



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







September 16, 2025
Martinsville City Council
Meeting Minutes

5:00pm, Call Open Session to Order -

Martinsville Municipal Building; Council Chambers

A Closed-Session Meeting was held at Martinsville Municipal Building, on September 16, 2025 at 5:00 PM.

Council Members participating included Vice Mayor, Kathy Lawson; Aaron Rawls; Rayshuan Gravely, and Mayor, LC Jones.

Councilman Mei entered at 5:05 PM.

Call Open Session to Order: Mayor Jones called the meeting to order in Council Chambers and advised Council would go into Closed Session beginning at 5:00 PM. 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 Council Member Rawls with the following 4-0 recorded vote:

Council Member Rawls, aye;

Council Member Gravely, aye;

Mayor Jones, aye;

Vice Mayor Lawson, aye;



Council convened in Closed Session to discuss the following matters:

- a. 2.2-3711. (A7) Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body. In regards to the Retirees Litigation.
- b. 2.2-3711. (A6) 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. In relation to Martinsville YMCA.

5:00 PM, Closed Session -

Martinsville Municipal Building; Room 226

Council convened in Closed Session to discuss the following matters:

- a. 2.2-3711. (A7) Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body. In regards to the Retirees Litigation.
- b. 2.2-3711. (A6) 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. In relation to Martinsville YMCA.



6 PM, Return to Open Session and Certification of Closed Session -

Martinsville Municipal Building; Council Chambers

With a Motion by Lawson and Second by Mei, City Council certifies that only those matters permitted by the Code of Virginia Sec. 2.2-3711 and specifically referenced in the motion to enter closed session were discussed during the closed session. Approved with the following 5-0 vote:

Councilman Rawls, aye;
Councilman Gravely, aye;
Councilman Mei, aye;
Vice Mayor Lawson, aye;
Mayor Jones, aye.

Martinsville City Council certifies that only business matters under the following were discussed:

- c. 2.2-3711. (A7) Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body. In regards to the Retirees Litigation.
- d. 2.2-3711. (A6) 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. In relation to Martinsville YMCA.



6 PM Work Session

Martinsville Municipal Building; Council Chambers

Council Members Present: Rawls, Gravely, Mei, Lawson, Jones.

1. Briefings and Presentations

a. Public Works Departmental Update

- i. State of Good Repair is a VDOT funded program where they have been able to create ADA repairs as well as paving projects.
- ii. SeeClickFix is working well for the Public Works Department. Closing out 2-3 a day, have closed out 110. Spoke on the importance of reporting and how this system has allowed for Public Works to track and swiftly handle issues as they come back.
- iii. Implemented Uptown Lighting Changes
- iv. Completed Over 100 Tons of Roadway Patches
- v. Upcoming Projects

1. Liberty St Paving is out to bid and a contractor has been secured. Now working on Liberty St within next week. To be completed by October.

2. 2026 Spring Paving

- a. Bid Opening in Early October 2025 and Completion Date of October 2026.
- b. Roads are chosen by reported potholes, SeeClickFix reporting is used as part of this process

3. City-Wide Line Striping Project

- a. Bid Opening Early October 2025 and Completing within the year.

4. Fall Crack Filling

vi. Refuse Collection

1. Service over 5500 Customers Weekly
2. Operate 4 Collection Trucks
3. Manage over 300 Accounts
4. 8 Full-Time Employees



5. Accomplishments

- a. Revised Refuse Code
- b. Swift Completion of SeeClickFix tickets
- c. 8 New Commercial Accounts

6. Park Maintenance

- a. New Pavilion at Wilson Park
- b. Successful Hooker Field and Southside Park Seasons
 - i. Southside Park
 - 1. Super Successful Baseball Season with every field being used
- c. Administered 40 Park Rental Permits
- d. Fitness Park at Baldwin Park is complete
 - i. Basketball park being considered

7. Fleet Maintenance

- a. 158 Light Trucks and Cars Maintained (including Police)
- b. Maintain 32 School Busses
- c. Provide Heavy Equipment Maintenance to over 40 pieces
- d. Maintain 4 Fire Trucks
- e. Provide Backup Snow Removal
- f. 8 Full-Time Employees

8. Moving the Bus Garage

- a. Working with the Schools to determine next steps

b. Water Resources Departmental Update

- i. Recently Completed
 - 1. Jones Creek Interceptor Project
 - a. 5,000 linear feet of 24-inch and 36-inch sewer line
 - b. Reduced inflow and infiltration and improved right of way access



ii. In Progress

1. Burgess Street Waterline Replacement Project
 - a. Upsized the line to allow fire protection to be added on the street
 - b. Construction completed in house
 - c. In progress - completion in October
2. Commonwealth Waterline Extension
 - a. 80% complete, will be complete in the next two weeks
3. Doe Run, Smith Lake Road, and Industrial Park Sewer Improvement Project
 - a. 6,674 linear feet of sewer rehab and replacement
 - b. Extends useful life of these collectors

iii. Upcoming

1. Asset Management Plan Completed
 - a. Several projects to be assessed and next steps to be determined in regards to funding and replacement

iv. Staffing

1. 5% per year increase in personnel for Water Resources

v. Revenue Needs

1. 5% per year increase to fund asset renewal needs and revenue increase of 5% per year for Water and 10% per year for Waste Water.

2. Discuss Consent Agenda Items

- a. Discuss and Consider August 26, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes
- b. Discuss and Consider Setting a Date for Interviews of Potential Board Appointments for Economic Development Authority
- c. Discuss and Consider Setting a Date for Precinct 5 Community Meeting
- d. Discuss and Consider Extending Charter Review Committee Terms to 12/31/2025



City Council took a brief recess at 6:40 until regular session began at 7 pm.

7 PM Regular Session

Martinsville Municipal Building; Council Chambers

Council Members Present: Rawls, Gravely, Mei, Lawson, Jones.

1. Call to Order
 - a. Mayor Jones called the meeting to order beginning at 7PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation
 - a. Led by Pastor Avery Preston
4. Action Taken Out of Closed Session
 - a. Motion to approve Settlement Agreement as presented by legal counsel in regards to Retirement Litigation and Authorize the City Manager to sign made by Kathy Lawson and second by Julian Mei.
 - b. Approved with the following 4-1 recorded vote:
 - i. Council Member Rawls, no;
 - ii. Council Member Mei, aye;
 - iii. Mayor Jones, aye;
 - iv. Vice Mayor Lawson, aye;
 - v. Council Member Gravely, aye.
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Discuss and Consider August 26, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes
 - b. Discuss and Consider Setting a Date for Interviews of Potential Board Appointments for Economic Development Authority
 - i. October 14th City Council Meeting at 5pm
 - c. Discuss and Consider Setting a Date for Precinct 5 Community Meeting
 - i. October 27 for Precinct 5, School Board Office
 - 5pm Tour, 6pm Start



- ii. November 17 for Precinct 6, Albert Harris
 - 5pm Tour, 6pm Start
- d. Discuss and Consider Extending Charter Review Committee Terms to 12/31/2025
 - i. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda made by Kathy Lawson and Second by Councilman Gravely.
 - ii. Approved with the following 5-0 recorded vote:
 - a. Council Member Rawls, aye;
 - b. Council Member Mei, aye;
 - c. Mayor Jones, aye;
 - d. Vice Mayor Lawson, aye;
 - e. Council Member Gravely, aye.

6. Presentations and Proclamations

- a. Proclamation Honoring Week of September 17th - September 23rd as Constitution Week
 - i. Presented to History Teacher, Ms. Beverly Woody and Jade Holland Dallas, her History Student
 - ii. Ms. Jade Holland Dallas recited the preamble of the Constitution from memory
- b. Proclamation Honoring Week of September 18 through 22 as Adult Education and Family Literacy Week
 - i. Presented to Ms. Lealice Hagwood and both Pelzeta Perry & Alice Martin, Teachers in the program
- c. Proclamation Honoring September as National Recovery Month
 - i. Presented to Ariel Johnson and the Harm Reduction Center



- d. Update from Martinsville Blue Ridge Library
 - i. Update from Interim Blue Ridge Library Director, Melissa Chapman
 - Services include
 - a. Stellar customer service
 - b. Privacy pod for virtual meeting
 - c. Workspaces
 - d. Coffee Bar
 - e. Reading Roulette
 - f. Parent-Child Workstation
 - g. Books
 - h. DVDS
 - i. Audiobooks
 - j. Databases
 - k. Newspapers
 - l. Toys
 - m. Charging Stations
 - n. YMCA Day Passes
 - o. Computers for in-library use
 - p. Public Wifi
 - q. Literacy backpacks
 - r. Nature Backpacks
 - s. Magazines
 - t. Puzzles
 - u. Printing
 - v. Interlibrary Loan
 - w. VMNH Day Passes
 - Programming Includes
 - a. Kindness Rocks
 - b. Storytime
 - c. Movies
 - d. STEAM Club
 - e. Chair Exercises
 - f. Craft Classes
 - g. Books and Brews
 - h. Silent Reading Hour



- i. Movie Matinee
 - j. Book Bingo
 - k. Spring Book Bingo
 - l. Keychain Class
 - m. Summer Reading
 - n. Saturday
 - o. Board Game Day
 - p. Harry Potter Day
 - q. Cat Castles
- e. Davenport Presentation
- i. Financing Options Comparison
 - On behalf of the City, Davenport distributed an RFP for a Direct Bank Loan with options for 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30-Year terms in an amount up to 2,600,000 to fund the purchase of a new substation transformer and related equipment as well as the related issuance costs.
 - City Received Seven Proposals for Financing
 - a. Atlantic Union
 - b. Blue Ridge Bank
 - c. Capita One
 - d. Carter Bank
 - e. First Bank and Trust
 - f. Huntington Public Capital
 - g. Webster
 - Davenport also reached out to Virginia Resources Authority (VRA), as VRA is known for their lower rates and flexible terms. Interest rates are down as of September 16, 2025. Rates projected at 3% for 10, 3.66% for a 15-year, 4.14% for a 20-year, 4.44% for a 25-year, and 4.62% for a 30 year term.
 - Resolution allows that the term of the debt not to exceed 30 years, but with a provision to shorten. Not to exceed interest of 5.5% and not to exceed an amount of \$3,000,000.



7. Regular Agenda or New Business

- a. Hold a Public Hearing concerning the intent of Martinsville City Council to authorize the issuance of General Obligation Bonds and Electric Utility Revenue Bonds for the purpose of financing improvements to the City's Electric Utility Facilities and Discuss and Consider Adoption of Resolution Approving Electric Utility System General Obligation and Revenue Bond to be Sold to the Virginia Resources Authority (VRA)

- i. Motion to Open Public Hearing made by Kathy Lawson and Second by Councilman Rawls.

1. Approved with the following 5-0 recorded vote:

- a. Council Member Rawls, aye;
 - b. Council Member Mei, aye;
 - c. Mayor Jones, aye;
 - d. Vice Mayor Lawson, aye;
 - e. Council Member Gravely, aye.

- ii. Motion to Close Public Hearing made by Kathy Lawson and Second by Councilman Gravely.

1. Approved with the following 5-0 recorded vote:

- a. Council Member Rawls, aye;
 - b. Council Member Mei, aye;
 - c. Mayor Jones, aye;
 - d. Vice Mayor Lawson, aye;
 - e. Council Member Gravely, aye.

- iii. Motion to Approve Resolution Approving Electric Utility System General Obligation and Revenue Bond to be Sold to the Virginia Resources Authority made by Julian Mei and Second by Vice Mayor Lawson.

1. Approved with the following 5-0 recorded vote:

- a. Council Member Rawls, aye;
 - b. Council Member Mei, aye;
 - c. Mayor Jones, aye;
 - d. Vice Mayor Lawson, aye;
 - e. Council Member Gravely, aye.



- b. Hold a Public Hearing for Citizen Input of City and United Way Community Block Development Grant (CDBG) Application and Subsequently Discuss and Consider Approval of Request to Apply
 - i. Motion to Open Public Hearing made by Kathy Lawson and Second by Councilman Mei.
 - 1. Approved with the following 5-0 recorded vote:
 - a. Council Member Rawls, aye;
 - b. Council Member Mei, aye;
 - c. Mayor Jones, aye;
 - d. Vice Mayor Lawson, aye;
 - e. Council Member Gravely, aye.
 - ii. Motion to Close Public Hearing made by Kathy Lawson and Second by Councilman Mei.
 - 1. Approved with the following 5-0 recorded vote:
 - a. Council Member Rawls, aye;
 - b. Council Member Mei, aye;
 - c. Mayor Jones, aye;
 - d. Vice Mayor Lawson, aye;
 - e. Council Member Gravely, aye.
 - iii. All United Way needed was to have the Public Hearing for Citizen Input.
- c. Discuss and Consider a request from West Piedmont Planning District Commission for the Martinsville Redevelopment & Housing Authority to transfer ownership of the property located at 922 Boden Street to WPPDC for the purpose of developing the property into a single-family three bedroom home
 - i. Presented by WPPDC with the intention to use the Housing Construction to begin 60 days after approval. The contractor has been selected.
 - ii. Motion to Recess as Council and Convene as Martinsville Redevelopment and Housing Authority made by Kathy Lawson and Second by Councilman Mei.
 - 1. Approved with the following 5-0 recorded vote:
 - a. Council Member Rawls, aye;
 - b. Council Member Mei, aye;



- c. Mayor Jones, aye;
 - d. Vice Mayor Lawson, aye;
 - e. Council Member Gravely, aye.
- iii. Motion to Approve Request and transfer the property for the purpose of building a single family home made by Julian Mei and Second by Vice Chairwoman Lawson.
 - 1. Approved with the following 5-0 recorded vote:
 - a. Committee Member Rawls, aye;
 - b. Committee Member Mei, aye;
 - c. Chairman Jones, aye;
 - d. Vice Chairwoman Lawson, aye;
 - e. Committee Member Gravely, aye.
- iv. Motion to Recess as Martinsville Redevelopment and Housing Authority and Recovece as Martinsville City Council made by Kathy Lawson and Second by Councilman Mei.
 - 1. Approved with the following 5-0 recorded vote:
 - a. Council Member Rawls, aye;
 - b. Council Member Mei, aye;
 - c. Mayor Jones, aye;
 - d. Vice Mayor Lawson, aye;
 - e. Council Member Gravely, aye.



- d. Discuss and Consider A Resolution Adopting PPEA Guidelines and Standards
 - i. Allows for revenue sharing arrangements, cost-sharing arrangements to be made in the RFP process. This allows for the acceptance of a proposal of a project looking to partner with the City. Adds increased flexibility. Guidelines provided by Legal Counsel will reflect neighboring localities and are fairly standard.
 - ii. Motion to Approve Resolution and Adopt PPEA Guidelines and Standards made by Kathy Lawson and Second by Councilman Rawls.
 - iii. Motion to Amend the Motion on the Table made by Councilman Rawls. Retracted by Councilman Rawls.
 - iv. Motion to Approve Resolution and Adopt PPEA Guidelines and Standards made by Kathy Lawson and Second by Councilman Rawls.
 - 1. Approved with the following 5-0 recorded vote:
 - a. Council Member Rawls, aye;
 - b. Council Member Mei, aye;
 - c. Mayor Jones, aye;
 - d. Council Member Lawson, aye;
 - e. Council Member Gravely, aye.

City Hall Reporting and Announcements

A. ARPA Report

- a. City received \$15,463,451 in ARPA funding. We have obligated the full amount in accordance with Treasury guidelines. After utilizing the Revenue Loss option, we still have \$2, 153, 752.02 to internally allocate towards unfinished ARPA projects and/or to address capital needs. Capital Committee will be working toward determining Capital Needs and findings will be brought back to Council.



B. Events and Announcements

Business From the Floor

Adjournment

- a. Vice Mayor Lawson made the motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

LC Jones, Mayor

Peyton Nibblett, Deputy City Clerk



September 23, 2025
Martinsville City Council
Meeting Minutes

5:00pm, Call Open Session to Order -

Martinsville Municipal Building; Council Chambers

A Closed-Session Meeting was held at New College Institute on September 23, 2025 at 5:00 PM.

Council Members participating included Vice Mayor, Kathy Lawson; Julian Mei, Aaron Rawls; Rayshuan Gravely, and Mayor, LC Jones. Councilman Gravely entered at 5:15 PM.

Call Open Session to Order: Mayor Jones called the meeting to order in Council Chambers and advised Council would go into Closed Session beginning at 5:00 PM. 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 Council Member Mei with the following 4-0 recorded vote:

Council Member Rawls, aye;

Council Member Mei, aye;

Mayor Jones, aye;

Vice Mayor Lawson, aye;

Council Member Gravely entered after the vote.

Council convened in Closed Session to discuss the following matters:

- a. 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.



5:25 PM, Return to Open Session and Certification of Closed Session -
Martinsville Municipal Building; Council Chambers

With a Motion by Lawson and Second by Mei, City Council certifies that only those matters permitted by the Code of Virginia Sec. 2.2-3711 and specifically referenced in the motion to enter closed session were discussed during the closed session. Approved with the following 5-0 vote:

Councilman Rawls, aye;
Councilman Gravely, aye;
Councilman Mei, aye;
Vice Mayor Lawson, aye;
Mayor Jones, aye.

Martinsville City Council certifies that only business matters under the following were discussed:

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5:25 PM, Closed Session -
Martinsville Municipal Building; Room 208

Council Members participating included Vice Mayor, Kathy Lawson; Julian Mei, Aaron Rawls; Rayshuan Gravely, and Mayor, LC Jones. Economic Development Authority Members present included Olivia Garrett, Marcus Stone, Jim Frith, Ronnie Fultz, and Eric Phillips. Interim City Manager Robert Fincher, Legal Counsel at Sands Anderson, and Eric Payne, EDA Executive Director, were also presented.



Council and the Economic Development Authority convened in Closed Session to discuss the following matters:

- a. 2.2-3711 (A1) In regard 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.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. 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.
- e. 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.



6:50 PM, Return to Open Session and Certification of Closed Session -
Martinsville Municipal Building; Council Chambers

With a Motion by Lawson and Second by Mei, and a Motion by Stone and Second by Frith, City Council and the EDA certifies that only those matters permitted by the Code of Virginia Sec. 2.2-3711 and specifically referenced in the motion to enter closed session were discussed during the closed session. Approved with the following 10-0 vote:

COUNCIL

Councilman Rawls, aye;
Councilman Gravely, aye;
Councilman Mei, aye;
Vice Mayor Lawson, aye;
Mayor Jones, aye.

EDA

Marcus Stone, aye;
Olivia Garrett, aye;
Ronnie Fultz, aye;
Jim Frith, aye;
Eric Phillips, aye.

Martinsville City Council and EDA certifies that only business matters under the following were discussed:

- a. 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.



- b. 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.
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7 PM Regular Session

Martinsville Municipal Building; Council Chambers

Council Members Present: Rawls, Gravely, Mei, Lawson, Jones.

- 1. Call to Order
 - a. Mayor Jones called the meeting to order beginning at 7PM.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance



3. Invocation
 - a. Led by Pastor Avery Preston
4. Action Taken Out of Closed Session
 - a. Item from Closed Session will be presented and taken up on October 14th City Council Meeting
5. Presentations and Proclamations
 - a. Presentation by Joe Borgstrom was cancelled.
 - b. Transportation Safety Committee Update
 - i. Given by Chairman Douglas Sharpe
6. Consent Agenda
 - a. None was presented.
7. Regular Agenda or New Business
 - A. Presentation from Joey Arrington and Danny Turner “Virginia 250 Dodge Charger” & Discuss and Consider Approval of Sponsorship Match
 - a. Presented to the 250 Commission and Tobacco Commission has provided a match. Partnering with the MHC Historical Society, as the fiscal agent. The car project aims to highlight Southside Martinsville, has \$3,000 in funding from VA Commission, \$5,000 in funding from Henry County, \$5,000 in funding from Tobacco Commission, and \$10,000 from various businesses. Now seeking support from the City of Martinsville in the form of \$5,000 as a match with the County.
 - b. Motion by Julian Mei to contribute \$5,000 to the Virginia 2050 Car Project and Second by Kathy Lawson.
 - i. Approved with the following 5-0 vote:
 1. Councilman Rawls, aye;
 2. Councilman Gravely, aye;
 3. Councilman Mei, aye;
 4. Vice Mayor Lawson, aye;
 5. Mayor Jones, aye.



- ii. City Manager Rob FlIncher mentioned money in Community Engagement was set aside in the event supportive action was taken by Council.
- B. Hold Public Hearing for Land Conveyance of 1020 E. Church St. as requested by Broadway 400 LLC and Discuss and Consider Approval of Conveyance
- a. Motion from Vice Mayor Lawson to open Public Hearing, Seconded by Councilman Gravely.
 - i. Approved with the following 5-0 vote:
 - 1. Councilman Rawls, aye;
 - 2. Councilman Gravely, aye;
 - 3. Councilman Mei, aye;
 - 4. Vice Mayor Lawson, aye;
 - 5. Mayor Jones, aye.
 - b. Motion from Vice Mayor Lawson to close Public Hearing, Seconded by Councilman Gravely.
 - i. Approved with the following 5-0 vote:
 - 1. Councilman Rawls, aye;
 - 2. Councilman Gravely, aye;
 - 3. Councilman Mei, aye;
 - 4. Vice Mayor Lawson, aye;
 - 5. Mayor Jones, aye.
 - c. Motion from Vice Mayor Lawson to approve resolution to convey 1020 E. Church St for the sum of \$1, Seconded by Councilman Mei.
 - i. Approved with the following 5-0 vote:
 - 1. Councilman Rawls, aye;
 - 2. Councilman Gravely, aye;
 - 3. Councilman Mei, aye;
 - 4. Vice Mayor Lawson, aye;
 - 5. Mayor Jones, aye.



C. Discuss and Consider a Resolution Formally Creating the Youth Advisory Committee

- a. Motion from Vice Mayor Lawson to adopt Resolution and Formalize the Creation of the Youth Advisory Committee, Seconded by Councilman Mei.

- i. Approved with the following 5-0 vote:

- 1. Councilman Rawls, aye;
 - 2. Councilman Gravely, aye;
 - 3. Councilman Mei, aye;
 - 4. Vice Mayor Lawson, aye;
 - 5. Mayor Jones, aye.

City Hall Reporting and Announcements

- A. News and Events

Business From the Floor

- a. Ural Harris
- b. Patti Covington
- c. Sylvia Dupre

Adjournment

- a. Mayor Jones made the motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM.



LC Jones, Mayor

Peyton Nibblett, Deputy City Clerk



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Peyton Nibblett, Deputy City Clerk

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider Appointments to Economic Development Authority Board

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: October 14, 2025

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The Economic Development Authority has two vacancies. City Council may appoint two interviewees to the Board at this time.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

City Council may appoint members to City Boards and Commissions.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

None

Available Budget: Not Applicable

Purchase Amount: None

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

City Council Appoint Two Members to the EDA

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Rob Fincher, Interim City Manager

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider Support of BRIC Vision 2025 -- GO Virginia Grant Request

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: October 14, 2025

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The City has been requested to acknowledge and support BRIC's Vision 2050 initiative and the associated GO Virginia grant request. Vision 2050 is a strategic plan led by BRIC—a coalition of more than 40 CEOs and institutional leaders from the region—to accelerate economic growth and transform the BRIC megaregion (Roanoke to Blacksburg, including Martinsville and Danville) into a national hub in advanced manufacturing, life sciences/biotech, and national security innovation.

BRIC is requesting \$1 million in GO Virginia funding with \$500,000 in matching funds from BRIC, local foundations, and anticipated in-kind contributions from local governments. The initiative will:

- Develop sector-specific growth strategies
- Assess and prioritize infrastructure and workforce needs
- Create a comprehensive Strategic Plan and Implementation Playbook
- Align regional assets for long-term economic impact

POLICY EXPLANATION:

Brought before Council per City's Adopted Grant Policy

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

No direct financial commitment from the City is required. The Grant asks for non-monetary, in-kind participation. The GO Virginia grant and BRIC/private contributions will underwrite the project's consultant-led strategies and planning activities.

Available Budget: Not Applicable

Purchase Amount: Not Applicable

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

Staff requests that City Council support BRIC's Vision 2050 Go Virginia Grant Application and Authorize City Staff participation through in-kind (non-monetary) contributions, i.e. staff time and expertise. Authorize City Manager to execute and provide a letter of support to the GO Virginia Grant Application.

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Rob Fincher, Interim City Manager

SUBJECT: 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

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: October 14, 2025

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

In accordance with Virginia Code § 15.2-1800 et seq., the City Council held a duly advertised public hearing on October 14, 2025, regarding the possible conveyance of City-owned property located at 315 West Commonwealth Boulevard (Tax Map # 21 (01) (00-01A)). The parcel totals approximately 8 acres ±, of which 3.661 acres have been identified for conveyance to the Economic Development Authority (EDA) of the City of Martinsville.

The subject parcel was subdivided by plat recorded on February 9, 2024, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Martinsville in Cabinet B, Slide 118 (01). Conveyance of the **3.661-acre portion** would facilitate future economic development opportunities and is consistent with the intent of Virginia Code §§ 15.2-4917 and 15.2-953(B), which authorize localities to assist and support economic development activities.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

Virginia Code § 15.2-1800, City Council may dispose of real property following public notice and hearing when it determines such action serves a public purpose.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

Not Applicable.

Available Budget: Not Applicable.

Purchase Amount: Not Applicable.

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

Staff recommends that City Council adopt the attached Resolution Authorizing the Donation of the smaller portion, **3.661-acre**, City-Owned Real Property to the Economic Development

Authority of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, thereby authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to complete the conveyance.

ATTACHMENTS:

1.	Resolution-City Council-conveyance of smaller portion of Armory Property 3.6 acres
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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE
AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY TO THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE,
VIRGINIA**

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 October 14, 2025 concerning the possible conveyance of a parcel lying in the City of Martinsville, consisting of approximately 8 acres +/-, bearing tax map # 21 (01) (00-01A), having a property address of 315 West Commonwealth Boulevard (the "Property"); and,

WHEREAS, the Council finds that conveying a portion of the Property, consisting of approximately 3.661 acres, to the Economic Development Authority for the City of Martinsville would promote economic development within the City and is in keeping with Va. Code Sections 15.2-4917, and 15.2-953 (B); and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the 8 acre parcel described herein was subdivided by plat recorded on the 9th day of February, 2024 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Martinsville in Cabinet B, Slide 118 (01) (the "Plat").

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

1. Council hereby APPROVES the conveyance of the 3.661 acre parcel depicted on the Plat to the Economic Development Authority for the City of Martinsville, Virginia, at no cost, 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.
2. Council specifically reserves the right to dispose of the remainder of the property depicted upon the Plat if it is satisfied doing so would serve the purposes of Va. Code Sections 15.2-4917, and 15.2-953 (B).
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Date of Adoption: October 14, 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: Kris Bridges, Building Official

SUBJECT: Hold Public Hearings for and Subsequently Discuss and Consider Approval of Rezoning Ordinances

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: Community Development

MEETING DATE: October 14, 2025

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The City has received multiple rezoning applications for review by the Planning Commission. Following their recommendations, City Council consideration is required to proceed with the formal public hearing process. These rezoning requests involve changes to zoning classifications intended to accommodate various land use proposals consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan and zoning regulations.

The proposed ordinances are as follows:

1. Ordinance to Rezone Certain Properties Located Along Commonwealth Boulevard from ED-G (Economic Development-General) to C-C (Commercial Corridor).

This rezoning seeks to correct existing non-conforming uses and align zoning classifications with current land use and development patterns. The affected properties are identified as Tax Map Numbers 23(01)00/21, 22(01)00/86 & 86A, 22(01)00/91, 22(01)00/90, 22(10)00/AR, 22(10)00/A1R, 22(10)00/B, 22(08)00/A, 22(08)00/A-01, 22(08)00/C-01, 22(08)00/C-03, and 21(06)00/C-04.

2. Ordinance to Rezone Properties Located on W. Church Street and Emanuel Street in the Five Points Neighborhood from C-C (Commercial Corridor) to R-T (Residential Transitional).

This rezoning will correct existing non-conforming residential uses and support a mix of residential and low-intensity commercial uses compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. The subject parcels are identified as Tax Map Numbers 31(02)M/5A, 31(02)M/5B, 31(02)M/5C, 31(02)M/5D, 31(02)M/5F, 31(02)M/5E, 31(02)M/5G, 31(02)M/5H, 31(02)M/5L, 31(02)M/5K, 31(02)M/5I, 31(02)M/5J, and 31(02)M/5SM.

3. Ordinance to Rezone Property Located at 100 S. Jackson Street from C-C (Commercial Corridor) to R-T (Residential Transitional).

This rezoning affects the property located at 100 S. Jackson Street (Tax Map Numbers 31(02)J/04, 31(02)J/03, 31(02)J/02, 31(02)K/45, 31(02)K/44, and 31(02)K/06). The purpose of the request is to rezone the property from C-C to R-T to better reflect existing residential use patterns and surrounding neighborhood character.

4. Ordinance to Rezone Certain Properties Located Along Bridge, East Market, College, and Railroad Streets from C-C (Commercial Corridor District), C-N (Neighborhood Commercial District), and ED-I (Economic Development Intensive) to R-T (Residential Transitional).

This rezoning is intended to correct existing non-conforming uses and align zoning classifications with actual land uses and current development patterns in the surrounding area. The affected parcels are located adjacent to Bridge, East Market, College, and Railroad Streets, identified as Tax Map Numbers 32(01)L/01; 32(01)L/02; 32(01)L/03; 32(01)L/M; 32(01)L/06; 32(01)L/07; 32(01)L/08; 32(01)L/09; 32(01)L/10; 32(01)L/11; 32(01)L/14; 42(18)00/36A; 42(18)00/31; 42(18)00/30; 42(18)00/29; 32(01)M/12RS; 32(01)M/23R; 32(01)M/38R; 32(01)M/20R; 32(01)M/22R; 32(01)N/19; 32(01)N/20; 32(01)N/23; 32(01)N/24; 32(01)N/25; 32(01)N/28; 32(01)N/29; 32(01)N/30; 32(01)N/30A–31A; 32(01)N/33; 32(01)N/34; 32(01)N/34A; 32(01)N/38; 32(01)N/39; 32(01)N/40; 32(01)N/41; 32(01)N/42; 32(01)N/44; 32(01)N/45; 32(01)N/48; 32(01)N/49; 32(01)N/50; 32(01)N/51; 32(01)N/47; 32(01)N/46; 32(01)N/43; 32(01)N/37; 32(01)N/36; 32(01)N/35; 32(01)N/32A; 32(01)N/32; 32(01)N/31; 32(01)N/27; 32(01)N/26; 32(01)N/22; 32(01)N/21; 32(01)P/09R; 32(01)P/10; 32(01)P/11B; 32(01)U/05; 32(01)O/05; 32(01)O/6A; 32(01)O/08; 32(01)O/09; 32(01)O/11A; 32(01)O/13A; and 32(01)O/14.

5. Ordinance to Rezone the Property Located at 500 Blue Ridge Street from C-C (Commercial Corridor) to R-T (Residential Transitional).

This rezoning affects the property commonly known as 500 Blue Ridge Street (Tax Map Number 37(01)00/07A). The purpose of the request is to permit both residential and compatible commercial uses consistent with surrounding land use patterns and development in the vicinity.

First Reading: 10/14/2025

Second Reading: 10/28/2025

POLICY EXPLANATION:

Code of Virginia §15.2-2286(A)(7) & 15.2-2285 Outlining Planning Commission review of applications, public hearing requirements, and final review and approval by City Council

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

Not Applicable

Available Budget: Not Applicable

Purchase Amount: Not Applicable

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

At the recommendation of Legal Counsel: City Council host 5 Public Hearings, Followed by 5 Recorded Votes on the Ordinances.

1. Motion to Open Public Hearing on Ordinance to Rezone Certain Properties Located Along Commonwealth Boulevard from ED-G (Economic Development–General) to C-C (Commercial Corridor), followed by Motion to Close.
2. Motion and Second to Approve Ordinance on First Reading to Rezone Certain Properties Located Along Commonwealth Boulevard from ED-G (Economic Development–General) to C-C (Commercial Corridor).
3. Motion to Open Public Hearing on Ordinance to Rezone Properties Located on W. Church Street and Emanuel Street in the Five Points Neighborhood from C-C (Commercial Corridor) to R-T (Residential Transitional), followed by Motion to Close.
4. Motion and Second to Approve Ordinance on First Reading to Rezone Properties Located on W. Church Street and Emanuel Street in the Five Points Neighborhood from C-C (Commercial Corridor) to R-T (Residential Transitional).
5. Motion to Open Public Hearing on Ordinance to Rezone Property Located at 100 S. Jackson Street from C-C (Commercial Corridor) to R-T (Residential Transitional), followed by Motion to Close.
6. Motion and Second to Approve Ordinance on First Reading to Rezone Property Located at 100 S. Jackson Street from C-C (Commercial Corridor) to R-T (Residential Transitional).
7. Motion to Open Public Hearing on Ordinance to Rezone Certain Properties Located Along Bridge, East Market, College, and Railroad Streets from C-C (Commercial Corridor District), C-N (Neighborhood Commercial District), and ED-I (Economic Development Intensive) to R-T (Residential Transitional), followed by Motion to Close.
8. Motion and Second to Approve Ordinance on First Reading to Rezone Certain Properties Located Along Bridge, East Market, College, and Railroad Streets from C-C (Commercial Corridor District), C-N (Neighborhood Commercial District), and ED-I (Economic Development Intensive) to R-T (Residential Transitional).
9. Motion to Open Public Hearing on Ordinance to Rezone the Property Located at 500 Blue Ridge Street from C-C (Commercial Corridor) to R-T (Residential Transitional), followed by Motion to Close.
10. Motion and Second to Approve Ordinance on First Reading to Rezone the Property Located at 500 Blue Ridge Street from C-C (Commercial Corridor) to R-T (Residential Transitional)

Second Reading Date will be October 28, 2025

ATTACHMENTS:

1.	101425 Commonwealth Blvd Rezoning Ordinance 10.14.25
2.	10062025 ORDINANCE NO. 2025-9
3.	10062025 ORDINANCE NO. 2025-10 ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTIES LO
4.	10062025 ORDINANCE NO. 2025-11
5.	101425 Zoning Ordinance Amendment for 500 Blue Ridge Street

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-8

ORDINANCE TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED ALONG COMMONWEALTH BOULEVARD FROM ED-G (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- GENERAL) TO C-C (COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR)

WHEREAS, the City of Martinsville, Virginia (the “City”), has submitted an application to rezone multiple properties located along Commonwealth Boulevard, currently zoned ED-G (Economic Development-General), to C-C (Commercial Corridor); and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the rezoning is to correct existing non-conforming uses and to align the zoning classification with the actual land use and current development patterns; and,

WHEREAS, the properties proposed for rezoning are commonly known as ____ (street address) and having tax map numbers: 23(01)00/21, 22(01)00/86 86A, 22(01)00/91, 22(01)00/90, 22(10)00/AR, 22(10)00/A1R, 22(10)00/B, 22(08)00/A, 22(08)00/A-01, 22(08)00/C-01, 22(08)00/C-03, 21(06)00/C-04 (the “Subject Properties”) as more particularly described in the application and maps on file with the City’s Community Development Department; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Martinsville duly advertised and held a public hearing on the proposed rezoning on the 15th day of September, 2025, and recommended approval; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Martinsville held a duly advertised public hearing on the proposed rezoning on October 14, 2025, pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-2285; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed rezoning is consistent with the City’s Comprehensive Plan and serves the public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, that the zoning classification of the properties described in the rezoning application is hereby amended from ED-G (Economic Development-General) to C-C (Commercial Corridor).

Date of Adoption: _____

Recorded Roll Call Votes:

Mayor L.C. Jones:

Vice Mayor Kathy Lawson:

Council Member Aaron Rawls:

Council Member Julian Mei:

Council Member Rayshaun Gravely:

ATTEST:

City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-9

ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 100 S. JACKSON STREET FROM C-C (COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR) TO R-T (RESIDENTIAL TRANSITIONAL)

WHEREAS, the City of Martinsville (the "City") has submitted an application to rezone the property located at 100 S. Jackson Street, tax map #31(02)J/04, 31(02)J/03, 31(02)J/02, 31(02)K/45, 31(02)K/44, 31(02)K/06), (the "Subject Property") which is currently zoned C-C (Commercial Corridor), to R-T (Residential Transitional); and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the rezoning is to enable the use of the property for a combination of residential and commercial uses appropriate for a transitional district; and,

WHEREAS, the property is more particularly described in the application on file with the City's Community Development Department; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission duly advertised and held a public hearing on the proposed rezoning on the 15th day of September, 2025 and recommended approval of the request; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council conducted a duly advertised public hearing on October 14, 2025, in accordance with Virginia Code § 15.2-2285; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed rezoning supports the Comprehensive Plan and promotes the orderly development of land within the City;

WHEREAS, the City Council has also determined that the public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice of the City require and support the rezoning requested and affected by this Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, that the zoning classification of 100 S. Jackson Street is hereby amended from C-C (Commercial Corridor) to R-T (Residential Transitional).

Date of Adoption: _____

Recorded Roll Call Votes:

Mayor L.C. Jones: _____

Vice Mayor Kathy Lawson: _____

Council Member Aaron Rawls: _____

Council Member Julian Mei: _____

Council Member Rayshaun Gravely: _____

ATTEST:

City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-10

ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED ON W. CHURCH STREET AND EMANUEL STREET IN THE FIVE POINTS NEIGHBORHOOD FROM C-C (COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR) TO R-T (RESIDENTIAL TRANSITIONAL)

WHEREAS, the City of Martinsville (the “City”) has submitted an application to rezone several properties located in the Five Points Neighborhood, including parcels along W. Church Street and Emanuel Street, from C-C (Commercial Corridor) to R-T (Residential Transitional); and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the rezoning is to correct existing non-conforming residential uses and support a mix of residential and low-intensity commercial uses compatible with the surrounding neighborhood; and,

WHEREAS, the properties subject to this ordinance are further identified as follows: 31(02)M/5A, 31(02)M/5B, 31(02)M/5C, 31(02)M/5D, 31(02)M/5F, 31(02)M/5E, 31(02)M/5G, 31(02)M/5H, 31(02)M/5L, 31(02)M/5K, 31(02)M/5I, 31(02)M/5J, 31(02)M/5SM (the “Subject Properties”) in the rezoning application on file with the City’s Community Development Department; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has reviewed the application, duly advertised and held a public hearing on the 15th day of September, 2025, and recommended approval; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on October 14, 2025, with proper public notice as required by Virginia Code § 15.2-2204; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the rezoning to be consistent with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan and in the best interest of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has also determined that the public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice of the City require and support the rezoning requested and affected by this Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, that the zoning classification for the Subject Properties in the Five Points Neighborhood is hereby amended from C-C (Commercial Corridor) to R-T (Residential Transitional).

Date of Adoption: _____

Recorded Roll Call Votes:

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

ATTEST:

City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-11

ORDINANCE TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED ALONG BRIDGE, EAST MARKET, COLLEGE AND RAILROAD STREETS FROM C-C, COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR DISTRICT, C-N, NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, AND ED-I, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INTENSIVE, TO R-T, RESIDENTIAL TRANSITIONAL

WHEREAS, the City of Martinsville, Virginia (the “City”), has submitted an application to rezone multiple properties located along Bridge, East Market, College and Railroad Streets, currently zoned C-C, Commercial Corridor District, C-N, Neighborhood Commercial District, and ED-I, Economic Development Intensive, to R-T, Residential Transitional; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the rezoning is to correct existing non-conforming uses; align the zoning classification with the actual land use and current and anticipated development patterns; and,

WHEREAS, the properties proposed for rezoning (the “Subject Properties”) are located adjacent to Bridge, East Market, College and Railroad Streets, and bear the following tax map numbers: 32(01)L/01; 32(01)L/02; 32(01)L/03; 32(01)L/M; 32(01)L/06; 32(01)L/07; 32(01)L/08; 32(01)L/09; 32(01)L/10; 32(01)L/11; 32(01)L/14; 42(18)00/36A; 42(18)00/31 42(18)00/30; 42(18)00/29; 32(01)M/12RS; 32(01)M/23R; 32(01)M/38R; 32(01)M/20R; 32(01)M/22R; 32(01)N/19; 32(01)N/20; 32(01)N/23; 32(01)N/24; 32(01)N/25; 32(01)N/28; 32(01)N/29; 32(01)N/30; 32(01)N/30A 31A; 32(01)N/33; 32(01)N/34; 32(01)N/34A; 32(01)N/38; 32(01)N/39; 32(01)N/40; 32(01)N/41; 32(01)N/42; 32(01)N/44; 32(01)N/45; 32(01)N/48; 32(01)N/49; 32(01)N/50; 32(01)N/51; 32(01)N/47; 32(01)N/46; 32(01)N/43; 32(01)N/37; 32(01)N/36; 32(01)N/35; 32(01)N/32A; 32(01)N/32; 32(01)N/31; 32(01)N/30A 31A; 32(01)N/27; 32(01)N/26; 32(01)N/22; 32(01)N/21; 32(01)P/09R; 32(01)P/10; 32(01)P/11B; 32(01)U/05; 32(01)O/05; 32(01)O/6A; 32(01)O/08; 32(01)O/09; 32(01)O/11A; 32(01)O/13A; 32(01)O/14, and are more particularly described in the application and maps on file with the City’s Community Development Department; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Martinsville duly advertised and held a public hearing on the proposed rezoning on the 15th day of September, 2025, and recommended approval; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Martinsville held a duly advertised public hearing on the proposed rezoning on October 14, 2025, pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-2285; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed rezoning is consistent with the City’s Comprehensive Plan and serves the public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, that the zoning classification of the properties described in the rezoning application is hereby

amended from C-C, Commercial Corridor District, C-N, Neighborhood Commercial District, and ED-I, Economic Development Intensive, to R-T, Residential Transitional.

Date of Adoption: _____

Recorded Roll Call Votes:

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

ATTEST:

City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-12

ORDINANCE TO REZONE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 500 BLUE RIDGE STREET FROM C-C (COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR) TO R-T (RESIDENTIAL TRANSITIONAL)

WHEREAS, the City of Martinsville, Virginia (the “City”), intends to rezone the property located at 500 Blue Ridge Street, currently zoned C-C (Commercial Corridor) to R-T (Residential Transitional); and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the rezoning is to permit the construction of both residential and commercial uses, which would align the zoning classification with the actual land use and current development patterns in the surrounding vicinity; and,

WHEREAS, the property proposed for rezoning is commonly known as 500 Blue Ridge Street and having tax map numbers 37(01)00/07A) (the “Subject Property”) as more particularly described in the application and maps on file with the City’s Community Development Department; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Martinsville duly advertised and held a public hearing on the proposed rezoning on the ____ day of ____, 2025, and recommended approval; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Martinsville held a duly advertised public hearing on the proposed rezoning on October 14, 2025, pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-2285; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed rezoning is consistent with the City’s Comprehensive Plan and serves the public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, that the zoning classification of the properties described in the rezoning application is hereby amended from C-C (Commercial Corridor), to R-T Residential Transitional.

Date of Adoption: _____

Recorded Roll Call Votes:

Mayor L.C. Jones: _____

Vice Mayor Kathy Lawson: _____

Council Member Aaron Rawls: _____

Council Member Julian Mei: _____

Council Member Rayshaun Gravely: _____

ATTEST:

City Clerk