



March 17th, 2025
Martinsville City Council
Special Called, Closed Session Meeting Minutes

5:00 pm - Closed, Executive Session Meeting

Room 208, Municipal Building

A Closed meeting of the City of Martinsville, Virginia's Council, was held on March 17, 2025, at 5:00 PM in Conference Room 208, Martinsville Municipal Building, Martinsville, VA. Council Members participating included Vice Mayor, Kathy Lawson; Julian Mei, Rayshaun Gravely, and Mayor Jones. Council Member, Aaron Rawls was absent. Staff present included City Manager, Aretha Ferrell-Benavides; Mayor Jones called the meeting to order 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 Mei, aye; Mayor Jones, aye; Vice Mayor Lawson, aye; Council Member Gravely, aye. Council convened in Closed Session to discuss the following matters:

- A. 2.2-3711 A (1) 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; In regards to the City Manager and City Attorney position.

Action taken out of Closed Session; Motion made by Julian Mei authorizing Mayor Jones to negotiate a salary adjustment based on the October 8, 2024, performance assessment, seconded by Kathy Lawson. Approved with the following vote: Councilman Gravely, aye; Councilman Mei, aye; Vice Mayor Lawson, aye; Mayor Jones, aye. Approved with a 4:0 Vote with 1 Absent.