

October 8th, 2024, Council Meeting

4:00 pm - Work Session & Briefing

New College Institute - Gardner Board Room

A Closed meeting of the City of Martinsville, Virginia's Council and October 8th, 2024, at 4 PM in Gardner Boardroom – NCI Building at 191 Fayette Street, Martinsville. Council Members participating included Kathy Lawson, Aaron Rawls, Tammy Pearson, Lawrence Mitchell, and Mayor Jones.

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order and advised Council would go into Closed Session beginning at 4pm. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, Title 2.2 Chapter 37, Freedom of Information Act and upon a motion by Council Member Lawson and seconded by Vice Mayor Rawls with the following 5-0 recorded vote: Council Member Pearson, aye; Mayor Jones, aye; Vice Mayor Rawls, aye; and Council Member Lawrence, aye. Council convened in Closed Session to discuss the following matters:

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, concerning Board and Commission interviews and a meeting with staff members.

B. Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

C. Discussion or Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members, attorneys or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, or other specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, as authorized by Subsection 7.

There being no further business, Mayor Jones moved to adjourn with a Motion from Councilor Pearson and Lawson seconded.

6:00 pm - Work Session & Briefing

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1. Discuss Consent Agenda Items
 - a. Consider Approval of Minutes: September 23rd and 24th Meeting Minutes
2. Briefings and Presentations
 - a. Amphitheater Presentation by Kate Keller, President of Harvest Foundation, and Catherine Van Noy, Harvest Foundation
 - b. Skilled Game Room Presentation by Mark Hardison, Citizen of Martinsville

7:00 pm - Regular Session

City Council Chambers

1. Call to Order
 - a. Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 7pm in Council Chambers in Martinsville Municipal Building.
2. Pledge to the American Flag
 - a. The Pledge was led by Mayor Jones.
3. Invocation
 - a. Invocation was led by Pastor
4. Proclamations and Presentations
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Consider Approval of Minutes: September 23rd and 24th Meeting Minutes
 - i.
6. Public Hearing
7. Regular Agenda or New Business
 - a. Amphitheater Presentation by Kate Keller, President of Harvest Foundation, and Catherine Van Noy, Harvest Foundation
 - i. Approved 25,000 for Feasibility Study from Parks budget with a Motion by Councilor Pearson and Seconded by Councilor Lawson. Approved with the following vote; Lawson, aye; Mitchell, aye; Pearson, aye; Rawls, aye; and Jones, aye.
8. Take any action necessary as a result of the Executive Session.

- a. Motion to appoint Harry Rhett for a 4 year term to Blue Ridge Regional Library Board and a Motion to reappoint Crystal Dallas to Southern Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors
 - i. Approved with a Motion by Councilor Lawson and Seconded by Councilor Pearson. Approved with the following vote; Lawson, aye; Mitchell, aye; Pearson, aye; Rawls, aye; and Jones, aye.

9. Communications from Visitors / Business from the Floor

- A. The public comment portion of the Council meeting provides citizens with the opportunity to discuss matters relevant to the operation of the City, which are not listed on the printed agenda. Citizens who wish to participate in a meeting's public comment period may do so by emailing their comments to Peyton Nibblett, Deputy Clerk of Council, at pnibblett@martinsvilleva.gov, calling in their comments to 276-403-5196, or mailing comments to the City of Martinsville, attn.: Peyton Nibblett, P.O. Box 1112, Martinsville, VA 24114. Comments must be received by 12:00 noon, the day prior to the meeting date. Citizens may also request to speak at the Council meeting in the same manner. 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. Any person submitting comments or requesting to speak must identify themselves by name and address, including zip code, limit their remarks 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. Priority for comments is given to City residents, taxpayers, and business owners. Speakers may not yield time. Groups of speakers on the same topic must designate a single representative. Comments violating these rules may not be presented at the Council meeting. Any speaker violating these rules may be removed from the podium or from the Council Chamber. 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.

10. Comments by Members of City Council

11. Communications

- a. City Manager
- b. City Attorney
- c. Public Information Officer

12. Adjournment

Mayor Jones adjourned the October 8th, 2024 City Council meeting at 8pm.