



MARTINSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

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.

Economic Development Authority and City Council Call Open Session to Order - 5:30pm, Gardner Board Room, New College Institute

- a. Discuss and Consider Motion to go into Closed Session

Economic Development Authority Joint Closed Session with City Council -- 5:30pm, Gardner Board Room; New College Institute

- a. **2.2-3711(A5)** Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community. With regard to a Prospective Economic Development Project with Economic Development Authority. With regard to a Prospective Housing Development Project with the Economic Development Authority.
- b. **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. With regard to a Potential Economic Development Project with the Economic Development Authority.

- c. **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 Show-Cause Order.

Economic Development Authority and City Council Return to Open Session and Certification of Closed Session - 6pm, Gardner Board Room; New College Institute

Economic Development Authority and City Council Joint Work Session - 6pm, Gardner Board Room; New College Institute

- a. EDA Presentation - Return on Investment for City of Martinsville

Regular Session - 7pm, Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge to the American Flag

3. Invocation

- a. Angela Zimmerman, Starling Avenue Baptist Church

4. Take Any Action Necessary as a Result of the Executive Session

5. Presentations and Proclamations

- a. Proclamation Honoring April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month -- Presented to Focus on Youth/ CASA
- b. Proclamation Honoring April 2026 as Bee City Month in the City of Martinsville -- Presented to Bee City Martinsville
- c. Planning Commission Update
- d. Community Development Update
- e. Update on Virginia 250 Committee
- f. Opioid Abatement Authority Timeline and History

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Discuss and Consider March 10, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes

7. Regular Agenda or New Business

- a. Discuss and Consider Approval of Ordinance 2026-5 (Opioid Abatement Funds) on Second Reading



- b. Hold a Public Hearing for and Discuss and Consider Appropriations Ordinance 2026-6 (Reappropriation of Prior-Year Funds) on First Reading
- c. Hold a Public Hearing for and Discuss and Consider Appropriations Ordinance 2026- 7 on First Reading (Fire Programs)
- d. Hold a Public Hearing for and Discuss and Consider Appropriation Ordinance 2026-8 (One Ellsworth)

8. City Hall Reporting & Announcements

- a. News and Events

9. Communications from Visitors / Business from the Floor

Description: The purpose of City Council Meetings is to conduct the City's Business. City Council allows for public comment, limited to matters on which the Council has the power and authority to act and are not listed on the printed agenda. Participation: Citizens who wish to participate in a meeting's public comment period may do so by signing up at the podium at the entrance prior to the beginning of the meeting, emailing their comments to Peyton Nibblett, Deputy City Clerk, at pnibblett@martinsvilleva.gov, calling in their comments to 276-403-5196, or mailing comments to the City of Martinsville, attn.: Peyton Nibblett, Martinsville, VA 24114 (a.) Comments, or a request to speak, must be received by noon the day before a Council meeting for consideration by the Council at the meeting. (b.) Any person submitting comments or requesting to speak must identify themselves by name and address, including zip code. (c.) Remarks are to be limited to 3 minutes or less (as read aloud), address a topic of City business, and refrain from making any personal references or accusations of a factually false and/or malicious nature. (d.) Priority for comments is given to City residents, taxpayers, and business owners. (e.) Speakers may not yield time. (f.) Groups of speakers on the same topic must designate a single representative. Comments violating these rules may not be presented at the Council meeting. (g.) Any speaker violating these rules may be removed from the podium or from the Council Chamber. (h.) This policy does not apply to public hearings, at which any citizen of Martinsville may appear and speak on the subject of the public hearing.

10. Comments by Members of City Council

11. Comments by City Manager

12. Adjournment