



MARTINSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING AGENDA

Monday, May 12, 2025

Martinsville's Vision

Martinsville is a thriving, full-service city centrally located in southern Virginia, offering excellent education and superior quality of life in a picturesque setting while embracing inclusivity and opportunities to ensure a sustainable and fulfilling lifestyle to live, visit, and grow.

Martinsville's Mission

Martinsville City proudly promotes a safe, healthy, thriving community dedicated to delivering excellent services and meaningful public participation.

PRESIDING: LC Jones, Mayor

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS: Kathy Lawson, Vice Mayor
Julian Mei
Rayshaun Gravely
Aaron Rawls

STAFF: Aretha R. Ferrell-Benavides, City Manager & City Clerk
Peyton Nibblett, Deputy City Clerk
Law Offices of Sands Anderson, City Attorney



AMENDED

Changes have been highlighted.

Special Session - 7pm, Council Chambers

- 2. Call to Order**
- 3. Pledge to the American Flag**
- 4. Invocation**
- 5. Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026**
 - a. Public Hearing on City Schools' Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026
 - b. Discuss and Consider City Schools' Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026
 - c. Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026
 - d. Discuss and Consider Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 **Budget Ordinance First Reading**
- 6. Budget Workshop**
- 7. Adjournment**



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Robert Floyd, Budget Administrator, Aretha R. Ferrell-Benavides, City Manager

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider City Schools' Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: May 12, 2025

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF SCHOOL BUDGET

2025-2026

FUND	PROJECTED REVENUES	BUDGETED EXPENDITURES	CHANGES FUND BALANCE
Cafeteria*	\$2,353,337	\$2,353,337	\$0
School – Federal Programs*	\$2,461,426	\$2,461,426	\$0
School Operating*	\$29,388,323	\$29,388,323	\$0
TOTALS:	\$34,203,086	\$34,203,086	\$0

*Information on cafeteria and school operating funds is provided by school personnel.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

Pursuant to Sections 15.2-2506 and 58.1-3007 of the Code of Virginia, notice is hereby given that a public hearing is scheduled for May 8, 2025 at 7:00 P.M on the proposed Tax Rates for Calendar Year 2025 and the City Budget for F.Y. 2025-2026. Interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and present their views. The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located at 55 West Church Street, Martinsville, Virginia

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

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Available Budget: N/A

Purchase Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

1. City Council Approve Proposed City Schools' Budget
2. City Council Do Not Approve Proposed City Schools' Budget
3. Other Action as Determined by Council

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Aretha R. Ferrell-Benavides, City Manager, Robert Floyd, Budget Administrator

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance First Reading

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: May 12, 2025

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF BUDGET ESTIMATES INCLUDING SCHOOL BUDGET 2025-2026

FUND	PROJECTED REVENUES	BUDGETED EXPENDITURES	CHANGES FUND BALANCE
General	\$37,778,566	\$37,490,923	287,643
Refuse	\$2,092,200	\$2,092,200	\$0
Telecom	\$2,369,788	\$2,369,788	\$0
Water/Waste Water	\$9,590,490	\$9,542,272	\$48,218
Electric	\$26,075,621	\$26,075,284	\$337
Streets	\$4,442,000	\$4,442,000	\$0
Stormwater	\$420,620	\$0	\$420,620
Non-Emergency Transport	\$421,016	\$382,742	\$38,274
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TOTALS:	\$117,393,387	\$116,598,295	\$795,092

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Notice is also given that the City Council of the City of Martinsville will conduct a public hearing and hear comments on the **Martinsville City School Board**

Budget in the amounts stated in the above Summary of Budget Estimates

Tax Rates:

Real Estate**: \$0.7792 per \$100 assessed value
Personal Property: \$2.30 per \$100 assessed value (unchanged)
Machinery/Tools: \$1.85 per \$100 assessed value (unchanged)

No changes are proposed to
the current meals tax rate,
lodging tax rate and
cigarette tax rate

Electric Rates:

4.5% average increase across all
categories

Water & Sewer Rates

Unchanged.

Stormwater Rate

Unchanged

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FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF BUDGET ESTIMATES INCLUDING
SCHOOL BUDGET
2025-2026**

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Electric Rates:

4.5% average increase across all categories

Water & Sewer Rates

Unchanged.

Stormwater Rate

Unchanged

Available Budget: N/A

Purchase Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

1. City Council Approve Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget
2. City Council Do Not Approve Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget
3. Other Action as Determined Necessary by Council

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Budget Ordinance FY 25-26

ORDINANCE 2025-2
The Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia in regular session assembled May 20, 2025,
that the following sums of money be and hereby are appropriated – by specific Fund – for the City’s fiscal year
ending June 30, 2026 from the following Fund sources of estimated revenue:

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF BUDGET ESTIMATES INCLUDING SCHOOL BUDGET
2025-2026

FUND	PROJECTED REVENUES	BUDGETED EXPENDITURES	CHANGES FUND BALANCE
General	\$37,765,652	\$37,726,257	\$39,395
Refuse	\$2,092,200	\$2,092,200	\$0
Telecom	\$2,369,788	\$2,369,788	\$0
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TOTALS:	\$117,380,473	\$116,833,629	\$546,844

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BY THE ORDER OF MARTINSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Ayes:

Nays: