



MARTINSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, October 14, 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 - 4:30pm, Rm 226; Municipal Building

- a. Call Open Session to Order and Discuss and Consider Motion to go into Closed Session - 4:30pm, Room 226; Martinsville Municipal Building
- b. 2.2-3711 (A1) In regard to Economic Development Authority (EDA) Board Interviews. 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 (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.
- d. Return to Open Session and Motion for City Council Certification of Closed Session - 7pm, Room 226; Martinsville Municipal Building

Regular Session - 7:00pm, Council Chambers

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge to the American Flag**
- 3. Invocation**
 - a. Led by Minister William Wilson
- 4. Take Any Action Necessary as a Result of Closed Session**
- 5. Presentations and Proclamations**
 - a. Proclamation Honoring Dr. Zebedee Talley for 10 Years of Distinguished Service as Superintendent and a Lifetime of Dedication to Education, Presented to Dr. Talley; Martinsville City Public Schools' Superintendent
 - b. Proclamation Honoring the Life and Legacy of Frank W. Mariels, Presented to Joe Keiper; Virginia Museum of Natural History Executive Director
 - c. Proclamation Honoring October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Presented to Pat Via; CEO and Co-Founder of MLC Cancer Foundation
 - d. Proclamation Recognizing October as Code Compliance and Inspector Month, Presented to City Community Development Department
 - e. Hear a Report from Council Members that Attended VML Annual Conference in Roanoke, Virginia

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Discuss and Consider Remaining 2025 Holiday Schedule
- b. Discuss and Consider September 16, 2025 and September 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes

7. Regular Agenda or New Business

- a. Discuss and Consider Appointments to Economic Development Authority Board
- b. Discuss and Consider Support of BRIC Vision 2025 -- GO Virginia Grant Request
- c. Hold Public Hearing and Discuss and Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Donation of City-Owned Real Property to the Economic Development Authority of the City of Martinsville, Virginia
- d. Hold Public Hearings for and Subsequently Discuss and Consider Approval of Rezoning Ordinances

8. City Hall Reporting & Announcements

- a. City News and Events
- b. News Update from City Registrar

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



