



MARTINSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, May 13, 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.

Work Session - 6pm, Rm 208; Municipal Building

- 1. Workshop with Charter Review Committee**
- 2. Discuss Consent Agenda Items**
 - a. Discuss and Consider the Following Meeting Minutes: April 22, 2025; and April 29, 2025

Regular Session - 7pm, Council Chambers

- 3. Call to Order**
- 4. Pledge to the American Flag**
- 5. Invocation**
- 6. Presentations and Proclamations**
 - a. Presentation of a Proclamation Honoring Business Appreciation Month
 - b. Presentation of a Proclamation Honoring National Police Week
- 7. Consent Agenda**
 - a. Discuss and Consider the Following Meeting Minutes: April 22, 2025; and April 29, 2025
- 8. Regular Agenda or New Business**
 - a. Discuss and Consider Approval of March 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes (Tabled by Council on April 1, 2025)
 - b. Discuss and Consider Refuse Ordinance
 - c. Discuss and Consider Temporary Lease Options for City Staff
 - d. Discuss and Consider Virginia Municipal League (VML) Policy Committee Nominations/Appointments
 - e. Discuss and Consider Proposed Real Estate Tax Rate for FY 25-26 (Tabled by Council on May 6, 2025)
 - f. Discuss and Consider Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance First Reading (Tabled by Council on May 12, 2025)
- 9. Take any action necessary based on Confidential Legal Memorandum as Result of Ongoing Opioid Litigation**

10. City Hall Reporting & Announcements

- a. Financial Update
- b. Public Information Officer

11. Communications from Visitors / Business from the Floor

Description: The purpose of City Council Meetings is to conduct the City's Business. City Council allows for public comment, limited to matters on which the Council has the power and authority to act and are not listed on the printed agenda. Participation: Citizens who wish to participate in a meeting's public comment period may do so by signing up at the podium at the entrance prior to the beginning of the meeting, emailing their comments to Peyton Nibblett, Deputy City Clerk, at pnibblett@martinsvilleva.gov, calling in their comments to 276-403-5196, or mailing comments to the City of Martinsville, attn.: Peyton Nibblett, Martinsville, VA 24114 (a.) Comments, or a request to speak, must be received by noon the day before a Council meeting for consideration by the Council at the meeting. (b.) Any person submitting comments or requesting to speak must identify themselves by name and address, including zip code. (c.) Remarks are to be limited to 3 minutes or less (as read aloud), address a topic of City business, and refrain from making any personal references or accusations of a factually false and/or malicious nature. (d.) Priority for comments is given to City residents, taxpayers, and business owners. (e.) Speakers may not yield time. f. Groups of speakers on the same topic must designate a single representative. Comments violating these rules may not be presented at the Council meeting. (g.) Any speaker violating these rules may be removed from the podium or from the Council Chamber. (h.) This policy does not apply to public hearings, at which any citizen of Martinsville may appear and speak on the subject of the public hearing.

12. Comments by Members of City Council

13. Comments from City Manager

14. Adjournment