

September 26, 2023, Council Meeting

A meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia was held on September 26, 2023, in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 7:00 PM with Mayor LC Jones presiding. Other Council Members present included Kathy Lawson, Aaron Rawls, Lawrence Mitchell, and Tammy Pearson. Staff present included Interim City Manager Glen Adams, Stephen Durbin, Attorney for Sands Anderson participating by phone, Clerk of Council Karen Roberts, Public Information Officer Kendall Davis, Fire Chief Dan Howell, Building Inspector Kris Bridges, and Police Chief Rob Fincher.

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order and advised Council would go into Closed Session beginning at 5:00 PM. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, Title 2.2 Chapter 37, Freedom of Information Act and upon a motion by Council Member Lawson and seconded by Vice Mayor Rawls with the following 5-0 recorded vote: Vice Mayor Rawls, aye; Council Member Pearson, aye; Mayor Jones, aye; and Council Member Lawson, aye. Council Member Mitchell joined the Closed meeting a few minutes later. Council convened in Closed Session to discuss the following matters: (A) Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, or appointment, as authorized by Subsection 1, and (B) Discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, as authorized by Subsection 29.

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 Council Member Lawson and seconded by Vice Mayor Rawls with the following recorded 5-0 vote: Mayor Jones, aye; Vice Mayor Rawls, aye; Council Member Lawson, aye; Council Member Mitchell, aye; and Council Member Pearson, aye.

Vice Mayor Rawls made a motion to appoint Martha Wickliffe to the Citizen Advisory Board; Council Member Lawson seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor.

Council Member Mitchell made a motion to appoint Aretha R. Ferrell-Benavides as the new Martinsville City Manager. Council Member Lawson seconded the motion with the following roll call vote: Council Member Pearson, aye; Council Member Mitchell, aye; Vice Mayor Rawls, aye; Council Member Lawson, aye; and Mayor Jones, aye.

No other action was taken out of closed session.

The pledge to the flag and invocation were led by Council Member Pearson. Mayor Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that agendas could be found in the back of the room and on the City website.

Consider approval of minutes from the September 11, 2023, Strategic Planning Session, September 12, 2023, Council Meeting, and the September 18, 2023, Strategic Planning

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Session – Council Member Lawson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Vice Mayor Rawls seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor. Lawson requested that on the September 12 board appointments, Alfonzo Martin should be corrected to state the Northside representative.

Recognize City Employees who are eligible for Service Awards for the period July 1 – September 31, 2023 – Mayor Jones read the list of employee service awards and thanked those employees for their service to the City.

**SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS
THIRD QUARTER - FISCAL YEAR 23-24
FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 31, 2023**

First Name	Last Name	Location	YOS
FRANCES	BROOKS	PURCHASING	5
TUCKER	BROWN	POLICE DEPT	5
BRANDON	NUNLEY	FIRE DEPARTMENT	5
BRYSON	NESTER	SHERIFF - JAIL	5
BRANDON	KNIGHT	WATER IMPOUNDING & FILTRATION	5
BRANDON	MARLER	SEWER MAINTENANCE	5
MATTHEW	EGGLESTON	INFORMATION SERVICES	5
LANDIS	GRIFFITH	WATER CONSTRUCTION	5
BRYAR	TURNER	ELECTRIC	5
ZACHARY	MORRIS	PURCHASING	10
THOMAS	POWERS	FIRE DEPARTMENT	15
ERIC	EGGLESTON	POLICE DEPT	15
REVA	KEEN	SHERIFF DEPT.	15
TAMMY	DAVIS	INSPECTIONS	20
JAMES	MINTER	POLICE DEPT	40

Read and present a proclamation recognizing the weekend of April 19-22, 2024, as Earth Day Weekend – Council Member Lawson read the proclamation which will be sent to the appropriate representative.



Proclamation

RECOGNIZING EARTH DAY WEEKEND APRIL 19-22, 2024

WHEREAS, Earth Day is an annual global event held on April 22 to honor environmental achievements and raise awareness of the need to protect the Earth's natural resources for future generations; and

WHEREAS, a key outcome of goal 2.2 of the City of Martinsville's strategic plan is an environmentally responsible community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Martinsville, as an affiliate of Bee City USA®, recognizes that pollinators provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, diverse ecosystems in towns and cities by proclaiming the month of April as Bee City Month; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Museum of Natural History, a state agency located in the City of Martinsville, draws in thousands of visitors through its annual educational Reptile Fest in April;

WHEREAS, other Uptown Martinsville organizations, including but not limited to, Piedmont Arts, Uptown Partnership, Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce, Martinsville YMCA, Alliance Bee, New College Institute, and First Baptist Church of Martinsville, are working collaboratively with Bee City Martinsville and the Virginia Museum of Natural History to host a weekend of festivities along Starling Avenue, Mulberry Road between Starling Avenue and Oakdale Street, and throughout the uptown district in celebration of Earth Day and;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LC Jones, Mayor, and members of Martinsville City Council hereby proclaim April 19-22, 2024, as Earth Day Weekend and ensure the City of Martinsville will continue to promote the importance of environmental responsibility and encourage residents and visitors to embrace the City's beautiful outdoor recreational opportunities.

LC Jones, Mayor

Consider setting a public hearing regarding the City's possible participation in the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) program – Interim City Manager Glen Adams highlighted the most important aspects of the City's participation in the C-PACE program and recommended Council set the public hearing to move forward. Council Member Lawson made a motion to set the public hearing for October 24; Vice Mayor Rawls seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor.

Code of Virginia
Title 15.2. Counties, Cities and Towns
Subtitle II. Powers of Local Government
Chapter 9. General Powers of Local Governments
Article 5. Additional Powers

§ 15.2-958.3. Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) financing programs

A. As used in this section:

"Eligible improvements" means any of the following improvements made to eligible properties:

1. Energy efficiency improvements;
2. Water efficiency and safe drinking water improvements;
3. Renewable energy improvements;
4. Resiliency improvements;
5. Stormwater management improvements;
6. Environmental remediation improvements; and
7. Electric vehicle infrastructure improvements.

A program administrator may include in its C-PACE loan program guide or other administrative documentation definitions, interpretations, and examples of these categories of eligible improvements.

"Eligible properties" means all assessable commercial real estate located within the Commonwealth, with all buildings located or to be located thereon, whether vacant or occupied, whether improved or unimproved, and regardless of whether such real estate is currently subject to taxation by the locality, other than a residential dwelling with fewer than five dwelling units or a condominium as defined in § 55.1-2000 used for residential purposes. Common areas of real estate owned by a cooperative or a property owners' association described in Subtitle IV (§ 55.1-1800 et seq.) of Title 55.1 that have a separate real property tax identification number are eligible properties. Eligible properties shall be eligible to participate in the C-PACE loan program.

"Program administrator" means a third party that is contracted for professional services to administer a C-PACE loan program.

"Resiliency improvement" means an improvement that increases the capacity of a structure or infrastructure to withstand or recover from natural disasters, the effects of climate change, and attacks and accidents, including, but not limited to:

1. Flood mitigation or the mitigation of the impacts of flooding;
2. Inundation adaptation;
3. Natural or nature-based features and living shorelines, as defined in § 28.2-104.1;
4. Enhancement of fire or wind resistance;

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5. Microgrids;

6. Energy storage; and

7. Enhancement of the resilience capacity of a natural system, structure, or infrastructure.

B. Any locality may, by ordinance, authorize contracts to provide C-PACE loans (loans) for the initial acquisition, installation, and refinancing of eligible improvements located on eligible properties by free and willing property owners of such eligible properties. The ordinance may refer to the mode of financing as Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) financing and shall include but not be limited to the following:

1. The kinds of eligible improvements that qualify for loans;
2. The proposed arrangement for such C-PACE loan program (loan program), including (i) a statement concerning the source of funding for the C-PACE loan; (ii) the time period during which contracting property owners would repay the C-PACE loan; and (iii) the method of apportioning all or any portion of the costs incidental to financing, administration, and collection of the C-PACE loan among the parties to the C-PACE transaction;
3. (i) A minimum dollar amount that may be financed with respect to an eligible property; (ii) if a locality or other public body is originating the loans, a maximum aggregate dollar amount that may be financed with respect to loans originated by the locality or other public body, and (iii) provisions that the loan program may approve a loan application submitted within two years of the locality's issuance of a certificate of occupancy or other evidence that eligible improvements comply substantially with the plans and specifications previously approved by the locality and that such loan may refinance or reimburse the property owner for the total costs of such eligible improvements;
4. In the case of a loan program described in clause (ii) of subdivision 3, a method for setting requests from owners of eligible properties for financing in priority order in the event that requests appear likely to exceed the authorization amount of the loan program. Priority shall be given to those requests from owners of eligible properties who meet established income or assessed property value eligibility requirements;
5. Identification of a local official authorized to enter into contracts on behalf of the locality. A locality may contract with a program administrator to administer such loan program;
6. Identification of any fee that the locality intends to impose on the property owner requesting to participate in the loan program to offset the cost of administering the loan program. The fee may be assessed as a program fee paid by the property owner requesting to participate in the program; and
7. A draft contract specifying the terms and conditions proposed by the locality.

C. The locality may combine the loan payments required by the contracts with billings for water or sewer charges, real property tax assessments, or other billings; in such cases, the locality may establish the order in which loan payments will be applied to the different charges. The locality may not combine its billings for loan payments required by a contract authorized pursuant to this section with billings of another locality or political subdivision, including an authority operating pursuant to Chapter 51 (§ 15.2-5100 et seq.), unless such locality or political subdivision has

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given its consent by duly adopted resolution or ordinance. The locality may, either by ordinance or its program guide, delegate the billing; collection, including enforcement; and remittance of C-PACE loan payments to a third party.

D. The locality shall offer private lending institutions the opportunity to participate in local C-PACE loan programs established pursuant to this section.

E. In order to secure the loan authorized pursuant to this section, the locality shall place a voluntary special assessment lien equal in value to the loan against any property where such eligible improvements are being installed. The locality may bundle or package said loans for transfer to private lenders in such a manner that would allow the voluntary special assessment liens to remain in full force to secure the loans. The placement of a voluntary special assessment lien shall not require a new assessment on the value of the real property that is being improved under the loan program.

F. A voluntary special assessment lien imposed on real property under this section:

1. Shall have the same priority status as a property tax lien against real property, except that such voluntary special assessment lien shall have priority over any previously recorded mortgage or deed of trust lien only if (i) a written subordination agreement, in a form and substance acceptable to each prior lienholder in its sole and exclusive discretion, is executed by the holder of each mortgage or deed of trust lien on the property and recorded with the special assessment lien in the land records where the property is located, and (ii) evidence that the property owner is current on payments on loans secured by a mortgage or deed of trust lien on the property and on property tax payments, that the property owner is not insolvent or in bankruptcy proceedings, and that the title of the benefited property is not in dispute is submitted to the locality prior to recording of the special assessment lien;
2. Shall run with the land, and that portion of the assessment under the assessment contract that has not yet become due is not eliminated by foreclosure of a property tax lien;
3. May be enforced by the local government in the same manner that a property tax lien against real property is enforced by the local government. A local government shall be entitled to recover costs and expenses, including attorney fees, in a suit to collect a delinquent installment of an assessment in the same manner as in a suit to collect a delinquent property tax; and
4. May incur interest and penalties for delinquent installments of the assessment in the same manner as delinquent property taxes.

G. Prior to the enactment of an ordinance pursuant to this section, a public hearing shall be held at which interested persons may object to or inquire about the proposed loan program or any of its particulars. The public hearing shall be published once a week for two successive weeks, with the first notice appearing no more than 14 days before the hearing, in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality.

H. The Department of Energy shall serve as a statewide sponsor for a loan program that meets the requirements of this section. The Department of Energy shall engage a private program administrator through a competitive selection process to develop the statewide loan program. A locality, in its adoption or amendment of its C-PACE ordinance described in subsection B, may opt into the statewide C-PACE loan program sponsored by the Department of Energy, and such action shall not require the locality to undertake any competitive procurement process.

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2009, c. 773;2010, c. 141;2015, cc. 389, 427;2019, cc. 564, 753;2020, c. 664;2021, c. 6;2021, Sp. Sess. I, c. 532;2022, c. 402;2023, cc. 506, 507.

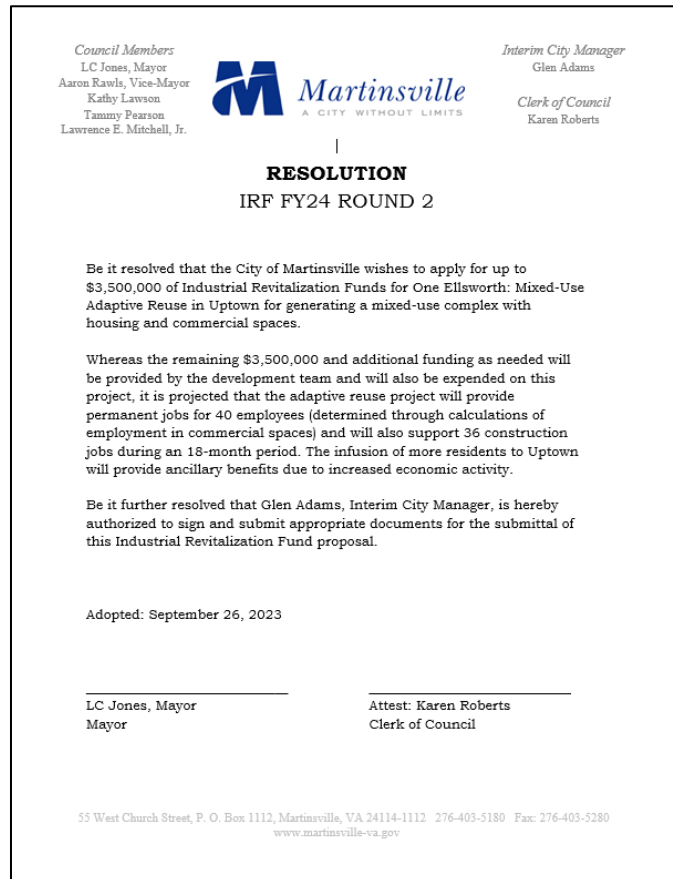
The chapters of the acts of assembly referenced in the historical citation at the end of this section(s) may not constitute a comprehensive list of such chapters and may exclude chapters whose provisions have expired.

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Consider approval of the Industrial Revitalization Funds Resolution for One Ellsworth for mixed-use housing and commercial spaces – Interim City Manager Glen Adams explained the need for the resolution and the funds that would benefit the mixed-use remodel for the BB&T building. Vice Mayor Rawls made a motion to approve the resolution and authorized the City Manager to move forward with appropriate paperwork; Council Member Lawson seconded the motion, with all Council Members voting in favor. Mayor Jones read the resolution.



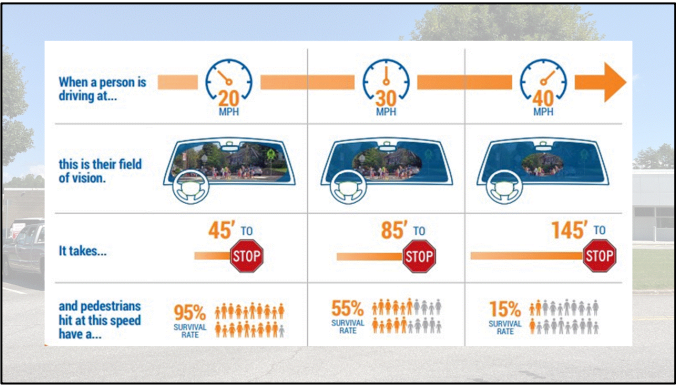
Propose City ordinance for camera speed monitoring and enforcement in school zones – Police Chief Rob Fincher presented a PowerPoint explaining the need for the camera speed monitors and summarized the proposed ordinance. Approval of the ordinance does not obligate the City to participate, but it does allow the Police Chief to move forward with negotiations. Rawls made a motion to adopt the city ordinance. Pearson second with all in favor.



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With these facts in mind we must examine areas of potential danger and methods to prevent a tragedy from occurring.

The reduced speed school zones are areas that we can take proactive measures to reduce these risks.



Traffic Data at Martinsville Schools

Chenoweth Early Learning Center
Martinsville, VA, Chenoweth School Rd
Times: (7:15 AM - 8:00 AM), (8:00 AM - 2:35 PM), (2:35 PM - 3:00 PM)

Blue Line Solutions, LLC (BLS) conducted speed studies at Chenoweth Early Learning Center on Chenoweth School Rd during the periods and times listed below.

This report was completed given the speed and time limit parameters of:
Regular Speed Limit: 25 MPH School Zone Speed Limit: 10 MPH

Dates of Study:
Tuesday 9/27/2022 : (7:15 AM - 8:00 AM), (8:00 AM - 2:35 PM), (2:35 PM - 3:00 PM)
Wednesday 9/28/2022 : (7:15 AM - 8:00 AM), (8:00 AM - 2:35 PM), (2:35 PM - 3:00 PM)
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	Vehicles Count	Speeds % Exceeded	% Exceeded	Vehicles Count	Speeds % Exceeded	% Exceeded	Vehicles Count	Speeds % Exceeded	% Exceeded
9/27/2022	14	8	57.1%	31	0	0%	9	0	0%
9/28/2022	11	1	9.1%	47	0	0%	6	0	0%
9/29/2022	15	8	53.3%	54	0	0%	7	0	0%
9/30/2022	10	2	20.0%	54	0	0%	1	0	0%
10/2/2022	17	7	41.2%	100	0	0%	27	0	0%
Totals	67	17	25.4%	293	0	0%	50	0	0%

5 Day Total Vehicle Count: 312 5 Day Total Speeding Violations Recorded: 21

Note: Speeding is defined as any recorded speed more than 10MPH over the designated speed limit.

Traffic Data at Martinsville Schools

Albert Harris Elementary School
Martinsville, VA, Fayette St
Times: (7:15 AM - 8:00 AM), (8:00 AM - 2:15 PM), (2:15 PM - 3:00 PM)

Blue Line Solutions, LLC (BLS) conducted speed studies at Albert Harris Elementary School on Fayette St during the periods and times listed below.

This report was completed given the speed and time limit parameters of:
Regular Speed Limit: 30 MPH School Zone Speed Limit: 15 MPH

Dates of Study:
Tuesday 9/27/2022 : (7:15 AM - 8:00 AM), (8:00 AM - 2:15 PM), (2:15 PM - 3:00 PM)
Wednesday 9/28/2022 : (7:15 AM - 8:00 AM), (8:00 AM - 2:15 PM), (2:15 PM - 3:00 PM)
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9/27/2022	126	21	16.7%	1,310	30	2.3%	261	39	14.9%
9/28/2022	137	21	15.4%	1,310	30	2.3%	261	39	14.9%
9/29/2022	140	26	18.6%	1,310	30	2.3%	261	39	14.9%
9/30/2022	139	18	12.9%	1,310	30	2.3%	261	39	14.9%
10/2/2022	206	22	10.7%	1,310	30	2.3%	261	39	14.9%
Totals	651	107	16.4%	6,550	150	2.3%	1,305	155	11.9%

5 Day Total Vehicle Count: 6,600 5 Day Total Speeding Violations Recorded: 150

Note: Speeding is defined as any recorded speed more than 10MPH over the designated speed limit.

Patrick Henry Elementary School
Martinsville, VA, Church St
Times: (7:15 AM - 8:00 AM), (8:00 AM - 2:15 PM), (2:15 PM - 3:00 PM)

Blue Line Solutions, LLC (BLS) conducted speed studies at Patrick Henry Elementary School on Church St during the periods and times listed below.

This report was completed given the speed and time limit parameters of:
Regular Speed Limit: 30 MPH School Zone Speed Limit: 15 MPH

Dates of Study:
Tuesday 9/27/2022 : (7:15 AM - 8:00 AM), (8:00 AM - 2:15 PM), (2:15 PM - 3:00 PM)
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9/27/2022	425	18	4.2%	472	79	16.7%	105	14	13.3%
9/28/2022	244	62	25.4%	406	74	18.2%	106	11	10.4%
9/29/2022	211	15	7.1%	401	89	22.2%	110	17	15.5%
9/30/2022	215	31	14.4%	412	82	19.9%	49	11	22.4%
10/2/2022	231	46	19.9%	301	75	24.9%	111	21	18.9%
Totals	1,331	112	8.3%	1,602	317	19.9%	381	53	13.9%

5 Day Total Vehicle Count: 6,676 5 Day Total Speeding Violations Recorded: 264

Note: Speeding is defined as any recorded speed more than 10MPH over the designated speed limit.

Traffic Data at Martinsville Schools

Martinsville Middle School
Martinsville, VA, Cleveland Ave
Times: (7:10 AM - 8:15 AM), (8:15 AM - 3:00 PM), (3:00 PM - 3:45 PM)

Blue Line Solutions, LLC (BLS) conducted speed studies at Martinsville Middle School on Cleveland Ave during the periods and times listed below.

This report was completed given the speed and time limit parameters of:
Regular Speed Limit: 30 MPH School Zone Speed Limit: 15 MPH

Dates of Study:
Tuesday 9/27/2022 : (7:10 AM - 8:15 AM), (8:15 AM - 3:00 PM), (3:00 PM - 3:45 PM)
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9/27/2022	174	61	35.1%	1,204	122	10.1%	501	58	11.6%
9/28/2022	191	60	31.4%	1,204	122	10.1%	501	58	11.6%
9/29/2022	168	49	29.2%	1,204	122	10.1%	501	58	11.6%
9/30/2022	161	51	31.7%	1,204	122	10.1%	506	73	14.4%
10/2/2022	153	26	16.9%	1,204	122	10.1%	501	60	12.0%
Totals	857	247	28.8%	6,016	518	8.6%	2,510	207	8.3%

5 Day Total Vehicle Count: 6,862 5 Day Total Speeding Violations Recorded: 3,111

Note: Speeding is defined as any recorded speed more than 10MPH over the designated speed limit.

Martinsville High School
Martinsville, VA, Commonwealth Blvd
Times: (7:10 AM - 8:15 AM), (8:15 AM - 3:15 PM), (3:15 PM - 4:00 PM)

Blue Line Solutions, LLC (BLS) conducted speed studies at Martinsville High School on Commonwealth Blvd during the periods and times listed below.

This report was completed given the speed and time limit parameters of:
Regular Speed Limit: 30 MPH School Zone Speed Limit: 15 MPH

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9/27/2022	544	60	11.0%	7,642	636	8.3%	1,137	105	9.2%
9/28/2022	544	60	11.0%	7,642	636	8.3%	1,137	105	9.2%
9/29/2022	544	60	11.0%	7,642	636	8.3%	1,137	105	9.2%
9/30/2022	544	60	11.0%	7,642	636	8.3%	1,137	105	9.2%
10/2/2022	544	60	11.0%	7,642	636	8.3%	1,137	105	9.2%
Totals	2,716	300	11.0%	38,150	3,166	8.3%	5,680	525	9.2%

5 Day Total Vehicle Count: 98,311 5 Day Total Speeding Violations Recorded: 9,679

Note: Speeding is defined as any recorded speed more than 10MPH over the designated speed limit.

Solutions

- Traditional speed enforcement in our school zones is problematic, inconsistent, and potentially dangerous.
- In 2020 the Commonwealth of Virginia adopted § 46.2-882.1. Use of photo speed monitoring devices in highway work zones and school crossing zones.
- This code allows localities to adopt an ordinance to use photo speed enforcement and allows for the mailing of citations for violations.
- On average localities that have these systems in place, experienced a 94% reduction in violations

How do these systems work?

- Begins with an aggressive public relations campaign.
- You cannot get away or get lucky; You speed – you will get a ticket
- Safety through compliance is the goal not making money
- Posting of signs

Speed Limit Signs with flashing lights

combined with

Speed Feedback Signs

Single Lane LIDAR



Single Lane LIDAR



Citations to violators

- After a sworn law-enforcement officer affirms the violation, a speeding citation is mailed to the owner, lessee, or renter of the vehicle as determined by the license plate.
- The violation would be a civil penalty and would not add points to a persons driving record.
- To discourage repeat offenders most locations use a set fine of \$100.00 per violation
- People would have the right to contest the ticket and have a hearing before a judge but the vehicle owner is ultimately responsible.

Cost

- The only cost to the city is making the Speed Photo Enforced signs
- All other equipment and signs would be provided for and maintained by the partnering company – this is necessary for calibration
- All software, the mailing of citations and collections of funds would be managed by the partnering company
- The partnering company would charge processing fee from each ticket to cover cost. Typically \$25 which \$75 is sent to the city. Not classified as revenue sharing.
- Although this will make money for the city, that is not the goal.
- Safety is the goal!

Steps

- Each member of council has a copy of the proposed ordinance
- This has been reviewed and edited by our attorneys
- Adoption of the ordinance does not obligate the city into action but allows for the next step.
- If the ordinance is adopted we will further explore partnership with vendor.
- All contracts will follow proper city procurement procedures and approval process.

Questions ?



MARTINSVILLE VIRGINIA
PROPOSED CITY ORDINANCE

CAMERA SPEED MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT IN SCHOOL ZONES
ORDINANCE

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority of Virginia Code Annotated §46.2-882.1, as amended.

(a) For purposes of this section, *"Photo speed monitoring device"* means equipment that uses radar or LIDAR-based speed detection and produces one or more photographs, microphotographs, videotapes, or other recorded images of vehicles. *"School crossing zone"* has the same meaning ascribed to it in Code of Virginia, § 46.2-873.

(b) The Martinsville Virginia Police Department may install and operate photo speed monitoring devices, within the boundaries of City of Martinsville VA, in school crossing zones for the purposes of recording violations of Code of Virginia, § 46.2-873.

(c) The operator of a vehicle shall be liable for a monetary civil penalty imposed pursuant to this section if such vehicle is found, as evidenced by information obtained from a photo speed monitoring device, to be traveling at speeds of at least 11 miles per hour above the posted school crossing zone within such school crossing zone or highway work zone, while such zone is active. Such civil penalties shall be \$100.00. Any prosecution under this section shall be instituted and conducted in the same manner as prosecution for traffic infractions. Civil penalties collected under this section resulting from a summons issued by the Martinsville Virginia Police Department shall be paid to City of Martinsville.

(d) If a photo speed monitoring device is used, proof of a violation of Code of Virginia, § 46.2-873 shall be evidenced by information obtained from such device. A certificate, or a facsimile thereof, sworn to or affirmed by a law enforcement officer employed by the City authorized to impose penalties pursuant to this section, based upon inspection of photographs, microphotographs, videotapes, or other recorded images produced by a photo speed monitoring device, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts contained therein. Any photographs, microphotographs, videotapes, or other recorded images evidencing such a violation shall be available for inspection in any proceeding to adjudicate the liability for such violation of Code of Virginia, § 46.2-873.

(e) In the prosecution for a violation of Code of Virginia, § 46.2-873 in which a summons was issued by mail, prima facie evidence that the vehicle described in the summons issued pursuant to this section was operated in violation of Code of Virginia, § 46.2-873, together with proof that the defendant was at the time of such violation the owner, lessee, or renter of the vehicle, shall constitute in evidence a rebuttable presumption that such owner, lessee, or renter of the vehicle was the person who committed

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the violation. Such presumption shall be rebutted if the owner, lessee, or renter of the vehicle (i) files an affidavit by regular mail with the clerk of the general district court for the City that he was not the operator of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation and provides the name and address of the person who was operating the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation or (ii) testifies in open court, under oath that he was not the operator of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation and provides the name and address of the person who was operating the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation. Such presumption shall also be rebutted if a certified copy of a police report, showing that the vehicle had been reported to the police as stolen prior to the time of the alleged violation of Code of Virginia, §46.2-873, is presented, prior to the return date established on the summons issued pursuant to this section, to the general district court for the City adjudicating the alleged violation.

(f) Imposition of a civil penalty pursuant to this section by mailing a summons shall not be deemed a conviction as an operator and shall not be made a part of the operating record of the person upon whom such liability is imposed, nor shall it be used for insurance purposes in the provision of motor vehicle insurance coverage. However, if a law enforcement officer employed by the City uses a photo speed monitoring device to record a violation of Code of Virginia, § 46.2-873 and personally issues a summons at the time of the violation, the conviction that results shall be made a part of such driver's driving record and used for insurance purposes in the provision of motor vehicle insurance coverage.

(g) A summons for a violation of Code of Virginia, § 46.2-873 issued by mail pursuant to this section may be executed pursuant to Code of Virginia, § 19.2-76.2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Code of Virginia, § 19.2-76, a summons issued by mail pursuant to this section may be executed by mailing by first class mail a copy thereof to the address of the owner, lessee, or renter of the vehicle. In the case of a vehicle owner, the copy shall be mailed to the address contained in the records of or accessible to the Department of Motor Vehicles. In the case of a vehicle lessee or renter, the copy shall be mailed to the address contained in the records of the owner. Every such mailing shall include, in addition to the summons, a notice of (i) the summoned person's ability to rebut the presumption that he was the operator of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation through the filing of an affidavit as provided above and (ii) instructions for filing such affidavit, including the address to which the affidavit is to be sent. If the summoned person fails to appear on the date of return set out in the summons mailed pursuant to this section, the summons shall be executed in the manner set out in Code of Virginia, § 19.2-76.3. No proceedings for contempt or arrest of a person summoned by mailing shall be instituted for failure to appear on the return date of the summons. If the summons is issued to an owner, lessee, or renter of a vehicle with a registration outside the Commonwealth and such person fails to appear on the date of return set out in the summons mailed pursuant to this section, the summons will be eligible for all legal collections activities. Any summons executed pursuant to and for a violation of Code of

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Virginia, § 46.2-873 issued pursuant to this section shall provide to the person summoned at least 30 days following the mailing of the summons to inspect information collected by a photo speed monitoring device in connection with the violation. If the Martinsville Virginia Police Department does not execute a summons for a violation of Code of Virginia, § 46.2-873 issued pursuant to this section within 30 days following the date of the violation, all information collected pertaining to the suspected violation shall be purged within 60 days following the date of the violation.

(h) A private vendor may enter into an agreement with the City of Martinsville, acting for the Martinsville Police Department, to be compensated for providing a photo speed monitoring device and all related support services, including consulting, operations and administration. However, only a law enforcement officer may swear to or affirm the certificate required by this section. Any such agreement for compensation shall be based on the value of the goods and services provided, not on the number of violations paid or monetary penalties imposed. Any private entity contracting with a law enforcement agency pursuant to this section may enter into an agreement with the department of motor vehicles, in accordance with the provisions of subdivision B 31 of Code of Virginia, § 46.2-208, to obtain vehicle owner information regarding the registered owners of vehicles that committed a violation of Code of Virginia, § 46.2-873. Any such information provided to such private vendor shall be protected in a database.

(i) Information collected by a photo speed monitoring device operated pursuant to this section shall be limited exclusively to that information that is necessary for the enforcement of school crossing zone speeding violations. Information provided to the operator of photo speed monitoring device shall be protected in a database and used only for enforcement against individuals who violate this section or Code of Virginia, §46.2-873. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all photographs, microphotographs, videotapes, or other personal information collected by a photo speed monitoring device shall be used exclusively for enforcing school crossing zone and highway work zone speed limits and shall not be (i) open to the public; (ii) sold or used for sales, solicitation, or marketing purposes; (iii) disclosed to any other entity except as may be necessary for the enforcement of school crossing zone and highway work zone speed limits or to a vehicle owner or operator as part of a challenge to the violation; or (iv) be used in a court in a pending action or proceeding unless the action or proceeding relates to a violation of this section or Code of Virginia, § 46.2-873, or such information is requested upon order from a court of competent jurisdiction. Information collected under this section pertaining to a specific violation shall be purged and not retained later than 60 days after the collection of any civil penalties. The Martinsville Virginia Police Department shall annually certify compliance with this section and make all records pertaining to such system available for inspection and audit by the Commissioner of Highways or the commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles or his designee. Any person who discloses personal information in violation of the provisions of this subsection shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$1,000.00 per disclosure. Any unauthorized use or disclosure of such personal information shall be grounds for termination of the agreement between the department of motor vehicles and the private entity.

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(j) Conspicuous signs shall be placed within 1,000 feet of any school crossing zone or highway work zone at which a photo speed monitoring device is used, indicating the use of the device. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that such sign was in place at the time of the commission of the speed limit violation.

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Hear an update on services and programs from the Blue Ridge Regional Library – Margaret Caldwell, BRRL representative, shared the mission of the library and explained the services and programs offered by the library. Printed material was provided to the Council for

September 26, 2023, Council Meeting

additional information. The updated 5-Year Plan is available on the library website. Caldwell shared statistics on money invested and return profits and asked Council Members to keep that information in mind during budget time. Director Rick Ward shared details on the summer reading and feeding program. Interim City Manager Glen Adams explained that the libraries bridge the gap for people who don't have the best opportunities.



The mission of the Blue Ridge Regional Library is to provide free, friendly service and access to timely materials that educate, enrich and entertain the entire community.

FY 2022 - 2023 Free Events & Programs

2023 Summer Reading Program "All Together Now!" Kickoff - 134 children and parents
Summer Reading participants -

Preschool Storytimes - multiple per month, all libraries, with music and crafts
School Age Storytimes - all libraries, weekly and seasonal, with music and crafts

Kids Art
National Ice Cream Day Celebration
National Coloring Book Day - all ages
STREAM Programs and Terrific Tuesdays for Homeschooled Children

STEM Programs for ages 5 - 12

Lego Clubs

Book Bingo, Family Bingo

Board Game Days

Teen and Adult Programs

Preventing the "Summer Slide" Program

Harvest Youth Board's "Amazing Race"

Young Adult (teen) Volunteers

Job Seeker Workshop

Programs for special needs adults - local

organizations Piedmont Community

Services, Infinity Acres, Stepping Stones,

MARC Workshop - Storytime and crafts,

bi-monthly

Community Puzzles

Contests: Libraryopoly (3 month contest), Hoopla

Tablet Contest, Trivia Contest, Chalk Art

Contest, Halloween Contests, Library

Scavenger Hunt, Santa's Sleigh Contest

Exercise and Chair Exercise Classes

Walking Club

Family Movies - monthly

Virginia Museum of Natural History Program

At Home Series: Baking, Brain Boosting

Smoothies, Home Organizing,

Houseplants - featuring local Extension

Agent, Floral Arranging

Manner Matter Class

Mental Health Resources - Self-Care Kits,

Gratitude Bags

Book Clubs: Books & Brews; Not Your Mother's

Book Club - monthly

Youth Book Club - Collinsville

Local Author Talks

Better Business Classes: Avoiding Scams

Back to School Events

MHC After 3 Classes, monthly - high school

students

Workshop for SWVA Regional Casino Pitch

Contests

Sign language for Homeschoolers

Main Library Reference Dept. - 3912, thru Nov.

Concert: Pirates of the Piedmont - movement

through music

Crafts

Soap making

Wreath making

Pour Painting

Paint and Pass

Crafty Saturday

Cricut class

Scarecrow Craft

Grinch Crafts

Tulips & Teapots

Christmas Ornament Making

Privacy Pod usage - Martinsville and Patrick

Libraries

Virtual Reality Beat Saber Game Night

Virtual Reality Goggles - educational content

Poetry Evening

Library Scavenger Hunt

Seasonal contests, crafts and giveaways:

Valentines (Valentines for Vets), Easter

Eggstravagaza & Hunts, Mother's and

Father's Day, Halloween Trunk or Treat,
Christmas Events
Master Gardeners Program - Patrick
Maker Spaces
Night at the Library
Letters to Santa, Visit with Santa
Vintage Santa Display
Holiday Cheer Totes, Holiday Spirit Bags
Food for Fines - 778 non-perishables donated
Books donated to new jail
Book giveaways

Services & Community Support

Circulation assistance
Job application assistance
Advanced planning for library programs, system-
wide and branches
Book and materials care
Books, periodicals, reference books, audio, video,
DVDs; Large print books
Continued curbside service
Coffee Bar - Martinsville
Reference help
Copying, faxing, microfilm assistance
Boost the range of libraries' WiFi, so children,
youth and adults lacking computer access could
get work done during Covid & after hours
Electronic resources: Libby, Hoopla, Overdrive,
and online government and informational
databases
VOX Books, bilingual
Seed Library
Speech and Language Blocks
Kids - In house: Literacy, Storytimes, Programs,
Summer Reading and Feeding, Online Crafts
Kids - Outreach: Storytime visits to schools and
day care centers by branch librarians and staff
Computer assistance - the Workforce Center,
DMV, Henry-Martinsville Social Services
and Social Security refer their clients to
our libraries for help with government
forms and applications!
General usage, job search assistance
resume writing assistance - some patrons
reported getting new jobs!

Locating legal and job application forms
required by government and non-profit
agencies, helping patrons complete forms
Family Literacy Packets, in partnership with the
Center for Community Learning
Tutoring spaces
Headstart Teacher Support
Help for children behind in their reading level
Provides free use of meeting rooms for groups
and civic organizations
Provides flyers on library services and events
Provides IRS and Virginia Tax Forms
Patrick County Bookmobile to five elementary
schools, churches and isolated rural areas
Gave away COVID Test Kits
Friends of the Library Book Sales
Partnership: offers free VMNH Family Day Passes
Partnership: offers free YMCA Day Passes
Partnership: Boys and Girls Club
Backpack and Fishing Checkout Programs
Pamphlets, information on local, state and
federal resources
Radio and television interviews on BRRL services
Local artists and crafts displays
Ridgeway Branch is a Henry County polling site
Take-home packets for Day Care Centers
Resources for Homeschoolers
Hosted a Harvest Foundation Youth Board
Retreat
Provides a safe, inclusive space and meeting
rooms for all citizens of all ages
Career Expo - Meadowview School
School Fall Festivals - i.e. Campbell Court
Booths at area community fairs.

Summer Reading & Feeding Program

7 weeks, 9 sites (libraries, day cares, schools,
recreation center)

2023 Totals:

- Preschool, Children, Teens & Outreach - Attendance - 481
- Adults - 134

2022 - 2023 FY BRRL TOTALS

Visitors: 155,288 - +21.72%
 Items Circulated: 172,420
 Children's Programs: 923
 Children's Attendees: 23,300
 Adult Programs: 481
 Adult Attendees: 3958
 Computer Use: 15,159
 Reference Help: 24,703
 E-books: 9074
 Hoopla: 8808

Value

The actual value of library resources and services greatly exceeds the amount of the budgetary investment. *Return on investment: \$5-6 for every \$1 invested.* (American Library Association). Public libraries have always been the predominant responsibility of local governments. Our three jurisdictions provide 73% of the budget: 68% pays salaries and benefits, 13% fixed expenses, 19% variable expenses.
Local cost: \$16.39 per resident per year.

Danville, Pittsylvania County, Franklin County and Bedford local governments provide \$22+ per capita. - Median Local Expenditures 2021, Library of Virginia

The Blue Ridge Regional Library has been and continues to provide services equivalent to a much larger metropolitan area library.

FREE Electronic Resources Available at your Library!



ON THE GO, OR ON THE COUCH

Enjoy access to over 500,000 ebooks, audiobooks, movies, tv, music, comics and magazines with our digital catalogs, Hoopla and Overdrive.

FIND IT VIRGINIA

Find It Virginia is a carefully curated selection of authoritative databases, online learning products, and digital reading content (both text and audio) for Virginians of all ages.



Master File Complete

The most comprehensive and valuable collection of full-text general interest resources, including returns from periodicals, newspapers and books.

Read It!

Research while practicing reading skills

EBSCO eBook Collection

Enjoy casual fiction, literature, and scholarly works—reading for every purpose.

EBSCO eBook History Collection

This collection features more than 17,000 world history eBooks to meet the content needs of students in their research.

NovelList Plus

Can't decide what to read? Discover your next favorite author, series, or title.

Newsbank

Current and archived information from thousands of newspaper titles and many other kinds of publications.

Peterson's Career Prep

Take an interest and skills assessment to identify potential career fields; create a professional résumé for downloading and emailing; view webinars on interview skills, search for available jobs near you with an instant connection to Indeed™'s database.

Rocket Languages

Speak and understand a new language better. With 12 languages to choose from, Rocket Languages is perfect for the business or traveler learner, as well as extra practice for students.

Gale Legal Forms

Find current, downloadable, fillable forms for basic legal transactions.

Digital Learn

Learn the tools to help you tackle technology at your own pace and gain the confidence you need to succeed.

Northstar Digital Literacy

Test your computer skills, build skills in key areas, and demonstrate your knowledge by earning certificates and badges. Prepare for your future now!



Government Online

Taxes, Statistics, Student Aid, Business and Labor, Health and Human services and more! Access local and federal services online from our handy list of government websites.

Find all of this and more on our site
www.brri.lib.va.us



Online Databases

Find it Virginia-Government, health information; Literature, magazine articles

Rocket Languages—Speak and learn from a selection of 12 different languages.

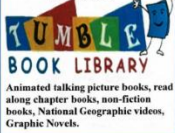
Learning Express-Test preparation materials; study aids; career resources.

Salem Health-Magill's Medical Guide Genetics & Psychology; Mental Health

Find EBooks-Collection of fiction and nonfiction ebooks.

Practice Driving Tests-Practice sample tests for free until you are ready to take the real DMV Test.

Grades K-6



Animated talking picture books, read along chapter books, non-fiction books, National Geographic videos, Graphic Novels.

RIDGEWAY 586-1628	Mon 10 am—6 pm	Tues 10 am—6 pm	Wed 10 am—6 pm	Thurs 10 am—6 pm	Fri 10 am—5 pm	Sat 10 am—2 pm
PATRICK 276-678-5352	Mon 10 am—6 pm	Tues 10 am—6 pm	Wed 10 am—6 pm	Thurs 12 pm—8 pm	Fri 10 am—2 pm	Sat 10 am—2 pm
MARTINSVILLE 452-5454	Mon 10 am—8 pm	Tues 10 am—8 pm	Wed 10 am—8 pm	Thurs 10 am—8 pm	Fri 10 am—5:30 pm	Sat 9:30 am—2 pm
COLLINSVILLE 647-3112	Mon 10 am—8 pm	Tues 10 am—8 pm	Wed 10 am—8 pm	Thurs 10 am—2 pm	Fri 10 am—5 pm	Sat 10 am—2 pm
BASSETT 623-2426	Mon 10 am—6 pm	Tues 10 am—6 pm	Wed 10 am—6 pm	Thurs 10 am—2 pm	Fri 10 am—2 pm	Sat 10 am—2 pm



Check Us Out!

Library Locations

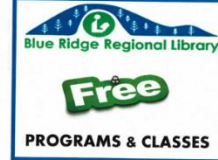
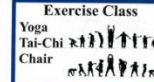
Bassett Branch Library
 Collinsville Branch Library
 Martinsville Main Library
 Patrick County Bookmobile
 Patrick County Library
 Ridgeway Branch Library

Library Catalog
www.brri.lib.va.us

Library Calendar
www.brri.lib.va.us/calendar

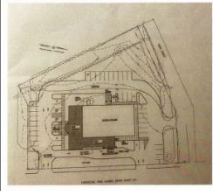
E-Books
brri.overdrive.com

Rick Ward, Library Director



Please visit your local library to see what activities are offered at each branch.

PRELIMINARY DESIGN



TO OUR PATRONS,
COMMUNITY, AND
STAFF

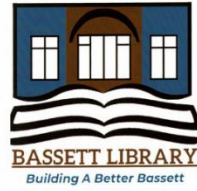
Thank you so much for trusting us with your literacy and educational needs. We see the need and are trying to make a difference.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Estimated
Construction Cost:
\$2,250,000.00



There are numerous ways
to donate: scan the QR
code to receive more info
on donating.



BASSETT LIBRARY
Building A Better Bassett

EXPANSION PROJECT "BUILDING ONE BOOK AT A TIME"



THE PLAN

The Bassett Branch Library has outgrown its space with the number of programs and patrons that we serve. Branch Manager Karen Barley met with Blue Ridge Regional Board and stressed the importance to construct a plan to increase the space helping to meet the needs of the community. After consulting with an architect, it was determined that renovation alone could not supply adequate, usable space to meet the demands of our patrons in serving the community for the next 10-20 years. A preliminary architectural plan was completed, presented, and approved by the Blue Ridge Regional Board at their December 15, 2021 meeting. The plan increases the size of the Bassett Branch building from 6,000 square feet to 10,000 square feet.

A capital campaign committee has been formed to begin fundraising efforts to make this project a reality.



To Donate:
Make checks payable to: BRRL Foundation-
Bassett Expansion
Mail to: Bassett Branch Library
Expansion Project
3969 Fairstone Park Highway
Bassett, VA 24055

OUR VISION

- Meeting Space- to accommodate up to 50 people comfortably at no cost
- Study needs- adding 5 quiet study areas to better meet the literacy and educational needs of all ages
- Children's Department- an increased capacity will serve preschoolers, children, and their parents attending reading and crafting programs while supporting both literacy and culture
- Youth Area- a small youth area will be provided for gatherings supporting our goal to reach out to 15-18 year olds
- Computer/Internet Access- a designated centralized computer area will be added
- Bathrooms- enlarged and modernized
- Library staff - additional staff offices, workspaces and a break room will be added
- Handicapped Accessibility- aides and bathrooms will accommodate wheelchairs with an additional accessible exterior door

PROPOSED BUILDING DESIGN

The expansion will benefit the patrons, our neighborhood and community needs, and will benefit our library staff in a safe and comfortable way. These renovations will help fulfill our 2019-2024 five year plan.



Hear information related to the Alliance for National and Community Resilience (ANCR) - Building Inspector Kris Bridges presented a PowerPoint detailing the Alliance for National and Community Resilience and why it's important to the City. Vice Mayor Rawls asked if Bridges could put a packet together with everything the City has to offer.



Alliance for
National & Community
Resilience

Introduction to ANCR

Supporting Communities in Assessing and Building Resilience

<http://www.resilientalliance.org> | @ANCRresilience

Who is ANCR?

► ANCR is . . .

- a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization,
- managed by the International Code Council
- founded by the Code Council and U.S. Resiliency Council (USRC)
- supported by Target, Dupont, and other resilience leaders
- led by a board of directors representing the founders, supporters, and state and local resilience champions

The Importance of Community-Level Resilience





Mexico Beach, FL, Post-Michael Manhattan, Post-Sandy Maui, Post-Lahaina Fire

A Holistic Approach to Resilience



The Community Resilience Benchmarks (CRBs) System

- ANCR is developing a series of benchmarks for each of the 19 community functions—the Community Resilience Benchmarks (CRBs) System
- The Benchmarks will provide communities with an assessment tool for community leaders to measure their community's current resilience and determine a clear pathway toward further improvements
- The assessments produced will help communities make investments and inform decisions made by local government, businesses, residents (current and prospective), and other important community players

ANCR Guiding Principles

Address the Whole Community

A community is only as resilient as its least resilient function. Community resilience depends on the resilience of every segment of the community collectively and individually.

Tools Must be Usable, Useful and Used

The ANCR Benchmarks should be useful for any American community.

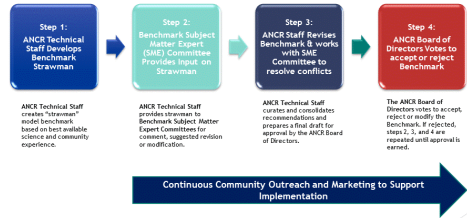
Communities are Unique

A community's resilience must be evaluated and strategies implemented in the context of its unique risk profile, which should include all of the significant risks the community faces.

Benchmarks Inform Multiple Stakeholders

The ANCR Benchmarks should be useful to both the community itself and to those outside the community.

Developing the Benchmarks



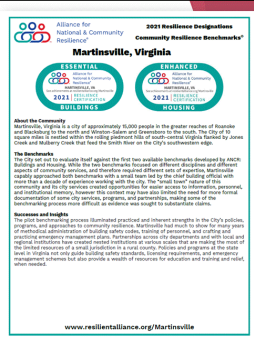
Buildings Benchmark

1. Adoption of Building Codes
2. Administration and Enforcement of Building Codes
3. Licensure & Continuing Education or Testing of Contractors
4. Mitigation of Highly Vulnerable Buildings
5. Mitigation and Design of Critical Facilities
6. Resilient Design
7. Disaster Response/Continuity of Operations Plans (COOPs)
8. Standards for Emergency Shelters
9. Financial Resources for Post-Disaster Recovery

Housing Benchmark

1. Housing Affordability & Availability
2. Housing Affordability: Policies
3. Disaster Preparedness: Communication & Outreach
4. Disaster Preparedness: Emergency & Temporary Shelter
5. Transitional & Post-Disaster Housing
6. Total Cost of Home Ownership/Rental
7. Insurance Coverage
8. Disaster Response/Continuity of Operations Plans (COOPs)
9. Equitable Long-Term Recovery from Disasters

Martinsville, VA Pilot



We are Here for You. Contact Us!

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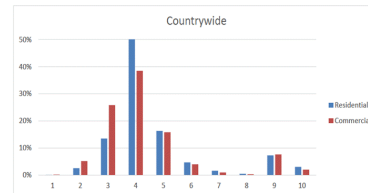
2023 ISO BCEGS report

Building Code Effectiveness Grading System

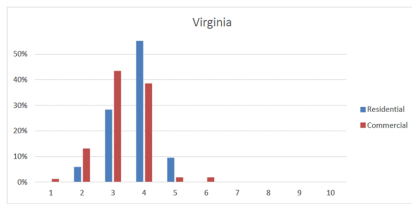
Presentation to Martinsville City Council
 Tuesday, Sept 26, 2023
 Department of Community Development
 Kris Bridges, Building Official & Zoning Administrator



Countrywide ratings



Virginia ratings



State Average		
	Score	Class
Commercial	77.49	3
Residential	73.44	4

IBHS Rating the States

Virginia ranks #2, closely following (-1 point) Florida in the rankings of the 18 most hurricane states. The 100 point grading scale includes areas of code adoption, enforcement, and administration, Contractor licensing and training.

2021 RANKINGS

#1. Florida - 95	#10. Maryland - 78
#2. Virginia - 94	#11. Georgia - 69
#3. South Carolina - 92	#12. New York - 60
#4. New Jersey - 90	#13. Maine - 55
#5. Connecticut - 89	#14. New Hampshire - 48
#6. Rhode Island - 89	#15. Texas - 34
#7. North Carolina - 88	#16. Alabama - 30
#8. Louisiana - 82	#17. Mississippi - 29
#9. Massachusetts - 78	#18. Delaware - 17

Martinsville's rating

	Score	Class
Commercial	<u>91.33</u>	<u>2</u>
Residential	<u>86.57</u>	<u>2</u>

Approval of a resolution to appoint and provide correct terms of office for Directors of the Industrial Development Authority – Postponed until the October 24 Council meeting.

Discuss and consider approval of the Housing Development Consultant Agreement – Mayor Jones made a motion to recess City Council and convene as Martinsville Redevelopment and Housing Authority; Council Member Lawson seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor. The Interim City Manager detailed the benefits of the Housing Development Consultant Agreement as presented. Vice Mayor Rawls explained that the Danville Housing Authority was highly recommended and very beneficial to the City of Martinsville. Rawls also pointed out to the Council that this agreement can be canceled at any time with 30-day notice. Housing Authority Member Lawson made a motion to approve the agreement as presented; Housing Authority Vice Chair Rawls seconded the motion with the following roll call vote: Housing Authority Member Rawls made a motion to adjourn the Redevelopment and Housing Authority and reconvene as City Council. Pearson seconded the motion with all Housing Authority Members voting in favor.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT AGREEMENT

This Housing Development Consultant Agreement ("Agreement") is made and effective October 1, 2023

BETWEEN: Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority ("DRHA"), a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, with its principal address located at: 135 Jones Crossing, Danville, VA 24541

AND: Martinsville Redevelopment and Housing Authority ("MRHA"), a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, with its head office located at: City Municipal Building, 55 Church Street, Martinsville, VA

WHEREAS, MRHA intends to apply for acceptance in the Acquire, Renovate, Sell program ("ARS Program") that is administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development ("DHCD") and funded by the Virginia Housing Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the ARS Program is to transform previously undervalued homes into community assets and create new homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income first time homebuyers; and

WHEREAS, DRHA has experience and expertise in the management of the ARS Program through its previous and current participation in the ARS Program, MRHA desires to utilize the services of DRHA in applying for and, if the application is successful, in carrying out MRHA's ARS Program, and DRHA agrees to provide such assistance to MRHA; and

WHEREAS, DRHA has experience and expertise in management of redevelopment and housing programs in general, and is able to assist MRHA with the same in regard to such initiatives and projects in the City of Martinsville, Virginia (the "City").

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants set forth herein and intending to be legally bound, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. CONSULTATION AND ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

DRHA shall provide technical assistance and services to MRHA in support of MRHA's application to participate in the ARS Program, and if such application is successful, in support of MRHA's actions to implement and carry out the ARS Program for the benefit of the citizens of the City, and to provide advice, technical assistance and services in support of other current and potential redevelopment and housing initiatives in the City, all in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

- A. DRHA will consult with, provide services to and assist the officers and employees of MRHA and the City, including but not limited to the City's Community Development Director (who has been assigned as staff for MRHA) and the City Manager and his or her designees, concerning matters relating to MRSA's application for, and the management and organization of, MRHA's Acquire, Renovate, Sell (ARS) funds. The services to be provided under this Agreement shall include, but are not limited to the following:

- o DRHA will assist MRHA in completing all documents and submitting all information required for MRHA's application to the ARS Program, in a timely manner to allow MRHA to submit such application in the next ARS Program application period, expected to be in October of 2023.

- o DRHA will advise MRHA on appropriate sites for the development of mixed-use affordable workforce housing.
- o DRHA will assist MRHA with the procurement of real estate for the ARS Program
- o DRHA will assist with development plans and designs for MRHA's ARS Program homes.
- o DRHA will procure (or provide all services to allow MRHA to procure) contractors to perform renovations.
- o DRHA will monitor and evaluate renovations on MRHA's ARS Program homes for compliance with all development, design and contract requirements.
- o DRHA will procure appraisals on MRSA's ARS Program homes that are ready to sell.
- o DRHA will work with DHCD and MRSA to ensure MRSA compliance with all ARS Program requirements, including appropriate receipt and expenditure of ARS Program funds.
- o DRHA will utilize the Center for Housing Education in Martinsville and other available resources to find approved first-time owners for MRHA's ARS Program homes.
- o DRHA will assist these first-time owners in applying for loans and down payment assistance.

- B. DRHA will also work with and assist officers, representatives and employees of MRHA and the City in navigating the development of MRHA's projects, compliance with all related program requirements and will assist with finding suitable Developers for MRHA's projects.

- C. DRHA will also work with MRHA and the City on developing a landbank agreement that is beneficial for development or renovation of City neighborhoods.

- D. DRHA will also perform the following:

- o assist with determining the appropriate use of land in the City
- o assist with designs of uses for the land in the City
- o assist with the procurement of Developers and Contractors for redevelopment and housing projects in the City
- o assist with grant applications, securing funding resources for redevelopment and housing projects in the City
- o assist with developing plans for the use of land in the City

- E. DRHA will perform services under this Agreement in a proper and prudent manner and in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations. DRHA and MRH shall consult with each other on a regular basis concerning (i) any problems that either may be having regarding performance of this Agreement and (ii) possible solutions for such problems. The waiver by either DRHA or MRHA of any failure on the part of the other party to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any future or continuing failure or failures.

- F. MRHA may request DRHA to provide a written status report of its activities and services under this Agreement, and DRHA shall such status report within two weeks of such request.

2. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement will begin October 1, 2023, and will end September 30, 2026. Either party may cancel this Agreement on 30 days' notice to the other party in writing, by certified mail or personal delivery.

3. TIME DEVOTED BY CONSULTANT

It is anticipated that DRHA will spend approximately 15-20 hours weekly fulfilling its obligations under this Agreement. The amount of time may vary daily or week to week.

4. PLACE WHERE SERVICES WILL BE RENDERED

DRHA will perform most services in accordance with this contract at a location of its discretion. In addition, DRHA will perform services on the telephone, via electronic mail communication and at such other places as necessary to perform these services in accordance with this Agreement. DRHA shall provide MRHA with the name, phone number, address and electronic mail address of the primary DRHA contact person or persons who shall be available to receive communications from MRHA representatives and agents.

5. PAYMENT TO CONSULTANT

Compensation to DRHA for work properly performed in accordance with this Agreement will not exceed \$200,000.00 for a three-year period. DRHA will submit monthly itemized statements setting forth the time spent, and services properly rendered under this Agreement, at hourly rates not to exceed \$____ per hour, and MRHA will pay DRHA for the amounts due within 60 days of receipt. It is expected that DRHA will be paid at least \$5,500 per month for services properly rendered under this Agreement. DRHA may request this amount in its monthly itemized statements even if this amount exceeds the amount due for that month based on time spent and services rendered, and any such excess that is paid by MRHA shall be credited against amounts due under future monthly invoices.

MRHA will incur all costs associated with renovation and purchase of properties.

MRHA will incur all costs associated with appraisals, closing costs.

6. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Both MRHA and the DRHA agree that DRHA will act as an independent contractor in the performance of its duties under this contract.

7. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

DRHA agrees that any information received by DRHA in the course of its work under this Agreement which concerns the personal, financial or other affairs of MRHA shall be used solely for purposes of DRHA's activities under this Agreement and shall be treated as confidential to the extent permitted by applicable law. The parties acknowledge that DRHA is a "public body" as defined in the Virginia Freedom of Information Act ("VFOIA"), and that public records in DRHA's possession, unless covered by a statutory exemption, are therefore subject to disclosure under VFOIA. Should DRHA receive a VFOIA request which would require disclosure of any information provided to DRHA by MRHA under the terms of this Agreement, DRHA shall notify MRHA of the VFOIA request and confer with MRHA before providing any records in response to the request.

8. EMPLOYMENT OF OTHERS

MRHA may from time to time request that DRHA arrange for the services of others. All costs to DRHA for those services will be paid by MRHA but in no event shall DRHA employ others without the prior

authorization of MRHA. DRHA's obligations and duties under this Agreement may not be assigned without the prior written consent of MRHA.

9. COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original.

[Signature page to follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

Martinsville Redevelopment and Housing Authority

Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority

Authorized Signature

Authorized Signature

Print Name and Title

Print Name and Title

Business from the Floor – Police Chief Rob Fincher updated Council about concerns expressed previously by the Transportation Safety committee including overgrowth of trees and brush, debris, alternate truck route signs, speed studies, flashing lights are in the process and other projects with sidewalks and crosswalks are being quoted. If citizens get involved, changes can be made.

Mayor Jones read a concern called in by Joyce Conroy of 723 Corn Tassel Trail related to concerns about the doctor shortage at the local Carilion hospital and shared that local doctors are not taking new patients. She has to travel outside of the area to see a doctor and feels that this could be a deterrent for people who visit Martinsville or who are looking to relocate here. Ms. Conroy asked if City Council is taking any measures or if they are working with the hospital to resolve the doctor shortage. Jones explained that they are aware of the shortage and have spoken to reps at the hospital; Council is working with them to resolve those issues.

Comments from Members of Council – Council Member Pearson said was a pleasure to hold a joint meeting with the school board and the video is on the school board page. She said it was extremely informative and she feels that they are repairing relations with the schools and school board. Mr. Wright made a presentation on school test results which demonstrated the scores, and shared that Martinsville is one of the top schools in the area. Council is partnering with Dr. Talley and the teachers to ensure the students receive a better high-quality education, with some areas already being worked on. Pearson asked citizens to watch the meeting video and read all presentations listed to get the facts. If they have questions or need clarification, please

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contact any Council member. Pearson said even though everyone's voice can be a positive thing, it can also be very detrimental to a city. Do your research before sharing or posting incorrect or incomplete information on social media. What you say and what you write does matter. Pearson shared that the city park survey is still ongoing until October 1, and residents can reach out to Council with any feedback. Pearson says events are continuing with Octoberfest October 7 along with the Charity League Bargain Fair. The Martinsville-Henry County Historical Society event is that same weekend. Council Member Lawson echoed Pearson's comments related to the school board meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for October 10; it will be postponed because of the VML meeting, and most Council Members plan to attend. Pearson added that VML is a great opportunity to network. October 7 is a busy day in Martinsville and Henry County. Council Member Lawson reminded residents of Hazardous Waste Day. Lawson stated that traditionally in November there is only one meeting, but with Thanksgiving being early this year, there is an opportunity for two meetings in November. Lawson thanked Glen Adams for his outstanding performance as the Interim City Manager. Vice Mayor Rawls welcomed the new City Manager and stated that she holds a high-level professional. Mayor Jones thanked those who received service awards and the dedication those employees put in. The City has several employment vacancies. Martinsville is a fantastic place to work, and people come to work for the city and make a life of it.

Comments by Interim City Manager – Glen Adams stated the Council working with the school board is a vital tool for progress. The new City Manager Aretha Ferrell-Benavides will be an outstanding addition to the City and will start her new position on October 6.

There being no further business, Council Member Lawson made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Karen Roberts, Clerk of Council

LC Jones, Mayor