



MARTINSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, April 28, 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.

Call Open Session to Order - 5:30pm, Martinsville Municipal Building; Council Chambers

- a. Discuss and Consider Motion to Enter Closed Session

Closed Session 5:30pm, Rm 32; Municipal Building

- a. 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 Opioid Litigation. With regard to Show-Cause Order. With regard to Employment Law Investigation.
- 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 Opioid Litigation, with regard to Show-Cause Order, with regard to investigative reports and attorney-client privilege concerns.



Return to Open Session and Certification of Closed Session - 7pm, Council Chambers; Martinsville Municipal Building

Please note that the above time is just an estimation; City Council will reconvene at 7pm or soon thereafter following the conclusion of Closed Session discussion.

Regular Session - 7pm, Council Chambers

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge to the American Flag**
- 3. Invocation**
 - a. Led by Pastor Tim Hunt, Rich Acres Christian Church
- 4. Take Any Action Necessary as a Result of the Executive Session**
- 5. Presentations and Proclamations**
 - a. Recognition of Service Awards Recipients
 - b. Proclamation Honoring Boy Scouts of America Troop 326 and Scoutmaster Nelson “Burr” Fox, III for the Troop’s 55th Anniversary -- Presented to Nelson "Burr" Fox, III and Troop 326
 - c. Proclamation Honoring the Week of May 3-9, 2026 as National Corrections Officer & Employees Month -- Presented to City of Martinsville's Sheriff's Office
 - d. Police Officers' Memorial Proclamation -- Presented to City of Martinsville's Police Department
 - e. Presentation from Five Points Residents -- Kim Glisson
 - f. Planning Commission Update -- Joey Martin
- 6. Regular Agenda or New Business**
 - a. Items of Consent
 - A. Discuss and Consider March 30, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes
 - B. Discuss and Consider April 10, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes
 - b. Discuss and Consider Setting a Public Hearing for Next Regular Council Meeting (May 12) to hear names for City School Board
 - c. Discuss and Consider Adoption of 2026 Rules of Council
 - d. Discuss and Consider a Request from West Piedmont Planning District Commission for Martinsville Redevelopment and Housing Authority to Transfer Ownership of the Property Located at 201 Second Street to WPPDC for the Purpose of Developing the Property for Housing Purposes



- e. Presentation of 26-27 Budget by Robert Fincher, City Manager

7. City Hall Reporting & Announcements

- a. Monthly Financial Update
- b. News & Events

8. 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.

9. Comments by Members of City Council

10. Comments by City Manager

11. Adjournment



April Service Awards

First Name	Last Name	Department	Years of Service	Service Date	Milestone Date
Sheila	Clark	Treasurer	30	01/01/1996	01/01/2026
Rodney	Howell	Fire Department	30	02/01/1996	02/01/2026
Michael	Martin	City Hall Maintenance	25	04/01/2001	04/01/2026
Christopher	Bell	Police Dept	15	01/01/2011	01/01/2026
Justin	Mills	Sheriff - Jail	5	01/04/2021	01/04/2026
Jesse	Shelton	Wastewater Plant	5	02/01/2021	02/01/2026
Jared	Young	Wastewater Plant	5	04/12/2021	04/12/2026

April Retirees

First Name	Last Name	Years of Service	Service Date
John	Kaczor	28	10/01/1997
Richard	Barrow	27	01/01/1999
Charles	Anderson	30	04/29/1996



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Peyton Nibblett, Deputy City Clerk

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider Setting a Public Hearing for Next Regular Council Meeting (May 12) to hear names for City School Board

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: April 28, 2026

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

Two School Board seats will be vacant on June 30, 2026. City Council is asked to set a Public Hearing for their next Council Meeting on May 12, 2026 to hear names for the Martinsville City School Board. Once City Council has heard names, appointments may be made on the May 26, 2026 City Council Meeting with terms beginning July 1, 2026.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

Code of Virginia § 22.1-29.1.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

Not Applicable

Available Budget: Not Applicable

Purchase Amount: Not Applicable

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

City Council Set Public Hearing for May 12, 2026 for the Purpose of Hearing Names for the Martinsville City School Board

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Peyton Nibblett, Deputy City Clerk

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider Adoption of 2026 Rules of Council

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: April 28, 2026

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The City Council adopted its current Rules of Council in early 2025 to establish procedures governing meetings and order of business. These rules ensure meetings are conducted in an efficient, transparent, and consistent manner in accordance with applicable laws and best practices.

As part of Council's annual review process, the Rules of Council are being presented for readoption for 2026. Readoption affirms Council's commitment to maintaining clear and effective governance procedures. Any proposed amendments or updates may be considered at this time.

Council action is requested to readopt the Rules of Council for 2026.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

Not Applicable

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

Not Applicable

Available Budget: Not Applicable

Purchase Amount: Not Applicable

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

City Council Approve of 2026 Rules of Council

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Hannah Powell, Community Development Specialist, Kris Bridges, Building Official

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider a Request from West Piedmont Planning District Commission for Martinsville Redevelopment and Housing Authority to Transfer Ownership of the Property Located at 201 Second Street to WPPDC for the Purpose of Developing the Property for Housing Purposes

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: April 28, 2026

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

Presented by Sean Campbell, WPPDC

Staff has been working with West Piedmont PDC regarding options for new housing construction on various vacant lots and properties owned by the City or the Housing Authority. In addition to other properties previously conveyed, WPPDC is interested in the vacant corner lot at 201 Second Street as a housing project site. The property is identified as Lot 1, Academy Place Subdivision, 201 Second Street, City Tax Map Number 30 (20)00/01, owned by Martinsville Redevelopment & Housing Authority since August, 2003, with the land value listed as \$8000. As in other conveyances, the costs associated with transferring the property will be covered by West Piedmont PDC.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

VA Code. Section 36. Redevelopment and Housing Authority

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

None

Available Budget: Not Applicable

Purchase Amount: Not Applicable

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

Staff recommends transferring the property to WPPDC for the purpose noted.

1.Recess as Council (motion, second, voice vote as Council members),

2. Convene a meeting of the Martinsville Redevelopment & Housing Authority (motion, second, voice vote as Authority members)
3. Transfer the property as described to WPPDC (motion, second, voice vote as Authority members)
4. Recess as the Housing Authority (motion, second, voice vote as Authority members)
5. Reconvene as Council (motion, second, voice vote as Council members)

ATTACHMENTS:

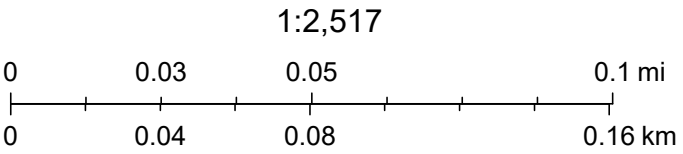
1.	Map 201 Second Street WPPDC Request Leon Towarnicki
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ArcGIS Web Map



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