

AGENDA--CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA

Council Chambers – Municipal Building  
**6:00pm Closed Session    7:00pm Regular Session**  
**Tuesday June 28, 2022**

**6:00 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. Appointments to boards and commissions, as authorized by Subsection 1.

**7:00 pm - Regular Session**

Pledge to the American Flag and Invocation by Council Member Pearson

1. Approve minutes from the May 23, 2022 West End Neighborhood Meeting, the May 24, 2022 Council Meeting and the June 14, 2022 Council Meeting. (5 mins)
2. Hear an overview of the June 27, 2022 Northside neighborhood tour and meeting. (10 mins)
3. Hear an update from Martinsville-Henry County Family YMCA regarding the City/YMCA contract for services related to City parks & recreation programs. (10 mins)
4. Consider approval and adoption of the 2021 update of the West Piedmont Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. (10 mins)
5. Business from the Floor -  
The public comment portion of the Council meeting provides citizens the opportunity to discuss matters relevant to the operation of the City, which are not listed on the printed agenda.  
Citizens who wish to participate in a meeting's public comment period may do so by emailing their comments to Karen Roberts, Clerk of Council, at [kroberts@ci.martinsville.va.us](mailto:kroberts@ci.martinsville.va.us), calling in their 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 12:00noon Monday June 27.* Citizens may also request to speak at the Council meeting in the same manner. Comments, or a request to speak, must be received by noon the day before a Council meeting for consideration by Council at the meeting.  
Any person submitting comments or requesting to speak must identify themselves by name and address, including zip code, limit their remarks to 3 minutes or less (as read aloud), address a topic of City business, and refrain from making any personal references or accusations of a factually false and/or malicious nature. Priority for comments is given to City residents, taxpayers, and business owners. Speakers may not yield time. Groups of speakers on the same topic must designate a single representative. Comments violating these rules may not be presented at the Council meeting. Any speaker violating these rules may be removed from the podium or from the Council chamber.  
This policy does not apply to public hearings, at which any citizen of Martinsville may appear and speak on the subject of the public hearing.
6. Comments by members of City Council. (5 mins)
7. Comments by City Manager and City Attorney. (5 mins)

**Meeting Date:** June 28, 2022

**Item No:** 1.

**Department:** Clerk of Council

**Issue:** Consider approval of minutes

**Summary:** None

**Attachments:** May 23, 2022 WestEnd Neighborhood Meeting  
May 24, 2022 Council Meeting  
June 14, 2022 Council Meeting

**Recommendations:** Motion to approve minutes as presented.

**Date:** June 28, 2022

**Item No:** 2.

**Department:** City Council

**Issue:** Hear an overview of the June 27, 2022 Northside neighborhood tour and meeting.

**Summary:** A recap of the Northside neighborhood tour and neighborhood community meeting held at Clearview Wesleyan Church, 925 Barrows Mill Road on Monday, June 27th will be given.

**Attachments:** None

**Recommendations:** This item is being presented for public information purposes – no action needed by Council.

**Meeting Date:** June 28, 2022

**Item No:** 3.

**Department:** City Manager

**Issue:** Hear an update from Martinsville-Henry County Family YMCA regarding the City/YMCA contract for services related to City parks & recreation programs.

**Summary:** At Council's August 28, 2018 meeting, Council approved a memorandum of understanding between the City and Martinsville Henry County Family YMCA outlining details of a contract for services for the YMCA to begin managing City parks & recreational programming activities beginning September 1, 2018. The MOU requires regular updates from the YMCA regarding their management activities.

YMCA staff will be attending Council's June 28th meeting to provide an update and answer questions.

**Attachments:** None

**Recommendations:** Presented for information purposes – no Council action is necessary.

**Meeting Date:** June 28, 2022

**Item No:** 4.

**Department:** Martinsville Fire & EMS

**Issue:** Consider approval and adoption of the 2021 update of the West Piedmont Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

**Summary:** The West Piedmont Planning District Commission--in cooperation with the counties of Franklin, Henry, Patrick, and Pittsylvania; the cities of Danville and Martinsville; and the towns of Rocky Mount, Boones Mill, Chatham, Gretna, Hurt, Ridgeway, and Stuart--has been working to update the regional Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, originally adopted in 2006 and updated in 2011 and 2016. The purpose of the plan is to identify potential natural and man-made hazards and develop strategies to address them. The draft plan has been approved by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Formal adoption of a hazard mitigation plan is required in order to qualify for hazard mitigation assistance grants.

Staff will be present at the meeting to briefly summarize the plan and answer questions.

**Attachment:** Resolution

**Recommendation:** Motion to adopt the Resolution approving the West Piedmont Hazard Mitigation Plan

*Council Members*  
Kathy Lawson, Mayor  
Jennifer Bowles, Vice-Mayor  
Danny Turner  
Chad Martin  
Tammy Pearson



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

## **RESOLUTION**

### **ADOPTING A MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE FOR WEST PIEDMONT PLANNING DISTRICT COMMUNITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, at 42 U.S.C. § 5165, and 44 CFR Part 201.6 of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, require municipalities to adopt a mitigation plan in order to be eligible for grants to implement certain mitigation projects; and

**WHEREAS** the West Piedmont Planning District Commission (PDC) communities have experienced past flooding and other natural hazard events that pose risks to public health and safety, may cause serious property damage, and a require a plan to address the results of these events: and

**WHEREAS** the planning process fostered by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, and set forth by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, offers the opportunity to consider natural hazards and risks and identify mitigation actions to reduce future impacts of such hazards; and

**WHEREAS** the Commonwealth of Virginia has provided federal Hazard Mitigation Assistance program funds to support the development of the mitigation plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the efforts of a Mitigation Advisory Committee, including the City of Martinsville, and the consulting firm of Dewberry, in consultation with members of the public and stakeholders, have resulted in a 2021 update of the West Piedmont Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

**WHEREAS** the Plan recommends several mitigation actions that will help minimize and reduce safety threats and damage to private and public property; and

**WHEREAS** a public meeting was held on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, to present the Plan and proposed mitigation actions and to solicit questions and comments,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Martinsville that the 2021 West Piedmont Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and its Appendices are hereby approved and adopted, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the municipal offices identified in the Plan are hereby directed to pursue implementation of the recommended priority actions that are assigned to their agencies, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any action proposed in the Plan shall be subject to and contingent upon budget approval, if funding is required, and this resolution may not be interpreted so as to mandate any such appropriations, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Martinsville Fire/EMS & Safety (1) is designated to coordinate with other offices and entities, including the PDC, (2) shall periodically report on the activities, accomplishments, and progress, and (3) shall prepare a progress report as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and outlined in the Plan.

Adopted this 28th day of June, 2022 by Martinsville City Council.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Kathy Lawson, Mayor

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Karen Roberts, Clerk of Council