



MARTINSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, February 18, 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

All Changes Have Been Highlighted.

Executive Session - 5PM, Room 208; Municipal Building

- a. Discussion or Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members, attorneys or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, or other specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, as authorized by Subsection 7. In relation to Building Show-Cause Litigation.
- b. Discussion, consideration, or interviews of assignment, appointment, of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; in relation to Martinsville's Land Bank Authority and Charter Review Committee

Work Session - 6PM, Room 208; Municipal Building

1. Discuss Consent Agenda Items

- a. Discuss and Consider January 28th 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes

2. Briefings and Presentations

- a. Briefing on Outside Agencies by Director of Budget & Procurement, Robert Floyd

3. Refuse Ordinance Workshop with Planning Commission

City Council invites the Planning Commission for a joint meeting to collect their opinions on the ongoing Refuse Ordinance. The Second Reading of the Refuse Ordinance will be considered by Council in Regular Session.

Regular Session - 7PM, Council Chambers

4. Call to Order

5. Pledge to the American Flag

6. Invocation

7. Presentations and Proclamations

- a. Citizen Presentation: Brad Kinkema, Request for City Support of YMCA

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Discuss and Consider January 28th 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes
- b. **Discuss and Consider Reappointment to West Piedmont Planning District Commission**

9. Regular Agenda or New Business



- a. Discuss and Consider Second Reading of Refuse Ordinance
- b. Discuss and Consider Adopting Rules of Council
- c. Discuss and Consider Approval of Resolution 2025-1, Creating a Charter Review Committee

10. Take any action necessary as a result of the Executive Session.

- a. Consider authorizing agreed order setting forth courthouse evaluation and remediation plan in Show Cause litigation
- b. Consider Appointment of Charter Review Committee Members
- c. Consider Appointments to Martinsville Land Bank Authority

11. City Hall Reporting and Announcements

A. Public Information Officer

12. 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, P.O. Box 1112, 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.

13. Comments by Members of City Council

14. Adjournment





STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Peyton Nibblett, Deputy City Clerk

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider January 28th 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: February 18, 2025

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

City Council must approve minutes before they are added to Official City Records.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

Available Budget:

Purchase Amount:

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

1. City Council Approve Minutes
2. City Council Do Not Approve Minutes
3. Other Action as directed by City Council

ATTACHMENTS:

1. January 28th, 2025 Minutes (2)



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Tuesday, January 28th, 2025

4:00 pm Rules of Council Workshop
Room 208, Municipal Building

6:00 pm Closed Session
Room 208, Municipal Building

7:00 pm Regular Session
Council Chambers, Municipal Building

4:00 pm - Rules of Council Workshop and Work Session

Room 208, Municipal Building

- a. Discuss and Consider Rules of Council
 - i. Council met in a workshop to discuss the Rules of Council. A legislative document that outlines rules of procedure for Council Meetings, Council officers, Council appointed positions, Council-Council relations and Council-Staff Relations.
1. Discuss Consent Agenda Items
 - a. Discuss and Consider Approval of January 14th, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes
 - i. Council discussed January 14th, 2025 Minutes.

6:00 pm - Closed, Executive Session

Room 208, Municipal Building

A Closed meeting of the City of Martinsville, Virginia's Council, was held on September 18, 2024, at 6:00 PM in Conference Room 208, Martinsville Municipal Building, Martinsville, VA. Council Members participating included Kathy Lawson, Julian Mei, Rayshaun Gravely, and Mayor Jones. Council Member, Aaron Rawls was absent. Staff present included City Manager, Aretha Ferrell-Benavides; Assistant to the City Manager, Peyton Nibblett, Chief Operating Officer Edena Reese-Atmore, City Attorney Designee and Interim Managing Director of Development Eric Payne, and Managing Director of Public Works, Greg Maggard.



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Mayor Jones called the meeting to order and advised Council would go into Closed Session beginning at 6:00 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 with the following 4-0 recorded vote: Council Member Mei, aye; Mayor Jones, aye; Council Member Lawson, aye; and Council Member Gravely, aye. Council convened in Closed Session to discuss the following matters: (A) Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members, attorneys or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, or other specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, as authorized by Subsection 7.

- a. Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for appointment in relation to Boards and Commissions appointments.
- b. Discussion or Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members, attorneys or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, or other specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, as authorized by Subsection 7. In relation to Building Show-Cause Litigation as well as City personnel matters.

There was no action taken out of the Closed session. There being no further business, Mayor Jones motioned to adjourn and Councilor Lawson seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7pm.

7:00 pm - Regular Session

City Council Chambers, Municipal Building

I. Call to Order

Present: Jones, Lawson, Mei, Gravely

➤ **Absent:** Rawls

- a. Mayor Jones called the meeting to order beginning at 7:15 PM.
- b. **Approved** to move out of Closed Session by Motion made by Councilor Lawson and Seconded by Councilor Mei. Approved with the following roll call vote; Lawson, aye; Mei, aye; and Gravely, aye; Jones, aye.
 - i. 4:0 Vote



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- II. Pledge to the American Flag
- III. Invocation
 - a. Led by Pastor Tremayne King
- IV. Proclamations and Presentations
 - A. Proclamation Honoring Black History Month 2025, African Americans and Labor
 - 1. Presented by Mayor Jones and Council
 - B. Presentation Summer Reading Library Program by Blue Ridge Regional Library
 - C. Presentation of Parks Plan by Citizen Advisory Board
 - 1. Moved until next meeting, February 25th, 2025
 - 2. **Approved** by Motion made by Councilor Lawson and Seconded by Councilor Mei. Approved with the following vote; Lawson, aye; Mei, aye; and Gravely, aye; Jones, aye
 - a) Approved with 4:0 Vote
- V. Consent Agenda
 - a. Discuss and Consider Approval of January 14th, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes
 - i. Consent Agenda **Approved** by Motion made by Councilor Lawson and Seconded by Councilor Mei. Approved with the following vote; Lawson, aye; Mei, aye; and Gravely, aye; Jones, aye
 - ii. Approved with 4:0 Vote
- VI. Public Hearing
 - A. None
- VII. Regular Agenda or New Business
 - ❖ Motion made to recess as Martinsville City Council and convene as Martinsville Housing made by Vice Mayor Lawson and Seconded by Councilman Mei and Redevelopment Authority by Roll Call Vote approved with the following roll call vote; Lawson, aye; Mei, aye; and Gravely, aye; Jones, aye.



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A. Discuss and Consider V.M. Draper/ Tanyard Purchase Agreement

- i. **Topic:** The property commonly referred to as the VM Draper property, currently owned by Tanyard LLC, occupies a potentially advantageous location for economic development, but has fallen into disrepair. The Martinsville Redevelopment and Housing Authority has negotiated with the owners to purchase the property for the price of \$125,000, which represents a reduced price accounting for the deteriorated condition of the structures. A purchase and sale agreement has been negotiated with counsel for Tanyard LLC and is ready for approval.
- ii. **Discussionary Period Approved** by Motion made by Councilor Lawson and Seconded by Councilor Mei. Approved with the following roll call vote; Lawson, aye; Mei, aye; and Gravely, aye; Jones, aye.
- iii. **Approved** by Motion made by Councilor Lawson and Seconded by Councilor Mei. Approved with the following roll call vote; Lawson, aye; Mei, aye; and Gravely, aye; Jones, aye.

B. Discuss and Consider Authorizing Exclusive Option for Negotiation of YMCA Acquisition

- i. **Topic:** The property commonly referred to as the Family YMCA Incorporated of Martinsville & Henry County, will be available for purchase in the near term, once the new YMCA is completed in 2027. The YMCA is located at 3 Starling Avenue in Martinsville, VA, which is part of the historic Uptown District. The Virginia Museum of Natural History, part of the Smithsonian, has expressed an interest in acquiring this building, along with other potential buyers. Given the strategic location of the current YMCA facility and its ability to spur economic development activity in Martinsville, the City of Martinsville has a vested interest in seeking an exclusive option for the negotiation of a purchase agreement with the YMCA, which will afford the parties an opportunity to determine the most advantageous use for this facility, should it be required. The City of Martinsville has negotiated an option price of \$1,000 for an exclusive negotiating period of 90 days, with an option to extend the same for 60 additional days. This option agreement is ready for approval.
- ii. **Discussionary Period Approved** by Motion made by Councilor Lawson and Seconded by Councilor Mei. Approved with the following roll call vote; Lawson, aye; Mei, aye; and Gravely, aye; Jones, aye.
- iii. **Approved** by Motion made by Councilor Lawson and Seconded by Councilor Mei. Approved with the following roll call vote; Lawson, aye; Mei, aye; and Gravely, aye; Jones, aye.



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- ❖ Motion made by Vice Mayor Lawson to reconvene as Martinsville City Council by Roll Call Vote approved with the following roll call vote; Lawson, aye; Mei, aye; and Gravely, aye; Jones, aye.

C. Discuss and Consider Authorizing Administrative Signing of Electric Master Agreements

- i. **Topic:** Martinsville receives approximately 50 percent of its power needs from market power. We have typically entered one to three-year contracts, depending on pricing. After responses are received from the RFP and the provider is chosen, the contract is executed within 1-2 days. Due to pricing volatility, RFPs are sent out strategically during the years when future purchases are needed. Due to the fast-moving market, prompt execution is necessary to lock in pricing for the required timeframe. By entering into these agreements, we will receive responses from these parties when an RFP is issued for market purchases. The agreement also gives the city manager the authority to sign future purchase power contracts.
- ii. **Discussionary Period Approved** by Motion made by Councilor Lawson and Seconded by Councilor Mei.
- iii. **Approved** by Motion made by Councilor Lawson and Seconded by Councilor Mei. Approved with the following roll call vote; Lawson, aye; Mei, aye; and Gravely, aye; Jones, aye.
- iv. Approved with 4:0 vote.

D. Discuss and Consider Authorizing Termination of Solar Development Power Purchase Agreement

- i. **Topic:** In July, 2020 the City and Martinsville Solar, LLC (the “Company”) entered into a power purchase agreement whereby the Company would construct a solar development on a portion of the land formerly owned by E.I. DuPont de Nemours (formerly known as Lynwood Golf Course). The Company has decided not to move forward with the project. The Agreement provided that in the event of a termination by Company, the City would have the right to purchase the property for one dollar (\$1.00). The City also was to receive a termination payment of \$320,000.00 as liquidated damages. Staff and legal counsel have reviewed the termination agreement and have incorporated recommended edits into the final draft. The City has the right to acquire the property for \$1.00, which could be used for future economic development or other beneficial use, and receive the termination payment as a result of the termination of the agreement.
- ii. **Discussionary Period Approved** by Motion made by Councilor Mei and Seconded by Councilor Lawson.
- iii. **Approved** by Motion made by Councilor Lawson and Seconded by Councilor Mei. Approved with the following roll call vote; Lawson, aye; Mei, aye; and Gravely, aye; Jones, aye.
- iv. Approved with 4:0 vote.



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E. Discuss and Consider Second Reading of Refuse Ordinance

1. **Topic:** 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 revisions proposed in this Article, Article 2, meet the key outcome by providing for increased administration, enforcement, and refuse collection. The revised Article 2 provides additional definitions for clarity, allows for more effective enforcement, and increases efficiency in collection operations.
2. **Discussionary Period Approved** by Motion made by Councilor Mei and Seconded by Vice Mayor Lawson.
3. **Tabled until February 11th, 2025** Meeting with Motion made by Councilor Mei and Seconded by Councilor Lawson. Approved with the following roll call vote; Lawson, aye; Mei, aye; and Gravely, aye; Jones, aye.
4. **Tabling Approved** with 4:0 vote.

VIII. Actions necessary as a result of the Executive Session

1. Consider authorizing agreed order setting forth courthouse evaluation and remediation plan in Show Cause litigation
 - i. **Tabled until February 11th, 2025** with Motion made by Vice Mayor Lawson and Seconded by Councilor Mei. Approved with the following roll call vote; Lawson, aye; Mei, aye; and Gravely, aye; Jones, aye.
 1. **Tabling Approved** with 4:0 vote.
2. Council Appointment of Board Applicants
 - a. Motion and Roll Call Vote
- A. Charisse Hairston, Arts and Cultural - 12-31-26
 - b. **Approved** by Motion made by Councilor Mei and Seconded by Councilor Lawson. Approved with the following roll call vote; Lawson, aye; Mei, aye; and Gravely, aye; Jones, aye.
 - c. Approved with 4:0 vote.
- B. Dean Cook, Tree Board - 1/28/28
 - a. **Approved** by Motion made by Councilor Mei and Seconded by Councilor Lawson. Approved with the following roll call vote; Lawson, aye; Mei, aye; and Gravely, aye; Jones, aye.
 - b. Approved with 4:0 vote.
- C. Heather Loberger, Tree Board - 1/28/2027
 - a. **Approved** by Motion made by Councilor Lawson and Seconded by Councilor Mei. Approved with the following roll call vote; Lawson, aye; Mei, aye; and Gravely, aye; Jones, aye.
 - b. Approved with 4:0 vote.
- D. Linda Casa, Tree Board - 1/28/26
 - a. **Approved** by Motion made by Councilor Lawson and Seconded by Councilor Mei. Approved with the following roll call vote; Lawson, aye; Mei, aye; and Gravely, aye;



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Jones, aye.

b. Approved with 4:0 vote.

E. Christine Stewart, Tree Board - 1/28/28

a. **Approved** by Motion made by Councilor Lawson and Seconded by Councilor Mei.
Approved with the following roll call vote; Lawson, aye; Mei, aye; and Gravely, aye;
Jones, aye.

b. Approved with 4:0 vote.

F. Anna Wheeler, Tree Board - 1/28/2027

a. **Approved** by Motion made by Councilor Lawson and Seconded by Councilor Mei.
Approved with the following roll call vote; Lawson, aye; Mei, aye; and Gravely, aye;
Jones, aye.

b. Approved with 4:0 vote.

G. Koby Johnson, Southern Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors 1/28/28

a. **Approved** by Motion made by Councilor Lawson and Seconded by Councilor Mei.
Approved with the following roll call vote; Lawson, aye; Mei, aye; and Gravely, aye;
Jones, aye.

b. Approved with 4:0 vote.

9. City Hall Reporting and Announcements

A. Public Information Officer

B. Financial Update

10. Communications from Visitors / Business from the Floor

A. Caleb Robertson

B. Joseph Martin

11. Comments by Members of City Council

12. Communications by City Manager

13. Adjournment

a. Mayor made the motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM.



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Robert Floyd, Budget Administrator

SUBJECT: Briefing on Outside Agencies by Director of Budget & Procurement, Robert Floyd

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: Budget

MEETING DATE: February 18, 2025

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

A short informational on the status of Outside Agencies, particularly nonprofit organizations, seeking funding from the City of Martinsville. The Application Deadline was this past January 31st, 2025.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

Available Budget:

Purchase Amount:

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

1. None

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM:

SUBJECT: Citizen Presentation: Brad Kinkema, Request for City Support of YMCA

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: Citizen Participation (External)

MEETING DATE: February 18, 2025

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

POLICY EXPLANATION:

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

Available Budget:

Purchase Amount:

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Aretha R. Ferrell-Benavides, City Manager

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider Reappointment to West Piedmont Planning District Commission

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: February 18, 2025

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

City Council Consider Reappointment of Vice Mayor Lawson to West Piedmont Planning District Committee.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

Available Budget:

Purchase Amount:

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

1. City Council Approve
2. City Council Do Not Approve
3. Other Actions As Directed by Council

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Greg Maggard, Managing Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider Second Reading of Refuse Ordinance

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: Public Works

MEETING DATE: February 18, 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.

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.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

AVAILABLE BUDGET	PURCHASE AMOUNT
19,500.00	12,000.00

Available Budget:

Purchase Amount:

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. Refuse Ordinance Rewrite Second Reading

STAFF REPORT

MEETINGS: January 28, 2025

TITLE: Second 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.

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:

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: Aretha R. Ferrell-Benavides, City Manager, Eric Payne, Managing Director of Community Development, Peyton Nibblett, Deputy City Clerk

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider Adopting Rules of Council

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: February 18, 2025

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The Rules of Council of the Martinsville City Council, integral to the onboarding process for newly elected council members, is formulated to explicate the operational rules, guidelines, and established policies of the Council. This manual encompasses selected provisions from the Charter and Code of the City of Martinsville, as well as from the Code of the Commonwealth of Virginia, supplemented by excerpts from resources furnished by the Virginia Municipal League. Except where explicitly specified, the contents of this manual shall be construed as the official rules and procedures of the Martinsville City Council, complementing those prescribed by law.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

Available Budget:

Purchase Amount:

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

1. City Council Adopt Rules of Council
2. City Council Do Not Adopt Rules of Council
3. Other Action as Directed by Council

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Eric Payne, Managing Director of Community Development

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider Approval of Resolution 2025-1, Creating a Charter Review Committee

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: February 18, 2025

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

A Resolution relating to the City Charter Review;
Creating a Charter Review Committee, consisting of 5 persons appointed by Council, for the purpose of reviewing the existing Charter of the City of Martinsville and making such recommendations for change as the committee may deem necessary and proper to improve the mode and manner of operation and efficiency in conducting the affairs of the City

POLICY EXPLANATION:

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

Available Budget:

Purchase Amount:

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

1. City Council Approve Resolution
2. City Council Do Not Approve Resolution
3. Other Action as Directed by Council

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Charter Committee Resolution

Resolution 2025-1

Creating a Charter Review Committee, consisting of 5 persons appointed by Council, for the purpose of reviewing the existing Charter of the City of Martinsville and making such recommendations for change as the committee may deem necessary and proper to improve the mode and manner of operation and efficiency in conducting the affairs of the City.

WHEREAS the existing City Charter was adopted in 2024, and, has undergone minor provisional changes 18 times in the following years: 1954, 1956, 1958, 1962, 1968, 1975, 1977, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1991, 1992, 1995, 1998, 2008, 2011, 2024.

WHEREAS the City Charter has not been reviewed in its entirety by representative citizens of the City, and

WHEREAS The City has determined its need for a comprehensive review of the Charter to ensure proper operation and efficiency in conducting affairs in the City.

WHEREAS on February 18th, 2025, the City Council approved Resolution No. 2025-1, designating the City Charter Review as a special project of limited duration, and

WHEREAS it is necessary to create the Charter Review Committee in order to solicit applications and allow for the appointment of committee members, and

WHEREAS committee meetings will commence in March 2025, and

WHEREAS the City Council believes that the study of the existing Charter should be a deliberate, thoughtful, and inclusive process; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE:

Section 1. That there is hereby created a Charter Review Committee consisting of 5 citizens of the City of Martinsville, to be appointed by the City Council in the following manner: The Mayor and each City Council member shall recommend one person for appointment to said committee.

Section 2. That the duty of said committee shall be to review the existing Charter of the City of Martinsville and make such recommendations for change as the committee may deem necessary and proper in order to amend the provisions of the existing City Charter with reference to improving the mode and manner of operation and efficiency in conducting the affairs of the City. That the City Council hereby reserves the right to furnish to said Charter Review Committee certain guidelines with reference to the scope of the work.

Section 3. That said committee shall submit its recommendations and findings to the City Council on or before September 23rd, 2025.

Section 4. That the City Council does hereby express its intent that the members of said committee will be appointed in February 2025, and that said members shall thereafter serve until such time as the final reports and recommendations are made on or before September 23rd, 2025, at which time said committee shall be dissolved without further action of the City Council.



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Eric Payne, Managing Director of Community Development

SUBJECT: Consider authorizing agreed order setting forth courthouse evaluation and remediation plan in Show Cause litigation

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: February 18, 2025

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

Action as a Result of Executive Session.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

Available Budget:

Purchase Amount:

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

1. City Council Approve
2. City Council Do Not Approve
3. Other Action as Directed by Council

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Eric Payne, Managing Director of Community Development

SUBJECT: Consider Appointment of Charter Review Committee Members

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: February 18, 2025

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

Action as a Result of Executive Session.

The City of Martinsville was incorporated as a town in 1873 and established its first Charter in 1928. The current charter was established in 1950. Since that time the current charter has been amended with minor changes 18 times in the following years: 1954, 1956, 1958, 1962, 1968, 1975, 1977, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1991, 1992, 1995, 1998, 2008, 2011, with the last change occurring in 2024. The City has requested an additional change as part of our legislative agenda this year. Given the past changes and other potential changes necessary, the city is proposing a comprehensive review of the charter.

In order to, determine what Charter revisions are necessary, it is recommended that the Martinsville City Council appoint a group of individuals/citizens as a Charter Review Committee for a defined period. Each Councilmember will be asked to select **one** citizen to appoint to the committee. To support the effort, staff will also work with legal counsel to identify any legal changes that may be necessary to ensure compliance with Virginia Law.

§ 15.2-200. Required procedure for obtaining new charter or amendment.

No charter shall be granted to a locality by the General Assembly and no charter of a locality shall be amended by the General Assembly except as provided in this chapter or in Chapter 34 (§ [15.2-3400](#) et seq.) of this title.

Code 1950, § 15-65.1; 1958, c. 329; 1962, c. 623, § 15.1-833; 1979, c. 297; 1985, c. 387; 1986, c. 312; 1997, c. 587.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

Available Budget:

Purchase Amount:

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

1. City Council Appoint Charter Review Committee
2. City Council Do Not Appoint Charter Review Committee
3. Other Directives as Requested by Charter Review Committee

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Aretha R. Ferrell-Benavides, City Manager

SUBJECT: Consider Appointments to Martinsville Land Bank Authority

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: February 18, 2025

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

Action as a Result of Executive Session.

The City of Martinsville has established the Martinsville Land Bank Authority as a public body and political subdivision of Virginia. The purpose of the Authority is to help address vacant, abandoned, and tax-delinquent properties within the city. On February 27th 2024, Martinsville City Council revised the Martinsville Land Bank Authority establishing ordinance and appointed a new board of directors. Currently, with two vacancies on the Authority (once filled by, now former, members of staff), Council is being asked to consider filling the vacancies.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

Available Budget:

Purchase Amount:

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

1. City Council Approve Appointees
2. City Council Do Not Approve Appointees
3. Other Action As Determined By Council

ATTACHMENTS:

None