

AGENDA--CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA

Council Chambers – Municipal Building
6:30pm Closed Session 7:00pm Regular Session
Tuesday August 23, 2022

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. Appointments to boards and commissions, as authorized by Subsection 1.

7:00 pm - Regular Session

Pledge to the American Flag and Invocation by Mayor Lawson

1. Approve minutes from the July 12, 2022 Council Meeting, July 25 Neighborhood Meeting and July 26 Council Meeting. (5 mins)
2. Present awards to Martinsville Middle School students who recently participated in Virginia Municipal League's "If I Were Mayor Contest." (10 mins)
3. Hear an update from Sovah Health regarding operations at the Martinsville hospital facility. (20 mins)
4. Hear an update on Martinsville Mustangs Baseball. (15 mins)
5. Hear an update on the local public bus system, PART. (15 mins)
6. Hear an update on the City's utility outage call-in system. (15 mins)
7. Consider adoption of a resolution setting the allocation percentage for personal property tax relief for qualifying vehicles in the City of Martinsville for tax year 2022. (10 mins)
8. Consider approval of the consent agenda. (5 mins)
9. 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, 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 August 22.* 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.
10. Comments by members of City Council. (5 mins)
11. Comments by City Manager and City Attorney. (5 mins)

Meeting Date: August 23, 2022

Item No: 1.

Department: Clerk of Council

Issue: Consider approval of minutes

Summary: None

Attachments: July 12, 2022 Council meeting
July 25, 2022 Druid Hills/Uptown Neighborhood Meeting
July 26, 2022 Council Meeting

Recommendations: Motion to approve minutes as presented.

Date: August 23, 2022

Item No: 2.

Department: City Council

Issue: Present awards to Martinsville Middle School students who recently participated in Virginia Municipal League's "If I Were Mayor Contest."

Summary: Each fall the Virginia Municipal League (VML) invites all Virginia 7th grade students to participate in its "If I Were Mayor" essay contest. The essays describe what the student would do as mayor to make their cities, towns, and counties great places to live.

Last year, Martinsville Middle School's 7th grade class submitted entries to this contest with the eventual winning essay from VML's Region 2 coming from Martinsville Middle School student Jordin Hernandez Machuca. Jordin was recognized by City Council and VML at Council's May 10, 2022 meeting.

To recognize others who participated, City Council reviewed the essays submitted by local students and as a group, selected a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner. Council will recognize the students at the August 23rd meeting.

Attachments: None

Recommendation: Read the names of students selected as the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners, and present award certificates.



City Council Agenda Summary

Date: August 23, 2022

Item No: 3.

Department: City Manager

Issue: Hear an update from Sovah Health regarding operations at the Martinsville hospital facility.

Summary: At Council's August 23 meeting, representatives from Sovah Health will provide a brief update on operations at the Martinsville hospital facility and answer questions Council may have. A number of comments have surfaced in recent months, mostly on social media, about possible changes in hospital operations and the update will provide the correct information.

Attachments: None

Recommendations: No action needed - presented for information purposes only.

Meeting Date: August 23, 2022

Item No: 4.

Department: City Manager

Issue: Hear an update on Martinsville Mustangs Baseball.

Summary: Representatives from Next P.L.A.N. Athletics will provide an update on the Martinsville Mustangs 2022 Coastal Plain League season that just ended. The City contracted with NPA for management services for the 2022 season.

Attachment: None

Recommendation: Presented for information purposes

Meeting Date: August 23, 2022

Item No: 5.

Department: City Manager

Issue: Hear an update on the local public bus system, PART.

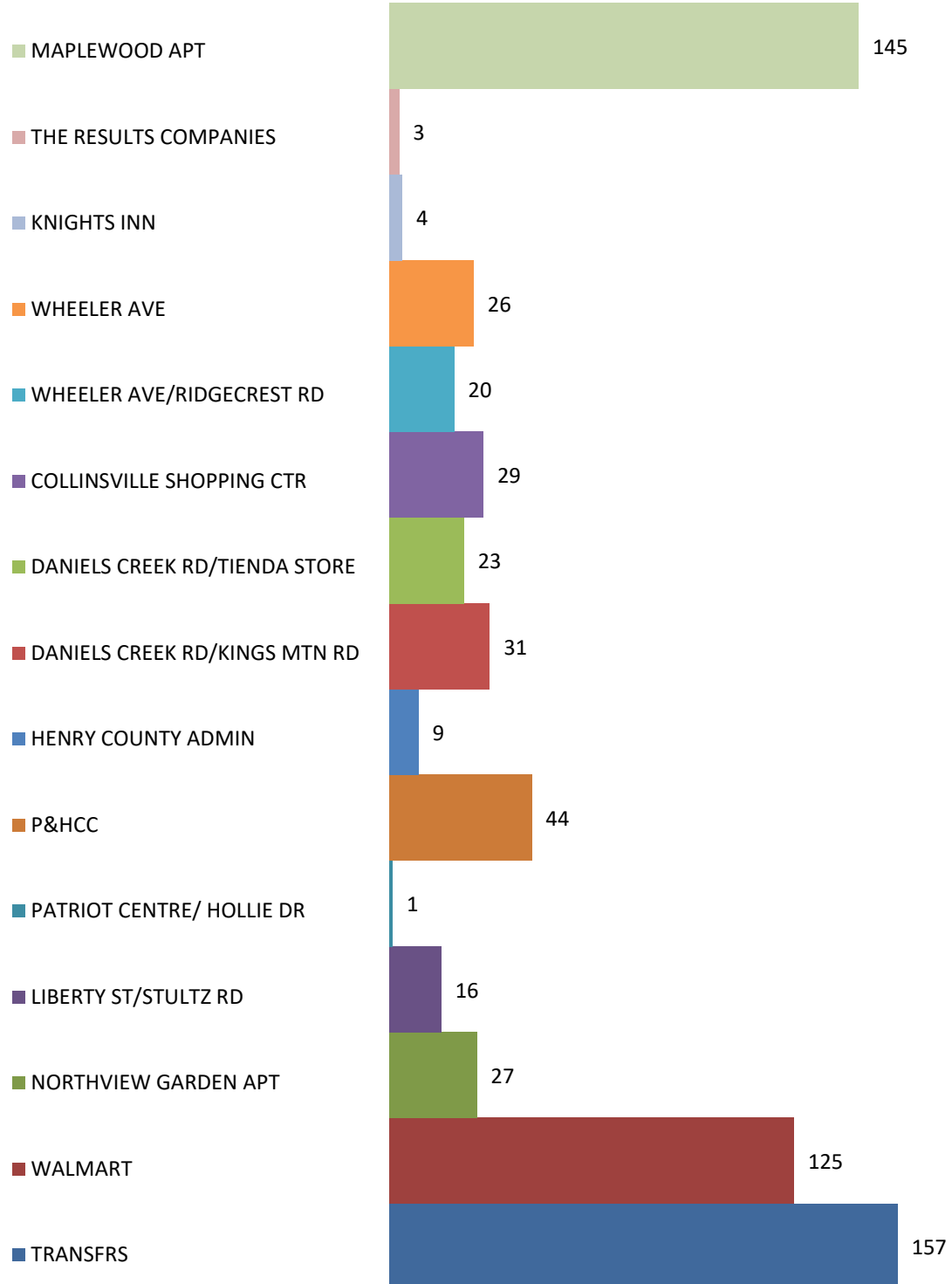
Summary: Staff will provide an update on the operation of PART (Piedmont Area Regional Transit). Information will be presented regarding ridership and routes.

Attachments: July, 2022 Ridership Report

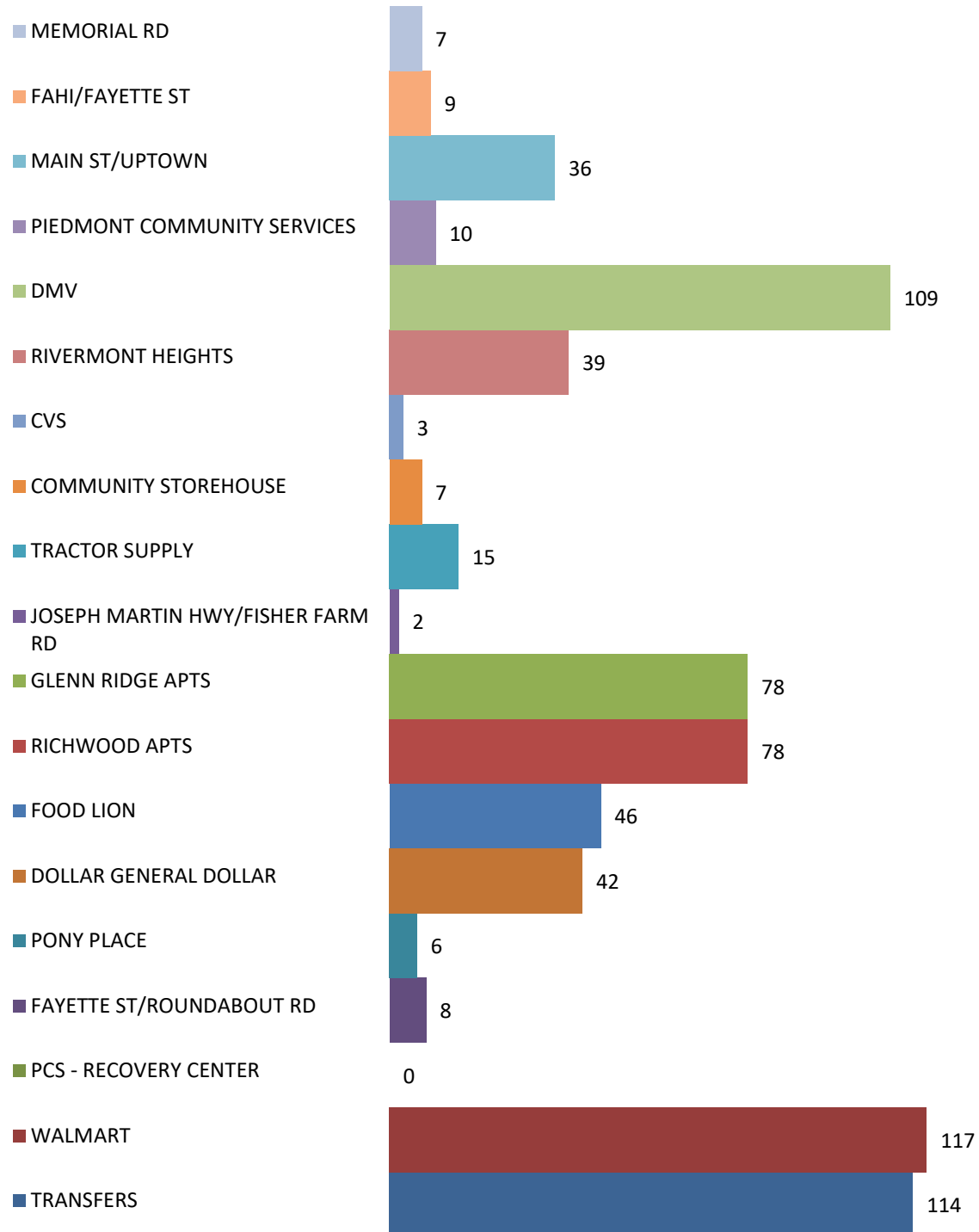
Recommendations: No action needed – presented for information purposes.

2022 PART YTD RIDERSHIP REPORT											
MONTH	ADULTS	CHILDREN	SENIORS	WHEEL CHAIRS	ESCORTS	TRANSFERS	2022	2021	PLUS-MINUS	DAYS OF OPERATION	
										2022	2021
Oct	1709	32	366	26	0	421	2133	1872	261	21	20
Nov	1799	26	441	24	0	447	2290	2001	289	22	23
Dec	1471	23	452	23	0	381	1969	1473	496	20	19
Jan	1188	17	354	10	0	288	1569	1551	18	18	19
Feb	1919	14	451	38	0	442	2422	1671	751	23	22
Mar	1828	5	463	41	0	506	2337	1782	555	20	20
Apr	1794	27	413	34	0	430	2268	1505	763	20	20
May	1606	31	680	32	0	460	2349	1607	742	22	22
Jun	1901	48	495	19	0	527	2463	1593	870	21	22
Jul	1862	55	368	25	0	438	2310	1624	686	20	19
Aug	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2124	0	0	23
Sep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2128	0	0	21
TOTALS	17077	278	4483	272	0	4340	22110	20931	5431	207	250
%	77.24%	1.26%	20.28%	1.23%	0.00%						
		MARTINSVILLE	HENRY COUNTY			TOTAL			2022	AVERAGE DAILY RIDERSHIP	2021
Oct		951	1182			2133			101.57		93.60
Nov		964	1326			2290			104.09		87.00
Dec		915	1054			1969			98.45		77.53
Jan		734	835			1569			87.17		81.63
Feb		1152	1270			2422			105.30		75.95
Mar		1098	1239			2337			116.85		89.10
Apr		1102	1166			2268			113.40		75.25
May		1263	1086			2349			106.77		73.05
Jun		1275	1188			2463			117.29		72.41
Jul		1091	1219			2310			115.50		85.47
Aug		0	0			0			0.00		92.35
Sep		0	0			0			0.00		101.33
TOTALS		10545	11565			22110			106.81		83.72
%		47.69%	52.31%								

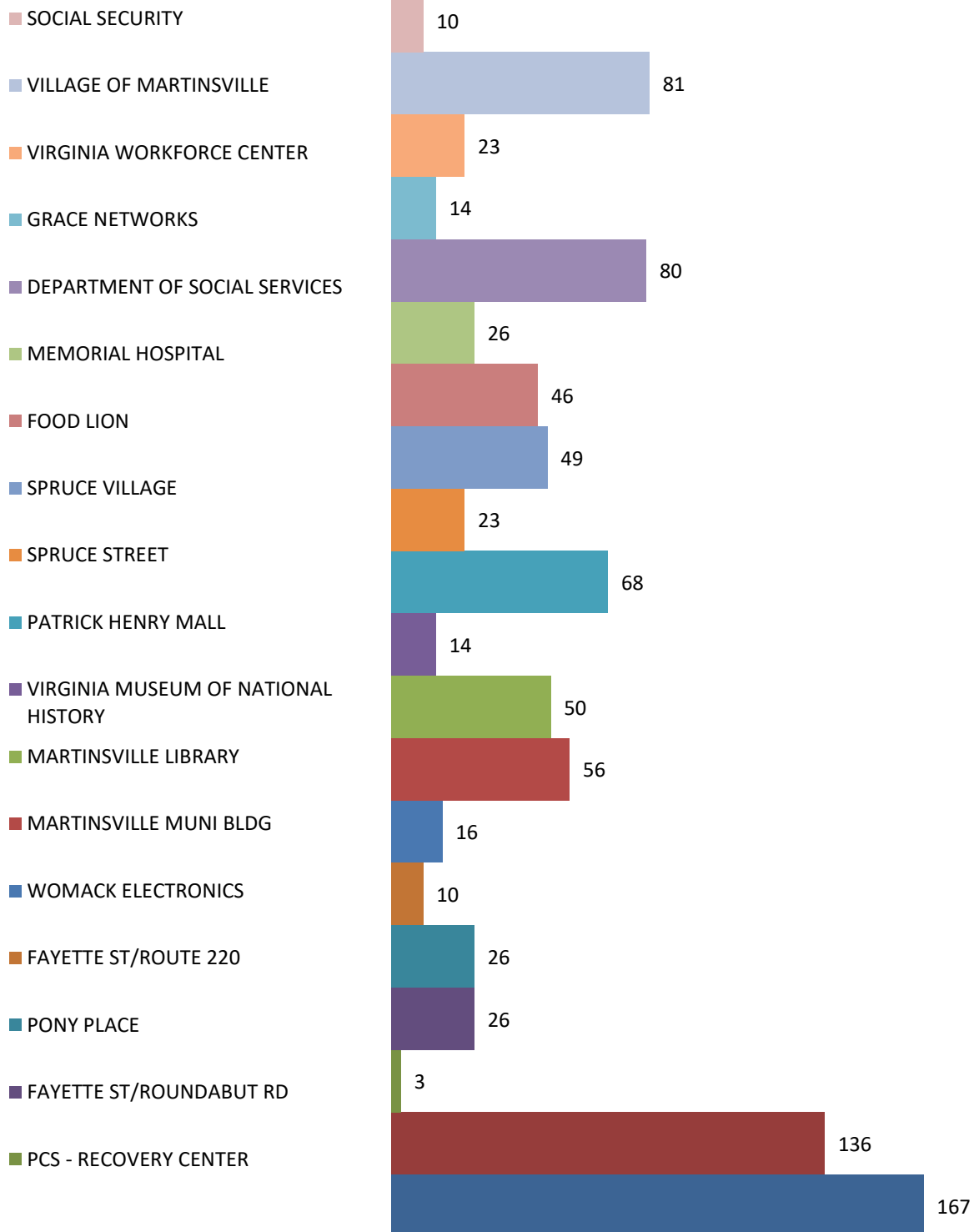
July 2022 North County Route Ridership



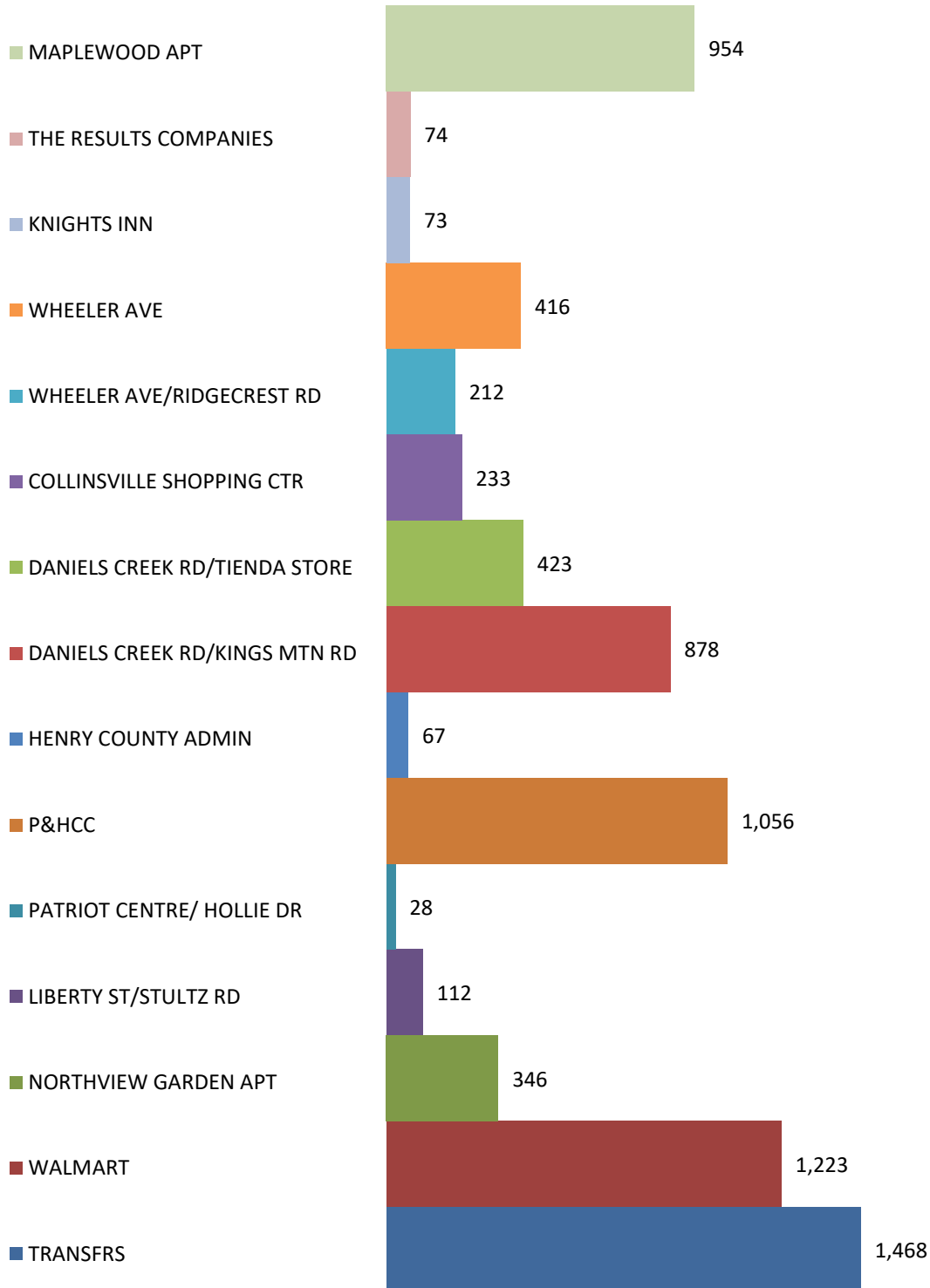
July 2022 South County Route Ridership



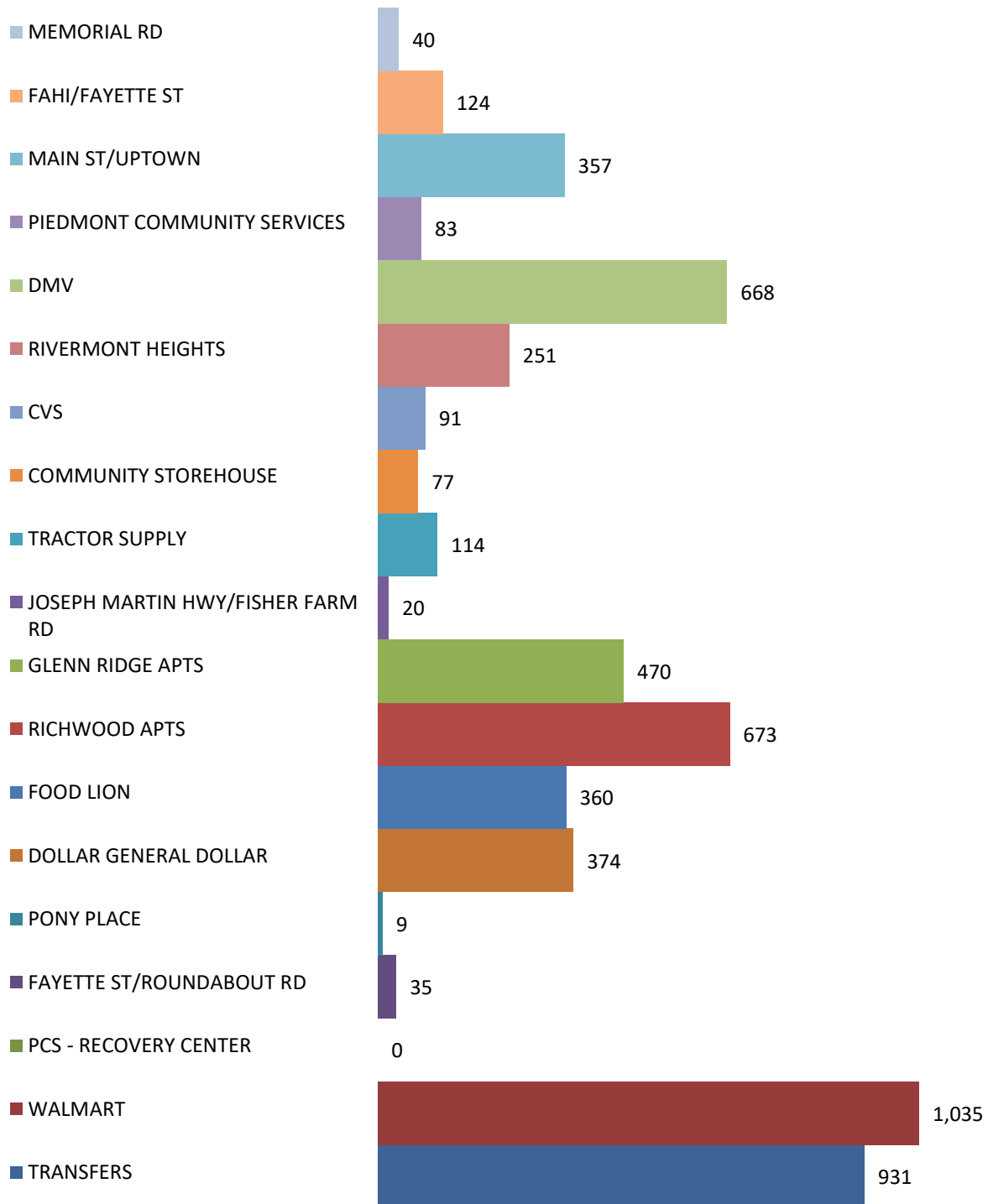
July 2022 Martinsville Route Ridership



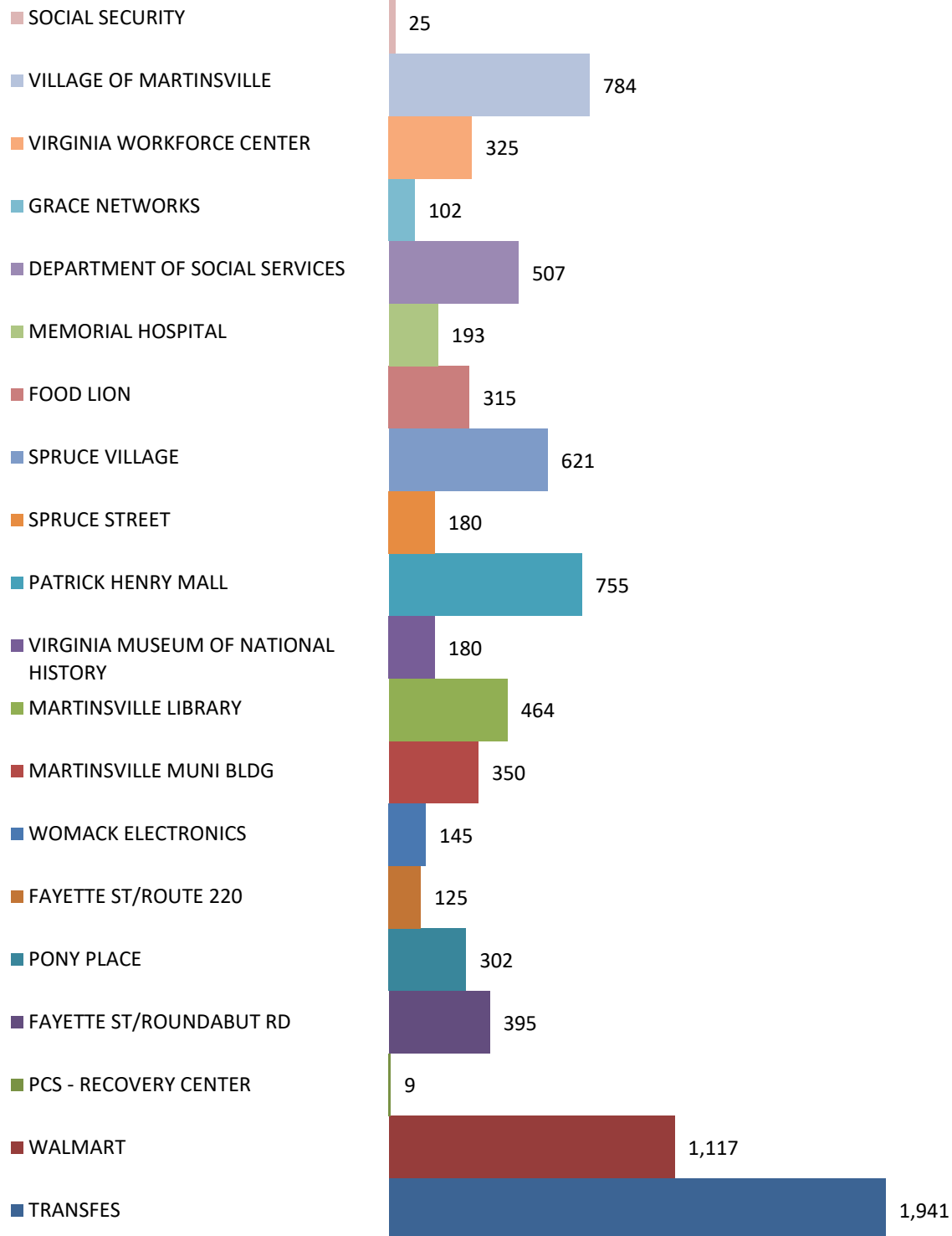
Year to Date North County Route Ridership



Year to Date South County Route Ridership



Year to Date Martinsville Route Ridership





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Date: August 23, 2022

Item No: 6.

Department: Electric

Issue: Hear an update on the City's utility outage call-in system.

Summary: Electric Department Director Durwin Joyce will present an update on a new utility outage call-in system that is being implemented.

Attachments: None

Recommendations: Presented for information purposes. No Council action needed.

Meeting Date: August 23, 2022

Item No: 7.

Department: Commissioner of the Revenue

Issue: Consider adoption of a resolution setting the allocation percentage for personal property tax relief for qualifying vehicles in the City of Martinsville for tax year 2022.

Summary: On December 13, 2005 City Council adopted an ordinance that established a local program of personal property tax relief that requires the Council to annually set the relief allocation percentage that is anticipated to fully use the PPTRA relief funds provided to the City by the Commonwealth.

The Commissioner of the Revenue has completed the annual assessment of motor vehicles that have a Martinsville tax situs for tax year 2022. By ordinance, qualifying vehicles assessed at \$1,000, or less, receive 100% relief. Qualifying vehicles with assessed values between \$1,001 and the first \$20,000 receive a calculated annual percentage of relief based on the number of qualifying vehicles and their associated assessments. The Commissioner of the Revenue estimates that a percentage rate of 36.82% will fully use all state PPTRA funds allocated to the City for Tax Year 2022.

Attachments: Resolution

Recommendations: Adopt resolution (roll call vote)

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



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

RESOLUTION
SETTING THE ALLOCATION PERCENTAGE FOR PERSONAL
PROPERTY TAX RELIEF IN THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE FOR TAX
YEAR 2022

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2005 by Ordinance 2005-8 the Martinsville City Council established a local program of tax relief that serves the best interests of its citizens regarding personal property tax on qualifying use vehicles, pursuant to modifications made by the General Assembly of Virginia to the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998 (PPTRA); and

WHEREAS, the City's relief program requires the City Council to adopt an annual percentage of local tax relief for personal use vehicles valued between \$1,001 and the first \$20,000 that will fully exhaust the PPTRA relief funds provided to the City by the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Revenue has completed the annual assessment of motor vehicles with Martinsville tax situs for Tax Year 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Revenue estimates that a percentage of relief of 36.82% applied to the first \$20,000 of assessed values for qualifying vehicles valued over \$1,000 will fully use all available state PPTRA relief allocated for tax year 2022,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Martinsville City Council that 36.82% shall be the percentage of relief to be applied to the first \$20,000 in value of each qualifying vehicle with an assessed value more than \$1,000 pursuant to and in accordance with provisions of Sec. 21-10 of the Martinsville City Code.

Adopted this 23rd day of August, 2022.

Kathy Lawson, Mayor

ATTEST: Clerk of Council

Jennifer Bowles
Kathy Lawson
Chad Martin
Tammy Pearson
Danny Turner

VOTE

Meeting Date: August 23, 2022

Item No: 8.

Department: Finance

Issue: Consider approval of the consent agenda

Summary:

The attachment amends the FY23 budget with appropriations in the following fund:

FY23

General Fund: \$ 105 – Miscellaneous Revenue

Attachments: Consent Agenda – 8-23-2022

Recommendations: Approve

BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 8/23/2022

ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
FY2023 - General Fund				
01100908	482901	Misc Unclassified Revenue		105
01311085	506061	Motorcycle Equip/Maintenance	105	
		Misc Payment		
Total General Fund:			105	105