



MARTINSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, November 5, 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, Interim City Manager
Peyton Nibblett, Deputy City Clerk
Law Offices of Sands Anderson, Serving City Attorney



Special Called City Council Meeting - 6pm, Council Chambers

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Regular Agenda or New Business**
 - a. At the Request of the NAACP Martinsville Chapter, Discuss and Consider Sponsorship of NAACP Freedom Fund Scholarship Gala
- 3. Adjournment**



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM:

SUBJECT: At the Request of the NAACP Martinsville Chapter, Discuss and Consider Sponsorship of NAACP Freedom Fund Scholarship Gala

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: Council

MEETING DATE: November 5, 2025

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

At the request of the NAACP Martinsville Chapter, City Council will meet to discuss the possibility of supporting the 2025 Freedom Fund Scholarship Gala on November 14, 2025. As the Gala occurs before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Martinsville City Council, this special called meeting was needed in order to provide flexible decision-making for City Council.

The Gala will be held on Friday, November 14, 2025, and celebrates over fifty years of dedication to equity, justice, and opportunity in the Martinsville community. Through scholarships and community recognition, the NAACP Martinsville Chapter has long supported local initiatives that empower youth and honor outstanding contributions by businesses and individuals.

This year's event will feature musical performances, an exquisite meal, and the keynote address by Reverend Dr. Gwendolyn Boyd, nationally recognized engineer, ordained minister, and former President of Alabama State University. Her work and leadership exemplify the values of education, social justice, and community service.

Sponsorships directly support scholarships, community awards, and the ongoing mission of the NAACP Martinsville Chapter, with formal recognition provided during the program and in event materials.

City Council will consider how the City may engage with or support this important event.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

Virginia Code § 15.2-1102 and § 15.2-2506

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

up to 5,000 from Community Engagement Events Budget

Available Budget: 21,375.00

Purchase Amount: Not Applicable

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

For Council Consideration

ATTACHMENTS:

None