



April 14, 2026
Martinsville City Council
Meeting Minutes

Call Open Session to Order - 5:30pm, Council Chambers; Municipal Building; 55 W Church St, Martinsville VA

a. Discuss and Consider Motion to go into Closed Session. Motion made by Councilman Mei and Second by Councilman Rawls.

- Councilman Teague; aye
- Councilman Mei; aye
- Councilman Rawls; aye
- Councilman Gravely; aye
- Vice Mayor Lawson; aye

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

City Council met in closed session beginning at 5:30 PM to discuss the following:

- 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. 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.



All City Council Members were in attendance: Kathy Lawson, Rayshaun Gravely, Julian Mei, Aaron Rawls, and Mayor Jones. Staff in attendance were City Manager, Robert Fincher and City Attorney Representative, Stephen Durbin of Sands Anderson. Deputy City Clerk, Peyton Nibblett, entered Closed Session solely for the discussion concerning City Boards and Commissions.

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

A. Upon a motion by Councilman Mei, and second by Councilman Teague, City Council certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge:

(i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Section 2.2-3711; and

(ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by Council.

B. Approved with the following 5-0 vote.

- Councilman Mei; aye
- Councilman Teague; aye
- Councilman Rawls; aye
- Councilman Gravely; aye
- Vice Mayor Lawson; aye

Regular Session - 7pm, Council Chambers

Attendance: All City Council Members present.

- Call to Order
 - Mayor Jones called the meeting to order beginning at 7PM.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation
 - Led by Pastor Tim Hunt, Rich Acres Christian Church



- Take Any Action Necessary as A Result of the Executive Session
 - Motion by Councilman and a second by Councilman Gravely to release the redacted Brown Edwards report.
 - Approved with the following 5-0 vote.
 - Councilman Mei; aye
 - Councilman Rawls; aye
 - Councilman Gravely; aye
 - Vice Mayor Lawson; aye
 - Mayor Jones; aye
- Presentations and Proclamations
 - Recognition of Service Awards Recipients
 - 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
 - Proclamation Honoring the Week of May 3-9, 2026 as National Corrections Officer & Employees Month -- Presented to City of Martinsville's Sheriff's Office
 - Police Officers' Memorial Proclamation -- Presented to City of Martinsville's Police Department
 - Presentation from Five Points Residents -- Kim Glisson
 - Planning Commission Update -- Joey Martin



- Regular Agenda or New Business
 - Discuss and Consider Items of Consent
 - April 14, 2026 Meeting Min
 - Discuss and Consider Appointments to City Boards and Commissions Appointments
 - Motion to approve the following applicants for respective terms made by Councilman Mei and Second by Councilman Teague

Kerri Bradley	Architectural Review Board	December 31, 2028
Robert Lyles	Transportation Safety Commission	December 31, 2029
James Johnston	Transportation Safety Commission	December 31, 2029
James Johnston	Southern Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors	December 31, 2028
Jennifer Higgins	Arts and Cultural Commission	December 31, 2028
Michael Kirby	Henry County-Martinsville Joint Social Services Board	December 31, 2029

- Approved with the following 5-0 vote.
 - Councilman Mei; aye
 - Councilman Teague; aye
 - Councilman Rawls; aye
 - Councilman Gravely; aye
 - Vice Mayor Lawson; aye
- Discuss and Consider Appropriations Ordinance 2026-6 (Reappropriation of Prior-Year Funds) on Second Reading
 - Motion to Approve Ordinance on Second Reading by Councilman Teague and Second by Councilman Gravley.



- Approved with the following 5-0 vote.
 - Councilman Mei; aye
 - Councilman Teague; aye.
 - Councilman Rawls; aye
 - Councilman Gravely; aye
 - Vice Mayor Lawson; aye
- Discuss and Consider Appropriations Ordinance 2026 - 7 on Second Reading (Fire Programs)
 - Motion to Approve on Second Reading by Councilman Teague and Second by Councilman Gravely.
 - Approved with the following 5-0 vote.
 - Councilman Mei; aye
 - Councilman Teague; aye
 - Councilman Rawls; aye
 - Councilman Gravely; aye
 - Vice Mayor Lawson; aye
- Discuss and Consider Appropriation Ordinance 2026-8 (One Ellsworth) on Second Reading
 - Motion to Approve on Second Reading by Councilman Teague and Second by Councilman Gravely.
 - Approved with the following 5-0 vote.
 - Councilman Mei; aye
 - Councilman Teague; aye
 - Councilman Rawls; aye
 - Councilman Gravely; aye
 - Vice Mayor Lawson; aye

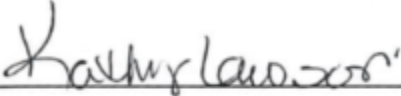


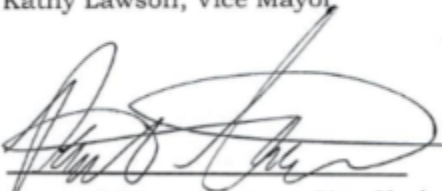
Discuss and Consider Resolution Approving the City's Participation in the Proposed Combined Settlement Agreement Resolving Opioid-Related Claims Against Associated Pharmacies, Inc., J M Smith Corporation, Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc., Morris and Dickson Co., North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc., and United Natural Foods, Inc., and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Necessary Documents

- Motion to Approve by Councilman Rawls and Second by Councilman Mei.
 - Approved with the following 5-0 vote.
 - Councilman Mei; aye
 - Councilman Teague; aye
 - Councilman Rawls; aye
 - Councilman Gravely; aye
 - Vice Mayor Lawson; aye

Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Rawls and Seconded by Councilman Teague at 8 pm.


Kathy Lawson, Vice Mayor


Peyton Nibblett, Deputy City Clerk