



MARTINSVILLE CITY COUNCIL & MARTINSVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, May 20, 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

Amended to Remove Closed Session.

Special Session - 7pm, Council Chambers

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge to the American Flag**
- 3. Invocation**
- 4. Presentations and Proclamations**
 - a. Transportation Safety Commission Update
- 5. Consent Agenda**
 - a. Discuss and Consider Appointment to Transportation Safety Commission
- 6. Regular Agenda or New Business**
 - a. Set Date for June Community Meeting
 - b. Discuss and Consider Conveying Combined 2.487 acre City parcel with 4.236 acre Martinsville Housing Authority parcel to Mid-Atlantic Broadband
 - c. Discuss and Consider Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance Second Reading
- 7. Take any action necessary as a result of the Executive Session.**
- 8. City Hall Reporting & Announcements**
 - a. Public Information Officer
- 9. Comments by Members of City Council**
- 10. Comments from City Manager**
- 11. Adjournment**



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Peyton Nibblett, Deputy City Clerk

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider Appointment to Transportation Safety Commission

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: May 20, 2025

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The Transportation Safety Commission in Martinsville, Virginia, is an advisory board appointed by the City Council to improve transportation safety throughout the city. The commission analyzes traffic data, supports enforcement initiatives like speed monitoring, and helps secure state grants to reduce accidents and promote road safety. It works closely with the Martinsville Police Department and the Virginia DMV to implement traffic safety programs and educate the public.

Two Vacancies currently exist on the Board.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

The Transportation Safety Commission was created by action of City Council pursuant to powers granted in Chapter 2, Section 5, of the Code of Virginia. 9 members are appointed by Council.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

N/A

Available Budget: N/A

Purchase Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

1. City Council Confirm Appointment to Board
2. City Council Do Not Confirm Appointment to Board
3. Other Action as Determined Necessary by Council

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Aretha R. Ferrell-Benavides, City Manager

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider Conveying Combined 2.487 acre City parcel with 4.236 acre Martinsville Housing Authority parcel to Mid-Atlantic Broadband

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: May 20, 2025

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

Follow-up from action taken on April 29, 2025 Community and Budget Meeting.

The City plans to subdivide and convey a parcel of approximately 2.487 acres, more or less, of the larger parcel owned by the City and bearing Tax Map Number 13 (05)00 /06 and having a street address of 302 Clearview Drive, Martinsville, Virginia. The existing parcel contains approximately 18.317 acres, from which the 2.487 acre parcel would be subdivided. Once combined with the existing Housing Authority parcel, the entire resulting property would be conveyed to Mid Atlantic Broadband.

The proposed transaction is intended to promote the expansion of broadband telecommunications in the city and promote economic development by allowing MBC to expand its facilities and also to co-locate with other service providers upon the land to be acquired by MBC.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

N/A

Available Budget: N/A

Purchase Amount: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

1. City Council Convene as the Housing Authority to accept the conveyance of the 2.487 acre parcel from the City and combine it, by boundary line adjustment, with the Authority's adjacent 4.236 acre parcel, and to approve conveying the property, once combined, to Mid-Atlantic Broadband.

2. Housing Authority Do Not Approve Land Conveyance
3. Other Action as Determined Necessary by Housing Authority

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 Second Reading

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: May 20, 2025

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

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

FUND	PROJECTED	BUDGETED	CHANGES
	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES	FUND BALANCE
General	\$37,449,786	\$37,290,043	\$159,743
Refuse	\$2,092,200	\$2,092,200	\$0
Telecom	\$2,369,788	\$2,369,788	\$0
Water/Waste Water	\$9,590,490	\$9,590,490	\$0
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:	\$117,064,607	\$116,445,633	\$618,974

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

Tax Rates:

Real Estate**: \$0.7533 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:

Virginia Code §§ 15.2-2503 through 15.2-2506 collectively explain the policy and legal procedures for annual budget adoption — including preparation, public notice, hearing, and final approval.

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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:

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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

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BY THE ORDER OF MARTINSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Ayes:

Nays: