

Work Session

A Work Session was held at 6:00 pm on August 13 2024, in Room 208, Conference Room, Municipal Building. Mayor Jones, Vice Mayor Rawls, Council Member Lawson, Council Member Pearson, City Manager Aretha Ferrell-Benavides, Deputy Clerk of Council Peyton Nibblett, Chief Operating Officer Edena Reese-Atmore, Public Information Officer Kendall Davis, Public Works Director Greg Maggard, and Community Development Director Keith Holland were in attendance.

The Proposed Youth Advisory Council gave a presentation on the creation of a Youth Advisory Council and why the idea should be implemented in Martinsville with the main goal of empowering youth voice and voter presence. Priorities include: growing membership and community event planning with a meeting held every Wednesday at 6pm.

Public Works Director Greg Maggard gave a presentation on the Citywide Vehicle Replacement Program.

Public Information Officer Kendall Davis gave a presentation on Special Events Draft Policies and Procedures.

Discuss Consent Agenda Items:

Past Council Minutes were presented before Council and Councilor Kathy Lawson made an edit concerning the namesakes of the motion and order on the February 27th Minutes.

City Manager Aretha R Ferrell-Benavides presented a School Board Resignation Letter.

Briefings and Presentations:

COO Edena Reese-Atmore and Public Works Director Greg Maggard shared a joint presentation on the Continued 2024-2025 Capital Budget and the Continued Fleet Replacement Program.

Director of Public Works Greg Maggard spoke on the Continued Fleet Replacement Program.

Martinsville City Council held an August 13 Regular Session meeting in Council Chambers at Martinsville City Municipal Building. Council Members participating included Kathy Lawson, Aaron Rawls, Tammy Pearson, Lawrence Mitchell, and Mayor Jones. City Council Executive Session began at 7:00 PM.

Call to Order

Mayor Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting, pointing out that agendas could be found on the wall in the back of the room and on the City's website.

Pledge to the American Flag by Council Mayor Jones.
Invocation was led by Pastor (Find out)

Proclamations and Presentations

On Saturday, a Proclamation was granted to Miracle University for crossing over 1,000 students.

Consent Agenda

Update on Opioid Grant and Funding was presented by Finance Director Mandy McGhee. Topics discussed were the Grant, the Local Needs Assessment, Recommendations around prevention, procedures, and data collection. Spoke on pending agreements and settlements with Kroger being the most recent one. Next steps would be to review the Omni Institute Strategic Plan, partnering with providers to expand services, and explore additional grant opportunities with PCS and Henry County and develop a spending framework. Gave thanks to the several Boards and Commissions that have helped to support this effort.

Mayor Jones School Board Resignation

Councilor Kathy Lawson made the motion to approve the consent agenda item and VM seconded. Motion to move the acceptance to the next council meeting scheduled on August the 27th with a 5-0 vote.

Regular Agenda or New Business

- Travis Clemmons joined Superintendent Zeb Talley and presented before Council a proposal to consider approval of FY 2024-25 School Appropriation. Council deliberated on funding and a motion to approve Budget Appropriation for this year with a plan to revisit by Vice Mayor Rawls and Seconded by Kathy Lawson. The Council had a 5-0 recorded aye vote.
 - A. Approved
- City Manager Aretha R Ferrell Benavides was joined by HR Director Travis Hodge to present an HR Update
- Review of Boards and Commissions was done by City Manager Aretha Ferrell-Benavides

August 13th Council Meeting

- a. Moved approval and appointment to the fNext meeting will be this Thursday at 7pm, where they will have a closed and open session.

Business From the Floor

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Adjournment- Kathy Lawson made the Motion to Adjourn at 9pm.