



MARTINSVILLE CITY COUNCIL EMERGENCY SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Monday, July 7, 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

1. Call Open Session to Order -- 4PM, Room 208

- a. Discuss and Consider Motion to go into Closed Session.

2. Closed Session - 4PM, Room 208

School Board Interviews

- a. 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 School Board Interviews.

3. Return to Open Session and Certification of Closed Session

4. New Business

As a Result of the Emergency, Special- Called Meeting

- a. Discuss and Consider a Resolution to Move July 8 Regular Council Meeting to the next Regular Council Meeting Date, July 22nd.

The proposed schedule augmentation aims to allow for proper notice to be given to Martinsville Citizens, ensure reliable livestreaming and audiovisual access for the public while Council Chambers are closed for maintenance, and supports continued transparency and full public participation in Council proceedings. In addition, moving the Regular Meeting to the next regular meeting date allows for full participation and attendance by the City Council.

5. Adjournment

Council Members
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Kathy Lawson, Vice-Mayor
Julian Mei
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City Manager
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Deputy Clerk of Council
Peyton Niblett

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-3

A RESOLUTION TO MOVE THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING FROM JULY 8, 2025 TO JULY 22, 2025

WHEREAS, the Martinsville City Council, in accordance with the Martinsville City Charter, sets a calendar of regular meetings during its organizational meeting each January, in accordance with § 15.2-1416 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of Council was previously set for Tuesday, July 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Council Chambers will be unavailable due to facility maintenance on that date, and no alternative venue has been identified that would ensure full public accessibility and legal compliance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); and

WHEREAS, the next regularly scheduled Council meeting is set for Tuesday, July 22, 2025, as previously adopted by Council in its 2025 meeting schedule;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia:

1. That the July 8, 2025 regular meeting of the Martinsville City Council is hereby canceled, and
2. That all agenda items originally scheduled for July 8 shall be moved to the next regular meeting date, July 22, 2025, unless otherwise reassigned or postponed by Council action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall provide public notice of this change in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, § 2.2-3707(C) of the Code of Virginia.

Adopted this ___ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Deputy Clerk of Council