



MARTINSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING AGENDA

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



Closed Session - 5pm, Gardner Board Room; New College Institute

- a. Call Open Session to Order and Discuss and Consider Motion to go into Closed Session - 5pm, Gardner Board Room; New College Institute
- b. 2.2-3711 (A8) In regards to Baldwin Building status. Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter.
- c. Return to Open Session and Motion for City Council Certification of Closed Session - 5:15pm, Gardner Board Room; New College Institute

Joint EDA and City Council Closed Session - 5:15pm, Gardner Board Room; NCI

- a. Call Open Session to Order and Discuss and Consider Motion to go into Closed Session - 5:15pm, Gardner Board Room; New College Institute
- b. 2.2-3711 (A1) In regards to EDA Executive Director Memorandum of Understanding and discussion of EDA Board Application Process. 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.
- c. 2.2-3711 (A5) In regards to a prospective business and the National Guard Armory. 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.
- d. 2.2-3711 (A6) In regard to Competitive Grant Process and Discussion Concerning Grant Application Specifics. In regard to EDA Executive Director MOU. Additionally, with regard to possible acquisition of properties including but not limited to the Martinsville YMCA. Discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected.
- e. 2.2-3711 (A3) In regard to discussion concerning potential building acquisition(s) including, but not limited to, the Martinsville YMCA. and CPEG MOU. 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.
- f. 2.2-3711 (A29) In regard to Armory RFP and Retail Strategies Engagement. Discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

- g. Return to Open Session and Motion for City Council Certification of Closed Session. Recess to Regular Session, to be Reconvened in Martinsville City Council Chambers. - 6:50pm, Gardner Board Room; New College Institute

Regular Session - 7pm, Council Chambers

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge to the American Flag**
- 3. Invocation**
- 4. Take Any Action Necessary as a Result of Closed Session**
- 5. Presentations and Proclamations**
 - a. Presentation by Joe Borgstrom of Uptown Property Addendum Report -- Place and Main/Uptown Partnership
 - b. Transportation Safety Commission Update
- 6. Consent Agenda**
- 7. Regular Agenda or New Business**
 - a. Presentation from Joey Arrington and Danny Turner "Virginia 250 Dodge Charger" & Subsequently Discuss and Consider Approval of Sponsorship Match
 - b. Hold Public Hearing for Land Conveyance of 1020 E. Church St. and Discuss and Consider Approval of Conveyance
 - c. Discuss and Consider a Resolution Formally Creating the Youth Advisory Committee
- 8. City Hall Reporting & Announcements**
 - a. News and Events
- 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.

10. Comments by Members of City Council

11. Comments by City Manager

12. Adjournment