast side of College Street; and,

Less, however, that property conveyed in Deed Book 3, Page 18; and,

Less, however, that property conveyed in Deed Book 67, Page 85; and,

Parcel II: All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, lying and being on the southeast side of College Street, in the City of Martinsville, Virginia; and

Being those properties being more particularly described in that Deed dated November 11, 1983, of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Martinsville, in Deed Book 150, Page 724.

Tract No. Nine:

Parcel I: All that certain lot or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Martinsville, Virginia, on the southeast side of College Street, according to map and survey made by J. A. Trent, C. L. S., March 2, 1945.

Parcel II: All that certain lot or parcel of land located at the intersection of Brown and College Streets, in the City of Martinsville, Virginia; and,

Also conveyed herein is all that property being a triangular shaped lot acquired in Deed of Exchange dated February 10, 1940, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 67, Page 85; and,

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All that certain property located in the City of Martinsville, Virginia, as more particularly described in Deed dated July 25, 1963, of record in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court of Martinsville City, Virginia, in Deed Book 78, Page 501.

Tract No. Two:

Fronting Eighty-Eight and One-Half (88-1/2) feet on west side of Broad Street, in the City of Martinsville, Virginia, and running back between parallel lines to a depth of 246 feet and being 88-1/2 feet in the rear, said lot being the same property more particularly described in that Deed dated December 17, 1964, of record in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, in Deed Book 78, Page 804.

Tract No. Three:

That certain lot or parcel of land containing One-Half (1/2) acre located in the City of Martinsville, Virginia; and being that property more particularly described in Deed dated September 10, 1969, of record in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court of City of Martinsville, Virginia, in Deed Book 96, Page 862.

Tract No. Four:

Being all that property located in the City of Martinsville, Virginia, on the West side of Broad Street, and being that property more particularly described in Deed dated August 10, 1971, of record in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, in deed Book 103, Page 630.

Tract No. Five:

Being all that property located in the City of Martinsville, Virginia, as more particularly described in Deed dated September 14, 1971, of record in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, in Deed Book 103, Page 807.

*NOTE: Tracts Nos. One, Two, Three, Four and Five are combined on a survey showing said property as "Lot 12R", of record in Plat Book 18, Page 140.

Tract No. Six:

All that certain lot or parcel of land on the southwest side of Brown Street in the City of Martinsville, Virginia, and being designated as Parcel "A" as shown on plat of survey prepared by J. A. Gustin and Associates on February 4, 1978, and of record in the City of Martinsville Circuit Court Clerk's Office; and, Being that property described in Deed dated March 19, 1976, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 119, Page 283.

*NOTE: A survey is of record in Map Book 18, Page 157, which combines Tract No. Six and tract No. Nine, Parcel II, to form "Lot 1M"

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Grantor: BH MEDIA GROUP, INC.
Grantee: SMITH WHOLESALE, INC.

EXHIBIT A LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

PARCEL 1:

(For Informational Purposes Only: 204 Broad Street, Martinsville, VA 24112)

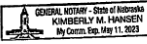
Beginning at a point marked by an City of Martinsville concrete monument located on the Southeast side of College Street, at the Northern-most corner of property owned by Smith Wholesale, Inc., said point marks the Point of Beginning as the Western-most corner of the property herein conveyed; thence running from said Point of Beginning and continuing along the East side of College Street, N17°15'58"E - 310.50' to an iron rod, N26°49'12"E 112.93' to an iron rod, N27°05'17"E - 128.24' to an iron rod at the South side of the intersection of College Street and Market Street, thence continuing along the Southern side of the intersection in an arc whose radius is 25.00', whose tangent is 25.45', whose length is 39.72', and whose chord is N72°26'01"E - 35.67' to an iron rod, thence continuing Southerly along the South side of Market Street S61°17'54"E - 115.13' to a PK nail set in an asphalt drive, thence in arc whose radius is 1383.14', whose tangent is 28.53', whose length is 57.05', and whose chord is S62°27'12"E - 57.05' to an iron rod, thence in arc whose radius is 1383.14', whose tangent is 22.58', whose length is 45.15', and whose chord is S64°34'13"E - 45.15' to an iron rod, thence in arc whose radius is 1383.14', whose tangent is 24.84', whose length is 49.66', and whose chord is S68°32'04"E - 49.66' to a PK nail set in an asphalt drive, thence in arc whose radius is 1383.144, whose tangent is 55.62', whose length is 111.17', and whose chord is S96°51'57"E - 111.74' to an iron rod along the West side of the intersection of Market Street and Broad Street, thence continuing along the West side of the intersection S34°54'35"E - 20.64' to an iron rod, thence continuing along the West side of S13°53'38"W - 73.95' to an iron rod, S77°22'22"E - 1.53' to a drill hole set in a concrete walk S13°48'38"W - 358.04' to an iron rod, S13°45'42"W - 134.23' to an iron pipe at the Eastern-most corner of property owned by Smith Wholesale, Inc., thence leaving Broad Street and continuing with the Smith Wholesale, Inc. property N75°40'53"W - 247.31' to an iron pipe, thence N15°35'46"E - 72.15' to an iron rod, thence N72°43'02"W, passing a City of Martinsville concrete monument at 236.89', 246.84' in all, to the Point of Beginning, containing 6.145 acres.

According to Survey dated March 2, 2015 and prepared by Terry A. Waller, L.L.S., Licensed Land Surveyor Number 1432B, being the same property as described as follows:

All of those lots or parcels of land located in City of Martinsville, Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

Tract No. One:

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Witness the following signature and seal. BH MEDIA GROUP, INC. By: <u>Gwendolyn Olney</u> Gwendolyn Olney Vice President and Secretary STATE OF <u>NEBRASKA</u> COUNTY OF <u>DOUGLAS</u>, to wit: The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on <u>August 27</u>, 2021 by <u>Gwendolyn Olney as Vice President & Secretary of BH MEDIA GROUP, INC.</u>, on behalf of the Corporation. (NOTARY SEAL) <u>Kimberly M. Hansen</u> Notary Public My commission expires: <u>May 11, 2023</u>  (LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOLLOWS) 2	Consideration: \$735,000.00 Assessed Value: <u>\$735,000.00</u> 202101057 <table><thead><tr><th>Tax Map ID</th><th>Account No.</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>32 (01)M/12R</td><td>000073000</td></tr><tr><td>32 (01)M/03</td><td>000590900</td></tr><tr><td>32 (01)M/18</td><td>000241500</td></tr><tr><td>32 (01)M/02</td><td>000373400</td></tr><tr><td>32 (01)M/01M</td><td>000110000</td></tr><tr><td>32 (01)M/07R</td><td>000797400</td></tr><tr><td>32 (01)M/17</td><td>000109600</td></tr><tr><td>32 (01)M/28</td><td>000180600</td></tr><tr><td>32 (01)M/29</td><td>000180500</td></tr><tr><td>32 (01)M/09R</td><td>000663300</td></tr><tr><td>32 (01)M/08R</td><td>000115500</td></tr></tbody></table> Prepared by: Jefferson H. Adams, Attorney at Law, PO Box 3756, Norfolk, VA 23514, Virginia State Bar ID 84851 Returns to: Patrick S. Lineberry, Forrest Firm, P.C., 125 South Elm Street, Suite 100, Greensboro, NC 27401 Grantee Address: Smith Wholesale, Inc., P.O. Box 5071, Martinsville, VA 24115 Title Insurance Underwriter: First American Title Insurance Company SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED THIS DEED, made this 27th day August, 2021, by and between BH MEDIA GROUP, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, Grantor; and SMITH WHOLESALE, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Grantee. That for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) cash in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Grantor does hereby grant, bargain, sell, and convey, in fee simple, with SPECIAL WARRANTY of title, unto the Grantee, all those certain tracts, lots or parcels described on the attached Exhibit "A," together with, all and singular, the rights, benefits, privileges, easements, tenements, hereditaments, appurtenances, and interests thereon or in otherwise pertaining thereto and with all improvements located thereon. This conveyance is made expressly subject to all exceptions described in the attached Exhibit "B" (the "Permitted Exceptions"), and to all easements, conditions, restrictions, agreements, and rights of way of record contained in the instruments forming the chain of title to the property conveyed herein. Words and phrases herein, including acknowledgment hereof, shall be construed as in the singular or plural number, according to the context. [SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]	Tax Map ID	Account No.	32 (01)M/12R	000073000	32 (01)M/03	000590900	32 (01)M/18	000241500	32 (01)M/02	000373400	32 (01)M/01M	000110000	32 (01)M/07R	000797400	32 (01)M/17	000109600	32 (01)M/28	000180600	32 (01)M/29	000180500	32 (01)M/09R	000663300	32 (01)M/08R	000115500
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Hear a report from Robinson Farmer Cox Associates on the City's FY21 audit – Michael Lupton of Robinson Farmer Cox was present to summarize the recent audit and the results. There were no significant deficiencies or weaknesses to report and there were no compliance findings on the audit performed on various programs and departments.

Consider a request from Martinsville City Schools to appropriate \$694,212 to various School budget categories to cover capital needs and anticipated reductions in state funding – Martinsville School Superintendent Dr. Zeb Talley shared that Martinsville High School has the highest on-time graduation rate of any district in southwest VA and 100% of seniors are workforce ready when they graduate. The students have a high rate of advanced class attendance and an excellent education. The school board asks for carry-over funds to be returned to cover capital needs and anticipated state funding reductions. The schools will not know until March or April, 2022 whether they will receive the extra state funding, in which case Council can appropriate the funds based on what state funding the schools receive next year. Vice Mayor Bowles asked for clarification on various capital projects. Council Member Turner asked how COVID funding was used. Travis Clemmons confirmed that some of those funds are earmarked for capital projects but they are waiting on approval. The school has submitted a budget, pending approval on how the COVID funds are intended to be used. Clemmons explained that bathroom renovations are overdue and would include more hands-free systems. Vice Mayor Bowles made a motion to appropriate \$222,860 for capital expenses; Council Member Pearson seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor.



Mailing: PO Box 5548, Martinsville, VA 24115; Physical: 746 Indian Trail, Martinsville, VA 24112

November 30, 2021

TO: Martinsville City Council

RE: Funding Request

We are requesting that \$272,860 be allocated to the School's Capital Fund (16). These funds will be used for the following projects: Roof Repairs at Patrick Henry - \$52,815; Roof Repairs at Martinsville Middle - \$38,702; HVAC Replacement Gym Section of Martinsville High - \$50,000; Bathroom Renovations at Martinsville High - \$45,000; Door Replacements Divisionwide - \$42,000; Handicapped Elevator Repair at Albert Harris - \$35,746; and Traffic Control Gating at Martinsville High - \$8,597. Additionally, we are requesting \$421,352 to be approved to cover anticipated state funding reductions due to revised enrollment projections for fiscal year 22.

Travis Clemons

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Travis Clemons', is written over a faint, light-colored circular stamp or watermark.

Executive Director of Administrative Services
276-403-5722

Conduct a public hearing for the purpose of transferring certain properties owned by the City of Martinsville to the Martinsville Redevelopment and Housing Authority as part of the Five Points Housing Project – City Attorney Monday explained the purpose of the public hearing and request to transfer the lots is a “housekeeping” step. The Housing Authority is overseeing the project so all property needs to be under the Housing Authority to simplify the purchase by buyers. Mayor Lawson opened the public hearing. No one approached the podium so the hearing was closed. Vice Mayor Bowles made the motion to authorize the City Manager to transfer the lots to MRHA and to execute any necessary consolidation or subdivision deeds. Council Member Pearson seconded the motion with a 4-0 roll call vote: Mayor Lawson, aye; Council Member Pearson, aye; Council Member Turner, aye; and Vice Mayor Bowles, aye.

Consider approval of projects listed for the City’s 2022 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) list – Community Development Director McCaskill consolidated Council’s requested changes and additions for the new list. Pearson asked if the Uptown Partnership had requested anything specific and asked that those be pointed out. McCaskill explained those changes were documented in blue and summarized those. Mayor Lawson asked that “identifying deficiencies” be added to one of the categories. Vice Mayor Bowles asked for a correction in spelling. Vice Mayor Bowles made a motion to approve the CEDS list. Council Member Turner seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor.

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Revitalization of Uptown Business District-City of Martinsville	Incentivize small businesses (exterior and interior make over/elevator) <u>Recommendations from Uptown Partnership include:</u> <u>a leasehold matching grant program up to \$5,000, increase façade amount</u> <u>and change percentage match to 75/25 from current 50/50.</u>	EDA	\$900,000	\$900,000
Revitalization of Uptown Business District-City of Martinsville	Construct/ retrofit condos/apartments in Uptown <u>Recommendations from Uptown Partnership include:</u> <u>The corner of Church and Broad Streets are a good location for some</u> <u>moderately sized mixed use apartment buildings.</u> <u>In addition development of full alleyway activation plan to include other alleys</u> <u>in Uptown.</u>	EDA DHCD VHDA City	\$1,000,000 \$300,000 \$500,000 \$200,000	\$2,000,000
Neighborhood Revitalization Project West End/Pine Hall Road Neighborhood in Martinsville	Housing rehab; creation of community space	CDBG Local	<u>\$1,200,000</u> <u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$1,800,000</u>
Community Development Project - CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District-City of Martinsville	Purchase blighted properties on Starling Avenue and adaptively reuse	HUD/NSP HTC	\$700,000 \$300,000	\$1,000,000
Southside Community Park Upgrading-City of Martinsville	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. <u>New bathrooms at Southside Community Park.</u>	DCR EDA ARC VTC Other	\$200,000 \$600,000 \$150,000 \$750,000 \$1,300,000	\$3,000,000
Community Development Project - CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District-City of Martinsville	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
Community Development Project - CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District-City of Martinsville	Rives Road Site Development- full site development including A & E, site grading	EDA	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000
Community Development Projects-City of Martinsville	Further develop lots- at Clearview Business Park to prepare for companies- Parcels 2 & 4	EDA	\$750,000	\$750,000
Community Development Project City of Martinsville	Recruit manufacturers of Clean Energy Components to Martinsville Area and Enterprise Zone	EDA	\$100,000	\$100,000
Community Development Project - CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District-City of Martinsville	Upgrade, widen, and landscape Beaver Street from Fayette Street to Memorial Blvd - City of Martinsville	MAP-21 VHDA	\$800,000 \$50,000	\$850,000
Community Development Project - CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District-City of Martinsville	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
Community Development Project - CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District-City of Martinsville	Write arts & cultural plan for Arts & Cultural District <u>Additional elements could include: public art, an Uptown sculpture trail, and</u> <u>additional funding for the creation of new murals and the maintenance</u> <u>of existing murals. Close collaboration with Piedmont Arts and the FAH!</u> <u>Museum are key to success.</u>	NEA City ARC	<u>\$100,000</u> <u>\$100,000</u> <u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>
Community Development Project - CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District-City of Martinsville	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
Community Development Project - CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District-City of Martinsville	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
Community Development Project - CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District-City of Martinsville	Work with partners to develop an amphitheater on Depot Street	NEA ARC	\$50,000 \$50,000	\$100,000
Community Development Project - CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District-City of Martinsville	Acquire and redevelop properties along commercial corridor for reuse	ARC CDBG EDA	\$250,000 \$2,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$3,250,000
Community Development Project -	Develop new (or redevelop existing) location in Uptown	IRF	\$600,000	\$1,100,000

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CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District-City of Martinsville	Martinsville or adjacent areas to serve as community music venue.	ARC	\$200,000	
		HTC	\$300,000	
Community Development Project - CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District-City of Martinsville	Commonwealth Corridor Enhancement & Pedestrian linkages to Uptown & Fayette Street	VDOT	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000
		CDBG	\$500,000	
Community Development Project - CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District-City of Martinsville	Purchase of West Church Street and/or Fayette Street property, complete feasibility study, adaptive reuse	IRF	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
		CDBG	\$500,000	
Community Development Project - CDBG - Martinsville Area & Central Business District-City of Martinsville	Purchase of Main Street property, complete feasibility study, adaptive reuse	IRF	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
		CDBG	\$500,000	
MNet Fiber Optic Expansion-City of Martinsville	Citywide expansion of MNet Martinsville fiber optic and wireless system to reach businesses and homes. Add additional resources to customer service and marketing.	EDA	\$2,000,000	\$20,500,000
		Other	\$11,000,000	
		Local	\$7,500,000	
Community Development Project - Hooker Field Upgrades- City of Martinsville	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
		DCR	\$500,000	
		OTHER	\$1,000,000	
Virginia Museum of Natural History-City of Martinsville	Construct Outdoor Education Pavilion in rear of VMNH, to include exhibits interpreting eastern North American forest ecology	EDA	\$50,000	\$150,000
		DCR	\$50,000	
		Local	\$50,000	
Wilson Park Upgrading-City of Martinsville	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
		ARC	\$800,000	
		Other	\$600,000	
Community Parks Upgrading-City of Martinsville	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	DCR	\$300,000	\$1,900,000
		ARC	\$300,000	
		EDA	\$400,000	
		Local	\$900,000	

equipment and new playing surfaces. Baldwin Park has the potential to convert existing tennis courts into basketball courts. Also, increased resources for basketball court maintenance at parks with basketball courts. Additionally, create additional "pocket parks" throughout the City.				
Community Development Project - Small Business Development Strategic Plan - City of Martinsville	Write a Small Business Development Strategic Plan for the City of Martinsville. Strategic plan will contain actionable items for the development of and scaling up of small businesses in the City of Martinsville including complementing the roles of existing partners and organizations The resulting strategic plan could focus on Single Site Retail/ Service Incubator model that accommodates booths, counters and pop-up space. A closely related concept is the "incubator without walls" that focuses on a "boot camp" style of intense days of entrepreneurial training with a mini grant at the end. A third concept is an "Entrepreneurship Village" that would involve several small structures placed along Fayette Street across from New College Institute.	EDA	\$150,000	\$450,000
		ARC	\$150,000	
		Local	\$150,000	
Community Development Project - Small Business Scale-up Grant Program-City of Martinsville	A grant program guided by the Small Business Development Strategic Plan to assist small businesses in growing, expanding and scaling up within the City of Martinsville A good target market for the grant program would be for Minority Entrepreneurship Development. This could take the form of small "jump start" grants and a low interest loan program for minority business development.	EDA	\$100,000	\$300,000
		ARC	\$100,000	
		Other	\$100,000	
Community Development Project - Move to Martinsville - City of Martinsville	Partnering with the "Move to Martinsville" group to place strategic marketing pieces in other geographic markets to communicate the quality of life, value and opportunity to increase the number of people who move to Martinsville from other regions. Additionally Uptown should be branded as a "Center for Entrepreneurship" that facilitates the attraction of new entrepreneurs, the support of existing business. The brand should bridge Uptown and the West End.	EDA	\$100,000	\$250,000
		ARC	\$50,000	
		Local	\$100,000	
Community Development Project - Amy Avenue City of Martinsville	Revitalization of Amy Avenue in the City of Martinsville to include owner occupied rehabilitation, newsingle family housing and new multi-family housing. In addition curb and gutter improvements should be included.	CDBG	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
		Other/Private	\$500,000	

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Community Development Project - 100 Block W Church St.- City of Martinsville	Redevelopment of 100 Block W. Church Street including parcels fronting W Market Street and Moss street into Workforce Housing.	ARC	\$400,000	\$1,200,000
		CDBG	\$400,000	
		OTHER	\$400,000	
Community Development Project - Vacant Buildings Inventory Uptown City of Martinsville	Develop and maintain a vacant buildings inventory for Uptown and if time/resources permitting other parts of the city. The purpose of the inventory is baseline data so that incentives and/or enforcement can be discussed to encourage property owners to pursue highest and best use of Uptown properties	CDBG	\$75,000	\$100,000
		Other	\$25,000	
Community Development Project - Entrance Corridor Beautification and Revitalization - City of Martinsville	Signage, landscaping and other physical improvements to the major entrance corridors to the City of Martinsville These entrance corridors are typically found in the "Entrance Corridor Overlay" located on the City of Martinsville's Zoning Map	EDA	\$50,000	\$150,000
		ARC	\$50,000	
		Other	\$50,000	
Community Development Project - Uptown Martinsville Design Study and Uptown entrance corridors - City of Martinsville	Develop a design study for Uptown Martinsville that may result in design guidelines, facade guidelines and other design guidance to be considered by City Council. In addition, the physical enhancement and beautification of entrance corridors into Uptown Martinsville may be pursued. Neighborhood entrance signs throughout the City would be a complementary addition to this program.	EDA	\$75,000	\$200,000
		ARC	\$75,000	
		Other	\$50,000	
Community Development Project - Fruit Patch at West End Park City of Martinsville	Develop a community orchard, garden and/or similar facility at West End Park in the City of Martinsville. The purpose of this enhancement to the park would be to allow resident/citizen access to locally grown fruits and vegetables.	EDA	\$20,000	\$60,000
		ARC	\$20,000	
		Other	\$20,000	
Public Works Project - Curb and Gutter - Citywide	Assess the entire City and add curb and gutter where practicable and feasible in areas currently lacking curb and gutter.	EDA	\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000
		ARC	\$1,000,000	
		VDOT	\$1,000,000	
Public Works Project - Stormwater Projects Citywide City of Martinsville	Needed stormwater projects Citywide.	EDA	\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000
		ARC	\$1,000,000	
		VDOT	\$1,000,000	
Community Development Project - Design Guidelines	Creation of design guidelines that could apply to Uptown and Historic Districts to improve the quality of development and redevelopment.	EDA	\$30,000	\$90,000
		ARC	\$30,000	
		Local	\$30,000	
Community Development Project - Update the incentive package City of Martinsville	Update the incentive package for enterprise zones, tourism zone, arts and cultural district and other zones in order to incentivize entrepreneurship, technology and business development.	EDA	\$100,000	\$200,000
		Local	\$100,000	

The City annually determines its legislative priorities. Attached is the City's proposed 2022 Legislative Agenda for consideration for approval – City Attorney Monday feels confident that he has incorporated all of Council's comments from previous meetings. Monday has discussed with Council Members the cost of the lobbyist hired to represent the City; he was hired with the expectation that Henry County would vote against reversion. Monday touched on the option of legal fee reimbursement since Henry County voted against the Voluntary Settlement Agreement. Council Members support the increased street maintenance option towards walkable Uptown, affordable housing, energy efficient programs, and the increase in the per diem rate for inmates. Council Member Turner made the motion to approve the Legislative Agenda. Vice Mayor Bowles seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor. Monday shared the redistricting map with not much change in the House district but pointed out that the Senate district is changing drastically. The Congressional district did not change much. The maps have only been out for a week so Monday is unsure what Danville and Pittsylvania County's opinions are. There are public hearings tomorrow and Friday regarding the redistricting. Monday does not recommend participation in the public hearing but said the court will pay better attention to written comments.

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 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 2022. Virginia General Assembly Transportation - 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. - Continue to place priority on Route 58 improvements, particularly the section between Stuart and Hillsville, Virginia. - Increase VDOT funding for road construction and repaving. Education - 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. - 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. - Oppose the imposition of unneeded 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. - 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. - Request the Commonwealth to fully fund the expenditures imposed upon local school systems by implementing the Standards of Quality. - Encourage the Commonwealth to continue or increase the current levels of financial support provided to Patrick & Henry Community College. - Request the Commonwealth to provide incentives for consolidation of school systems. - Continue to support funding for school resource officers and ensure that decisions regarding usage of resource officers in schools remain as a local choice/option. Economic Development - Maintain current levels of funding for economic development incentives, including but not limited to the Governor's Opportunity Fund. - 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. - Increase funding levels for the Virginia Museum of Natural History.	Eric Monday Council discussed this at the last meeting but decided to leave unchanged. Eric Monday Reflects same change.	- 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. - Support continued tourism awareness initiatives in the Martinsville-Henry County region. - Expand local authority to designate Enterprise Zones and establish incentives. - 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. - 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. - 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 - Adopt the recommendations of the Virginia Commission on Local Government in its 2018 Annexation Memorandum Study, and urge the General Assembly to enact those recommendations in the 2022 Session. - Amend Code of Virginia 51.1-153.2 to allow Constitutional Offices, abolished by reversion of any city to town status, to take early VRS retirement, free of penalty. - Urge the General Assembly to conform the state tax code to the 2018 changes in the Federal income tax code. - 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. - Require that the Commonwealth fully fund its obligations to the Virginia Retirement System, and refrain from borrowing from VRS funds. - 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. - Elimination of all unfunded mandates from the Commonwealth to localities. - 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. - Preserve intact local authority to regulate zoning, land use, and regulation of the installation of wireless communication equipment. - Request at a minimum, level funding for operational requirements of the Henry-Martinsville Department of Social Services. - 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. - Request that the Commonwealth fully fund its obligations to constitutional officers. - Oppose any attempt to curtail the doctrine of sovereign immunity for localities. - Oppose any attempt to permit collective bargaining for state and local government employees. - Oppose any amendment of the existing burden of proof or process in local tax appeals cases. - 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. - Support VME's endorsement of a JLARC study of assigning a proportional share of lottery sales revenue to the localities generating such sales.	Eric Monday Council discussed potential legislation allowing for the county of pps to parties who would have care for them. No action was taken. Eric Monday This was previously introduced in 2020, and failed. Suggest deletion.
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- Require the Commonwealth to fund 100% of the per-diem costs of housing state inmates in local jails. - 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. - Support the alteration of award criteria in the "REACH Virginia" and all other VHDA programs to a per-capita income-based model. - Request that any legislation adopted by the General Assembly concerning the decriminalization of marijuana include local authority to regulate commercial distribution and use. United States Congress - Request the addition of the urban center of micropolitan statistical areas to the eligibility list of "Entitlement Cities." - Oppose any effort to impose additional taxation or regulation of electrical power generation by coal or natural gas. - 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. - In the short term, upgrade those portions of Route 220 overlaying I-73 to interstate standards. - Request \$3.75M in funds for the redevelopment of blighted/delinquated within the City. - Request \$6.25M in funds for the elimination and redevelopment of blighted areas in the city. - 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. - Extend high speed broadband service throughout southern Virginia. - 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. - 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 Lane Tovarowski Other department heads as appointed by the City Manager In addition, Council designates Two Capitols Consulting as its lobbyist.	Eric Monday Council discussed this at the last meeting, but no action was taken. Eric Monday The Chamber has discussed advocating a national review of supply-chain challenges, and incentivizing a return of businesses and manufacturing to the US. Eric Monday Perhaps aimed to suggest passage of broadband expansion under an infrastructure bill?
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Consider approval of consent agenda – Vice Mayor Bowles made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Council Member Pearson seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor.

BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 12/14/2021				
ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
<u>FY2022</u>				
<u>General Fund</u>				
01100903	432316	Permits - Court Reporter Fee's		805
01211070	506104	Circuit Court - Non-Capital Equipment	805	
		Traffic Cones for Court		
01101917	405555	Brownfields Grant - VBAF		50,000
01812253	503140	Professional Services-Engineering	5,000	
01812253	503168	Professional Service - Lead Paint Assessment	7,000	
01812253	503166	Professional Service - Asbestos Removal	38,000	
		VBAF - Lester Street Warehouse Project		
Total General Fund:			50,805	50,805

Business from the Floor – none

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Comments by City Council – Council Member Pearson wished Council, Staff and residents a Merry Christmas. She looks forward to a new year and a new start and working closely with the citizens. The warming center in Martinsville needs donations. Council Member Turner said donations were raised to pay for the Arlington Cemetery wreaths for our local veterans. The Veterans Service Organization and Wright Funeral Home raised money to purchase wreaths for local veteran graves. Residents are invited to attend Richard's Dinner meal at no cost. Turner asked if there was anything Martinsville could do to assist people affected by the tornadoes this week. Towarnicki explained that he is working with the Fire Department and the Red Cross to collaborate assistance. Turner asked about Martinsville being a Resilient City and how that could benefit those in need. Vice Mayor Bowles encourages residents to get vaccinations and boosters before the Christmas holiday gatherings. Bowles attended the SPCA grand opening. She attended the annual tree lighting and she is thankful for Ground Floor for passing out hot chocolate. She attended the annual Fire Department and Police Department dinner; Bowles applauds the officers and first responders. Bowles will be participating in Dancing for the Arts on March 5 at 4:00pm. She attended the Pardon but Not Forgotten Gala with Mayor Lawson on December 9 where the Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth and Director of African American Affairs attended to present the pardons to the Martinsville Seven families. The Virginia Board of Historical Sources approved the marker in recognition of the Martinsville Seven which will be placed in front of the historical Henry County Courthouse; she applauds City Attorney Monday for his efforts to help with that marker which will be unveiled February 26, 2022. Bowles thanked the Martinsville Seven Initiative for their work. Start Up Martinsville through CPEG applications will be available soon for anyone looking to start up or grow their business. Mayor Lawson thanked the City Manager for his help in taking down the flags for Pearl Harbor Day. Happy belated birthday to Council Member Turner last week. Lawson thanked Piedmont Arts for sponsoring Holiday Pops at the Martinsville High School which was well attended. Prayers for the Mayfield, Kentucky community affected by the tornados, every building in the town was destroyed. Lawson encourages residents to donate to a reputable organization since there will be a lot of scammers. Virginia and the local Martinsville Red Cross have deployed crews to assist in food donation in Kentucky. There are still 100 people missing. Martinsville is blessed to have the very best staff; employees don't get recognized near enough. Special thank you to City employees and especially the City Manager and City Attorney. County Administrator Tim Hall submitted his retirement resignation for the end of this fiscal year. Turner organized recognition for local companies recently that were celebrating anniversaries; Lawson also recognized Burch Hodges Stone which was organized 1891, Prillaman Meat Market, Martinsville Glass and also the Martinsville Volunteer Fire Department which was organized in 1891. There is a lot of history in our area with even more anniversaries coming up. This is the last meeting of 2021; Lawson thanked City Council for their contributions to the citizens and community, especially for Turner and his contributions towards the veterans. Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy New

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Years. Lawson also pointed out that Christmas Cheer is 70 years old; she thanked volunteers, residents and City employees for their contributions to continue to make that successful. Lawson also thanked the Salvation Army Volunteers.

Comments by the City Manager – City Manager Towarnicki said the City employees met and exceeded the United Way goal. He recognized City employees who volunteered to ring the bell for the Salvation Army for 3-days. City Attorney Monday apologized on behalf of Council Member Martin who was not being able to attend because of his new job.

Mayor Lawson advised Council would go into Closed Session beginning at 8:42pm. In accordance with section 2.1-344 (A) Code of Virginia (1950, and as amended), and upon a motion by Vice Mayor Bowles, seconded by Council Member Turner with the following 4-0 recorded vote: Mayor Lawson, aye; Vice Mayor Bowles, aye; Council Member Pearson, aye; and Council Member Turner, aye. Council convened in Closed Session to discuss the following matters: (A) Discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected, as authorized by Subsection 6 specifically related to baseball (B) Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members, attorneys or consultant 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 specifically related to reversion, and (Addendum) Appointments to boards and commissions, as authorized by Subsection 1.

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 meeting. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Bowles; seconded by Council Member Pearson with the following 4-0 recorded vote in favor to return to Open Session: Council Member Turner, aye; Council Member Pearson, aye; Vice Mayor Bowles, aye; and Mayor Lawson, aye. No action was taken out of Closed Session

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

Karen Roberts, Clerk of Council

Kathy Lawson, Mayor