



**November 5, 2025**  
**Martinsville City Council**  
**Special Called Meeting Minutes**

**Special Called City Council Meeting 6:00 PM Council Chambers**

1. Call to Order
  - a. Mayor Jones called the meeting to order beginning at 6:00 PM. Councilman Rawls participated virtually via Microsoft Teams due to business matters in another state. Vice Mayor Lawson was absent.
2. Regular Agenda or New Business
  - a. At the Request of the NAACP Martinsville Chapter, Discuss and Consider Sponsorship of NAACP Freedom Fund Scholarship.
    - i. The local City of Martinsville Chapter of the NAACP has requested that City Council Discuss and Consider a Sponsorship for their annual Scholarship Gala. Approached Council at the October 14, 2025 City Council meeting during the business from the floor section.
    - ii. The Pending President of the NAACP Chapter, Mr. McNair, presented to Council. NAACP wishes to be part of the community through Oktoberfest, Juneteenth, Blood Drive Collaboration, Medicare Informational at Grace Presbyterian Church.
    - iii. Have also held Candidate Forums at the NAACP.
    - iv. Gala is meant to connect the NAACP to the community through program awareness.
    - v. Mayor Jones spoke on the Outside Agencies Applications that will be opening soon for the City.
  - b. Motion for City Council to authorize the funding of the NAACP \$2,500 made by Rayshaun Gravely with a second by Julian Mei.
    1. Tied with the following 2-2-0 vote
      - a. Councilman Rawls, no.
      - b. Councilman Mei, no.
      - c. Councilman Gravely, yes.
      - d. Mayor Jones, yes.



- ii. Motion for City Council to authorize the funding of the NAACP for \$500 made by Rayshaun Gravely. No second was made. Mayor Jones passed the gavel to Councilman Gravely to second the motion.
  - 1. Councilman Gravely asked that Council consider the funding due to the precedent set by the Virginia 250 Race Car.
  - 2. Motion Failed with a tie vote, with the following 2-2-0 vote for City Council to authorize the funding of \$500 to the NAACP for their Scholarship Gala.
    - i. Councilman Rawls, no
    - ii. Councilman Mei, no
    - iii. Councilman Gravely, yes.
    - iv. Mayor Jones, yes.
  - 3. No Funding was agreed upon.

3. Adjournment

- a. Mayor Jones made the motion to adjourn at 7:07 PM.

  
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LC Jones, Mayor

Attest:  
  
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Deputy Clerk of Council, City of Martinsville