

March 22, 2022 Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia was held on March 22, 2022 in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 7:00 PM with Mayor Kathy Lawson presiding. Other Council Members present included Danny Turner, and Jennifer Bowles. Council Member Tammy Pearson and Council Member Chad Martin were not in attendance but participated by phone. Staff present included City Manager Leon Towarnicki, Assistant City Manager and City Attorney Eric Monday, Clerk of Council Karen Roberts, Community Development Manager Mark McCaskill, Building Inspector Kris Bridges, and Police Captain Chad Rhoads.

City Attorney Monday explained that Council Member Person had a medical procedure and Council Member Martin was on the road for work; neither would be present for the meeting. Monday referenced Virginia Code 2.2-3708.2 which would give Pearson and Martin the option to participate in the Council meeting by phone. Council Member Turner made the motion to allow them to participate by phone. Vice Mayor Bowles seconded the motion with the following roll call vote: Mayor Lawson, aye; Vice Mayor Bowles, aye; and Council Member Turner, aye.

Mayor Lawson called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge to the American Flag and invocation by Mayor Lawson, Lawson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

– Mayor Lawson read the proclamation which was presented to Ralph Lawson, Program Manager for the local Red Cross chapter. Mr. Lawson thanked Council for recognizing Red Cross Month. The local charter began in August 1917. Lawson explained how residents can make monetary donations and blood donations to benefit the Red Cross. Lawson detailed the smoke alarm installation program and stated that the Red Cross consists of 94% volunteers. Council Member Turner invited Chris Metz to the podium and presented him with \$1600 in donations from the Rising Sun Bakery and a recent cookie fundraiser headed by Council Member Pearson and Council Member Turner and including \$300 from a private donor. Metz briefly explained his purpose of being in the Ukraine and how his heart lead him to help the people there during war time. Metz explained that he is spending \$450-\$700/day on fuel and hotels. The only way he can afford to return April 6 to help the Ukraine residents is through funding from donations. He was able to assist 112 citizens over the border on his previous visit. Donations received tonight will provide supplies, food and water to those fighting on the front lines.



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

Read and present proclamations recognizing the recent winners from Boys and Girls Clubs of the Blue Ridge who participated in US Cellular's Black History Month Art Contest – Joanie Petty, Chief Executive Officer of the Boys and Girls Clubs explained the contest which is an annual event nationally. Petty provided Council with an impact report. Mayor Lawson read the proclamation which was presented to Petty on behalf of the contest winners. Vice Mayor Bowles said she learned from this contest as well.



PROCLAMATION

**RECOGNIZING MARTINSVILLE BOYS & GIRLS
CLUB 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 \$100; and

WHEREAS, the local winners are:

1st Place – Judith Tuttle, a student at XXXXXXXXXX

2nd Place – Layce Everhart, a student at XXXXXXXX

3rd Place – Zy'Jerryah Martin, a student at XXXXXXXX

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

Read and present a proclamation recognizing the week of April 3 – 9, 2022 as National Library Week – Vice Mayor Bowles read the proclamation which was presented to Rick Ward, Director of Blue Ridge Regional Library along with other library members in attendance.



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

Read and present a proclamation recognizing Martinsville High School football coach Bobby Martin – Vice Mayor Bowles read the proclamation which was presented to Mr. Martin. Dr. Zeb Talley, School Superintendent stated that it’s remarkable what Martin was able to accomplish during the pandemic, touching on his teaching skills and stating that Martin was a role model for the students. Martin explained that students went two years without playing football. Once they were allowed to play again, the rules changed almost every week but once he and his staff stopped complaining, things started coming together. Vice Mayor Bowles said she is grateful for all that Martin and his coaches do for the students.



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

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

– Mayor Lawson read the proclamation which was presented to Martinsville Speedway President Clay Campbell. Campbell thanked Council for the recognition on behalf of his family and the Nascar family. He contributes 75 years of success to the fans all over the world. Mayor Lawson said the community is grateful and the race fans not only visit Martinsville but they return and some have even moved here. Vice Mayor Bowles said she enjoys the races and encourages residents to attend.



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

Read and present a proclamation recognizing the third week of March as Emergency Management Professionals Week in Virginia – Vice Mayor Bowles read the proclamation which was presented to John Turner, Safety Manager and representative of the Fire and EMS Departments. Turner thanked Council for the recognition, stating that the past several years have come with several challenges during the pandemic. The success of the departments would not be possible without the assistance from other departments and outside agencies.



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

Read and present a proclamation recognizing the month of April, 2022 as Bee City Month –
Council Member Pearson read the proclamation which was presented by Council Member Turner to Cindy Edgerton, Martinsville Garden Club President. Pearson shared statistics related to the decrease in bees over the past few years. Edgerton said that this is Martinsville's first Bee City Month since the program was approved less than a year ago. One of her favorite things is that the community has gotten behind the program.



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



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 – City Manager Towarnicki shared a brief slide presentation explaining the ARPA funds and general information including how those funds can be used and restrictions. At the February meeting, staff presented a list of potential projects to Council; six of the projects were approved for use with ARPA funding since other grant money was not available for those type projects. City Manager Towarnicki would like to add two additional projects including storm water improvements and affordable housing, specifically Five Points and the Aaron Mills projects. Towarnicki would like to open discussion to the community related to the parks, specifically which parks need what improvements. Some previous project suggestions have been pulled from the list because staff has found other funding and grants. Towarnicki reached out to department heads, organizations and individuals prior to putting the list together. Council Member Turner questioned how some of the funding decisions can be made prior to the decision to revert to a town. Mayor Lawson invited citizens to approach the podium with comments related to the ARPA funds.

Keith Owens, 1708 Meadowview Lane and Executive Director for Peer Recovery Connections spoke about recovery in the community and how the main cause of relapse is lack of stable housing. The people in the community are passionate about the need for a

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homeless shelter; Owens requests that some of the ARPA money be used for a 30-bed shelter program to assist with recovery.

Ariel Johnson, 50 Wildwood Avenue and Director MHC Warming Center stated that the warming center served more individuals this year than in previous years. Johnson shared statistics on how many guests were served, housed and fed and stated that the shelter was open 120 days November through March. This year they saw an increase in geriatrics which required special needs within the shelter. Johnson would like Council to consider using some of the ARPA funds to assist the shelter

Joseph Martin, 27 East Church Street and owner of What's Your Sign supports most proposed projects but does not agree to the City purchasing dilapidated buildings. Martin reminds Council that the past two years have been detrimental to small businesses, causing some of those businesses to close. Martin requests that a minimum \$2million be allocated to help small businesses who are still struggling financially. Council Member Martin asked how much money was allocated for small businesses with the initial CARES money. Towarnicki said the City distributed \$6-700,000 with \$5,000 grants for small businesses using the CARES funds.

Lisa Watkins, 307 Oakdale Street and Chamber of Commerce President thanked Council for their support of small businesses. The Chamber and CPEG have the same common goals as the City and look forward to working together to improve the City. The Chamber will assist any organization regardless if they are a Chamber Member or not.

Tim Martin, 115 East Church Street and local business owner thanked Council for thinking of the small businesses. He is a member of Martinsville Uptown and works closely with the Chamber, Uptown and CPEG. He has rented over 30 businesses since the pandemic began so the assistance being offered is working. Martin feels like the community needs more marketing and asked that Council consider applying some of the ARPA money towards infrastructure.

Aaron Rawls, 214 Oakdale Street, 318 Brown Street and local business owner shared that in his opinion, the primary goal should be to grow Martinsville with Uptown revitalization, outlets for neglected buildings and spaces, and adding character to community. There is a nostalgic feeling in the area but he would like to focus on the future. He recommended hiring a marketing agency for the City and build a brand for who Martinsville wants to be in the future; this step could engage professionals and help present our community in a positive manner. \$500,000 could bring forward a serious marketing agency for a minimum 4 years. He suggests using ARPA funds to demolish and rehabilitate dilapidated properties since those are first impressions. Google is reflecting mostly negative news and not the City's potential; he stated that the marketing firm could correct that to ensure the positive aspects about Martinsville are the first articles to come up. We desperately need to increase property owner diversity in Martinsville. There are way too many properties, especially Uptown that are not

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salvageable. The City should look at ordinance updates and enforcements. He is against the City purchasing dilapidated buildings and rewarding property owners for failure to maintain their property.

Efigenia Mota, 549 Dillard Street and small business owner of Effie's says small businesses need communication and she wants to be the voice of the Hispanic community. She hopes to create an organization for the Hispanic population to get help especially through the schools. She requests ARPA funds to assist with that non-profit organization.

Derrick Ziglar, 10 East Church Street states that he agrees with Mr. Rawls. Ziglar left Martinsville in 2007; he attended VMI and said he had no intention of returning to Martinsville. 10 years later, he moved back and saw some energy that had begun to move back to the City. Ziglar understands the low-income community. He touched on the opportunity for tech sectors to make jobs available. He's excited to be back and the energy that is coming back to Uptown. Council Members are excited for what Ziglar and his associates are doing with the Jefferson Plaza remodel.

Charles Whitfield, 22 East Church Street and transportation business owner feels like the City is "skating" over the blight and there are issues with addiction and homelessness that he feels should be addressed. He would hate for the city to spend the money and have nothing visible to show for it. There are challenges with homelessness, small businesses need support, and the community needs more ways to engage the youth.

Mayor Lawson thanked everyone for the recommendations. There were a lot of good comments voiced tonight, some of which Council has heard on a regular basis. Council wants to ensure that for whatever money is spent, those changes can still be seen years from now. There are a lot of logistics to ensure that those property owners who have failed to maintain properties are not rewarded. There are some infrastructure issues that need to be addressed. Council Member Turner said Council needs to sit down and evaluate which projects should wait in case reversion is not successful. Vice Mayor Bowles encouraged residents to reach out to her if they are not comfortable coming to the meetings. She is excited about the ideas the residents and business owners are bringing up. Council Member Pearson thanked residents for coming forward and speaking up with thoughts and feedback. She is still quit concerned about the process Council is following for ARPA funds, it's difficult for her to vote when she doesn't have specific numbers and components. She wants to see a more stringent process for awarding those funds. Pearson wants to follow a similar process used by other cities. She would like to see surveys and town hall meetings, a working committee to help decisions, and a public dashboard following the progress of the various projects. Pearson expressed concern about some of the Uptown funds and how those were decided on behind closed doors and not an open forum. Council Member Martin wants people to realize this process is about people and not about politics. City Manager Towarnicki said an email has been set up for anyone wishing to send suggestions or requests on how the ARPA funds should be used

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(arpa.martinsville.ci.va.us); that information will be on the website along with a survey. Mayor Lawson explained that organizations would be able to submit requests for money just like with any other grant money and to ensure that it will have long-term benefits. These decisions will not be made overnight, it's a process to ensure the funds are assigned in the most beneficial way. Mayor Lawson made a motion to approve the ARPA funding for the stormwater project and for affordable housing. Council Member Turner seconded the motion. Towarnicki explained that the Aaron Mills project and Five Points project would benefit from the ARPA funding as well as the City's infrastructure. With the housing study done years ago, it was determined that there was a serious lack of affordable housing in the area. The cost of the Five Points project has increased substantially this past year. All Council Members voted in favor. Mayor Lawson encourages residents to reach out to them with any ideas.

Eligible Uses of These Funds Include:	Restrictions in These Funds Include:
• Revenue replacement for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, relative to revenues collected in the most recent fiscal year prior to the emergency. • COVID-19 expenditures or negative economic impacts of COVID-19, including assistance to small businesses, households, and hard-hit industries, and economic recovery. • Premium pay for essential workers. • Investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.	• Funds allocated to states cannot be used to directly or indirectly offset tax reductions or delay a tax or tax increase. • Funds cannot be deposited into any pension fund.

Conduct a public hearing regarding certain properties to be made subject to the Rental Inspection Program – City Attorney Monday detailed the rental inspection program. There are three properties that need to be added to the list, two of which are not occupied. Kris Bridges, Building Inspector shared a PowerPoint related to the proposed rental properties. Inspections responds to the complaints as those are received but is limited in their actions if residents are not willing to take their concerns to court. Property owners are notified before the City does any cleanup. Mayor Lawson opened the floor for the public hearing.

Gina Ashbrook, 1263 Olivia Road works for a business that manages one of the properties recommended for the Rental Inspection list. She would like to know which City employee trespassed on the property and made claims related to the interior of the home. The owner will not rent the property and is taking steps to repair it. Ashbrook claimed that the City did not clean up the property and that she spent a lot of money to hire someone else to complete the cleanup.

Keith Owen, 1708 Meadowview Lane questioned the Rental Inspections program process. Mayor Lawson briefly explained the program details.

No one else approached the podium so the public hearing was closed. Vice Mayor Bowles made a motion to approve the resolution. Council Member Turner seconded the motion with the following roll call vote: Council Member Turner, aye; Council Member Martin, aye; Vice Mayor Bowles, aye; Council Member Pearson, aye; and Mayor Lawson, aye. Mayor Lawson

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asked Bridges to provide an updated demolition list including residential and commercial so ARPA funds could be discussed. Vice Mayor Bowles would like to know how many properties a specific owner has and total paid in real estate taxes. Lawson asked that Bridges notate any burned properties.

City Council Agenda Summary Martinsville A CITY WITHOUT LIMITS 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 <i>et seq.</i> ***** <i>Attest:</i> _____ Karen Roberts, <i>Clerk of Council</i> <i>Date Adopted:</i> _____

Consider approval of the consent agenda – Vice Mayor Bowles made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Council Member Turner seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor.

BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 03/22/2022				
ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
FY2022				
General Fund				
01101917	442401	Categorial Other State - Confiscated Assets - PD	1,656	
01311085	506078	Police - State Confiscated Assets		1,656
		Confiscated Assets from DCJS		
01101917	442402	Categorial Other State - Confiscated Assets - CA		
01221082	506105	Comm Atty - State Confiscated Assets	426	
		Confiscated Assets from DCJS		426
Total General Fund:			2,081	2,081
School Operations Fund				
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	500	
		VTSS/PBIS State Grant		
18103919	489904	Don/Contrib/Gif		50,000
71001210	563000	Supplemental S&W	50,000	
		Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth Grant		
Total School Operations Fund:			76,000	76,000
School ESSER/CARES				
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	16,558	
		ARP Homeless Children & Youth Grant		
Total School ESSER/CARE Fund:			29,711	29,711

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No business from the floor

Comments by members of City Council – Council Member Pearson thanked everyone for the kind wishes and prayers after her surgery. Pearson thanked Council and the City Manager for considering her recommendations and moving forward with those. Council Member Martin expressed concerns about others saying Council had not been transparent or open with the public; people have not done their research or realized what Council has done over and above what the state requires. Council gets paid \$400 per month to serve; they do it for the citizens of Martinsville, not for the money. Council Member Turner said the next Council meeting will be after the Martinsville race. That race will be at night and will be on FOX. Turner encourages residents to attend the race. Vice Mayor Bowles shared that her nephew Bryson's birthday is today March 22. April 2 is Autism Awareness Day at Jack Dalton Park; those events will shed light on what autism is and how to get help. Bowles had a wonderful time at March Madness. She attended the Martin Luther King Leadership breakfast and enjoyed the awards given that day. Mayor Lawson shared that the flags will be out March 29 for Vietnam War Veterans Day. After March 29, all 164 flags will be taken to Roselawn Cemetery for the Field of Flags through April to recognize Child Abuse Prevention month. Hazardous Waste Day is April 23 at the Bassett warehouse. Lawson shared that neighborhood meetings will begin again April 25 at the Southside area in a location to be determined. Lawson has been in correspondence with the Chairman of the School Board to schedule a joint meeting and there will be budget work sessions scheduled soon. Lawson received a notice from the American Legion that there will be Memorial Day events at noon at Roselawn Cemetery. Lawson said there is a poll for Uptown with questions regarding scooters and Uptown parking; she encourages residents to complete those questionnaires. Lawson received a letter from Cindy Edgerton supporting the scooter program and the need to update the skateboarding ordinance. City Attorney Monday shared that scooters are in several localities, some of those locations have run into issues with riders leaving them anywhere instead of the designated locations. He is looking at what other localities do to handle this situation and scooter registration. Mayor Lawson stated that parking Uptown should be monitored to avoid traffic hazards; in Christiansburg there are lines to ensure cars are not in the lane of traffic. Pearson expressed concern that parking spots are being utilized by business owners or by workers when they should be left open for customers instead.

Comments by the City Manager/City Attorney – City Manager Towarnicki explained that a previous survey on Uptown parking was done; 53% of those who participated voted to not enforce it. Approximately 80% of residents who participated in the scooter survey voted in favor of the those. In the last month or so, there's been a lot of interest in the BB&T bank building time capsule that is supposed to be opened on April 1, 2022 on the 50th anniversary. The City does intend to open that time capsule on April 1 with a small event at 11:00am in the back lot of BB&T building. Towarnicki would like to reach out to any former employees to invite them to attend. Monday informed Council that the Supreme Court has appointed the 3-judge panel

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for the contested reversion with Henry County. Henry County had filed a lawsuit in the County Circuit Court claiming that the VSA and MOU were not enforceable. The City hopes to address that lawsuit, along with all matters related to reversion, with the 3-judge panel as well; Monday expects the rulings pretty quickly.

There being no further business, Bowles made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25pm.

Karen Roberts, Clerk of Council

Kathy Lawson, Mayor