

# City Council Meeting Packet



**April 6, 2021**

## AGENDA

Norton City Council

April 6, 2021

6:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Minutes
  1. Meeting of March 16, 2021
5. Audience for Visitors
6. New Business
  - A. Consideration of a Norton City Schools Request for a FY20 Supplemental Local Appropriation in the Amount of \$47,852.33.
  - B. Consideration of a Norton City Schools FY20 Financial Encumbrances in the Amount of \$297,842.73.
  - C. Authorization to Execute Two Cooperative Agreements with the Wise County & City of Norton Victim/Witness Program.
  - D. Request for One Water and Sewer Tap Located in the County.
  - E. Resolution Proclaiming the Week of April 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> as Local Public Safety – 911 Telecommunicators Week.
  - F. Resolution Declaring the Month of April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

- G. Resolution Declaring the Month of April 2021 as Autism Awareness Month.
- H. COVID-19 and CARES Act Funding Updates.
- I. Confirmation of a Check/Transfer in Excess of \$100,000.
- J. Closed Meeting for Personnel as Per Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia as Amended and Section 2.2-3711 (A) (5) Discussion Concerning a Prospective Business or Industry or the Expansion of an Existing Business or Industry Where No Previous Announcement Has Been Made of the Business' or Industry's Interest in Locating or Expanding its Facilities in the Community.
1. Appointment to the Wise County/City of Norton Youth Services Board for a Four-Year Term; Currently Stan Wilson Whose Terms Expires 5/2/2021.  

To 5/2/2025
  2. Appointment to the Norton Industrial Development Authority for a Four-Year Term; Currently Blake Salyer Whose Term Expires 5/10/2021.  

To 5/10/2025
  3. Appointment to the Norton Industrial Development Authority for a Four-Year Term; Currently Roger Sloce Whose Term Expires 5/10/2021.  

To 5/10/2025
  4. Appointment of the City's Community Policy and Management Team.
  5. Appointment Nominations to the 2021 Virginia Municipal League Policy Committees.

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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, March 16, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., in the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor Joseph Fawbush presiding.

Present: Joseph Fawbush, Robert Fultz, Jr., William Mays, Sarah Davis, and Mark Caruso

Also Present: Fred L. Ramey, Jr., City Manager, and Jeffery L. Shupe, Finance Director

The invocation was given by Councilman Robert Fultz and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Police Chief James Lane.

Upon a motion by Councilman Mays, seconded by Councilman Caruso, and passed by the following vote: YES – Fultz, Mays, Davis, Caruso, Fawbush, NO – None, ABSENT – None, council moved to adopt the minutes of March 2, 2021, as presented.

There was no response to the Mayor's Call for Visitors.

In their packets, council received a request from the John I. Burton High School Class of 1971 to use a portion of 7<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., on Saturday, July 17, 2021, for a street dance as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion.

Mr. Ramey presented a PowerPoint presentation showing the proposed area of 7<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., from Park Avenue to Federal Street that the class would like to block for the event. He said he has spoken with Mark Wooten, 1971 Class President, and that Mr. Wooten was in attendance to speak with council regarding this request.

Mr. Wooten told council that he has received many inquiries from classmates regarding the reunion and he expects approximately 70 guests to attend. He said former students will tour John I. Burton High School at 2:00 p.m., with dinner following at Sugar Hill Cidery. Mr. Wooten stated that the street dance will be from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and that no alcohol will be served. He said his band The Fatty Livers will play for the dance and that everyone is welcome. Mr. Wooten requested the use of the city's Expo Center for the street dance in case of inclement weather and asked for use of city tables and chairs to accommodate 70 guests, if available. He said the class will pay for rental of the tables and chairs.

Mr. Ramey noted that he will work with Mr. Wooten on finalizing the event details.

Upon a motion by Councilman Mays, seconded by Councilman Caruso, and passed by unanimous vote, council moved to approve the John I. Burton High School Class of 1971 request to block off a portion of 7<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., for a street dance on Saturday, July 17, 2021, with the Expo Center serving as a contingency location for the street dance in the event of inclement weather.

The city manager presented an update from Davenport & Company, Inc., for the potential refinancing of portions of the General Operating Fund debt and of the Enterprise Fund debt.

Via a PowerPoint presentation, the city manager informed council that city financial planner Davenport & Company, Inc., recommends the city pursue a dual track approach to refinance a combined amount up to \$3.6 million in debt of the General Operating Fund and Enterprise Fund. Track One is the acceptance of the proposal from Powell Valley National Bank in the amount of \$2.8 million to refund Enterprise Fund debt at an interest rate of 2.7 percent. The bond refunding would be guaranteed by a pledge of utility revenues and General Fund obligation. Refinancing the debt would free up cashflows by approximately \$50,000 over the next nine years and reduce

the total number of payments and maturity of the loan by 9 years. The city manager stated that Track Two recommends that the city accept the proposal from Powell Valley National Bank to refund \$800,000 in debt from the General Operating Fund. He said discussions with the bank are ongoing and the interest rate would be fixed for the term of the loan. The city manager said the maturity date for the General Fund debt would not change but the city would save \$15,000. He said if council would like to move forward with the debt refunding city administration would advise Powell Valley National Bank and that Davenport & Company, Inc., would begin working with bond counsel to complete the refinancing by the end of March. The city manager told council the city attorney has reviewed the two refunding resolutions and approved the documents as presented.

Council was presented A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance up to \$1,500,000 Principal Amount of a General Obligation Water and Sewer Revenue Refunding Bond, Series 2021A and up to \$1,500,000 Principal Amount of a General Obligation Water and Sewer Revenue Refunding Bond, Series 2021B (Taxable), of the City of Norton, Virginia, and Providing for the Form, Details, and Payment Thereof.

Mr. Ramey said counsel will make any necessary changes to the form of the resolution and the amounts of the refunding bonds will not increase.

Upon a motion by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilman Fultz, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, council moved to adopt A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance up to \$1,500,000 Principal Amount of a General Obligation Water and Sewer Revenue Refunding Bond, Series 2021A and up to \$1,500,000 Principal Amount of a General Obligation Water and Sewer Revenue Refunding Bond, Series 2021B (Taxable), of the City of Norton, Virginia, and Providing for the Form, Details, and Payment Thereof. (Insert)

Included in council packets was A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of up to \$800,000 Principal Amount of a General Obligation Refunding Bond, Series 2021C, of the City of Norton, Virginia, and Providing for the Form, Details, and Payment Thereof.

There were no comments or questions from council.

Upon a motion by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilman Mays, and passed by following unanimous roll call vote: YES – Fultz, Mays, Davis, Caruso, Fawbush, NO – none, ABSENT – none, council moved to adopt A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of up to \$800,000 Principal Amount of a General Obligation Refunding Bond, Series 2021C, of the City of Norton, Virginia, and Providing for the Form, Details, and Payment Thereof. (Insert)

Presented in council packets for consideration was A Loan Resolution of the Governing Body of the City of Norton Authorizing a United States of America, United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (USDA-RD) Loan/Grant to purchase two police vehicles.

Mr. Ramey said the city has been approved for a \$50,000 grant that includes a \$55,000 loan from USDA-RD to purchase two police vehicles. He said council must adopt the loan resolution since there is a loan component to the grant.

After a brief discussion regarding the police department's vehicle fleet and the intended use of the two new police vehicles, Councilman Caruso made a motion to adopt the Loan Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fultz, and the motion was passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES – Fultz, Davis, Caruso, Fawbush, NO – None, ABSENT – None, ABSTAIN - Mays, council moved to adopt A Loan Resolution of the Governing Body of the City of Norton Authorizing a United States of America, United States Department of

Agriculture, Rural Development (USDA-RD) Loan/Grant to purchase two police vehicles.  
(Insert)

Council was presented a Resolution for Compliance related to the Southside Comprehensive Community Development Project as required by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (VDHCD).

Mr. Ramey said the city applied a second time to VDHCD for a community development project in the Southside area and was awarded a \$1.5 million grant. He told council that city administration is working to get under contract with VDHCD and as part of the program council has a checklist the city must address before moving forward. Mr. Ramey stated that the grant award will provide: the rehabilitation of 12 houses; substantial reconstruction of two houses; demolition of eight structures; removal of junk; debris; weeds; and inoperable vehicles; resident cleanup sessions; improvement of water services; and upgrade sidewalks and streets. He said the grant requires adoption of the following resolutions to meet VDHCD grant guidelines: Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan; Local Business and Employment Plan; Non-Discrimination Policy; Grievance Procedure; Fair Housing Certification; and Resolution to Appropriate Funds. Mr. Ramey noted that Councilwoman Davis found an error in VDHCD's Non-Discrimination Policy and that the state has corrected the error and issued a new document. Mr. Ramey provided council members with a copy of the corrected document.

After review and discussion of the documents and upon a motion by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilman Fultz, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES – Mays, Fultz, Davis, Caruso, Fawbush, NO – None, ABSENT – None, council moved to adopt the Resolution for Compliance as Required by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development Regarding the Southside Comprehensive Community Development Project CIG #20-20-41. (Insert)

Mr. Ramey presented his bi-weekly update on COVID-19 cases and funding on the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funding.

Via a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Ramey stated that the city had an increase of five COVID-19 cases and he noted that the number of cases in the city are leveling. He reported that Wise County had an increase of 56 new cases since the last council meeting, and he then shared the total number of vaccinations on the local, state, and national levels.

Mr. Ramey reported no changes in the CARES Act funding, but noted the new stimulus bill has passed the House and Senate and that the city is expected to receive funding. He said it is anticipated the city will receive two payments with the first payment to be received within the next 60 days, and the second payment within the next 12 months. Mr. Ramey said the city has not received official notification, but it is indicated that the city may receive \$722,000. He said city administration wants to maximize the second round of funding to benefit the community as a whole, and he told council that the school system will receive its own funding with the second stimulus bill.

Mr. Ramey said the city has requested a drawdown totaling \$56,425.78 for round four of the LENOWISCO Small Business Recovery Assistance Program and that round five has closed and is being reviewed.

Mr. Ramey advised council that the city will move to round three of the Municipal Utility Relief Program and that city administration expects more utility customers will receive aid due to a softening of qualification guidelines making more people eligible to receive funding.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Ramey said city administration will probably continue quarterly reporting on CARES Act funding until 2024.

Next an update on the 2021 Norton Business Challenge was presented by the city manager.

Mr. Ramey told council that five applications have been received for this year's challenge and the classes are currently being scheduled. He said applicants will be judged and up to \$60,000 can be awarded.

Also included in packets for council consideration was a check to Wise County Board of Supervisors, dated December 18, 2020, in the amount of \$121,462 for the city's share of the new ambulance.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fultz, seconded by Councilman Mays, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES – Fultz, Mays, Davis, Caruso, and Fawbush, NO – None, ABSENT - None, council moved to confirm the check to Wise County Board of Supervisors, as stated above.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fultz, seconded by Councilman Caruso, and passed by the following roll call vote: YES – Fultz, Mays, Davis, Caruso, and Fawbush, NO – None, ABSENT – None, 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 Councilman Mays, seconded by Councilman Caruso, 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 Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilman Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting. (Insert)

Mayor Fawbush opened the floor for nominations to the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority for a four-year term to expire April 3, 2025.

Councilwoman Davis nominated Robert Fultz, Jr., to be reappointed to the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority for a four-year term to expire April 3, 2025.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fultz, seconded by Councilman Caruso, and passed by unanimous vote, council moved that the nominations cease.

Mayor Fawbush declared Robert Fultz, Jr., to be reappointed to the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority for a four-year term to expire April 3, 2025.

In comments from the city manager:

Mr. Ramey told council there is a proposal to increase the size of the OPIOD Abatement Authority from 11 to 15 members with the new members being drawn from the constituent group which is already part of the proposed membership. He said the city's legal team believes this will dilute the role of localities and they are recommending the city be added to a draft letter as



being opposed to this proposed change. Mr. Ramey said if it is the consensus of council to oppose the increase in membership, he would inform the city attorney.

Council consensus was to oppose the proposed increase in board membership and the mayor asked the city manager to inform the city attorney of council's decision of opposition.

The city manager asked council to check their calendars in April for a possible date for a budget and capital meeting.

It was the consensus of council to schedule a budget and capital meeting Saturday, April 3, 2021.

Mr. Ramey said the city is hosting its first cross-country event at the Flag Rock Recreation Area. He said to commemorate the event the city will provide each of the participants with a t-shirt promoting the city's trail system.

The city manager provided council copies of the latest Retail Sales Tax Report.

The following comments were made by council members:

Councilwoman Davis thanked members for allowing her the opportunity to join council and to fill Delores Belcher's seat until the special election in November. She said before joining council she did not realize all the projects and work the city was performing, but she is thankful for all council has been doing.

Councilman Fultz welcomed Councilwoman Davis to council and said he is looking forward to working with her on council.

Councilman Mays welcomed Councilwoman Davis to council and stated that she will do a great job for the City of Norton.

Councilman Caruso agreed with Councilman Fultz's and Councilman May's comments.

Mayor Fawbush thanked Councilwoman Davis for accepting the position on council.

He said the City of Norton is a great place to live, work, and send your children to school. Mayor Fawbush noted that the city has been a leader in Southwest Virginia for taking the initiative on various projects, and he thanked city administration for the work they perform daily. He said it takes a great deal to run a city, and we can be proud of our community.

There being no further business to come before council, Mayor Fawbush declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

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Joseph Fawbush, Mayor

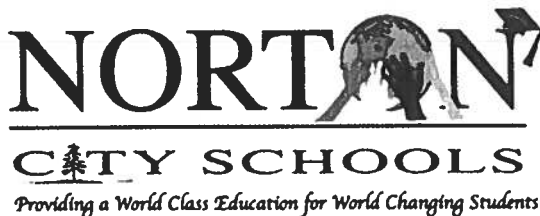
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Rebecca K. Coffey, Clerk of Council

**SCHOOL BOARD**

Cody McElroy, Chairperson  
 Dr. Wes Campbell, Vice-Chairperson  
 Carol Caruso  
 Cheryl Redman  
 Mark Sturgill



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March 8, 2021

Mr. Fred L. Ramey, Jr.  
 City Manager  
 618 Virginia Ave., NW  
 Norton, VA 24273

Re: Norton City Schools Supplemental Appropriation of prior year unencumbered surplus and Budget Amendment for the 2019/2020 School Year

Mr. Ramey:

The Norton City School Board requests a supplemental local appropriation in the following amount:

Fund 012 – Capital Improvement Fund	
2019-2020 Unencumbered Surplus	\$47,852.33

The Norton City School board requested a budget amendment in the following amounts:

Fund 012 – Capital Improvement Fund	
Revenue -	\$47,852.33
Fund Balance -	\$47,852.33

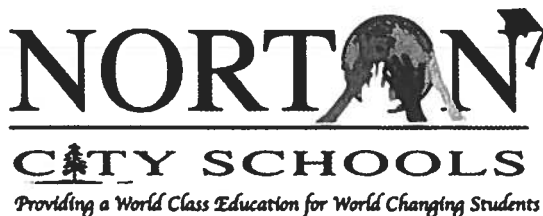
Please contact me if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gina J. Wohlford  
 Superintendent

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March 8, 2021

Mr. Fred L. Ramey, Jr.  
City Manager  
618 Virginia Ave., NW  
Norton, VA 24273

Re: 2019-2020 Approval of Encumbrances

Mr. Ramey:

The Norton City School Board requests an approval of encumbrances for the 2019-2020 fiscal year in the following amount:

Fund 001-General Operating Fund  
2019-2020 Local Carryover Funds (Encumbered Amount)                      \$ 297,842.73  
Please contact me if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gina J. Wohlford  
Superintendent

**Cooperative Agreement**  
**Norton Police Department**  
**Wise County & City of Norton Victim/Witness Program**

The Norton Police Department, Wise County & City of Norton Victim/Witness Program, and the Office of the Wise County & City of Norton Commonwealth's Attorney agree to the following measures that will enable these agencies to provide better services to victims of crime.

The Victim/Witness Program will be engaged in providing needed services to the victims of crime and desires to engage the Norton Police Department in furtherance of these services.

The Victim/Witness Assistance Program of Wise County will provide the following services wherever reasonable:

1. Provide information that would be viewed as crucial to cases involving victims and witnesses and does not violate the victim's right to confidentiality.
2. Provide information regarding restitution owed to victims when said information is necessary in the collection of payments.
3. Contact the victim or witness in major felony cases to inform them of changes in case status.
4. Provide services to victims and witnesses in accordance with the Virginia Crime Victim and Witness Right Act.

Norton Police Department will provide the following services to the Victim/Witness Assistance Program in return for the above-mentioned services:

1. Grant access to case files contingent upon permission from client.
2. Refer to victim and witnesses to the Victim/Witness Assistance Program for services.
3. Provide address and telephone numbers of victims and witnesses in order to make contact.
4. Advise victims of their rights to restitution and compensation if applicable.
5. Allow the victim advocate to be present during interviews of victims and witnesses.
6. Provide copies of warrants, petitions, and incident reports as they are received.

This agreement will continue in full force and effect until June 1, 2023 or until it is terminated by either party upon written notice to the other. This agreement may also be amended, modified, expanded, etc., as manually agreed upon by both parties, is confidential and will not be dispersed to other entities.

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 Norton Police Department Date

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 Sandi Brewer, Director Date  
 Victim/Witness Program

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 Charles H. Slemp III, Commonwealth's Attorney Date  
 Commonwealth's Attorney's Office

**Cooperative Agreement**  
 Norton Department of Social Services  
 Wise County & City of Norton Victim/Witness Program

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4. Provide services to victims and witnesses in accordance with the Virginia Crime Victim and Witness Right Act.

Norton Department of Social Services will provide the following services to the Victim/Witness Assistance Program in return for the above-mentioned services:

1. Refer victims and witnesses of crime to the Victim/Witness Assistance Program at their discretion.
2. Provide crisis informed intervention services to victims referred.
3. Provide access to support group(s) to victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault.

This agreement will continue in full force and effect until June 1, 2023 or until it is terminated by either party upon written notice to the other. This agreement may also be amended, modified, expanded, etc., as mutually agreed upon by both parties, is confidential and will not be dispersed to other entities.

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 Norton Department of Social Services Date

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 Sandi Brewer, Director Date  
 Victim/Witness Program

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Charles H. Slemple III, Commonwealth's Attorney Date  
 Commonwealth's Attorney's Office

# City of Norton

RECEIVED

OCT 26 2020

Application For Out of City Limits  
Water and (or) Sewer Connection

CITY OF NORTON  
NORTON, VA



YOU MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE

NAME (or) Company SHUN JIN HU  
(PRINT FULL NAME) FIRST MIDDLE LAST

IF CONTRACTOR, WHO IS TAP FOR? \_\_\_\_\_

SERVICE ADDRESS 5336 Esserville Road

MAILING ADDRESS 9951 Greenwood Cir  
Wise VA 24273

PHONE 276 870 2097 ARE YOU OVER THE AGE OF 18? YES  NO

PLEASE INDICATE SERVICE REQUEST(S) BY CHECKING THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES)

WATER  SEWER  SIZE METER 5/8"  1"  Over 1"

DATE 10-26-2020 SIGNATURE [Signature]

## FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

APPLICATION APPROVAL/DENIAL

INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

T & D FOREMAN

### CONNECTION FEES

Water \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Sewer \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date Collected \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
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## NORTON CITY COUNCIL OUTSIDE CONNECTION APPROVAL/DENIAL

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ DENIED: \_\_\_\_\_ IF APPROVED, APPLICATION VOID AFTER \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS

DATE WHICH APPLICATION PRESENTED TO CITY COUNCIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY MANAGER

## RESOLUTION

### LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY – 9-1-1 - TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK April 11 - 17, 2021

**WHEREAS**, thousands of dedicated public safety telecommunications personnel daily serve the citizens of the United States by answering their telephone calls for police, fire and emergency medical services and dispatching the appropriate assistance as quickly as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the critical functions performed by professional public safety telecommunications personnel directly affect the lives and property of the public and assist in the safety of the police officers, firefighters and paramedics as they respond to the emergency situations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Norton E-911 Center answered 5,108 - 911 calls and 30,727 non-emergency calls in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States, Joseph Biden, has set aside the second full week of April in recognition of those dedicated professional public safety telecommunications personnel and their crucial role in protecting life and property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, The Norton City Council** does hereby proclaim the week of April 11 -17, 2021 as “National Public Safety – 9-1-1 - Telecommunicators Week” in the City of Norton in honor and recognition of our public safety telecommunications personnel and the vital contributions they make to the safety of our citizens.

ADOPTED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

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Joseph Fawbush, Mayor

ATTEST

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Rebecca K, Coffey, Clerk

## Resolution

**WHEREAS**, the health and safety of all Virginians is important to the prosperity and well-being of our Commonwealth's families and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, our children are our most valuable resource and will shape the future of the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse is considered to be one of our nation's most serious public health problems, with scientific studies documenting the link between the abuse and neglect of children and a wide range of medical, emotional, psychological, and behavioral disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

**WHEREAS**, all citizens should contribute to a safe, nurturing environment to support families raising children; and

**WHEREAS** effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among families, social services agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and how we can prevent it, because prevention remains the best defense for our children; and

**WHEREAS**, displaying a pinwheel during the month of April will serve as a positive reminder that together we can prevent child abuse and neglect and keep children safe;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Norton City Council does formally proclaim April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and call for this observance to the attention of all our citizens in the City of Norton, Virginia.



ADOPTED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

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Joseph Fawbush, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rebecca K. Coffey, Clerk

## **Resolution**

**WHEREAS, autism, the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States, affecting more than three million people, is an urgent public health crisis that demands a national response; and,**

**WHEREAS, autism is the result of a neurological disorder that affects the normal functioning of the human brain, and can affect anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background; and**

**WHEREAS, symptoms and characteristics of autism may present themselves in a variety of combinations and can result in significant lifelong impairment of an individual's ability to learn, develop healthy interactive behaviors, and understand verbal as well as nonverbal communication; and**

**WHEREAS, the effort to address autism continues, doctors, therapists, and educators can help persons with autism overcome or adjust to its challenges and provide early, accurate diagnosis and the resulting appropriate education, intervention, and therapy that are vital to future growth and development; and**

**WHEREAS, ensuring that persons living with autism have access to the lifelong care and services needed to pursue the full measure of personal happiness and achieve their greatest potential; and**

**WHEREAS, the City is honored to take part in the annual observance of Autism Awareness Month and World Autism Awareness Day in the hope that it will lead to a better understand of disorder; and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Norton City Council does formally proclaim April 2021 as Autism Awareness Month and April 2, 2021 as World Autism Day in the City of Norton to raise awareness of autism and myriad of issues surrounding autism, as well as to increase knowledge of the programs that have been and are being developed to support individuals with autism and their families.**

ADOPTED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

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Joseph Fawbush, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rebecca K. Coffey, Clerk



# Inter-Office Memo

**To:** Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Fred L. Ramey, Jr., City Manager *FR*  
**CC:**  
**Date:** March 12, 2021  
**Re:** CARES Act Funding

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Earlier this year, the Commonwealth of Virginia shared a portion of the \$3.1 billion funds that it received from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020 with counties and cities across the Commonwealth. At this meeting, I plan to share an update on recent use of the CARES funds and the City Administration's plans moving forward. In addition, I plan to provide an update on recent COVID-19 trends.

Thank You.

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INV. DATE	INVOICE#	S/L ACCT. #	GROSS AMOUNT	DISC. AMOUNT	NET AMOUNT
12/31/2020	PAY APP #	40-015-41020-5407136	136,026.50	.00	136,026.50

**COPY**

1/21/2021	10178	156212	136,026.50	.00	136,026.50
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<b>CITY OF NORTON</b>		<b>156212</b>	
<b>GENERAL OPERATING FUND</b>		68-446514	
NORTON, VA 24273		156212 10	
136 THOUSAND 026 DOLLARS 50 CENTS		FIRST BANK & TRUST COMPANY	
PAY TO THE ORDER OF:		DATE	AMOUNT
DCI/SHIRES, INC		1/21/2021	\$*136026.50
P.O. BOX 1259		AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	
BLUDFIELD		<i>[Signature]</i>	
WV 24701		Security Features Included	