



May 2, 2026
Martinsville City Council
Special Called Session
Meeting Minutes

**Call Open Session to Order – 9:00AM; Martinsville Municipal Building;
Council Chambers**

The City of Martinsville City Council met on May 2, 2026 at 9 am in Council Chambers, in the Martinsville Municipal Building located at 55 W Church St, Martinsville VA to participate in Department Budget Workshops with City Staff.

In Attendance: Mayor Jones, Vice Mayor Lawson. Councilman Mei entered at 9:35 AM, Councilman Gravely entered at 10am. Councilman Rawls was absent.

Staff present were Rob Fincher, City Manager; Richard Stanfield, Director of Finance; Dan Howell, Fire Chief; John Turner, EMS Administrator; Greg Maggard, Managing Director of Public Works; Durwin Joyce, Electric Director; Mandy Muse, Water Resources Director; Chief Chad Rhoads, Police Chief; Dawn Hale, Executive Assistant in Police Department; Ben Peters; Police Captain; Jared Pruitt, Chief Technology Officer; Kimberly Robison, Human Resources Director; Hannah Powell, Interim Director of Community Development; Kris Bridges, Building Official; Kendall Davis, Public Information Officer; Sara Workman, City Registrar, and Peyton Nibbett, Deputy City Clerk.

Rob Fincher, City Manager, and Department heads went through Proposed Line Item Budgets with the City Council; beginning with a summary of any changes made in the upcoming budget. Rob Fincher instructed each Department to cut their proposed budgets by 4% before the worksession with Council; every Department and Constitutional Office complied. Each Department Head gave an overview of proposed increases, decreases, and future opportunities for improvement. Several Departments made cuts to Postage, Travel & Training, Uniforms, Equipment and Office Supplies.



The City Manager intervened to provide any necessary clarification and reminded Council to jump in if any questions arose. The City Registrar, a Constitutional Officer, participated in a budget workshop with City Council on this day, as she had a time conflict on the scheduled day for Constitutional Officer Workshops, May 5, 2026.

1. Adjournment
 - a. Vice Mayor Lawson made the motion to adjourn at 2:50 PM.

No Action was Taken during this work session.



Julian Mei

Julian Mei, Councilmember

Rayshaun Gravelly 5-12-26

Rayshaun Gravelly, Councilmember

Kathy Lawson

Kathy Lawson, Vice Mayor

LC Jones 5-12-26

LC Jones, Mayor

Attest:

[Signature]

Deputy Clerk of Council, City of Martinsville

