



MARTINSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, May 12, 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 - 6pm, Council Chambers; Municipal Building

- a. Discuss and Consider Motion to Enter Closed Session

Closed Session 6pm, Rm 32; Municipal Building

- a. **2.2-3711 A(7)** 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 employment legal matters.
- b. **2.2-37.11 A (1)** Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; In regards to Boards and Commissions applications and appointees.

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



City Council will return to open session promptly at 7pm, or soon thereafter, upon return from Closed Session.

Regular Session - 7pm, Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

- a. Led by Hailey Coleman, VML "If I were Mayor Contest" Winner

2. Pledge to the American Flag

3. Invocation

4. Presentations and Proclamations

- a. VML Presents "If I Were Mayor" Contest Award to Hailey Coleman for Her Award-Winning Essay
- b. Proclamation Honoring Zay Tinsely for Outstanding Achievement in Basketball -- Presented to Zay Tinsely from Martinsville High School
- c. Proclamation Honoring the 70th Anniversary of the Martinsville Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc
- d. Proclamation Honoring May as Business Appreciation Month -- Presented to Theresa Walsh of Walsh's Chicken & More
- e. Human Resources Departmental Update

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

- a. Discuss and Consider Appointments to City Boards and Commissions

6. Regular Agenda or New Business

- a. Items of Consent
- b. Public Hearing for School Board Names
- c. Discuss and Consider Setting a Public Hearing for May 26, 2026 for the City Manager's Proposed FY 26-27 Total Operating Budget
- d. Discuss and Consider Adoption of 2026-2028 Strategic Plan

7. City Hall Reporting & Announcements

- a. 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



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Rob Fincher, City Manager , Peyton Nibblett, Deputy City Clerk

SUBJECT: VML Presents "If I Were Mayor" Contest Award to Hailey Coleman for Her Award-Winning Essay

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: May 12, 2026

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

City Council will recognize Martinsville Middle School Student, Hailey Coleman, for being the Region 2 Winner in the Virginia Municipal League's "If I Were Mayor" Contest. The Virginia Municipal League (VML) "If I Were Mayor" essay contest invites 7th and 8th-grade students from VML member localities to submit 300-500 word essays outlining how they would address a community issue.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

Not Applicable

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

Not Applicable

Available Budget: Not Applicable

Purchase Amount: Not Applicable

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

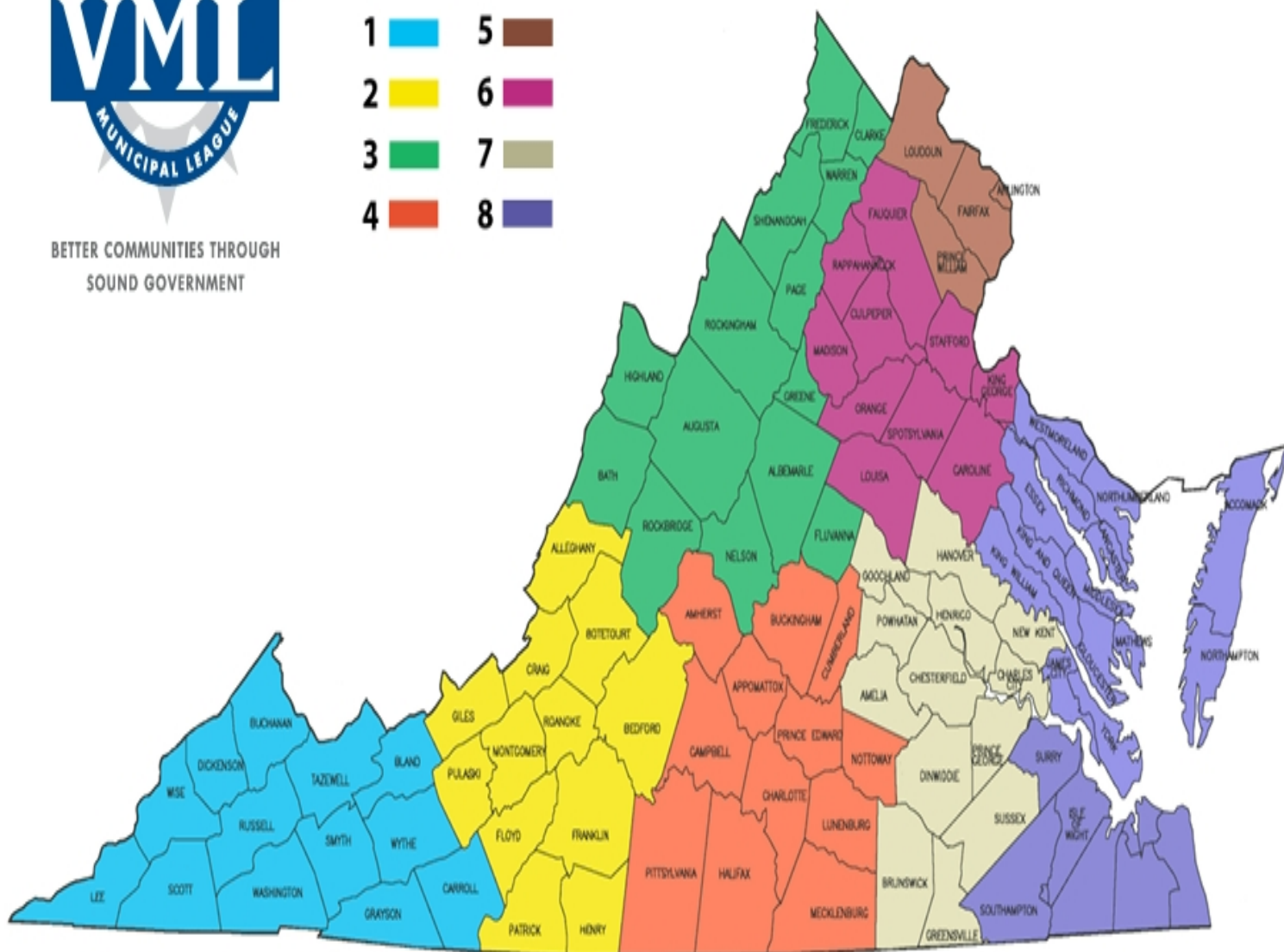
Presentation -- no action needed.

ATTACHMENTS:

1.	Region Map
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Regions Key

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2		6	
3		7	
4		8	





STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Rob Fincher, City Manager , Richard Stanfield, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: Items of Consent

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: May 12, 2026

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The following items on the agenda do not generally require any discussion or debate because they are routine procedures or are already unanimous consent:

1. Confirmation of the Following Meeting Minutes:

- April 28, 2026
- April 30, 2026
- May 2, 2026
- May 5, 2026
- May 6, 2026

2. Consideration of a Resolution Appropriating Funds

POLICY EXPLANATION:

Not Applicable

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

Budget Adjustments

Available Budget: Not Applicable

Purchase Amount: Not Applicable

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

City Council Approve Items of Consent (Motion/Second)

ATTACHMENTS:

1.	Resolution to Appropriate Funds No. 1 - 2026
2.	Resolution to Appropriate Funds No. 1 - 2026 Attachments

RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FY 25-26

1 - 2026

CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, the Martinsville City Council desires to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget; and

WHEREAS, Section 15.2-2507 of the Code of Virginia authorizes the governing body to amend the adopted budget and make supplemental appropriations during the fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby approves the following budget adjustments:BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these amendments adjust revenues and expenditures accordingly across the listed funds, resulting in no net change to the overall budget where offsets are present.

The Council hereby appropriates \$18,343 in grants funding for use by the Police Department.

The Council hereby appropriates \$12,675 in donations received for the Sheriff's Office and Sheriff's Honor Guard programs.

The Council hereby appropriates \$163,887 from the General Fund balance for radio leases and garbage truck lease.

The Council hereby reclassifies GCS Radio Rental expenditures from the current Radio Maintenance budget line to the Equipment Rentals budget line to ensure proper accounting and alignment with the nature of the expense.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these amendments adjust the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget accordingly.

Adopted this 12th day of May, 2026.

Resolution to Appropriate Funds No. 1 - 2026

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

ATTEST:

Peyton Nibblett, Deputy Clerk of Council

City of Martinsville, Virginia

Budget Transfer & Adjustment Request Form

Date of Request:

March 19, 2026

Dept Name:

Sheriff

Dept Director:

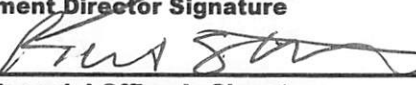
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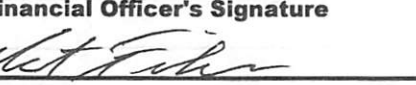
Reason for Budget Transfer:

Donations-Sheriff for M/C Equipment & Maintenance and Honor Guard Supplies

General Ledger Account Name	Org	Object	Acct Type (Revenue/ Expense)	Incr (I) Decr (D)	Amount of Change
Donations - Sheriff	01010000	480412	REVENUE	I	10,675
Donations - Honor Guard	01010000	480413	REVENUE	I	2,000
Sheriff - M/C Equipment/Maintenance	01217078	506138	EXPENSE	I	10,675
Sheriff - Honor Guard Supplies	01217078	506145	EXPENSE	I	2,000
Totals					\$ 25,350


Department Director Signature


Chief Financial Officer's Signature


City Manager

Date: 3.30.26
 Date: 5-7-26
 Date: 4/7/26

Finance Only	
FY/Period #:	_____
JE #:	_____
Keyed By:	_____
Date:	_____
Posted by:	_____
Date:	_____

City of Martinsville, Virginia

Budget Transfer & Adjustment Request Form

Date of Request:

May 7, 2026

Dept Name:

General Fund

Dept Director:

Rob Fincher

Reason for Budget Transfer:

VA Local Law Enforcement Grant - Block Grant

General Ledger Account Name	General Ledger Account Code (Org-Object-Proj)	Account Type (Rev or Exp)	Increase or Decrease (I or D)	Amount of Change [Incr/ (Decr)]
GF - Police DCJS	01102925-436131	REVENUE	I	(3,343)
PD - Vehicle and Equipment Maint	01311085-506008	EXPENSE	I	3,343
Totals				\$ -

Department Director Signature

Date



5-7-26

Chief Financial Officer's Signature

Date



5/7/26

City Manager

Date

Finance Only

FY/Period #: FY26/10

JE #:

Keyed By:

Date:

Posted by:

Date:

City of Martinsville, Virginia

Budget Transfer & Adjustment Request Form

Date of Request:

March 12, 2026

Dept Name:

Various

Dept Director:

Rob Fincher

Reason for Budget Transfer:

GCS Radios, Truck Rental, etc.

General Ledger Account Name	Org	Object	Acct Type (Revenue/ Expense)	Incr (I) Decr (D)	Amount of Change
GF - Garage - Radio Maint	01127060	505240	EXPENSE	D	(1,800)
GF - Garage - Equipment Rent	01127060	545009	EXPENSE	I	1,800
GF - PD - Radio Main	01311085	505240	EXPENSE	D	(14,000)
GF - PD - Equipment Rent	01311085	545009	EXPENSE	I	45,600
GF - Fire - Radio Maint	01321102	505240	EXPENSE	D	(33,600)
GF - Fire - Equipment Rent	01321102	545009	EXPENSE	I	32,000
GF - Sher Corr - Radio Maint	01331108	505240	EXPENSE	D	(2,000)
GF - Sher Corr - Equipment Rent	01331108	545009	EXPENSE	I	6,400
GF - Emer/Safety - Radio Maint	01334122	505240	EXPENSE	D	(2,400)
GF - Emer/Safety - Equipment Rent	01334122	545009	EXPENSE	I	2,400
GF - Senior Center - Radio Maint	01714212	505240	EXPENSE	D	(3,600)
GF - Senior Center - Equipment Rent	01714212	545009	EXPENSE	I	3,600
GF - Contribution from Fund Balance	01010000	909991	REVENUE	I	(34,400)
Refuse - Collection - Equipment Rent	09424301	545009	EXPENSE	I	6,000
Refuse - Collection - Equipment Rent	09424301	545009	EXPENSE	I	80,100
Refuse - Contribution from Fund Balance	09103938	909991	REVENUE	I	(86,100)
Wtr/Swr - Wtr Plant - Equipment Rent	12424260	545009	EXPENSE	D	(1,000)
Wtr/Swr - Swr Plant - Equipment Rent	12424270	545009	EXPENSE	I	23,032
Wtr/Swr - Wtr Maint - Equipment Rent	12543313	545009	EXPENSE	I	3,400
Water/Sewer - Contribution from Fund Balance	12010000	909991	REVENUE	I	(25,432)
Elect - UB - Radio Maint	14404700	505240	EXPENSE	D	(4,800)
Elect - UB - Equipment Rent	14404700	545009	EXPENSE	I	5,300
Elect - Dir - Equipment Rent	14560335	505240	EXPENSE	D	(13,200)
Elect - Dir - Equipment Rent	14560335	545009	EXPENSE	I	13,200
Elect - Inst - Radio Maint	14562337	505240	EXPENSE	D	(685)
Elect - Maint - Radio Maint	14563338	505240	EXPENSE	D	(685)
Elect - Cons - Radio Maint	14564339	505240	EXPENSE	D	(685)
Elec - Contribution from Fund Balance	14103938	909991	REVENUE	D	1,555
Streets - St Maint - Equipment Rent	42050508	545009	EXPENSE	I	16,400
Streets - Contribution from Fund Balance	42001000	909991	REVENUE	I	(16,400)
Totals					\$ -

Department Director Signature

Date

Chief Financial Officer's Signature

Date

City Manager

Finance Only

FY/Period #: FY26 / 1

JE #: 788

Keyed By: SC

Date: 3/13/26

Posted by:

Date:

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City of Martinsville, Virginia

Budget Transfer & Adjustment Request Form

Date of Request:

March 23, 2026

Dept Name:

PD

Dept Director:

Chad Rhoads

Reason for Budget Transfer:

HEAT Grant for Equipment and Training

General Ledger Account Name	Org	Object	Acct Type (Revenue/ Expense)	Incr (I) Decr (D)	Amount of Change
PD - Non-Capital Equip	01311085	506104	EXPENSE	I	10,000
PD - Training / Travel	01311085	505500	EXPENSE	I	5,000
State Grant - HEAT Grant	01101918	443313	REVENUE	I	(15,000)
Totals					\$ -

Department Director Signature

Date

Chief Financial Officer's Signature

Date

City Manager

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SCANNED

Date

Finance Only

FY/Period #: FY26 / 6

JE #: 55A

Keyed By: SC

Date: 3/23/26

Posted by:

Date:



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Peyton Nibblett, Deputy City Clerk

SUBJECT: Public Hearing for School Board Names

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: May 12, 2026

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

City Council will conduct a public hearing to receive the names of individuals interested in serving on the Martinsville City School Board. Citizens will have an opportunity to present recommendations and comments for Council's consideration regarding two upcoming School Board vacancies. Council members may also make recommendations during this time.

Staff also requests that City Council set a date for School Board interviews before May 26, 2026 City Council Meeting.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

VA Code § 22.1-29.1.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

None

Available Budget: None

Purchase Amount: None

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

City Council Open Public Hearing, City Council Close Public Hearing

City Council Recommends a Date for School Board Interviews

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Rob Fincher, City Manager , Richard Stanfield, Chief Financial Officer, Peyton Nibblett, Deputy City Clerk

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider Setting a Public Hearing for May 26, 2026 for the City Manager's Proposed FY 26-27 Total Operating Budget

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: May 12, 2026

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The City Manager presented the proposed FY 2026-2027 budget on April 28, 2026. Since then, City Council has held work sessions on April 30, 2026; May 2, 2026; May 5, 2026; and May 6, 2026.

Pursuant to §15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia, City Council must hold a public hearing to receive citizen comments regarding the contemplated Total Operating budget. Staff requests City Council to consider setting a Public Hearing for the May 26, 2026 City Council Meeting, the next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

§15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

Not Applicable

Available Budget: Not Applicable

Purchase Amount: Not Applicable

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

City Council set public hearing for May 26, 2026

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Peyton Nibblett, Deputy City Clerk

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider Adoption of 2026-2028 Strategic Plan

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: May 12, 2026

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The plan is organized around core focus areas including Steadfast Foundation, Exceptional Quality of Life, Thriving Neighborhoods, and A Well-Marketed Destination.

Steadfast Foundation: This objective is organized around core focus areas including good governance, sound financial management, accurate budgeting and forecasting, proactive communication, unified organizational culture, and employee support and development.

Exceptional Quality of Life: This objective emphasizes reliable utilities, safe streets, and strong public safety systems that support families and businesses, along with well-maintained parks, trails, and public spaces. In addition, it highlights preparedness and resilience for emergencies, strengthened community connections through proactive outreach that keeps residents informed and engaged, and continued investment in transportation and pedestrian improvements.

Thriving Neighborhoods: This objective advances key community priorities such as safe and stable neighborhoods, affordable housing opportunities, revitalization of vacant and underutilized properties, neighborhood pride and beautification, equitable investment across all areas, and reliable delivery of core services including infrastructure maintenance and public works.

A Well-Marketed Destination: The objective emphasizes economic vitality and community identity through tourism promotion, strengthened City branding, support for local businesses and entrepreneurs, enhanced outdoor recreation assets, and regional partnerships. A strong emphasis is placed on proactive storytelling, public education about City services, transparent communication of progress, and highlighting the work of City staff and departments to strengthen public trust and engagement.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

Not Applicable

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

Not Applicable

Available Budget: Not Applicable

Purchase Amount: Not Applicable

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

City Council Adopt 2026-2028 Strategic Plan

ATTACHMENTS:

None