



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



April 22, 2025
Martinsville City Council Meeting Minutes

6:00 pm - Work Session

Council Chambers, Municipal Building

Members Present: Mayor Jones, Vice Mayor Lawson, Aaron Rawls, Julian Mei, & Rayshaun Gravely

1. **Briefings and Presentations**

a. Electric Department Update

i. Presented by Electric Department Director, Durwin Joyce. Largest Outages were August 19th, November 24th, December 11th, and March 16th. Ongoing pole replacements, substation transformer replacements, and negotiations to continue for a power supply for CY 2026-2028 with soon to come RFP. Capacity costs update consisted of unprecedented costs increase in the PJM capacity auction will lead to higher costs beginning in June 2025. Across the 13 state region, this year 2.2 billion was paid to generators. For June - May 26 planning period, PJM will pay \$14.7 billion to generation owners. Currently pushback from legislators. Minet Billing will begin being processed through Utility Billing on May 15, with goals to increase efficiency.

b. Building Relocation Options Briefing

i. Presented by Greg Maggard, Public Works Managing Director, and Eric Payne, Interim Managing Director of Development. Municipal Building was built in the late 1960s with a life expectancy of 50 years. In 2018, the building exceeding its use of life. Building concerns surrounding air quality and deterioration of building infrastructure. A show cause order was entered by multiple judges on September 8, 2024. The show cause order outlined numerous deficiencies, immediate remediation actions, and requirements for additional testing and investigating. A test on February 2nd revealed elevated levels of particles in the air quality. In regards to the Show Cause Order, staff has inspected and repaired all known leaks within the building. Additional insulation was added to pipes within Judge Ziglar's courtroom. Air quality testing occurred on February 2nd and April 3rd 2025. And discussion on the potential relocation of Municipal staff and the results of the Facility Condition Assessment.



The City has selected a potential contractor to begin the Facility Condition Assessment on the Municipal Building. The engagement contract is undergoing legal review and is expected to be executed this week.

Remediation Effort Update

- Building Condition Assessment Underway
- Building-Wide Air Duct Cleaning
- Fire Department Inspections
- Judge Ziglar's Space Cleaning

Options for Relocation Include

- 101 E. Commonwealth Blvd. (Clocktower Building)
- Modular Trailers
- 730 E. Church St (Patrick and Henry Mall)
- 1 Ellsworth St (Old BB&T Building)
- 8 Lester St
- 20 Elsworth St

2. Discuss Consent Agenda Items

- a. Discuss and Consider Approval of April 1, 2025; April 7, 2025; and April 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes
- b. Discuss and Consider Approval of Facilitator-Provided Retreat Meeting Minutes for February 28, 2025

7:00 PM - Regular Session

Council Chambers, Martinsville Municipal Building

Members Present: Mayor Jones, Vice Mayor Lawson, Aaron Rawls, Julian Mei, & Rayshaun Gravely

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge to American Flag
3. Invocation
 - a. Led by Councilwoman Kathy Lawson
4. Presentations and Proclamations
 - a. Proclamation Honoring April 25, 2025 as National Arbor Day
 - i. Presented to Heather Loberger of the City of Martinsville Tree Board
 - b. Proclamation Honoring April 2025 as National Sexual Assault Awareness Month
 - i. Presented to Tamika Whitfield of Southside Survivors Response Center
 - c. Proclamation Honoring April 2025 as National Autism Awareness Month



- i. Presented to Billie White of PHS Autism Center
- d. Proclamation Honoring the week of May 4-10, 2025 National Corrections Officers and Employees Week
 - i. Presented to Sheriff Steve Draper and Major Laura Hopkins of the Martinsville Sheriff's Department
- e. Presentation of FY 25-26 Proposed Capital Projects
 - i. Presented by Chief Operations Officer, Edena Reese-Atmore. A presentation of Capital Improvement Projects for FY 2025-26. These are requests and not recommendations at this time. Aging Infrastructure was the largest challenge for the Capital Budget. A Capital Improvement plan should aim to have lasting impact for the future, approx. 5 years. Questions were asked by Council regarding the possibility of joint collaboration between Henry County Sheriffs' Office and Martinsville Sherriffs' Office for the housing of inmates – Major Hopkins answered that conversations are underway and that Henry County and Martisnvile Sheriiffs' Offices have been very collaborative. Questions were also raised regarded the Refuse Toters, Public Works would like to standardize cans and the retrofit to garbage trucks in order to implement the Refuse Ordinance being considered by Council. The current status of the Hydroelectric Dam was a subject of discussion; as of current, the Electric Department is seeking avenues that support the revival of the system. Currently working to source missing and outdated pieces in order to bring the system to functioning capacity. Currently working on possibility of grants for the purchasing of new generator units.

5. Consent Agenda

- a. Discuss and Consider Approval of April 1, 2025; April 7, 2025; and April 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes
 - i. Approved with a Motion made by Vice Mayor Lawson and Seconded by Councilman Rayshaun Gravley. Approved with the following 5:0 vote: Mayor Jones, aye; Vice Mayor Lawson, aye; Councilman Mei, aye; Councilman Gravely, aye; Councilman Rawls, aye.
- b. Discuss and Consider Approval of Facilitator-Provided Retreat Meeting Minutes for February 28, 2025
 - i. Approved with a Motion made by Vice Mayor Lawson and Seconded by Councilman Julian Mei. Approved with the following 5:0 vote: Mayor Jones, aye; Vice Mayor Lawson, aye; Councilman Mei, aye; Councilman Gravely, aye; Councilman Rawls, aye.



6. Regular Agenda or New Business

a. Discuss and Consider Building Relocation Options

- i. New Option for Consideration: Clocktower on Commonwealth.
- ii. Discuss and Consider 1 Ellsworth Lease Option
 1. Must give an answer by April 30th.
 2. 8 Lester for Utility Billing, Finance, Treasurer, Commissioner of Revenue, Public Works Office, Electric Department, MiNet Department on the second floor. Timeline for renovations are uncertain at the time, approx. 8 months to a year.
 3. John Garland, Bill Holland, Walt Boyle presented BB&T option to Council. Next March would likely be the earliest to move in. Temporary relocations would have to be considered.
 - a. Council requested more time to review materials and reach a discussion. Will be brought back at a future meeting.

b. Discuss and Consider the Allocation of Funds for the Development of the Commonwealth Waterline

- i. Presented by Greg Maggard, Managing Director of Public Works. An extension of 3,000 LF of waterline along Commonwealth Boulevard West to Memorial Blvd (approx. 12 lots). Project cost estimate is approximately 1.2 million. Pending Development Pro Forms, Firestone Tires estimates 10-12 new employees and Popeyes 60 new employees (40 FTE). Andrew Palmer of the Lester Group spoke on the timeline. Firestone will not close without firm commitment. Lester is working on the building of Chipotle and Commonwealth Blvd is experiencing frequent interest.
 1. Council requested more time to review materials and reach a discussion. Will be brought back at a future meeting.



- c. Discuss and Consider Approval of Resolution Approving Lease Purchase Financing with Bank of America Public Capital Corp - Direct Bank Loan to acquire Equipment
 - i. Presented by Davenport
 - ii. Council Approved the Resolution with a Motion made by Vice Mayor Lawson and Seconded by Councilman Mei. Approved with the following 5:0 vote: Mayor Jones, aye; Vice Mayor Lawson, aye; Councilman Mei, aye; Councilman Gravely, aye; Councilman Rawls, aye.
- d. Discuss and Consider Update to the Joint Dispatch Center By-Laws
 - i. Presented by Fire Chief Howell.
 - ii. Bylaws last updated in 1988, the current charters focus on updating terms and language within the bylaws. The E911 Board is requesting the City Council to review and approve the changes to the Joint Dispatch Center Bylaws.
 - iii. Approved with a Motion made by Councilman Julian Mei and Seconded by Vice Mayor Lawson. Approved with the following 5:0 vote: Mayor Jones, aye; Vice Mayor Lawson, aye; Councilman Mei, aye; Councilman Gravely, aye; Councilman Rawls, aye.
- e. Discuss and Consider Approval of the receipt and expense for the awarded Operation Ceasefire Grant. This is a revision to the revenue and expense budget for the General fund.
 - i. Presented by Chief Fincher.
 - ii. Expansion of the Raven Gunshot Detection System. A ceasefire grant was applied for by the Police Department to allow for a test of gunshot detectors; several areas had gaps and uncovered. Funds were requested from the Attorney General in order to cover the remaining gaps around the city. Construction of the expansion has begun. Presentation being given to Council and city for the sake of transparency to explain how the funds came about; they came about as part of a MOU agreement with the Virginia Office of the Attorney General.
 - iii. Approved with a Motion made by Vice Mayor Lawson and Seconded by Councilman Julian Mei. Approved with the following 5:0 vote: Mayor Jones, aye; Vice Mayor Lawson, aye; Councilman Mei, aye; Councilman Gravely, aye; Councilman Rawls, aye.



7. Take any action necessary as a result of the Executive session.
 - a. None.
8. City Hall Reporting and Announcements
 - a. Financial Update moved to May 13th
 - b. Public Information Update
9. Business From the Floor
 - a. None
10. Comments by Members of Council
11. Comments by City Manager
12. Adjournment
 - a. Mayor made the motion to adjourn at 9:30 PM.



April 29, 2025
Martinsville City Council Meeting Minutes

Precinct 2 Community Meeting/ Special Session, 5 PM

Virginia Museum of Natural History, Walker Lecture Hall

Members Present: All members present.

A tour of Precinct 2 was taken by members of Council and Department Directors. Then presentations were given by Department Directors: Police, Fire, Electric, & Community Development. Budget and Procurement Director, Robert Floyd, also gave a presentation of the proposed FY 25-26 Budget.

Special Meeting/Session, 6 PM

Virginia Museum of Natural History, Walker Lecture Hall

Members Present: All members present.

1. Call to Order
 - a. The Mayor called the meeting to order beginning at 7 PM.
2. Pledge to the Flag
3. Invocation
4. Public Hearing
 - a. Public Hearing: Land Conveyance of Parcel on 302 Clearview Dr.
 - i. Motion to recess as Martinsville City Council and reconvene as Martinsville Housing and Redevelopment Authority made by Julian Mei and seconded by Kathy Lawson. Approved by 5:0 vote: Mayor Jones, aye; Kathy Lawson, aye; Julian Mei, aye; Rayshaun Gravely, aye; and Aaron Rawls, aye.
 - ii. Motion to open Public Hearing made by Kathy Lawson and seconded by Julian Mei. Approved by 5:0 vote: Mayor Jones, aye; Kathy Lawson, aye; Julian Mei, aye; Rayshaun Gravely, aye; and Aaron Rawls, aye.
 - iii. Motion to Close Public Hearing made by Kathy Lawson and seconded by Julian Mei. Approved by 5:0 vote: Mayor Jones, aye;



Kathy Lawson, aye; Julian Mei, aye; Rayshaun Gravely, aye; and Aaron Rawls, aye.

- iv. Motion to recess as Martinsville Redevelopment and Housing Authority and convene as Martinsville City Council made by Kathy Lawson and seconded by Julian Mei. Approved by 5:0 vote: Mayor Jones, aye; Kathy Lawson, aye; Julian Mei, aye; Rayshaun Gravely, aye; and Aaron Rawls, aye.
- v. Motion to open public hearing as City Council made by Kathy Lawson and seconded by Julian Mei. Approved by 5:0 vote: Mayor Jones, aye; Kathy Lawson, aye; Julian Mei, aye; Rayshaun Gravely, aye; and Aaron Rawls, aye.
- vi. Motion to close public hearing as City Council made by Kathy Lawson and seconded by Julian Mei. Approved by 5:0 vote: Mayor Jones, aye; Kathy Lawson, aye; Julian Mei, aye; Rayshaun Gravely, aye; and Aaron Rawls, aye.

5. Regular Agenda

- a. Discuss and Consider Approval of Land Conveyance of 302 Clearview Dr.
 - i. Motion to approve subject to legal recommendation made by legal counsel made by Kathy Lawson and seconded by Julian Mei. Approved by 5:0 vote: Mayor Jones, aye; Kathy Lawson, aye; Julian Mei, aye; Rayshaun Gravely, aye; and Aaron Rawls, aye.
- b. Discuss and Consider Building Relocation Options
 - i. Motion to approve exercise an option of 1 Ellsworth Lease Option made by Julian Mei and seconded by Aaron Rawls. Approved by 5:0 vote: Mayor Jones, aye; Kathy Lawson, aye; Julian Mei, aye; Rayshaun Gravely, aye; and Aaron Rawls, aye.
- c. Discuss and Consider the Allocation of Funds for the Development of the Commonwealth Waterline
 - i. Motion to approve made by Kathy Lawson and seconded by Julian Mei. Approved by 5:0 vote: Mayor Jones, aye; Kathy Lawson, aye; Julian Mei, aye; Rayshaun Gravely, aye; and Aaron Rawls, aye.



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Peyton Nibblett, Deputy City Clerk

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider Approval of March 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes (Tabled by Council on April 1, 2025)

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: May 13, 2025

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

Minutes were tabled on April 1, 2025 Meeting of the Martinsville City Council, The meeting minutes were tabled following a motion made by Julian Mei and seconded by Aaron Rawls with the following 5:0 vote: Councilman Mei, aye; Councilman Gravely, aye; Councilman Rawls, aye; Vice Mayor Lawson, aye; Mayor Jones, aye.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

Virginia Code 15.2-1242 as it pertains to the minutes of meetings and proceedings & § 2.2-3707.2 as it pertains to the posting of minutes.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

None

Available Budget: N/A

Purchase Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

1. City Council Approve Meeting Minutes
2. City Council Do Not Approve Meeting Minutes
3. Other Action as Determined Necessary by Council

ATTACHMENTS:

1. March 17 2025 Meeting Minutes (4)



March 17, 2025
Martinsville City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes

AMENDED PER COUNCIL MEETING 4/1/2025

5:00 pm - Closed, Executive Session Meeting

Room 208, Municipal Building

A Special Called, Closed meeting of the City of Martinsville, Virginia's Council, was posted on March 13, 2025 and held on March 17, 2025, at 5:00 PM in Conference Room 208, Martinsville Municipal Building, Martinsville, VA. Council Members participating included Vice Mayor, Kathy Lawson; Julian Mei, Rayshaun Gravely, and Mayor Jones. Council Member, Aaron Rawls was absent. 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 Council Member Mei and adopted with the following 4-0 recorded vote: Council Member Mei, aye; Mayor Jones, aye; Vice Mayor Lawson, aye; Council Member Gravely, aye. Council convened in Closed Session to discuss the following matters:

- A. 2.2-3711 A (1) Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; In regards to the City Manager and City Attorney position.



Certification of Closed Session

Motioned by Lawson and seconded by Mei, that the City Council certify that only those matters permitted by the Code of Virginia Sec. 2.2-3711 and specifically referenced in the motion to enter closed session were discussed during the closed session.

Approved with the following 4-0 vote: Councilman Gravely, aye; Councilman Mei, aye; Vice Mayor Lawson, aye; Mayor Jones, aye.

Action taken as a result of Closed Session; Council reported out a decision by Council to offer the City Manager a 15% increase to her total compensation based on the October 8, 2024, performance assessment. There was much deliberation; the original motion made by Kathy Lawson failed **due to an amended motion being made**. Council discussed the phrasal of the motion and once they reached an agreement, the motion was made by Councilman Mei authorizing Mayor Jones to complete the negotiations with the City Manager and Human Resources, the motion was then seconded by Vice Mayor Lawson. Approved with the following vote: Councilman Gravely, aye; Councilman Mei, aye; Vice Mayor Lawson, aye; Mayor Jones, aye. Councilman Rawls was absent from the meeting. Approved with a 4:0 Vote with 1 Absent.

Mayor motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM.



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Greg Maggard, Managing Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider Refuse Ordinance

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: Public Works

MEETING DATE: May 13, 2025

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

Chapter 18, Article 2 of the City Code has not been updated since 1982. This article deals primarily with the city's administration, enforcement, and collection of refuse. The current article is vague and requires antiquated enforcement actions.

The revised Article 2 provides additional definitions for clarity, allows for more effective enforcement, and increases efficiency in collection operations.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

The key outcome of Part 2.2 of the City's Strategic Plan is clean, attractive, and vibrant neighborhoods and communities. The revisions proposed in this Article meet this key outcome by providing for increased administration, enforcement, and refuse collection.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

Refuse Enterprise Fund will be used to purchase additional 8-yard dumpsters and electrical locks.

Available Budget: 19,500.00

Purchase Amount: 12,000.00

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve first reading of Solid Waste Ordinance

2. Deny first reading of Solid Waste Ordinance
3. Other action as directed by Council

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Refuse Ordinance Rewrite

STAFF REPORT

MEETINGS: January 14, 2025

TITLE: First Reading of Chapter 18-Solid Waste Ordinance

STAFF RESPONSIBLE Greg Maggard

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Chapter 18, Article 2 of the City Code has not been updated since 1982. This article deals primarily with the city's administration, enforcement, and collection of refuse. The current article is vague and requires antiquated enforcement actions.

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FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

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AVAILABLE BUDGET

19,500.00

PURCHASE AMOUNT

12,000.00

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES:

- Approve first reading of Solid Waste Ordinance
- Deny first reading of Solid Waste Ordinance
- Other action as directed by Council

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft ordinance
2. Summary of Changes

STAFF REPORT

City of Martinsville, Virginia

Ordinance No. 2025-__

WHEREAS, the City of Martinsville is empowered through Chapter 1, Section 2-19 and 2-20 of the Martinsville City Charter to provide for the collection and disposal of garbage, trash and other refuse, and to compel the abatement and removal of all public nuisances within the city; to require all lands, lots and other premises within the city to be kept clean and sanitary; and generally to define, prohibit, abate, suppress and prevent all things detrimental to the health, morals, comfort, safety, convenience and welfare of the inhabitants of the city; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Martinsville is likewise empowered pursuant to Chapter 9 of Title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, to require that owners of real property keep their premises free from accumulations of solid waste and other public nuisances, and to remediate such nuisance conditions at such time or times as the City Council may prescribe; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Martinsville is further empowered pursuant to § 15.2-1115 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, to compel the abatement or removal of all nuisances and to abate such nuisances at the cost of noncompliant landowners; and to assess liens against properties for such abatement expense; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Martinsville has determined that the accumulation of solid waste on real property within the City is harmful to public health; tends to harbor or serve as a breeding ground for mosquitos, rodents and other animals harmful to public health; tends to diminish neighborhood housing values and is otherwise injurious to the public health, safety and welfare and constitutes a public nuisance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of -Martinsville, Virginia, in Regular Session held ____, 2025 that Sections 18-13 through 18-25 of the Code of the City of Martinsville be amended to hereafter read as follows:

Secs. 18-3—18-12. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. REFUSE

Sec. 18-13. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Asbestos-containing material (ACM) means any material or product, which contains more than one (1) percent asbestos.

Ashes means the residue from the burning of wood, coal, coke or other combustible materials.

Bulk container means a metal or plastic receptacle or container designed and constructed for the storing of solid waste until its collection for disposal and which can be mechanically lifted, hoisted or rolled on or off and emptied by mechanical collection vehicles.

Bulk solid waste means items of solid waste, such as furniture, bedding, mattresses, brush, and similar items, which are acceptable for collection by the city but because of their size, bulk or weight, require special collection procedures other than those required and provided for garbage and debris. The term includes white goods and other forms of solid waste otherwise acceptable for collection when bundled, bagged or otherwise collected or assembled in such a way that such waste requires special collection procedures other than those required and provided for garbage and debris.

Collection means the process or activity required to collect, remove and convey solid waste from its source or location to a site for final disposal.

Commercial premises means any premises or property upon which a wholesale, retail, service, manufacturing or processing business is located or conducted, including, but not limited to, restaurants, hotels, motels, markets, stores and other outlets, theaters, warehouses, factories, processing and manufacturing plants or facilities, automobile sales rooms, service stations and repair shops and offices of every kind; and the premises or property of organizations and institutions, such as, and including, all schools, hospitals, churches, clubs and societies; and any premises or property upon which is located an apartment building or buildings, other than condominiums, containing an aggregate of four (4) or more single-family dwelling units or apartments; and all other premises not defined herein as for a residential premises.

Commercial solid waste means the solid waste generated, produced or accumulated upon commercial premises.

Condominiums means premises, including the land and buildings thereon, containing multiple dwelling units or apartments, each of which is or may be separately owned, and the undivided interests in the common elements of such premises which are vested in the unit owners and which have been lawfully created pursuant to the Condominium Act contained in chapter 4.2 of title 55 (section 55-79.39 et seq.) of the Code of Virginia.

Container means a receptacle designed, and required or permitted by this chapter, for the purpose of storing garbage and debris until its collection for disposal.

Contractor means any person or firm who shall agree, written or otherwise, to perform work in return for compensation in any form.

Debris means nonputrescible solid waste consisting of both combustible and noncombustible wastes, such as paper, cardboard, wood, rags, sweepings, and similar discarded materials.

Director means the Director of the Department of Public Works of the City.

Disposal means the delivery and deposit of solid waste to and at an approved disposal facility for final processing or storage.

Friable asbestos means any material containing more than one (1) percent asbestos by weight which, when dry, may be crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder by hand pressure. Friable asbestos shall be considered hazardous waste.

Garbage means putrescible animal or vegetable waste resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking or serving of food.

Hazardous waste means a hazardous waste as described by the Virginia Hazardous Waste Regulation or the EPA.

Infectious waste means solid or liquid wastes, which contain pathogens with sufficient virulence and quantity so that exposure to the waste by a susceptible host could result in an infectious disease.

Placement means the placing of all types of solid waste for collection and disposal.

Premises means any lot or parcel of land, together with any building, part of a building or group of buildings located thereon, which constitutes a single property.

Public property means and includes all public streets and highways, including the curbs, gutters and median strips thereof, sidewalks, alleys, parking lots and other public rights-of-way, and all public parks, playgrounds, buildings and grounds.

Refuse means all putrescible and nonputrescible solid waste, whether combustible or noncombustible, including garbage, debris, ashes, dead animals, and materials resulting from industrial, commercial, domestic and community activities, but excluding hazardous wastes, body wastes and the sludges, screenings, pumpings and residue from cesspools, septic tanks sewage and infectious wastes.

Residential premises means and includes a single-family dwelling, any premises or property upon which is located an apartment building containing less than four (4) single-family dwelling units or apartments, all condominiums and all other property or premises not defined herein as commercial premises.

Residential solid waste means the solid waste generated, produced or accumulated upon residential premises.

Solid waste means and includes garbage, refuse, ashes, grass clippings, trees, shrubs, and yard waste, as well as bulk solid waste, commercial solid waste, and hazardous waste.

Solid waste removal contractor means a person licensed by the City to engage in the collection, removal and disposal of solid waste as a private business venture.

White goods means solid waste in the form of appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, stoves, washers, dryers, air conditioners, and all other types of appliances.

Yard waste means lawn clippings, tree and shrub trimmings, limbs, tree trunks, leaves, and other such arboreal material.

Sec. 18-14. Supervision of collection and disposal; administration and enforcement.

(a) The collection and disposal of solid waste under the provisions of this chapter shall be under the supervision and direction of the Director of Public Works, who, by and with the consent of and subject to the control of the City Manager, shall also be in charge generally of the administration and enforcement of this chapter.

(b) City Council declares the accumulation of litter, garbage, refuse, or any other variety of solid waste upon real property within the City, other than as prescribed in this chapter, to be a public nuisance. Whenever it is observed that any person is accumulating, preparing, storing, conveying, or disposing of solid waste within the City in a manner contrary to the requirements of this chapter, the Director or his/her designee, shall, except as hereinafter provided, serve the owner of such parcel, or on the occupant thereof, or both, notice to cause such violations to be removed from such land or premises within three (3) days from the date of such notice.

(c) Service of the notice provided for in subsection (b) shall be by first class mail, personal delivery by delivering it to the owner or by delivering it and leaving it in possession of any person in charge of the premises, or posting in a conspicuous place upon the parcel; provided, however, that if the parcel is unoccupied and the owner is unknown or cannot be found by the exercise of due diligence, such notice shall be sufficient against the owner if given by first class mail to the owner's last known mailing address as indicated on the tax records of the City, and posted in a conspicuous place upon the land or premises. The Director of Public Works, or his/her designee, is hereby authorized to deliver or post such notices.

(d) Failure to comply with the terms of a notice issued and served as provided in this section within the time prescribed in such notice shall constitute a class 4 misdemeanor, and each day thereafter that the violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. In addition to any penalties imposed hereunder, the City may institute legal action to enjoin the continuing violation of this section and may remove or contract for the removal of such violation, in which event the cost and expenses thereof, including administrative fees as prescribed by the City of Martinsville Fee Schedule, shall be chargeable to and paid by the owner or occupant of the parcel. Any such charge which is not paid within sixty (60) days of the date on which it is billed to the owner of such land or premises shall constitute a lien upon the property and may be collected in any manner provided by law for the collection of taxes, or in the same manner provided by law for liens of judgments; provided, however, that no such lien shall be valid against any owner of a parcel unless notice was issued as prescribed in this section.

(e) Upon receipt of the written notice described above, the property owner may appeal the order to the City Manager. Such appeal must be made in writing during the three-day interval given in the notice from the Director of Public Works, or his/her designee. Any actions required in the notice shall be delayed pending the City Manager's response to the appeal.

(f) If the owner or occupant fails to abate the public nuisance as required, the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to use City forces to abate the nuisance or, at his/her option, the Director of Public Works may contract for this abatement on behalf of the City with a private contractor which abatement expenses shall be paid by the owner and/or occupant and subject to collection as prescribed in subsections (h), (i), (j), and (k) below.

(g) Any owner or occupant may abate the violation themselves without liability to the City, provided that they do so before commencement of abatement by City personnel or contractors.

(h) The Director of Public Works shall keep an account of the cost of abating violations under this article and embody such account in periodic reports with assessment lists, which shall be transmitted to the City Clerk and the Director of Finance at convenient intervals. The copy retained by the City Clerk shall be available for public inspection. The report shall refer to each parcel as to which a violation was abated, by description sufficient to identify the parcel and specify in addition to the cost of abatement an additional charge for each such parcel to be assessed against the owner or owners including administrative fees as prescribed by the City of Martinsville Fee Schedule.

(i) The Director of Finance or his/her designee shall bill the owner or occupant of the land assessed with the costs of abatement, for the costs of such abatement and for the administrative fees as prescribed and as shown on the assessment report.

(j) Whenever a bill for such assessments remains unpaid for sixty (60) days after the billing date, the City Clerk shall record with the Clerk of the Circuit Court a statement of lien claim. This statement shall contain a description of the premises and the expenses and costs incurred, including, but not limited to, the costs of recordation. A copy of this statement shall be mailed to the owner or occupant if his/her address is known. Provided, however, the failure of the owner or occupant to receive such notice shall not affect the right to foreclose or otherwise enforce or collect on the lien for these assessments as provided in this section.

(k) The costs and expenses incurred by the City in such violation abatement, including administrative fees as prescribed by the City of Martinsville Fee Schedule, with which the owner and lienholder of any such property shall have been assessed and which remains unpaid shall constitute a lien against such property ranking on parity with liens for unpaid local taxes and enforceable in the same manner as provided in articles 3 and 4 of [chapter 39](#) of title 58.1 of the Code of Virginia or in the same manner provided by law for liens of judgment. The City Attorney is hereby authorized to institute such proceedings in the name of the City in the General District or Circuit Court for the City of Martinsville against any property for which the bill has remained unpaid sixty (60) days after it has been rendered.

Sec. 18-15. General container requirements.

- (a) It shall be the duty of every owner, lessee or occupant of any premises in the city where refuse is created to provide or cause to be provided a suitable container for such refuse, which container shall meet the requirements of this section.
- (b) It shall be the duty of every owner of an apartment or multiple-family dwelling containing more than four (4) individual units to provide an adequate number of large-volume dumpsters of a type approved by the Director of Public Works.
- (c) It shall be the duty of every owner, lessee or occupant of any premises in the city creating refuse in such volume between regularly scheduled collections that such refuse exceeds the

volume of five (5) thirty-two (32) gallon containers to provide an adequate number of large-volume dumpsters of a type approved by the Director of Public Works.

- (d) It shall be the duty of every owner, lessee or occupant of any premises in the city not subject to the provisions of subsection (b) or (c) above to provide or cause to be provided an adequate number of galvanized metal or plastic watertight, sanitary containers, each with a tight-fitting cover and two (2) side handles, having a minimum capacity of twenty (20) gallons and a maximum capacity of thirty-two (32) gallons.
- (e) Any refuse container shall hold its contents without leakage or spillage.
- (f) All refuse containers shall be kept tightly covered.

Sec. 18-16. Storage of ashes.

Ashes shall be stored in metal containers having a maximum capacity of twenty (20) gallons and shall be kept separate from garbage and rubbish.

Sec. 18-17. Condemnation of defective containers.

(a) Any solid waste container, on any premises within the City, which does not conform to the standards of design, construction or condition prescribed by this chapter shall be condemned by the Director or his/her designated agent and must be replaced by the owner, tenant, lessee or occupant of the premises within seven (7) days after such condemnation and, thereafter, shall not be used for the storage of solid waste until and unless brought into conformance with such standards.

(b) Notice of condemnation pursuant to this section shall be given by affixing or attaching to the container a tag or decal setting forth the date of and reason for its condemnation and advising that the container must be either brought into conformance with the required standards or replaced with an authorized container within seven (7) days after such condemnation and notice.

(c) Any condemned container which is not brought into compliance with the standards prescribed therefore or replaced as required and which is not removed from use by its owner within the time allowed therefore may be collected and disposed of by the City as solid waste.

Sec. 18-18. Collection generally.

- (a) All refuse shall be collected by the city at regular intervals no less frequently than once per week. It shall be the duty of every owner, lessee or occupant having one or more large-volume dumpsters to see that such dumpsters are accessible for emptying. It shall be the duty of every other owner, lessee or occupant to place or cause to be placed their refuse container at the side of the curb line of the premises, at a location accessible to the collection crews, unless such owner, lessee or occupant has been exempted from the requirement of curbside placement by the Director of Public Works under the provisions of this section. Bulk solid waste, such as paper, cardboard or wooden boxes, must be flattened and tied in bundles with heavy, stout cord, such bundles not to exceed thirty-six (36) inches in length or breadth, twenty (20) inches in height and fifty (50) pounds in weight, unless

special arrangements are made with the Director of Public works for the collection of such items.

- (b) It shall be unlawful for any nonresident of the city, or any owner or occupant of a property situated within the city limits, or any agent of either, to bring refuse of any kind from outside the city into the city, or from another collection site located within the city, and deposit it anywhere in the city for collection by the city or its agent.
- (c) It shall be unlawful to transfer refuse generated at one site in the city to another site in the city for collection, without the prior written approval of the Director of Public Works.
- (d) The Director of Public Works may excuse any owner, lessee or occupant of any residential premises in the city from the duty of placing their refuse at the curb line for collection, if the director finds, from the written statements of a medical doctor, that such owner, lessee or occupant is physically or medically unable to place the refuse at the curb line.

Charter reference(s)—Authority of city to collect and dispose of garbage and other waste, Ch. 1, § 2(19).

Sec. 18-18.1. Collection of refuse in Uptown.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to place any item of solid waste upon the streets, sidewalks or other public areas within the Uptown Martinsville Historic District. Every owner, lessee or occupant of any premises in the Uptown Martinsville Historic District shall dispose of all items of solid waste acceptable for collection by the City in dumpsters to be provided by the city and placed at various locations throughout the Uptown Martinsville Historic District. All refuse shall be collected by the city at regular intervals no less frequently than once per week. Nothing herein shall prohibit occupants of real property within the district from contracting for individual dumpster service for their premises.

Sec. 18-18.2. Certain solid waste not to be collected by the City.

The collection, removal and disposal of the following types or items of solid waste shall be the sole responsibility of the owner, tenant, lessee and occupant of the premises upon which the solid waste is produced, generated or accumulated and shall not be collected by the City for disposal:

- (1) Hazardous or infectious waste. The Public Works Department will assist the residential owner or occupant in arranging proper disposal of hazardous or infectious waste on a case-by-case basis.

(2) Solid waste, which is not prepared, stored and placed for collection in acceptable containers, or which is otherwise not in accordance with, or which exceeds the weight, size, volume or quantity prescribed by, the requirements of this chapter.

(3) Any item of solid waste, which, because of its size, bulk, shape or weight, two (2) employees cannot safely and conveniently lift and place into a collection vehicle.

(4) Solid waste resulting from construction, reconstruction, repair, renovation, demolition or work by a contractor.

(5) Body wastes and the sludges, screenings, pumpings and residue from cesspools, septic tanks and sewage.

(6) Earth, rocks and soil.

(7) Motor vehicles or parts of motor vehicles.

(8) Any item of solid waste which will damage the collection equipment or injure collection personnel.

Sec. 18-19. Removal of containers from curb after collection.

After the collection of refuse by the city collectors, all refuse containers placed at the curb line of the premises shall be returned by the owner, lessee or occupant to the premises by night of the day of collection and shall there remain until the next day of collection.

(Ord. of 8-24-1982, § 8-12)

Sec. 18-20. Rules and regulations of Director of Public Works concerning collection and handling.

The Director of Public Works in hereby authorized to promulgate such rules or regulations concerning the collection or handling of refuse as he/she may deem necessary, not in conflict with this Code or state law.

(Ord. of 8-24-1982, § 8-16)

Sec. 18-21. Suspension of collection service.

The Director of Public Works may, in his/her discretion, suspend refuse collection service to any person who fails or refuses to comply with this article or any rules or regulations lawfully promulgated thereunder.

Sec. 18-22. Public receptacles generally.

- (a) For the better appearance and beautification of the city, the Director of Public Works may cause to be placed, at any location deemed appropriate, public refuse receptacles for the deposit of trash, garbage, litter and rubbish. Such receptacles shall not be used for the disposal of refuse from residence or commercial establishments.
- (b) The Litter Receptacle Regulations adopted by the Department of Conservation and Economic Development of the Commonwealth of Virginia, November 22, 1978, pursuant to section 10-200 of the Code of Virginia, are hereby adopted and incorporated into this section by reference as if set forth herein verbatim.

Sec. 18-23. Damaging or defacing containers or public receptacles.

It shall be unlawful and a Class 3 misdemeanor for any person to disturb, damage or deface any refuse container placed at the curb line for collection or any public refuse receptacle.

Sec. 18-24. Violations of chapter.

Unless otherwise specifically provided, a violation of any provision of this chapter shall constitute a Class 4 misdemeanor.

Sec. 18-25. Fee schedule.*(a) Collection and landfill charges:*

Individual living units (one (1) pickup per week), per month: \$12.50

Dumpsters, commercial and apartments (for each time emptied), per container: \$22.50

Business not currently using dumpsters (for two (2) pickups per week), per month \$25.00

Additional fee per dumpster empty for call-in/empty on demand service \$5.00

(b) Landfill charges:

Unsplit tires (thirteen-inch and larger), each, not to exceed \$2.00

Car with bagged garbage only (minimum charges) \$1.50

All other vehicles, per ton \$45.20

Adopted upon second reading this ____ day of January, 2025. This ordinance shall become effective after ten days have elapsed from the date of adoption recited herein.

Mayor L.C. Jones: _____

Vice Mayor Kathy Lawson: _____

Council Member Aaron Rawls: _____

Council Member Rayshaun Gravely: _____

Council Member Julian Mei: _____

Attest:

Peyton Nibblett, Clerk of Council

Summary of Substantial Changes to Refuse Ordinance

8/16/2024

1. Section 18-13

Additional Definitions - Provides clarity to ordinance.

2. Section 18-14

Enforcement Revisions – Changes clearly outline the violation, notification, abatement, fine, and collection processes.

3. Section 18-15

Container Required – Current code requires all customers utilize a container.

4. Section 18-17

Container Requirements – Allows for removal of any trash container that is deemed no longer suitable to ensure refuse is properly contained.

5. Section 18-18.1

Uptown Collection – Would eliminate curbside pickup to all businesses in Uptown. Provides for centralized dumpsters throughout Uptown.

6. Section 18-18.2

Items Not for Pickup – Provides a list of specific items that will not be collected.



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Greg Maggard, Managing Director of Public Works, Eric Payne, Managing Director of Community Development

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider Temporary Lease Options for City Staff

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: Community Development

MEETING DATE: May 13, 2025

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

Due to current circumstances, staff have been directed to investigate alternative office spaces. A Facility Condition Assessment is scheduled to be completed, which may dictate the need to house all or part of the City Staff off-site or in temporary buildings. Multiple locations were visited, and the results of those visits have been summarized. Costs, building analysis, timelines, and building summaries will be discussed.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

Not Applicable

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

Unknown

Available Budget: Unknown

Purchase Amount: Unknown

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve Temporary Leasing Options
2. Do Not Approve Temporary Leasing Options
3. Other Action as Determined by Council

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Aretha R. Ferrell-Benavides, City Manager

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider Virginia Municipal League (VML) Policy Committee Nominations/ Appointments

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: May 13, 2025

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

Policy committees receive briefings on select statewide issues, consider possible changes to the policy statement, and develop legislative recommendations for the Legislative Committee to consider. Policy committee membership consists of elected and appointed officials of full-member local governments. Nomination information is sent in the spring to each locality, and each local government determines which of its officials will be nominated for each of the five policy committees. **Each local government may nominate up to two people per policy committee, at least one of whom must be an elected official.**

Policy Committees:

- Community & Economic Development
- Infrastructure, Transportation and Environmental Quality
- Finance
- Legal
- Human Development & Education

POLICY EXPLANATION:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

None

Available Budget: N/A

Purchase Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

1. City Council Appoint or Nominate Candidates to Serve on VML Legislative Committee
2. City Council Do Not Appoint or Nominate Candidates to serve on VML Legislative Committee
3. Other Action as Determined by Council

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

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

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider Proposed Real Estate Tax Rate for FY 25-26 (Tabled by Council on May 6, 2025)

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: May 13, 2025

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The City of Martinsville proposes to increase property tax levies.

1. Assessment Increase: Total assessed value of real property, excluding additional assessments due to new construction or improvements to property, exceeds last year's total assessed value of real property by 37.28 percent.

2. Lowered Rate Necessary to Offset Increased Assessment: The tax rate which would levy the same amount of real estate tax as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of real estate with the exclusions mentioned above, would be \$.7212 per \$100 of assessed value. This rate will be known as the "lowered tax rate."

3. Effective Rate Increase: The City of Martinsville proposes to adopt a tax rate of \$.7792 per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the proposed rate would be \$.0580 per \$100, or .8.5% percent. This difference will be known as the "effective tax rate increase." Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above percentage.

4. Proposed Total Budget Increase: Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues, the total budget of the City of Martinsville will exceed last year's by 7.4 percent.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

Pursuant to Section 58.1-3321 of the Code of Virginia, Effect on rate when assessment results in tax increase; public hearings; referendum.

A. When any annual assessment, biennial assessment, or general reassessment of real property by a county, city, or town would result in an increase of one percent or more in the total real property tax levied, such county, city, or town shall reduce its rate of levy for the forthcoming tax year so as to cause such rate of levy to produce no more than 101 percent of the previous

year's real property tax levies, unless subsection B is complied with, which rate shall be determined by multiplying the previous year's total real property tax levies by 101 percent and dividing the product by the forthcoming tax year's total real property assessed value. An additional assessment or reassessment due to the construction of new or other improvements, including those improvements and changes set forth in § 58.1-3285, to the property shall not be an annual assessment or general reassessment within the meaning of this section, nor shall the assessed value of such improvements be included in calculating the new tax levy for purposes of this section. Special levies shall not be included in any calculations provided for under this section.

B. The governing body of a county, city, or town may, after conducting a public hearing, which shall not be held at the same time as the annual budget hearing, increase the rate above the reduced rate required in subsection A if any such increase is deemed to be necessary by such governing body.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

An increase in revenue due to both higher property assessments and a proposed tax rate above the neutral, revenue-offsetting rate.

Available Budget: N/A

Purchase Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

1. City Council Set Proposed Real Estate Tax Rate
2. City Council Do Not Set Proposed Real Estate Tax Rate
3. Other Action as Deemed Necessary 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 (Tabled by Council on May 12, 2025)

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: May 13, 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
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:	\$117,393,387	\$116,598,295	\$795,092

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

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

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:

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

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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

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
Water/WasteWater	\$9,590,490	\$9,542,272	\$48,218
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School – Federal Programs*	\$2,461,426	\$2,461,426	\$0
School Operating*	\$29,388,323	\$29,388,323	\$0
TOTALS:	\$117,380,473	\$116,833,629	\$546,844

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Electric Rates:

4.5% average increase across all categories

Water & Sewer Rates

Unchanged.

Stormwater Rate

Unchanged

BY THE ORDER OF MARTINSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Ayes:

Nays: