



MINUTES -- CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA

4:00 pm Executive Session
5:00 pm Work Session & Briefing
Room 208, Municipal Building

7:00 pm Regular Session
Council Chambers, Municipal Building

Tuesday, October 22nd, 2024

4:00 pm - Executive Session

An Executive Session meeting of the City of Martinsville, Virginia's Council and October 8th, 2024, at 4 PM in Room 208 in Martinsville Municipal Building. Council Members participating included Kathy Lawson, Aaron Rawls, Tammy Pearson, and Mayor Jones. Staff members participating including Managing Director of Development, Eric Payne; Managing Director of Public Works, Greg Maggard, Managing Director of Administration Travis Hodge, Chief Operating Officer Edena-Reese Atmore, Director of Water Resources, Mandy Muse; Management Analyst, Sita Conde, and Deputy City Clerk, Peyton Nibblett. City Manager, Aretha R Ferrell-Benavides attended virtually.

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 Councilor Pearson with the following 4-0 recorded vote: Council Member Pearson, aye; Mayor Jones, aye; Vice Mayor Rawls, aye; Council Member Lawson, aye; and convened in Closed Session to discuss the following matters:

- a. 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.
- b. 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 Lawson and second from Councilor Pearson.



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5:00 pm Work Session & Briefing

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1. Discuss Consent Agenda Items

- a. Consider Approval of Minutes, October 8th, 2024

2. Briefings and Presentations

- a. Emergency Housing Presentation, Update on Warming Center by Barbara Seymoure
- b. Charter Review Process & Task Force by Interim Managing Director of Development, Eric Payne

7:00 pm - Regular Session

City Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order beginning at 7pm at Martinsville Municipal Building, City Council Chambers.

2. Pledge to the American Flag

Pledge to the American Flag was led by Mayor Jones.

3. Invocation

Invocation was led by Pastor Jerald Kidd.

4. Proclamations and Presentations

- a. Proclamation Honoring Bernard Page Brockenbrough for 59 Years of Service, Martinsville Volunteer Fire Company
- b. Proclamation for Breast Cancer Awareness

5. Consent Agenda

- a. Consider Approval of Minutes, October 8th, 2024
 - i. Approved by Motion made by Councilor Lawson and Seconded by Councilor Pearson. Approved with the following vote; Lawson, aye; Mitchell, aye; Pearson, aye; Rawls, aye; and Jones, aye.



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6. Public Hearing

7. Regular Agenda or New Business

- a. Discuss and Consider Resolution of Support for Uptown Partnership in applying for the Advancing Main Street Designation
 - i. Approved by Motion made by Councilor Lawson and Seconded by Vice Mayor Rawls. Approved with the following vote; Lawson, aye; Mitchell, aye; Pearson, aye; Rawls, aye; and Jones, aye.
- b. Discuss and Consider Charter Review Process & Task Force
- c. Discuss and Consider First Reading: Request for Right of Way Abandonment Ordinance – 406 James Street
 - i. Approved by Motion made by Councilor Lawson and Seconded by Vice Mayor Rawls. Approved with the following vote; Lawson, aye; Mitchell, aye; Pearson, aye; Rawls, aye; and Jones, aye.

8. Actions necessary as a result of the Executive Session

9. Communications from Visitors / Business from the Floor

10. Comments by Members of City Council

11. Communications

- a. City Manager
- b. City Attorney
- c. Financial Update
- d. Public Information Officer

12. Adjournment