



# **MARTINSVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

## **SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

Wednesday, July 23, 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



## **Call Open Session to Order - 5:15pm, Martinsville Municipal Building; Council Chambers**

As a Continuation of the July 22, 2025 City Council Meeting, where the Special Called Meeting Date of July 23, 2025 was established by City Council; A Special Called, Closed-Session Meeting will be held at Martinsville Municipal Building, on July 23, 2025 at 5:15 PM.

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

### **1. Closed Session - 5:15 PM, Martinsville Municipal Building; Room 208**

- 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 City Attorney and City Manager positions, contracts, and performances.
- b. 2.2-3711 A(7) Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body. In regards to current and ongoing litigation matters, and ongoing Opioid Litigation.

### **2. Return to Open Session and Certification of Closed Session -- 6:15 PM, Martinsville Municipal Building; Council Chambers**

### **3. Take Any Action Necessary as a Result of Closed Session -- 6:15 PM, Martinsville Municipal Building; Council Chambers**

- a. Discuss and Consider Resolution to approve the City of Martinsville's Participation in the Proposed Settlement of Opioid-Related Claims against Henry Schein, Inc., General Injectables & Vaccines, Inc, and Insource, Inc.

### **4. Adjournment**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE’S PARTICIPATION  
IN THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS  
AGAINST HENRY SCHEIN, INC., GENERAL INJECTABLES & VACCINES, INC.,  
AND INSOURCE, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Martinsville is a party plaintiff in certain litigation seeking damages as a result of the opioid crisis, including a suit or suits against Henry Schein, Inc., General Injectables & Vaccines, Inc., and Insource, Inc. (collectively, the “Defendants”)

**WHEREAS**, a settlement proposal has been negotiated with Defendants to resolve opioid-related claims against the Defendants in accordance with the terms of the Henry Schein Settlement Agreement (the “Settlement Agreement”); and

**WHEREAS**, the City’s outside opioid litigation counsel, Kaufman & Canoles, PC, Sanford Heisler Sharp, LLP, and the Cicala Law Firm, PLLC recommended that the City participate in the settlement in order to recover its share of the funds that the settlement would provide; and

**WHEREAS**, the Martinsville City Council has determined it appropriate and in the best interests of the City to approve the City’s participation in the proposed settlement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Martinsville as follows:

1. That the City’s participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against the Defendants is approved;
2. That the Settlement Agreement is approved; and
3. That the City Manager and the Mayor, either or both of whom may act, are authorized to execute Exhibit D to the Settlement Agreement on behalf of the City, a copy of which is attached hereto as “Exhibit D,” and to take such additional actions as are necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Resolution.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Date of Adoption: \_\_\_\_\_

The members of Council voted as follows on the foregoing Ordinance:

**Ayes**

**Nays**

**Absent**

**Abstentions**

ATTEST:

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Clerk/Deputy Clerk,  
Martinsville City Council