



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

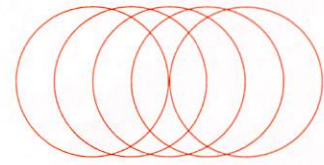


of a factually false and/or malicious nature. (d.) Priority for comments is given to City residents, taxpayers, and business owners.(e.) Speakers may not yield time. f. Groups of speakers on the same topic must designate a single representative. Comments violating these rules may not be presented at 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.

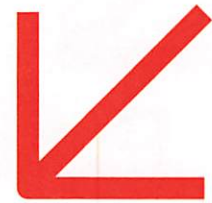
10. Comments by Members of City Council

11. Comments by City Manager

12. Adjournment



SPONSORSHIP



Proposal

In 2007, Russ Wicks, driving an Arrington engine built for a Nascar-spec Dodge Charger stockcar, set a speed record of 244.9 mph as confirmed by Guinness World Records in Bonneville Salt Flats, in northwestern Utah.

Can another Arrington engine break that record in 2026? We want to find out. Our goal is to reach 250 mph to kick off the 250 year celebration of America!

Submitted by:
Mr. Joey Arrington

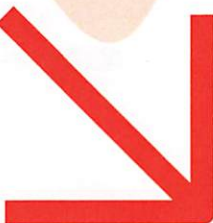
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May 19, 2025

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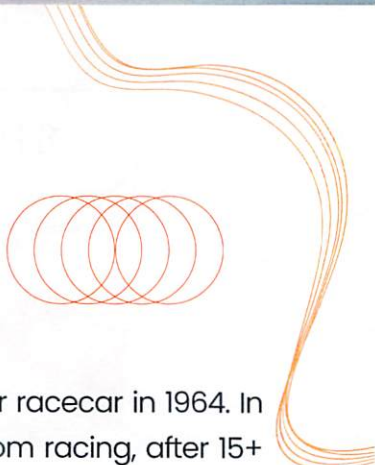
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ARENGINES



Background of the organization



Joey Arrington was born into racing. His dad, Buddy Arrington, bought his first Nascar racecar in 1964. In 1973, Joey became his crew chief and engine builder. In 1988, when Buddy retired from racing, after 15+ years of experience, Joey started his own engine building business, Arrington Manufacturing. In 1992, he was approached by Dodge to help them kick off an SCCA Trans Am Series effort and an ARCA Racing Series effort.

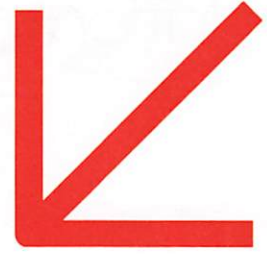
In 1995, Dodge engaged Arrington Manufacturing to kick off their Nascar Truck efforts. In 1999, Arrington Manufacturing started doing Nascar Cup development for Dodge's return in 2001. They provided engines for Dodge for their manufacturing title in 2001, 2003 and 2004. They continued doing engine development for Dodge until the car company stepped out of racing in 2012.

2012 up to the present, ARENGINES now has engine shops in both Martinsville, Virginia and Concord, North Carolina, developing engines for drag racing, stock car racing, some Nascar, and specialty engines for off road.

During the development years 1999-2012, Joey partnered with the college to implement the PHCC Motorsports Program. The program has flourished and continues to turn out graduates to this day. He maintains a personal goal of creating such a program with a four-year educational institution in the future.



... Project Timeline and Cost



On June 1, 2025 a total of \$20,000 to Cape Canaveral.

The 1969 Dodge Charger Daytona needs to be prepared for the wind tunnel. The tunnel costs \$52,500 for 3 days.

June 15, 2025 begins the build of two engines at a cost of \$100,000.

August 31, 2025 engines finished and headed to dyno for testing.

September 1, 2025 final fabrication \$25,000.

September 15, 2025 begins finished engine installation into the car.

October 15, 2025 Car complete and ready for graphics.

October 25, 2025 Goal is to be ready to unveil the project.

November 1, 2025 Begin testing.

January 1 and 2, 2026 - The main event

Film crew - \$20,000

Helicopter - \$7,500

Travel - \$5,200

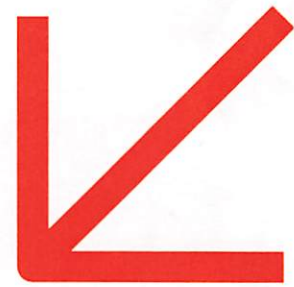
Total: \$230,200



Overview

America has stood strong for 250 years. Virginia has been a part of this great country since the beginning. Virginia is where the war was won and Virginia has strong racing roots. This event will pay homage to all of these things and set a world record along the way.

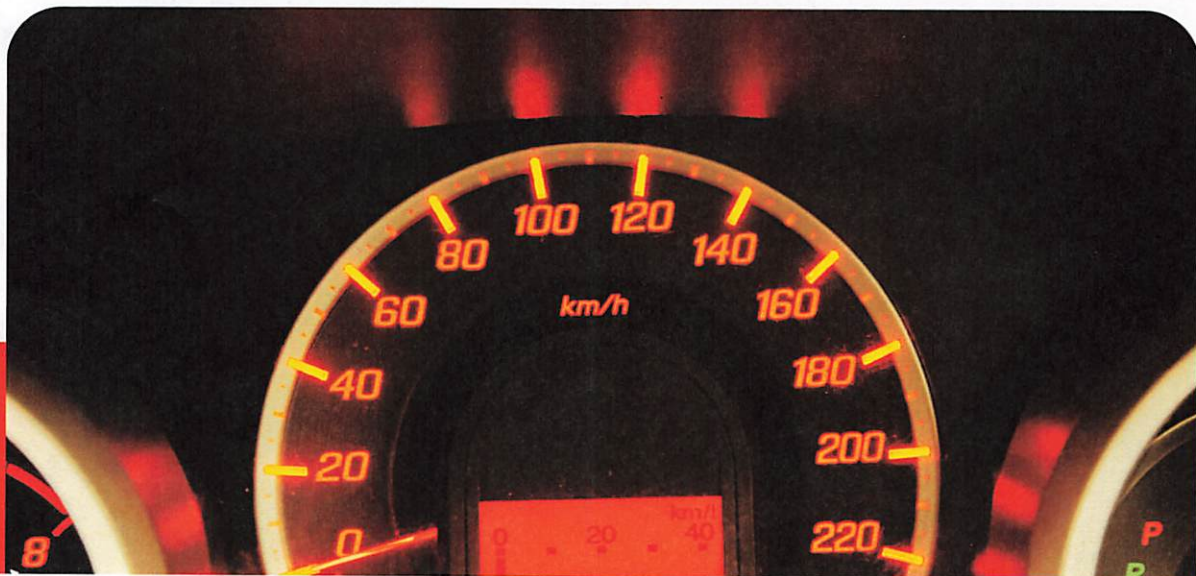


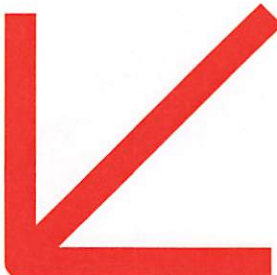


Overview of the event

A prepared Dodge Charger Daytona equipped with an Arrington engine will travel the 15,000 foot runway at Space Florida's Launch and Landing Facility, in an attempt to beat the Guinness World Record of 244.9 mph for a stockcar set in 2007 by another Arrington engine.

A film crew and helicopter will record this monumental event as the driver attempts to cross the 250 mph mark to honor and kickoff the 250th year celebration of America. This event will also give a nod to Virginia's history in racing and demonstrate that some of the best equipment in the world still originates in Virginia, sealing its rightful place in racing today.





Conclusion

Starting with parts on a table, moving to the thundering roar of dyno testing, and ending up with vibrations you can feel down in your soul on the racetrack. Racing is the thrill of a lifetime. The need for speed is a worldwide energy that only seems to grow with time.

This event is designed to keep even thrill seekers on the edge of their seats in anticipation. Success of achieving 250 mph on the 250th anniversary of America is worldwide news.

It was 1907 when Virginia East Coast Automobile Association and the Virginia State Fairgrounds hosted the first automobile race in Richmond, Virginia. Help us create new history by breaking 250 mph in January of 2026!

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VIRGINIA²⁵⁰
AMERICAN REVOLUTION



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Kris Bridges, Building Official

SUBJECT: Hold Public Hearing for Land Conveyance of 1020 E. Church St. and Discuss and Consider Approval of Conveyance

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: Community Development

MEETING DATE: September 23, 2025

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The City owns a parcel of approximately 0.04 acres located at 1020 E. Church Street, Tax Map #26(05)00/01.

The parcel is of no economic value to the City and is not part of any planned public improvements.

Broadway 400, LLC, which owns the neighboring parcel, has requested the City convey this small parcel to them so it can be combined with their property for possible economic development.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

Virginia law requires that before disposing of public real property, the City hold a public hearing.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

City Council may set purchase price; traditionally City Council has set \$1 for similar conveyances.

Available Budget: Not Applicable

Purchase Amount: Not Applicable

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

City Council Approve the Resolution and Conveyance of Land

ATTACHMENTS:

1.	Notice of Public Hearing, 1020 E. Church
2.	Resolution-City Council-conveyance of triangle remnant

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 15.2-1800 and 15.2-1813, the Martinsville City Council will hold a public hearing on September 23, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Martinsville City Municipal Building, 55 West Church Street, Martinsville, Virginia 24112.

The City plans to convey a parcel of approximately 0.04 acres, more or less, owned by the City and bearing Tax Map Number 26 (05)00 /01 and having a street address of 1020 E. Church Street, Martinsville, Virginia.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to receive public comment on the proposed conveyance. Those seeking further information are invited to contact the City Manager's office 55 West Church Street, Martinsville, Virginia 24112, Telephone: 276-403-5000.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE
AUTHORIZING SALE OF CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Va. Code Section 15.2-1800 *et seq.*, the City Council of the City of Martinsville (**the "City Council"**) duly advertised and conducted a public hearing on September 23, 2025 concerning the possible conveyance of a parcel lying in the City of Martinsville and bearing tax map # 26 (05)00 /01 and having a street address of 1020 E. Church Street, Martinsville, Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, the real property in question is approximately 0.04 acres, and would be of no economic value to the City, and is not identified in any City plans for development of public improvements; and

WHEREAS, Council finds that the best use of the property in question would be to permit it to be combined with the neighboring parcel, as requested by Broadway 400, LLC, where it would become beneficial for possible economic development within the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE:

1. The requested conveyance of the parcel described herein is hereby APPROVED, and the City Manager and other City staff and representatives are authorized and directed to execute such documents as may necessary to accomplish the conveyance, upon payment of the purchaser to the City of the price of \$____.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Date of Adoption: September 23, 2025.

This measure was adopted upon the following vote of the Council:

Member	Vote
Mayor L.C. Jones	_____
Vice Mayor Kathy Lawson	_____
Rayshaun Gravely	_____
Julian Mei	_____
Aaron Rawls	_____

Clerk



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Peyton Nibblett, Deputy City Clerk

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider a Resolution Formally Creating the Youth Advisory Committee

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: September 23, 2025

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

In August 2024, the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) was introduced to the City Council and subsequently implemented by the prior City administration as a City program. Since its inception, the YAC has made significant strides in pursuing grant funding, participating in fundraising opportunities, and securing sponsorships to support its initiatives.

At the recommendation of legal counsel, it is advised to formalize the YAC as an official City Board. This formalization will enable the YAC to properly receive, document, and disperse funding, ensuring compliance with legal and financial standards. This approach is preferred over pursuing 501(c)(3) status, which involves a more complex and time-consuming process.

Approve the resolution to formalize the Youth Advisory Committee as an official City Board and authorize it to engage in fundraising activities, including soliciting sponsorships and applying for grants, in accordance with City policies and legal requirements.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

Code of Virginia § 2.2-107. Appointment of members of commissions, boards, and other collegial bodies; disclosure of resumes.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

Not Applicable

Available Budget: Not Applicable

Purchase Amount: Not Applicable

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

City Council Approve the Resolution and Authorize the YAC to engage in fundraising activities

in accordance with City policies and legal requirements.

ATTACHMENTS:

1.	YAC Creation Resolution (2)
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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA, ESTABLISHING THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YAC) AS AN OFFICIAL CITY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, youth in the City of Martinsville have expressed interest in contributing to civic life, participating in local government, and helping to address community issues; and

WHEREAS, the founding cohort of young people desires to be formally incorporated as an official advisory body to the Martinsville City Council to ensure consistent, structured youth input into City matters affecting youth and community well-being; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that youth perspectives are essential to informed decision-making, leadership development, and strengthening the connection between City governance and young residents; and

WHEREAS, it is consistent with the City's purpose to ensure that the voices of youth are heard in policy, planning, and service delivery; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to formalize the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) with defined purpose, membership, authority, and structure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, that:

Establishment

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is hereby established as an official City of Martinsville advisory committee under the authority of the City Council.

Purpose, Mission & Vision

The purpose, mission, and vision of the YAC shall be as defined in its Charter, to include advising the City Council, elevating youth perspectives in decision-making, and leading initiatives for civic engagement, leadership, and community betterment.

Authority

The YAC shall serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council and relevant City departments. It shall have the authority to provide recommendations, propose initiatives, and express youth perspectives. The YAC may engage in fundraising activities, including soliciting sponsorships and applying for grants, in accordance with City policies and legal requirements. It shall not have legislative or binding decision-making power, except as granted by Council.



Selection & Membership

The Committee shall consist of seven (7) youth members who are rising sophomores, juniors, or seniors enrolled in schools within the City of Martinsville.

Review Committee / Staff Liaison Appointment

The City Manager shall appoint a *Review Committee*, comprised of City staff members, who will serve as staff liaisons to the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC).

Application Process

Prospective members shall submit an application including an anonymized written essay component (no identifying information included)

The essay should address alignment with the YAC's mission and objectives, demonstrated interest in community service, and the YAC's three "C's" — Character, Creativity, and Commitment.

Essay Review & Council Ranking

The Review Committee shall be submitted anonymously to the City Council.

The Council shall review the essays and rank anonymized candidates based solely on essay content prior to any further evaluation.

Interviews & Final Selection

After Council ranking, shortlisted candidates may be invited to interviews conducted by the Review Committee / Staff Liaisons.

Final membership slots shall be determined by the Review Committee based on essay-rankings, interview performance, and eligibility criteria.



Term of Service

Members shall serve for one (1) year terms, with opportunities for reappointment as established in the Charter and bylaws, subject to performance and Council or staff guidance.

Meetings & Quorum

The Committee shall meet regularly (at least monthly), with a quorum required for any official actions or recommendations. Special meetings may be called as needed.

Bylaws & Amendments

The YAC shall adopt bylaws consistent with this resolution and its Charter to govern its internal operations. The Charter and bylaws may be amended by the Committee upon recommendation by members or City staff, subject to City Council notification or approval if required by policy.

Reporting & Accountability

The YAC shall regularly report to the City Council on its activities, recommendations, and outcomes. City staff liaisons shall assist in coordinating YAC operations and ensuring transparency.

Effective Date

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

ADOPTED, this ____ day of _____, 2025, by the City Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA

Ayes

Nays

Abstain

Absent

Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of Council