

AGENDA--CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA

Council Chambers – Municipal Building
7:00pm Regular Session
Tuesday March 22, 2022

7:00 pm - Regular Session

Pledge to the American Flag and Invocation by Council Member Pearson.

1. Read and present proclamations recognizing the recent winners from Boys & Girls Clubs of the Blue Ridge who participated in US Cellular's Black History Month Art Contest. (10 mins)
2. Read and present a proclamation recognizing the week of April 3 – 9, 2022 as National Library Week. (10 mins)
3. Read and present a proclamation recognizing Martinsville High School football coach Bobby Martin. (10 mins)
4. Read and present a proclamation acknowledging the month of March as Red Cross Month. (10 mins)
5. Read and present a proclamation recognizing the 75th anniversary of Martinsville Speedway. (10 mins)
6. Read and present a proclamation recognizing the third week of March as Emergency Management Professionals Week in Virginia. (10 mins)
7. Read and present a proclamation recognizing the month of April, 2022 as Bee City Month. (10 mins)
8. Conduct a public input session related to ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021) funds the City is receiving and potential use of those funds. (20 mins)
9. Conduct a public hearing regarding certain properties to be made subject to the Rental Inspection Program. (10 mins)
10. Consider approval of the consent agenda. (5 mins)
11. 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 kreberts@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 March 21.* 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.
12. Comments by members of City Council. (5 mins)
13. Comments by City Manager and City Attorney. (5 mins)

Date: March 22, 2022

Item No: 1.

Department: City Council

Issue: Read and present proclamations recognizing the recent winners from Boys & Girls Clubs of the Blue Ridge who participated in US Cellular's Black History Month Art Contest.

Summary: During the month of February, US Cellular sponsored a Black History Month Art contest for Boys & Girls clubs across the country, with winners selected from each participating group. The Martinsville club, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Blue Ridge had over 50 local students who submitted artwork for the contest. That list was eventually short-listed to 10 submissions, and those were then voted on by US Cellular customers.

Three local winners were selected – Judith Tuttle (1st place); Layce Everhart (2nd place); and Zy'Jerryah Martin (3rd place) with prizes of \$500, \$200, and \$150 respectively.

Joanie Petty, Chief Executive Office of Boys & Girls Clubs of the Blue Ridge will be attending Council's meeting to provide more details and accept the proclamations.

Attachments: Proclamations

Recommendations: No action by Council needed - the Mayor will read and present the Proclamation.



PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING MARTINSVILLE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS US CELLULAR BLACK HISTORY MONTH ART CONTEST WINNERS

WHEREAS, US Cellular sponsored a Black History Month Art Contest during the month of February, 2022 for Boys & Girls Clubs across the country; and

WHEREAS, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Blue Ridge participated in the contest with over 50 local students submitting artwork to be considered for the contest, and

WHEREAS, preliminary judging of the artwork reduced the list of contenders to 10 and US Cellular then handled the voting among its customer base; and

WHEREAS, ultimately 3 local winners were selected with first place receiving \$500, second place receiving \$200, and third place receiving \$150; and

WHEREAS, the local winners are:

1st Place – Judith Tuttle, 10th grade, Teen Center Site

2nd Place – Layce Everhart, 3rd grade, Albert Harris Elementary Site

3rd Place – Zy’Jerryah Martin, 4th grade, Albert Harris Elementary Site

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathy Lawson, Mayor, and members of Martinsville City Council do hereby congratulate Judith Tuttle, Layce Everhart, and Zy’Jerryah Martin for their winning entries in the US Cellular Black History Month Art Contest and for being a source of pride for our local Boys & Girls Clubs of the Blue Ridge, and our entire community.

Kathy Lawson, Mayor

Date: March 22, 2022

Item No: 2.

Department: City Council

Issue: Read and present a proclamation recognizing the week of April 3 – 9, 2022 as National Library Week.

Summary: In the mid-1950s, research showed that Americans were spending less on books and more on radios, televisions and musical instruments. Concerned that Americans were reading less, the ALA and the American Book Publishers formed a nonprofit citizens organization called the National Book Committee in 1954. The committee's goals were ambitious - they ranged from "encouraging people to read in their increasing leisure time" to "improving incomes and health" and "developing strong and happy family life."

In 1957, the committee developed a plan for National Library Week based on the idea that once people were motivated to read, they would support and use libraries. With the cooperation of ALA and with help from the Advertising Council, the first National Library Week was observed in 1958 with the theme "Wake Up and Read!"

National Library Week was observed again in 1959, and the ALA Council voted to continue the annual celebration. When the National Book Committee disbanded in 1974, ALA assumed full sponsorship. National Library Week is generally observed the second week of April and this year will be observed April 3 - 9 with the theme, "Connect With Your Library."

Attachments: Proclamation

Recommendations: No action by Council needed - the Mayor will read the Proclamation.



PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 3 – 9, 2022

WHEREAS, the Blue Ridge Regional Library provides our community members with the transforming knowledge and information they need to live, learn and work in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, our five libraries and Bookmobile provide free in-person and electronic access to books, materials and services which provide education, engagement and enrichment to community members of all ages; and

WHEREAS, during the pandemic, our flexible and creative library staff added curbside services, expanded online services and virtual programming, drive-by seasonal events, social service and health support services, and boosted the library branch Wi-Fi, providing Internet access in our parking lots; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ridge Regional Library was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation in April 2021 by *Visit Martinsville* for “outstanding creation of engaging content . . . including offering adaptable services . . . reflect[ing] your dedication to showcasing quality content in Martinsville-Henry County”; and

WHEREAS, our library system remains a vital partner with many community organizations for youth and adults. The branches are safe, welcoming, inclusive community centers; and

WHEREAS, the library fosters a love of reading in partnership with day care centers and the three school systems, especially through the annual Summer Reading Program; and

WHEREAS, library professionals and staff play a critical role in providing daily help to meet the needs of our community, providing proven exceptional service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathy Lawson, Mayor, and members of Martinsville City Council, on this 22nd day of March, 2022 do hereby proclaim and acknowledge the week of April 3 – 9, 2022 as “**National Library Week**,” and Tuesday, April 5, 2022 as “**National Library Workers Day**.” We encourage all residents to take advantage of the variety of library resources available and to thank library workers for their exceptional contribution to our quality of life..

Kathy Lawson, Mayor



City Council Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: March 22, 2022

Item No: 3.

Department: City Council

Issue: Read and present a proclamation recognizing Martinsville High School football coach Bobby Martin.

Summary: At the March 22 meeting, a proclamation will be read and presented to Martinsville High School football coach Bobby Martin on his recognition as WSLs TV's "1st and 10 Coach of the Year."

Attachments: Proclamation

Recommendations: Mayor to read and present the proclamation. No formal action by Council is necessary.



PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING MARTINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACH BOBBY MARTIN

WHEREAS, As a result of the Covid 19 pandemic, many high schools were required to alter and, in some cases, even cancel entire sports seasons; and

WHEREAS, After the fall 2020 football season was cancelled, out of continuing Covid concerns Martinsville High School opted not to play in the shortened spring 2021 season; and

WHEREAS, During this time, Martinsville High School football coach Bobby Martin was able to keep both players and coaching staff motivated and working toward eventually returning to competition; and

WHEREAS, After a two-year break, the Martinsville Bulldogs football team resumed play with the 2021 fall season; and

WHEREAS, Martinsville finished with a 5 – 7 record with one cancellation, made the playoffs as the 5th seed in Region 2C, and won a playoff game against James River High School before falling to Glenvar High School in the region semifinals; and

WHEREAS, As a result of this accomplishment, Martinsville High School football coach Bobby Martin has been recognized by WSLs TV Channel 10 out of Roanoke, Virginia as its “1st and 10 Coach of the Year”;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathy Lawson, Mayor, and members of Martinsville City Council do hereby also recognize and congratulate Coach Martin for his, his coaches, and the team’s accomplishment this past season; for his recognition as the WSLs “1st and 10 Coach of the Year”, and for being a source of pride for Martinsville City Schools and our entire community.

Kathy Lawson, Mayor

Date: March 22, 2022

Item No: 4.

Department: City Council

Issue: Read and present a proclamation acknowledging the month of March as Red Cross Month.

Summary: The proclamation recognizes the month of March as Red Cross Month. A representative of American Red Cross will be present to accept the proclamation.

Attachments: Proclamation

Recommendations: No action by Council needed - the Mayor will read and present the proclamation.



PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

WHEREAS, The tradition of March being recognized as American Red Cross Month began in 1943 with a proclamation from President Franklin D. Roosevelt; and

WHEREAS, American Red Cross Month is a special time to recognize and thank our heroes who volunteer and give of their time to help their neighbors, donate blood, take life-saving courses, or provide financial donations to support an organization whose mission is to help those in need; and

WHEREAS, in our community, Red Cross works tirelessly through its employees and volunteers to help when disaster strikes, when someone needs lifesaving skills or the comfort of a helping hand; and

WHEREAS, across the country, the American Red Cross responds to thousands of disasters a year; provides services to military members, veterans and civilians; collects and distributes about 40 percent of the nation's blood supply; and trains millions of people in first aid, water safety and other life-saving skills every year; and

WHEREAS, our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission, and despite these challenging economic times, the American Red Cross continues to offer help and comfort to those in need,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathy Lawson, Mayor, and members of Martinsville City Council, on this 22nd day of March, 2022 do hereby proclaim and recognize the month of March as American Red Cross Month and acknowledge our sincere appreciation for the work Red Cross does in our community. We encourage all citizens to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

Kathy Lawson, Mayor

Date: March 22, 2022

Item No: 5.

Department: City Council

Issue: Read and present a proclamation recognizing the 75th anniversary of Martinsville Speedway.

Summary: Martinsville Speedway was founded in 1947 by the late H. Clay Earles and has continuously hosted NASCAR events since its inception in 1949. Over the years a tremendous amount of racing history has been made at the track, and the impact the track has had on the community and surrounding areas is incalculable. Many people outside of the immediate area know and have heard of Martinsville only through the race events that have been held there.

2022 marks the 75th anniversary of the track and Martinsville Speedway President Clay Campbell will be attending Council's meeting to receive the proclamation.

Attachments: Proclamation

Recommendations: No action by Council needed - the Mayor will read and present the Proclamation.



PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARTINSVILLE SPEEDWAY

WHEREAS, Martinsville Speedway was founded in 1947 by the late H. Clay Earles and is the only track which has hosted NASCAR Cup Series races since the division's inception in 1949; and

WHEREAS, the 0.526 mile track is the shortest on the NASCAR Cup Series circuit but offers some of the most exciting racing in the sport while providing fans with spectacular views from any seat; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the Speedway had continuously made upgrades with lighting and new and improved amenities in an effort to keep the track at the forefront of NASCAR racing venues; and

WHEREAS, since its beginning, Martinsville Speedway has proven to be a tremendous economic engine for the community with millions of dollars in economic impact annually resulting from overnight stays, meals and beverage sales, travel expenses, merchandise sales, along with thousands of individuals who derive employment from race weekend activities; and

WHEREAS, Martinsville Speedway has contributed in putting the Martinsville-Henry County area "on the map" with millions of racing fans around the world watching televised NASCAR races at the track several times a year ; and

WHEREAS, in addition to all this, Martinsville Speedway and its staff have proven to be outstanding corporate partners for the M-HC community, allowing use of the track to host local community events and staff participating and providing leadership on a number of important boards and commissions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathy Lawson, Mayor, and members of Martinsville City Council do hereby recognize Martinsville Speedway on its 75th anniversary, and we gratefully acknowledge the important role and tremendous contributions the Speedway has made to our community over the years. We look forward to many more years of successful operation.

Kathy Lawson, Mayor

Date: March 22, 2022

Item No: 6.

Department: City Council

Issue: Read and present a proclamation recognizing the third week of March as Emergency Management Professionals Week in Virginia.

Summary: In 2021, Virginia Senate Joint Resolution 286 established the third week of March as Emergency Management Professionals Week in Virginia to recognize the important work done by emergency management professionals across the state in regard to emergency preparedness and response to emergency situations.

Our local emergency management personnel put substantial time into training, preparation, and monitoring emergency situations in order to provide the best service possible. City staff will be in attendance at the meeting to accept the proclamation.

Attachments: Proclamation

Recommendations: No action by Council needed - the Mayor will read and present the Proclamation.



PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING THE THIRD WEEK OF MARCH AS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONALS WEEK IN VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, in 2021 Virginia Senate Joint Resolution 286 established the third week of March as Emergency Management Professionals Week in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia has established a state program of emergency management and requires localities to have emergency management programs to address the array of threats and hazards to which the people of the Commonwealth are vulnerable; and **WHEREAS**, emergency management protects communities by coordinating and integrating all activities necessary to build, sustain, and improve the capability to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from threatened or actual natural disasters and acts of terrorism and other man-made disasters; and

WHEREAS, emergency management professionals play an under-recognized yet indispensable role in providing the leadership, management, and operational skills necessary to enable their communities, organizations, and agencies to develop emergency plans and procedures, ensure personnel are adequately trained and exercise plans, provide emergency warnings, notifications, and alerts, and acquire resources to protect lives and property and enhance resiliency to emergency events; and

WHEREAS, emergency management professionals direct or support emergency operations, maintain dedicated emergency operations centers in 24/7 readiness, and actively serve operationally throughout the cycle of emergency events; and

WHEREAS, emergency management professionals communicate and coordinate with a broad network of partners at the federal, state, regional, and local levels of government, in the private sector, and at nongovernmental organizations and with the general public; and

WHEREAS, a well-prepared and resilient community is the ultimate goal of emergency management; and

WHEREAS, the City of Martinsville is proud to honor the service and commitment of its emergency management professionals and recognize their contributions to the lives, health, and safety of all who live, visit, and do business in the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathy Lawson, Mayor, and members of Martinsville City Council do hereby recognize the third week of March as Emergency Management Professionals Week in Virginia and we extend our gratitude and appreciation to all those who comprise the City of Martinsville's Emergency Management team for their outstanding work and dedication in making Martinsville a better place for all.

Kathy Lawson, Mayor

Date: March 22, 2022

Item No: 7.

Department: City Council

Issue: Read and present a proclamation recognizing the month of April, 2022 as Bee City Month.

Summary: At City Council's meeting on March 23, 2021, the Martinsville Garden Club and Garden Study Club presented information and requested that Council consider adoption of a resolution designating Martinsville as a BEE City USA affiliate. As part of that initiative, the City agreed to consider altering mowing schedules at certain locations, refraining from use of pesticides, or to provide spaces for native plantings intended to create and enhance pollinator habitat. The City was eventually approved and designated as a BEE City USA affiliate. The attached proclamation recognizes the month of April, 2022 as BEE City Month in the City of Martinsville.

A representative from the Garden Club will be in attendance to accept the proclamation and provide brief comments.

Attachments: Proclamation

Recommendations: The Mayor will read and present the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2022 AS MARTINSVILLE'S OBSERVANCE OF BEE CITY MONTH

WHEREAS, pollinators such as thousands of species of bees are essential partners in producing much of our food supply; and

WHEREAS, pollinators provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, diverse ecosystems in towns and cities; and

WHEREAS, pollinators play a vital role for the trees and plants of our community, enhancing our quality of life, and creating recreational and economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Martinsville manages parks, public landscaping, and other public lands that may include greenways and wildlife habitats; and

WHEREAS, the City of Martinsville encourages all property owners, developers and residents to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection of pollinators and maintenance of their habitats;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathy Lawson, Mayor, on this 22nd day of March, 2022, hereby proclaims the month of April 2022, as Martinsville's observance of

Martinsville's Bee City Month

And, as the City of Martinsville is an affiliate of **Bee City USA®**, all citizens are urged to recognize this observance.

Kathy Lawson, Mayor





Date: March 22, 2022

Item No: 8.

Department: City Council

Issue: Conduct a public input session related to ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021) funds the City is receiving and potential use of those funds.

Summary: Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the City of Martinsville will be receiving a total of \$15,463,451. Half of the funds were received in June, 2021 with the remaining half expected in June, 2022. City staff have participated in a number of webinars and training sessions regarding appropriate use of funds and the required schedule for use of the funding. At Council's meeting on February 22, information was presented regarding the funds along with suggested projects. Council has expressed a desire to engage citizens in the discussion and the March 22nd meeting has been advertised as a public input session, giving citizens an opportunity to make comments or suggestions.

Attachments: None

Recommendations: Following a brief presentation from staff regarding ARPA funds, conduct the public session to accept comments/suggestions.

Meeting Date: March 22, 2022

Item No: 9.

Department: City Attorney

Issue: Conduct a public hearing regarding certain properties to be made subject to the Rental Inspection program.

Summary: Section 6-24(a) of the City Code requires a public hearing prior to adding individual properties to the rental inspection program, as well as specific findings. Staff has reviewed and recommends the following properties be made subject to rental inspection, on a finding that, for each individual property listed, (1) there is a need to protect the public health, welfare and safety of the occupants of that individual dwelling unit; and (2) the individual dwelling unit is both (A) blighted and (B) in the process of deteriorating. The list of properties is:

706 Spruce Street, Martinsville, VA 24112
203 Greyson Street, Martinsville, VA 24112
818 Starling Avenue, Martinsville, VA 24112

Attachments: Resolution adding properties.
(PowerPoint of properties to be presented at meeting)

Recommendations: Conduct public hearing; adopt resolution by roll call vote.



RESOLUTION

ADDING SPECIFIC PROPERTIES TO THE RENTAL INSPECTION PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Martinsville, Virginia, after a duly conducted public hearing and pursuant to City Code § 6-24, the Council affirmatively finds, as a matter of fact, that with respect to the dwelling units located at each of the following addresses, (1) there is a need to protect the public health, welfare and safety of the occupants of that individual dwelling unit; and (2) the individual dwelling unit is both (A) blighted and (B) in the process of deteriorating:

706 Spruce Street, Martinsville, VA 24112
203 Greyson Street, Martinsville, VA 24112
818 Starling Avenue, Martinsville, VA 24112

and that therefore the dwelling units at each such address shall be made subject to the City Rental Inspection Program established under City Code Chapter 6, Article III, section 6-22 *et seq.*.

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Attest:

Karen Roberts, Clerk of Council

Date Adopted: _____

Meeting Date: March 22, 2022

Item No: 10.

Department: Finance

Issue: Consider approval of the consent agenda

Summary:

The attachment amends the FY22 budget with appropriations in the following fund:

FY22

General:	\$ 2,081 – State Confiscated Assets
School Operations Fund:	\$ 76,000 – State Grants – VTSS & VFHYG
School ESSER/CARES Funds:	\$ 29,711 – ARP Homeless Children Grant

Attachments: Consent Agenda – 3-22-2022

Recommendations: Approve

BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 03/22/2022

ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
FY2022				
<u>General Fund</u>				
01101917	442401	Categorical Other State - Confiscated Assets - PD	1,656	
01311085	506078	Police - State Confiscated Assets Confiscated Assets from DCJS		1,656
01101917	442402	Categorical Other State - Confiscated Assets - CA		
01221082	506105	Comm Atty - State Confiscated Assets Confiscated Assets from DCJS	426	426
Total General Fund:			2,081	2,081
<u>School Operations Fund</u>				
18101917	404002	Other State Funds		26,000
71001300	561620	Supplemental S&W	11,600	
71001300	562100	Social Security	673	
71001300	563000	Purchased Services	7,875	
71001300	563142	Professional Development	5,352	
71001300	566000	Materials & Supplies VTSS/PBIS State Grant	500	
18103919	489904	Don/Contrib/Gif		50,000
71001210	563000	Supplemental S&W Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth Grant	50,000	
Total School Operations Fund:			76,000	76,000
<u>School ESSER/CARES</u>				
19102926	499999	ARP Homeless		29,711
98000221	561620	Supplemental S&W	2,000	
98000221	562100	Social Security	153	
98000221	563000	Purchased Services	1,000	
98000221	565801	Community Outreach	5,000	
98000221	566000	Materials & Supplies	5,000	
98000221	568100	Capital Outlay Additions ARP Homeless Children & Youth Grant	16,558	
Total School ESSER/CARE Fund:			29,711	29,711