

July 23, 2024, Council Meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order and advised Council would go into Closed Session beginning at 2pm. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, Title 2.2 Chapter 37, Freedom of Information Act and upon a motion by Council Member Pearson and seconded by Council Member Lawson with the following 4-0 recorded vote: Council Member Pearson, aye; Mayor Jones, aye; Vice Mayor Rawls, aye; and Council Member Lawson, aye. Council convened in Closed Session to discuss the following matters: (A) Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711. A.5: Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community. Council Members participating included Kathy Lawson, Vice Mayor Aaron Rawls, Tammy Pearson, and Mayor Jones. Staff present included City Manager Aretha Ferrell-Benavides, Assistant to the City Manager Peyton Nibblett, Community Development Director Keith Holland, Administrator of Budget and Strategic Planning Robert Floyd.

There being no further business, Council Member Lawson moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4pm.

JOINT IDA-EXECUTIVE SESSION

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WORK SESSION

A Work Session was held at 6:00 pm on July 23 2024, in Room 208, Conference Room, Municipal Building. Mayor Jones, Vice Mayor Rawls, Council Member Lawson, Council Member Pearson, City Manager Aretha Ferrell-Benavides, Deputy Clerk of Council Peyton Nibblett, Chief Operating Officer Edena Reese-Atmore, Public Information Officer Kendall Davis, Public Works Director Greg Maggard, and Community Development Director Keith Holland were in attendance.

The Proposed Youth Advisory Council gave a presentation on the creation of a Youth Advisory Council.

Public Works Director Greg Maggard gave a presentation on the Citywide Vehicle Replacement Program.

Public Information Officer Kendall Davis gave a presentation on Special Events Draft Policies and Procedures.

REGULAR SESSION

Present:

Mayor LC Jones

Vice Mayor Rawls

Councilmember Mitchell

Councilmember Pearson

Councilmember Lawson

Martinsville City Council held a July 23 Regular Session meeting Council Chambers at Martinsville City Municipal Building.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice Mayor Rawls

Invocation led by Pastor Micheal Harrison

Proclamations and Presentations-

Mayor Jones introduced the National Intern Day Proclamation, July 25th, and interns Camden Holland, Journey Porter, De'Miya Martin from the City of Martinsville that have been assisting with government affairs were honored.

Councilor Lawson introduced Sister Georgia Hairston Ramey Day for July 21st due to her commitment to community, music, and service.

Consent Agenda-

- A. Kayak extension
 - a. Motion to approve by Lawson with a Second VM Rawls. Vote 5-0.
 - b. Approved
- B. Opioid Resolution
- C. Adoption of Vision, Mission, Core Values, and Strategy
 - a. Motion to approve by Lawson with a second by VM Rawls. Vote 5-0 ayes.
 - b. Approved

New Business-

City Manager brought forward the State Budget State Adjustment as part one of two.

Motion to approve by Lawson with a second by VM Rawls. Vote 5-0 ayes.

- a. Approved

Motion to adjourn by Mayor Jones and seconded by Councilor Lawson