



Minutes -- CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA

June 10, 2025
Meeting Minutes

Work Session – 5:30pm, New College Institution – Lecture Hall

- a. Discuss and Consider Refuse Ordinance
 - i. Ordinance would need to go back to the drawing board for further consideration. Planning Commission submitted findings as well. Two days a week trash pick up being suggested as an administrative change – Public works to work on drafting a tentative schedule for the two-day a week and communicating to the effective businesses. To take effect next week.
 - ii. Changes to the Ordinance to follow.
- b. Compensation Study Presentation by the Berkley Group
 - i. Presentation of the ongoing Compensation Study given by the Berkley Group. Goals for the study were to: Assess competitive of the City pay structure/ranges and individual pay; Ensure a competitive, market-based structure; Consider recruitment challenges, especially in Public Works. On average, the City pay structure lags market averages and employee pay lags market averages. City struggles to retain skilled and certified workers against strong competitors, and attract talent. Pay Data has been collected from several surrounding cities through surveying, interviewing, and in-depth research.

Regular Session - 7pm, New College Institute – Lecture Hall

2. Call to Order
3. Pledge to the American Flag
4. Invocation
5. Presentations and Proclamations
 - a. Proclamation Honoring June as National Safety Month
 - b. Proclamation Honoring Juneteenth
 - c. Proclamation Honoring Flag Day
 - d. Proclamation Honoring the Lady Bulldogs as Martinsville Middle School Soccer Champions 2025
 - i. Tabled until June 24, 2025 City Council Meeting

6. Consent Agenda



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a. Discuss and Consider the Following Meeting Minutes:
May 8, 2025; May 12, 2025; May 13, 2025; May 20, 2025

- i. Motion to Adopt Consent Agenda upon edits presented by Deputy City Clerk 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.

7. Regular Agenda or New Business

- a. Discuss and Consider Setting a Public Hearing for Council's June 24 Meeting Date for the Purpose of Receiving Names of Citizens Interested in Appointment to the School Board
 - i. Motion to Set Public Hearing Date 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 Reappointment to Blue Ridge Library Governing Board
 - i. Motion to Reappoint Yleulhaldi Rose for a term ending in 12/31/29 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.**
- c. Discuss and Consider Application to Planning Commission
 - i. Motion to appoint William Pearson for a term ending in 12/31/2029 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.**
- d. Discuss and Consider Applications to Board of Appeals
 - i. Motion to appoint Tonya Scales, Derek Broga, and Conrad Knight made by Kathy Lawson and Seconded by Julian Mei for the term of 12/31/2030. **Approved by 5:0 vote: Mayor Jones, aye; Kathy Lawson, aye; Julian Mei, aye; Rayshaun Gravely, aye; and Aaron Rawls, aye.**
- e. Discuss and Consider an Extension of the Original Option, Authorizing for Negotiation on the Acquisition of the Existing YMCA property, for up to 90 days.
 - i. Motion to approve 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.**

8. Public Hearing

- a. FY25 Appropriations



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- i. Motion to Open the Floor made by Kathy 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.**
 - ii. Motion to Close the Public Hearing Floor made by Kathy Lason 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 Approve on First Reading with one Amendment to substitute the reading date with today's meeting date made by Kathy Lason and Seconded by Julian Mei. **Approved by 4:1 vote: Mayor Jones, aye; Kathy Lawson, aye; Julian Mei, aye; Rayshaun Gravely, aye; and Aaron Rawls, no.**
9. City Hall Reporting and Announcements
 - a. Munis Software "Tyler Connect 2025" Presentation
 - i. Tabled until June 24, 2025 City Council Meeting
10. Business from the Floor
 - a. Carol Hooker
 - b. Leroy Hairston
11. Comments from Members of City Council
12. Comments by City Manager
13. Adjournment
 - a. Mayor Jones made the motion to adjourn att 7:40 PM