

City Council Meeting Packet



December 3, 2019

AGENDA

Norton City Council

December 3, 2019

6:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call
2. Invocation – Rev. Roger Sloce
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Minutes
 1. Meeting of November 19, 2019
5. Audience for Visitors
6. New Business
 - A. Resolution Declaring the City of Norton a Second Amendment Sanctuary City.
 - B. Resolution Urging Federal Legislators to Support Legislation to Reauthorize the AML Program.
 - C. Resolution in Support of the Community Remembrance Project and Acknowledging the Efforts of Former Norton Resident and Business Owner Bruce Crawford.
 - D. Request for Authorization to Allow the City's Financial Advisors to Request Proposals for the Establishment of a New Line of Credit.
 - E. Confirmation of a Check/Transfer in Excess of \$100,000.

F. Closed Meeting for Personnel as Per Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) and Section 2.2-3711 (A) (3) of the Code of Virginia as Amended, Discussion or Consideration of the Acquisition of Real Property for a Public Purpose, or of the Disposition of Publically Held Real Property, Where Discussion in an Open Meeting Would Adversely Affect the Bargaining Position or Negotiating Strategy of the Public Body.

1. Appointment to the Appalachian Juvenile Commission for a Two Year Term, Currently James Lane Whose Term Expires 11/30/19.

To 11/30/21

2. Appointment to the Virginia's Heritage Music Trail for a Three Year Term, Currently Linda Hamilton Whose Term Expires 11/30/19.

To 11/30/22

3. Evaluation of the City Manager.

7. Comments by the City Manager, City Attorney, and City Council.

8. Adjournment.

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Norton City Council was held Tuesday, November 19, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., in the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor Joseph Fawbush presiding.

Present: William Mays, Robert Fultz, Jr., Joseph Fawbush, and Delores Belcher

Also Present: Jeff Shupe, City Finance Director

Absent: Councilman Mark Caruso and City Manager Fred L. Ramey, Jr.

The invocation was given by the Pastor Freddie Powers and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Police Chief James Lane.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Belcher, seconded by Councilman Mays, and passed by the following vote: YES – Mays, Fultz, Belcher, NO – None, ABSENT – Caruso, ABSTAIN – Fawbush, council moved to adopt the minutes of the November 5, 2019, meeting as presented.

During the Mayor's Call for Visitors, Environmental Scientist Matthew Hepler of Appalachian Voices came forward and presented council with a draft resolution asking for council's support of the Abandoned Mind Land Reauthorization. He told members they could rewrite any portion of the resolution to meet council's approval that Appalachian Voices is merely seeking council's support. Mr. Hepler then left his business card with the clerk and asked to be placed on council's agenda for the December 3rd meeting.

Mr. Shupe said at the November 5th meeting council tabled the request for real and personal property tax exemption for Family Crisis Support Service, Inc., in order to obtain the city attorney's opinion on the matter. He said City Attorney William Bradshaw provided his viewpoint on the tax exemption request and a copy of his opinion was provided in council packets. Mr. Shupe said city administration drafted two motions for city council's consideration for Family Crisis Support Services.

Councilman Mays motioned to increase the FY20 appropriation to Family Crisis Support Services in the amount of \$3,436.06 to offset their FY20 real estate and personal property taxes with funding to be provided from unappropriated reserves. Councilman Fultz seconded the motion and the passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES – Mays, Fultz, Fawbush, Belcher, NO – None, ABSENT – Caruso.

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of council to consider the yearly appropriation for Family Crisis Support Services yearly at council's annual budget meeting.

Mr. Shupe said council had two requests from the Commissioner of Revenue for refunds of erroneously assessed 2019 personal property taxes. The first is for Charles Dee Trosper in the amount of \$55.02. The second request is to Jonathan Bolling in the amount of \$116.66. Mr. Shupe said the Commissioner of Revenue has determined Mr. Trosper's and Mr. Bolling's vehicles are housed in Wise County so a refund of personal property taxes paid to the city is due.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Belcher, seconded by Councilman Fultz, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, council moved to approve a refund in the amount of \$55.02 to Charles Dee Trosper for erroneously 2019 personal property tax.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fultz, seconded by Councilman Mays, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES – Mays, Fultz, Fawbush, Belcher, NO – None, ABSENT – Caruso, council moved to approve a refund to Jonathan Bolling in the amount of \$116.66 for erroneously assessed 2019 personal property tax.

In packets for council consideration was a check to the Wise County Treasurer, dated October 1, 2019, in the amount of \$250,035.18, to cover FY 2019 court services.

Upon a motion by Councilman Mays, seconded by Councilman Fultz, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, council moved to confirm the check to the Wise County Treasurer, as stated above.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Belcher, seconded by Councilman Mays, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES – Mays, Fultz, Fawbush, Belcher, NO – None, ABSENT – Caruso, council moved to go into closed meeting for Personnel as per Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

Mayor Fawbush declared council in closed meeting.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Belcher, seconded by Councilman Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, council moved to go back into open meeting.

Mayor Fawbush declared council back in open meeting.

The clerk polled each member of council as to the Certification of Closed Meeting with each answering yes. The clerk then read a Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Belcher, seconded by Councilman Fultz, and passed by unanimous vote, council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting. (Insert)

In comments from the finance director:

Mr. Shupe told council he placed at each member's desk a copy of a Water Fluoridation Quality Award the Water Plant received from the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for maintaining a level fluoride in drinking water for preventing tooth decay throughout 2018.

Mr. Shupe updated council on property reassessment advising real estate reassessments were mailed on November 12th. He said citizens can contact the Commissioner of Revenue to make appointments with the property assessor beginning on November 22nd. Mr. Shupe said the last day to make an appointment with the property assessor to discuss the reassessment will be November 26th.

Mr. Shupe told council copies of the September Financial Statements were placed at member's desk for review, along with the latest Retail Sales Tax Report, High Knob and Flag Rock traffic counts, and the November and December Activities Flyer.

Mr. Shupe reported to council the following upcoming events: The Turkey Trot 5k is scheduled for Thursday, November 28th; the city's Christmas Tree Lighting is planned for 5:00-8:00 p.m., Saturday, December 7th in Veteran's Park; the Christmas Parade is begins at 6:00 p.m., Sunday, December 8th; and the Regional Legislative Reception is scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at the Library of Virginia in Richmond.

The following comment was made by Councilman Fultz:

Councilman Fultz told members on Thanksgiving Day area churches will be providing the Community Thanksgiving meals from the kitchens of the Norton Episcopal Church and St. Anthony's Catholic Church located on Virginia Avenue. He asked members if they know anyone who needs to be included in the meal program to have them get on the meal delivery schedule. Councilman Fultz also noted volunteers are welcome.

There being no further business to come before council and upon a motion by Councilman Mays, seconded by Councilman Fultz, and passed by unanimous consensus of council, the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

Joseph Fawbush, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca K. Coffey, Clerk of Council



DRAFT RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA
A SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY CITY



WHEREAS, the Norton City Council is extremely concerned about the passage of any new legislation that would further restrict or prohibit the rights of citizens of the Commonwealth in terms of laws that may include, but are not limited to, the type of firearms they may own, requiring background checks for private transfers, the age at which firearms may be purchased and used, the number of handguns a citizen can purchase each month, the capacity of magazines for semi-automatic firearms, and prohibition of associating and training with fellow citizens, and

WHEREAS, the City Council is concerned that any further erosion of our citizens Second Amendment Rights would begin a slippery slope of restrictions and confiscation designed to eliminate the centuries old rights of our citizens in the name of public safety and security, while in fact, reducing both the safety and security of our citizens and providing no real restrictions or preventative impact on the criminal element's ability to acquire or use the prohibited firearms, and

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to express its intent to stand as a Sanctuary City for Second Amendment rights and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitutions of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, any efforts to restrict such rights, and to use such legal means at its disposal to protect the right of citizens to keep and bear arms, including through legal action, the power of appropriation of public funds, and the right to petition for redress of grievances, and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia must not seek to become 'California East' in terms of new firearms legislation, and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution reads: "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.", and

WHEREAS, the Militia consists of the law-abiding citizens of the state, and is not the same as the National Guard, and

WHEREAS, local militias have a right to associate with like-minded citizens and train to the use of arms, and

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 13 of the Constitution of Virginia states in part "That a well-regulated militia, composed of the body of the people, trained to arms, is the proper, natural, and safe defense of a free state, therefore, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed...., and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment is the only individual right our founders placed in the Bill of Rights to the United States Constitution that was designed to guarantee the other Nine Amendments, providing for self-defense, national defense, and defense against tyranny within our own borders, and

WHEREAS, the City Council agrees with Mr. Fredrick Douglass, champion of civil rights before and after the Civil War, who stated that "A man's rights rest in three boxes: the ballot box, the jury box, and the cartridge box.", and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes the words spoken centuries ago, attributed to Aristotle, hold true today; that "Both oligarch and tyrant mistrust the people, and therefore deprive them of their arms", and

WHEREAS, the City Council agrees with the late Colonel (R) Jeff Cooper, when he correctly stated that "The rifle itself has no moral stature, since it has no will of its own. Naturally, it may be used by evil men for evil purposes, but there are more good men than evil, and while the latter cannot be persuaded to the path of righteousness by propaganda, they can certainly be corrected by good men with rifles.", and

WHEREAS, the City Council agrees with the late President Ronald Reagan when he stated that "It's a nasty truth, but those who seek to inflict harm are not fazed by gun controllers. I happen to know this from personal experience... You won't get gun control by disarming law-abiding citizens. There's only one way to get real gun control: Disarm the thugs and the criminals, lock them up, and if you don't actually throw away the key, at least lose it for a long time.", and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that author Jeff Snyder spoke truth when he stated that “But to ban guns because criminals use them is to tell the innocent and law-abiding that their rights and liberties depend not on their own conduct, but on the conduct of the guilty and the lawless, and that the law will permit them to have only such rights and liberties as the lawless will allow.”, and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that if semi-automatic firearms and high capacity magazines are barred from purchase and use by our citizens then only the criminal element in our society will possess them, placing the law-abiding citizen at a great disadvantage and at great risk to their safety and security. Further, the restriction of such “common use” implements of self-defense by leaders at the state level is an affront and slander to the character of honest, responsible and law-abiding citizens who are by far the overwhelming majority of people owning such implements, and

WHEREAS, responsible, law-abiding citizens, should never be punished or restricted from firearms possession and use due to the criminal acts of others, no matter how horrendous the criminal act or evil the perpetrator, and

WHEREAS, the congressionally-mandated study of the federal “assault weapon ban” of 1994-2004 found that the ban had no impact on crime. Subsequent research conducted by the RAND Corporation found no conclusive evidence that banning so called “assault weapons” or “large” capacity magazines has an effect on mass shootings or violent crime, and

WHEREAS, Americans own over eleven million AR-15s and buy hundreds of thousands of new ones every year, and

WHEREAS, AR-15s are the most commonly used rifles in marksmanship competitions, training, and home defense, and

WHEREAS, total violent crime and murder has fallen to near historic lows, while ownership of the firearms and magazines that gun control supporters want banned has risen to all-time highs, and

WHEREAS, Americans lawfully use firearms, to include the AR-15, hundreds of thousands of times each year, protecting themselves and their loved ones, in hunting and in marksmanship competitions, without incident, and

WHEREAS, abridging the rights of law-abiding gun owners does not reduce the criminal use of firearms by violent predators, and

WHEREAS, lawfully armed citizens have stopped active shooters and saved the lives of civilians and law enforcement officers, and

WHEREAS, current firearm and ammunition regulations are, when properly enforced and prosecuted, sufficient to dissuade all but the most evil and irreconcilable criminal, and

WHEREAS, AR-15s and other semi-automatic rifles are not the fully-automatic, military-grade firearms as often claimed by ignorant or deceitful anti-gun politicians, gun control supporters and the media, and

WHEREAS, ammunition magazines that hold more than 10 rounds are standard equipment for many “common use” handguns and rifles that Americans keep for self-defense, and

WHEREAS, gun control supporters are deceiving the citizens of the Commonwealth when claiming that so called “assault weapons” are used in most mass shootings. While the media focus on this false narrative, mass killings have been committed with firearms of all types, and without firearms of any type, and

WHEREAS, firearms that gun control supporters call “assault weapons” and ammunition magazines that they call “large” are among the arms protected by the Second Amendment, and

WHEREAS, because firearms with large capacity magazines are among the arms that are most useful for the entire range of defensive purposes, they're "in common use" for defensive purposes, a standard articulated by the Supreme Court in *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008), and

WHEREAS, Justice Antonin Scalia reiterated that the Second Amendment and *Heller* preclude "assault weapons" bans when he signed onto a dissent from the denial of certiorari in *Friedman v. Highland Park*, and

WHEREAS, the congressionally-mandated study of the federal "assault weapon" and "large" magazine "ban" concluded that "the banned guns were never used in more than a modest fraction of all gun murders" before the ban, and the ban's 10-round limit on new magazines wasn't a factor in multiple-victim or multiple-wound crimes, and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the RAND Corporation released a study that surveyed the available research on the effects of bans on "assault weapons" and "large" capacity magazines. The study found no conclusive evidence that such bans have an effect on mass shootings or violent crime, and

WHEREAS, Semi-automatics account for 20-25 percent of the approximately 400 million privately-owned firearms in the United States today and the percentage is rising, because semi-automatics account for over half of the 10-15 million new firearms bought annually, and

WHEREAS, semi-automatic rifles like the AR-15 are the most popular rifles in the United States for home protection and defensive skills-based firearm training and marksmanship competitions, and they're increasingly popular among hunters, and

WHEREAS, ammunition magazines that hold more than 10 rounds are standard equipment for many handguns and rifles designed for defensive purposes, and

WHEREAS, responsible, law-abiding citizens, upon reaching the age of 18, may serve their country in the Armed Forces of the United States, putting their life on the line for the citizens of our country, may vote and make legal decisions for themselves; therefore, should not be restricted from the use of firearms beyond the current extent of the law, and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice research reveals that criminals fear armed potential victims more than law enforcement officers, and

WHEREAS, if the currently proposed gun control legislation goes into effect in its current form, hundreds of thousands of otherwise good, responsible, law-abiding citizens of the Commonwealth may become class 6 felons, and subsequently may not be able to legally own firearms at all, and may be prohibited from voting in any future elections, and

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to the letter and intent of the founder's words as they were presented in the Bill of Rights and the Constitution of Virginia and truly care about the safety and security of its citizens, so

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council declares the City of Norton a Second Amendment Sanctuary City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council will not authorize or appropriate any public funds, resources, equipment, buildings or offices for the purposes of enforcing or assisting in the enforcement of any element of such unconstitutional acts, laws, orders, mandates, rules or regulations that further infringe on the right of the people to keep and bear arms as described above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council does not support any additional restrictions or laws concerning the sale and use of firearms, that will be dangerous to the safety and security of our citizens and create a new and unique class of gun control felons, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council supports our brave law enforcement officers in their efforts to hold violent criminals accountable for their actions, rather than support the irrational, unconstitutional and/or disproven attempts to make a community safer by restricting law-abiding citizens right to own and use “commonly used” firearms to protect themselves, their families and their community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Norton City Council supports the efforts of other communities in their desire to become a Second Amendment Sanctuary.

THIS RESOLUTION will be effective immediately upon adoption.

The undersigned Clerk of Council certifies that the Resolution set forth was adopted during an open meeting on 3 December 2019 by the City Council.

Adopted this 3rd Day of December 2019

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

Joseph Fawbush, Mayor

Mark A. Caruso, Vice Mayor

William J. Mays, Councilman

ATTEST:

Delores ‘Dee’ Belcher - Councilwoman

Clerk of Council

Robert Fultz – Councilman

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF NORTON A SECOND AMENDMENT
SANCTUARY CITY**

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution reads: “A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.” and,

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 13, of the Constitution of Virginia provides “that a well regulated militia, composed of the body of the people, trained to arms, is the proper, natural, and safe defense of a free state, therefore, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed; that standing armies, in time of peace, should be avoided as dangerous to liberty; and that in all cases the military should be under strict subordination to, and governed by, the civil power,” and,

WHEREAS, certain legislation introduced in the 2019 session the Virginia General Assembly and certain legislation introduced in the current session of the United States Congress could have the effect of infringing on the rights of law abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, City Council is concerned about the passage of any bill containing language which could be interpreted as infringing the rights of the citizens of the City to keep and bear Arms or could begin a slippery slope of restrictions on the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of the City; and,

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to express its deep commitment to the rights of all citizens of the City to keep and bear arms; and;

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to express opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights under the Second Amendment of the citizens of the City to bear arms; and,

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to express its intent to stand as a Sanctuary City for Second Amendment rights and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitutions of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, any efforts to restrict such rights, and to use such legal means at its disposal to protect the right of citizens to keep and bear arms, including through legal action, the power of appropriation of public funds, and the right to petition for redress of grievances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That City Council expresses its intent to uphold the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Norton and its intent that public funds of the City not be used to restrict Second

Amendment rights or to aid in unnecessary and unconstitutional restriction of the rights under the Second Amendment of the citizens of Norton to bear arms; and,

That City Council hereby declares its intent to oppose unconstitutional restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms through such legal means as may be expedient, including without limitation court action; and,

That City Council hereby declares Norton, Virginia, as a “Second Amendment Sanctuary City.”

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

The undersigned Clerk of the City of Norton, Virginia hereby certifies that the Resolution set forth above was adopted during an open meeting on December 3, 2019 by City Council with the following votes:

Present:

Vote

Absent:

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Clerk, Norton City Council

Resolution

WHEREAS, the City of Norton is a community in Southwest Virginia with a long and proud history of coal mining, which has fueled the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norton has Abandoned Mine Land (AML) sites, which were abandoned prior to the passage of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act and are therefore eligible for federal AML funding for reclamation; and

WHEREAS, reclamation of such sites provide local job opportunities at a time when economic growth is needed; and

WHEREAS, the Abandoned Mine Land fee is set to expire in 2021 unless reauthorized by Congress; and

WHEREAS, over \$10.6 billion dollars of AML sites have yet to receive funding for reclamation across the country; and

WHEREAS, the fund is financed by a fee on current coal production, so as to ensure that Southwest Virginia's coal legacy is a positive legacy that leaves our communities better situated for the future;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Norton City Council urges U.S. Senator Mark Warner and Senator Timothy Kaine, along with U.S. Representatives Robert Wittman (VA-1), Elaine Luria (VA-2), Robert Scott (VA-3), Donald McEachin (VA-4), Denver Riggleman (VA-5), Ben Cline (VA-6), Abigail Spanberger (VA-7), Donald Beyer (VA-8), Morgan Griffith (VA-9), Jennifer Wexton (VA-10) and Gerald Connolly (VA-11) to support and vote for legislation that reauthorizes the AML program for an additional 15 year period.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of December, 2019.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

Joseph Fawbush, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca Coffey, Clerk of Council

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY REMEMBRANCE
PROJECT AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE EFFORTS OF FORMER NORTON
RESIDENT AND BUSINESS OWNER BRUCE CRAWFORD**

WHEREAS, the year 2019 marks the 400th anniversary of the arrival to the Jamestown settlement of the first Africans in what would become the United States, where they were enslaved, marking the beginning of nearly 250 years of slavery in the British colonies and in the new nation; and

WHEREAS, throughout America's history of slavery, segregation, and inequality, many African Americans were lynched across America; and

WHEREAS, during Reconstruction, the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution were ratified, abolishing slavery, granting citizenship to any person born or naturalized in the United States, and guaranteeing the rights to due process of law and equal protection under the law and the right to vote for African American men; and

WHEREAS, in outright defiance of the Reconstruction Amendments, some people across the nation acted outside of the law, deliberately, violently, and brutally, against African Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Equal Justice Initiative has documented more than 100 lynchings in Virginia's history; and

WHEREAS, *Richmond Planet* editor John Mitchell, Jr., exposed lynchings in Virginia as they occurred, and led the state's antilynching campaign; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Equal Justice Initiative began investigating thousands of lynchings in an effort to understand the terror and trauma this sanctioned violence against the African American community created, resulting in the report *Lynching in America: Confronting the Legacy of Racial Terror* in 2015 and the opening of the Memorial for Peace and Justice on April 26, 2018, as the nation's first memorial dedicated to the legacy of enslaved black people, people terrorized by lynching, African Americans humiliated by racial segregation and Jim Crow, and people of color burdened with contemporary presumptions of guilt and police violence; and

WHEREAS, the Equal Justice Initiative created the Community Remembrance Project to create greater awareness and understanding about racial terror lynchings and to begin a necessary conversation that advances truth and reconciliation by working with communities to commemorate and recognize the traumatic era of lynching by collecting soil from lynching sites across the country and erecting historical markers and monuments in these spaces; and

WHEREAS, the UVA-Wise research discovered that Bruce Crawford, who graduated from Norhi in 1915 and owned the Crawford Weekly Newspaper in Norton, bravely stood up against the Ku Klux Klan in 1923 through his reporting on the lynching of Leonard Wood and his personal offer of a reward for the names of anyone who participated in Mr. Wood's murder; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crawford's articles regarding lynchings were re-printed by state and national publications; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crawford was instrumental in getting Virginia Governor Harry F. Byrd to get the Virginia General Assembly to pass the first anti-lynching law in 1928, making lynching a state crime; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Norton joins the Virginia General Assembly and communities across the Commonwealth to hereby acknowledge the existence of lynching in Virginia's past; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the City Council that the Commonwealth's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission make as complete a record as possible of each documented lynching that occurred in the Commonwealth of Virginia to bring awareness and recognition of this history to communities across the state, that such awareness might contribute to the process of healing and reconciliation; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this City Council joins the Virginia General Assembly and other communities across the Commonwealth to request that the Virginia Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission coordinate with the Department of Historic Resources to identify sites for historic markers to recognize documented lynchings and assist the Equal Justice Initiative in its Community Remembrance Project in the Commonwealth; and,

BE IT RESOLVED FINALLY, that the Clerk of City Council transmit a copy of this resolution to the Virginia Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission requesting that it further disseminate copies of this resolution to their respective constituents so that they may be apprised of the sense of the City of Norton in this matter.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of December, 2019.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

Joseph Fawbush, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca K. Coffey, Clerk

SCHOOL BOARD

Cody McElroy, Chairperson
Dr. Wes Campbell, Vice-Chairperson
Sherry Adams
Carol Caruso
Mark Leonard



DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT
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TO: Jeff Shupe
FROM: Jacqueline Brooke
SUBJECT: Request for Funds

DATE: September 26, 2019

COPY

Norton City Schools requests a deposit of City Funds in the amount of \$200,000 to cover September 2019 payroll expenditures.

Thank you!