



February 17, 2026
Martinsville City Council
Special Called Closed Session
Meeting Minutes

Special Called Closed Session City Council Meeting

5:00 PM Council Chambers

Room 226, Municipal Building

A Closed meeting of the City of Martinsville, Virginia's Council, was held on February 17, 2026 at 5:00 PM in Conference Room 226, Martinsville Municipal Building, Martinsville, VA. Council Members participating included Mayor, LC Jones; Vice Mayor, Kathy Lawson; Julian Mei, Rayshaun Gravely, and Aaron Rawls. Aaron Rawls was virtual due to an out-of-state business conference.

Staff present included Stephen Durbin from Sands Anderson; Greg Maggard, Director of Public Works; Sheriff Draper; Robert Fincher, Interim City Manager, and Peyton Nibblett, Deputy City Clerk for Item A. For Item B, Staff Present included Robert Fincher and Stephen Durbin.

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 Vice Mayor Lawson and seconded by Council Member Gravely with the following 5-0 recorded vote: Council Member Mei, aye; Council Member Rawls, aye; Vice Mayor Lawson, aye; Council Member Gravely, aye; Mayor Jones, aye.

Council convened in Closed Session to discuss the following matters:

- A. 2.2-3711 (A3) 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 & 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 &



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. With regard to Ongoing Court House Show Cause Litigation/ Facility Study.

- B. 2.2-3711 (A8) Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. With regard to Virginia's State and Local Government Conflicts of Interests Act and Attorney-Client Privilege.

Return to Open Session and Certification of Closed Session - 7pm, Council Chambers

With a Motion by Vice Mayor Lawson and Second by Councilman Gravely, 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 4-1 vote

- A. Councilman Rawls; no
 - a. Councilman Rawls stated his reason for voting “no,” was because he would like to take time to review the topics discussed out of an abundance of caution.
- B. Councilman Gravely; aye
- C. Councilman Mei; aye
- D. Vice Mayor Lawson; aye
- E. Mayor Jones; aye

- 1. Discuss and Reconsider November 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes
- 2. Take Any Action Necessary as a Result of the Executive Session.
 - a. No Action was Taken
- 3. Adjournment
 - a. Vice Mayor Lawson made the motion to adjourn at 7:25 PM.



Kathy Lawson

Kathy Lawson, Vice Mayor

Attest:
[Signature]
Deputy Clerk of Council, City of Martinsville