



MARTINSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, August 12, 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: Chief Robert Fincher, Acting City Manager
Peyton Nibblett, Deputy City Clerk
Law Offices of Sands Anderson, City Attorney



AMENDED

All Changes Have Been Highlighted.

Closed Session - 5pm, Rm 208; Municipal Building

- a. Call Open Session to Order and Motion for City Council to enter Closed Session - 5pm, Council Chambers; Martinsville Municipal Building
 - aa) Motion for City Council to Enter Closed Session
- b. 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 the Acting City Manager Position. (Suggested Time, 15 minutes)
- c. 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 Retirees Litigation. (Suggested Time, 15 minutes)
- d. 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 threatened employment law litigation. (Suggested Time, 90 minutes)
- e. Return to Open Session and Motion for City Council Certification of Closed Session - 7pm, Council Chambers; Municipal Building

Regular Session - 7pm, Council Chambers

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge to the American Flag**
3. **Invocation**
 - a. Minister Ross Allen
4. **Any Action Necessary To Be Taken As A Result of Closed Session**
5. **Presentations and Proclamations**
 - a. Fayette Area Historical Initiative (FAHI): Sponsorship Acknowledgment and Appreciation
6. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Discuss and Consider the Following Meeting Minutes: July 7, 2025; July 22, 2025; July 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes

- b. Discuss and Consider 1st Reading of Budget Appropriations for Debt Service, School Capital Projects, and Streets Funds

7. Regular Agenda or New Business

- a. Discuss and Consider Rescheduling September 9th Council Meeting Due to Chamber of Commerce's Annual Meeting
- b. Discuss and Consider Request for Rezone Ordinance -- First Presbyterian Church
- c. Discuss and Consider Request for Street Abandonment Ordinance --1009 E. Church Street
- d. Discuss and Consider Arts and Cultural Committee's Request to Apply for Harvest PUP Grant
- e. Discuss and Consider Sunsetting of Emergency Housing and Community Support Commission as Requested by Board Chair
- f. Discuss and Consider Approval of Matching Funds (5%) Commitment for West Piedmont Planning District Commission, Regional Generator Project – Hazard Mitigation Grant Application
- g. Discuss and Consider Piedmont Community Services' Request to Purchase 605 Fourth St.

8. City Hall Reporting & Announcements

9. Communications from Visitors / 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, 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.

- a. Ural Harris

10. Comments by Members of City Council

11. Comments by City Manager



12. Adjournment