



# **MARTINSVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

## **MEETING AGENDA**

Tuesday, May 26, 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. 2.2-37.11 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; With regard to Youth Advisory Committee interviews.
- b. 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 Facility Show-Cause Order.

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

Please take notice that City Council will return from Closed Session at 7pm; or promptly thereafter, to resume Open Session.

### **Regular Session - 7pm, Council Chambers**

#### **2. Call to Order**

#### **3. Pledge to the American Flag**

#### **4. Invocation**

- a. Pastor Faith Weedling, First United Methodist Church

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

#### **6. Presentations and Proclamations**

- a. Presentation of a Proclamation Honoring June 1-7, 2026 as "Thank Your City Worker Week"
- b. Planning Commission Monthly Update

#### **7. Regular Agenda or New Business**

- a. Items of Consent

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

A) May 12, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes

B) Request to Apply for Grant: Youth Advisory Committee

- b. Hold a Public Hearing for and Subsequently Discuss and Consider Ordinance No. 2026-9, Rezoning Approximately 13.05 Acres of Property along Chatham Heights Road and Bob Gregory Street from "C-C, Commercial Corridor" and "R-N, Neighborhood Residential" to "R-T, Residential Transitional"
- c. Hold a Public Hearing for and Subsequently Discuss and Consider Adoption of Budget Ordinance for FY 26-27 on First Reading
- d. Discuss and Consider A Resolution Imposing a Temporary Moratorium on the Issuance of Solicitor's Permits & Peddler's Permits

#### **8. City Hall Reporting & Announcements**

- a. Finance Report
- b. News & 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](mailto: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**



# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Peyton Nibblett, Deputy City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** Items of Consent

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

A) May 12, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes

B) Request to Apply for Grant: Youth Advisory Committee

**STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE:** City Management

**MEETING DATE:** May 26, 2026

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

Item A: Meeting Minutes

Item B: The City's Youth Advisory Committee wishes to apply for Grant Funding through the Monogram Loves Kids Program. The grant funding would be used to continue YAC initiatives such as the Movies in the Park, "Rock the Vote" Voter Registration, Uptown Trick or Treat, as well as upcoming projects. There is no local match and the City would continue to serve as Fiscal Agent.

**POLICY EXPLANATION:**

Being brought before Council as per City's Grants Policy, 2024

**FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:**

Grant

**Available Budget:** Not Applicable

**Purchase Amount:** Not Applicable

**ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES**

City Council Approve Items of Consent

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None



# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Hannah Powell, Community Development Specialist

**SUBJECT:** Hold a Public Hearing for and Subsequently Discuss and Consider Ordinance No. 2026-9, Rezoning Approximately 13.05 Acres of Property along Chatham Heights Road and Bob Gregory Street from "C-C, Commercial Corridor" and "R-N, Neighborhood Residential" to "R-T, Residential Transitional"

**STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE:** Community Development

**MEETING DATE:** May 26, 2026

## **BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

This rezone proposal came to the City's attention after a property owner on Chatham Heights Road contacted staff to inquire about the possibility of rezoning their property from C-C, Commercial Corridor, to R-T, Residential Transitional, in order to facilitate a potential sale. Staff noted that the area had already been identified for rezoning to R-T as part of the ongoing zoning ordinance update process, as reflected on the draft zoning map previously reviewed by the Planning Commission. To avoid the issue of spot zoning, staff recommended rezoning properties along Chatham Heights Road and Bob Gregory Street all at once, as indicated in the draft zoning map.

Rezoning properties is often necessary to address existing non-conforming uses and correct past spot zoning mistakes that conflict with the community's comprehensive land use plan. Non-conforming uses—where properties are being used in ways not permitted under current zoning—can lead to inconsistencies, enforcement challenges, and hinder orderly development. Additionally, prior instances of spot zoning, where parcels were improperly zoned for uses incompatible with surrounding areas, can create legal vulnerabilities and disrupt neighborhood cohesion. Updating the zoning ordinance through targeted rezonings helps ensure alignment with present-day realities, promotes compatible land uses, and supports balanced growth.

**First Reading: 5/26/26**

## **POLICY EXPLANATION:**

§ 15.2-2204. Advertisement of plans, ordinances, etc.; joint public hearings; written notice of certain amendments.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:**

None

**Available Budget:** Not Applicable

**Purchase Amount:** Not Applicable

**ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES**

City Council Hold a Public Hearing

City Council Approve Ordinance on First Reading

**ATTACHMENTS:**

|    |                                                                  |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. | Ordinance 2026-9 (Rezoning, Bob Gregory and Chatam Heights Road) |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------------|

## **ORDINANCE NO 2026-9**

### **ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP**

#### **TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 13.95 ACRES OF PROPERTY ALONG CHATHAM HEIGHTS ROAD AND BOB GREGORY STREET FROM “C-C, COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR” AND “R-N, NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTIAL” TO “R-T, RESIDENTIAL TRANSITIONAL”**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Martinsville has identified properties along Chatham Heights Road and Bob Gregory Street that contain existing nonconforming residential uses within the “C-C, Commercial Corridor” and “R-N, Neighborhood Residential” zoning districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed rezoning is intended to align the zoning classification of the subject properties with the existing pattern of development and land use in the area; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed “R-T, Residential Transitional” zoning designation is intended to provide an appropriate transitional residential district and to implement best zoning and land use planning practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the properties proposed for rezoning are identified as Tax Map ID Nos. 25(07)C/03; 25(07)C/04; 25(07)C/05; 25(07)C/06; 25(07)C/07; 25(07)C/08; 25(07)C/09; 25(07)D/06R; 25(07)D/07; 25(07)D/08; 25(07)D/09; 25(07)D/10; 25(07)D/11; 25(07)D/12; 25(07)D/13; 25(07)D/14; 25(07)D/15; 25(05)00/132A; 25(05)00/132B; 25(05)00/133; 25(05)00/134; 25(07)D/18; 26(04)D/19A; 26(04)D/19B; 26(04)D/20; 26(04)D/21; 26(04)D/22; 26(04)D/23; 26(04)D/24; 26(04)D/25; 26(04)D/26; 26(04)D/27; 26(04)D/28; 26(04)D/29; 26(04)D/30; 26(04)D/31B; 26(04)C/14; 26(04)C/13A; 26(04)C/12; 26(04)C/11; 25(07)C/37RC; and 25(07)C/37RD; and

**WHEREAS**, the Martinsville Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed rezoning and conducted a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Virginia and the City Code of the City of Martinsville; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Martinsville has determined that the proposed rezoning is consistent with the public health, safety, and welfare of the community and is in the best interests of the City of Martinsville.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, that the Zoning District Map of the City of Martinsville is hereby amended to rezone approximately 13.95 acres of property located along Chatham Heights Road and Bob Gregory Street, identified as Tax Map ID Nos. 25(07)C/03; 25(07)C/04; 25(07)C/05; 25(07)C/06; 25(07)C/07; 25(07)C/08; 25(07)C/09; 25(07)D/06R; 25(07)D/07; 25(07)D/08; 25(07)D/09; 25(07)D/10; 25(07)D/11; 25(07)D/12; 25(07)D/13; 25(07)D/14; 25(07)D/15; 25(05)00/132A; 25(05)00/132B; 25(05)00/133; 25(05)00/134; 25(07)D/18; 26(04)D/19A; 26(04)D/19B; 26(04)D/20; 26(04)D/21; 26(04)D/22; 26(04)D/23; 26(04)D/24; 26(04)D/25; 26(04)D/26; 26(04)D/27; 26(04)D/28; 26(04)D/29; 26(04)D/30; 26(04)D/31B; 26(04)C/14; 26(04)C/13A; 26(04)C/12; 26(04)C/11; 25(07)C/37RC; and 25(07)C/37RD, from “C-C, Commercial Corridor” and “R-N, Neighborhood Residential” to “R-T, Residential Transitional.”

This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

The members of Council voted as follows on the foregoing Ordinance:

ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, this — day of — , 2026.

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

ATTEST:

---

Peyton Nibblett, Deputy Clerk of Council



# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Rob Fincher, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Hold a Public Hearing for and Subsequently Discuss and Consider Adoption of Budget Ordinance for FY 26-27 on First Reading

**STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE:** City Management

**MEETING DATE:** May 26, 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.

**POLICY EXPLANATION:**

VA Code 15.2-2506

**FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:**

Sets the Municipal Budget for the Upcoming Fiscal Year

**Available Budget:** Not Applicable

**Purchase Amount:** Not Applicable

**ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES**

City Council Hold Public Hearing

City Council Adopt Budget Ordinance for FY 26-27 on First Reading

**ATTACHMENTS:**

|    |                            |
|----|----------------------------|
| 1. | Ordinance 2026-10 (Budget) |
|----|----------------------------|

## **ORDINANCE NO 2026 - U- 10**

### **THE BUDGET FOR**

### **FISCAL YEAR 2026–2027**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA, in regular session assembled May 26, 2026 that the following sums of money be and hereby are appropriated – by specific Fund– for the City’s fiscal year ending June 20, 2027 from the following Fund sources of estimated revenue:

---

#### **SUMMARY STATEMENT OF BUDGET ESTIMATES**

2026-2027

| <b>FUND</b>        | <b>PROJECTED<br/>REVENUES</b> | <b>BUDGETED<br/>EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>CHANGES IN FUND<br/>BALANCE</b> |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| General            | \$38,520,859                  | \$38,520,859                     | \$0                                |
| Capital Reserve    | \$1,504,461                   | \$1,504,461                      | \$0                                |
| Refuse             | \$2,458,437                   | \$2,283,437                      | \$175,000                          |
| Telecommunications | \$2,192,009                   | \$2,192,009                      | \$0                                |
| Water/Sewer        | \$9,521,759                   | \$9,521,759                      | \$0                                |
| Stormwater         | \$190,000                     | \$190,000                        | \$0                                |
| Electric           | \$27,283,372                  | \$27,283,372                     | \$0                                |
| Cafeteria*         | \$2,708,542                   | \$2,708,542                      | \$0                                |
| School Operating*  | \$30,790,155                  | \$30,790,155                     | \$0                                |
| School Federal     | \$2,461,428                   | \$2,461,428                      | \$0                                |
| Streets Fund       | \$4,900,000                   | \$4,900,000                      | \$0                                |
| <b>TOTALS:</b>     | <b>\$122,531,022</b>          | <b>\$122,356,022</b>             | <b>\$175,000</b>                   |

\*Provided by School Personnel

---

**Tax Rates:**

---

|                    |                                                          |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Real Estate Tax    | \$ .84 per \$100 assessed value (increase from \$.7533)  |
| Personal Property  | \$2.30 per \$100 assessed value <b>(no change)</b>       |
| Machinery & Tools: | \$1.85 per \$100 assessed value <b>(no change)</b>       |
| Sales Tax          | 1% local + 4.3% state = 5.3% Combined <b>(no change)</b> |
| Meals Tax          | 7% <b>(no change)</b>                                    |

**Proposed Change for Refuse**

---

|                                                     |                                                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Individual living unit (1x Pickup per week)         | \$25.60 per month<br>(increase from \$20.60 per month ) |
| 8 Yard Dumpster (Scheduled Collection)              | \$33.62 per occurrence<br>(increase from \$28.62)       |
| 8 Yard Dumpster (On-Demand Collection)              | \$38.97 per occurrence<br>(increase from \$33.97)       |
| Businesses not using Dumpsters (2x pickup per week) | \$45.40 per month                                       |
| Uptown Businesses using Designated Uptown Dumpsters | \$25.60 per month                                       |

**Proposed Change in Electric:**

---

Increase in PCA of 6%

**Proposed for Water & Sewer:**

**(No Changes Proposed for Water & Sewer Rates)**

*BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED* by said Council that this Ordinance shall become effective on and after July 1, 2026.

*BE IT ALSO ORDAINED* by said Council that any amendments under the established one percent (1%) threshold may be amended by resolution.

The members of Council voted as follows on the foregoing Ordinance:

**Ayes**

**Nays**

**Absent**

**Abstentions**

Approved upon first reading the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

Adopted this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 (second reading).

*Attest:*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Deputy Clerk of Council, City of Martinsville*



# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Chad Rhoads, Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider A Resolution Imposing a Temporary Moratorium on the Issuance of Solicitor's Permits & Peddler's Permits

**STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE:** Police

**MEETING DATE:** May 26, 2026

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

The proposed moratorium is intended to provide the City sufficient time to conduct a comprehensive review of existing ordinances governing solicitation and door-to-door sales activities, evaluate enforcement and public safety considerations, and determine whether amendments or revisions to the City Code are necessary. During the moratorium period, City staff and the Commissioner of the Revenue will review current regulations and provide recommendations to City Council for potential updates to the ordinance framework.

**POLICY EXPLANATION:**

Chapters 11 and Chapters 17 of the Martinville City Code -- in relation to both Peddler's Permits and Solicitor's Permits

**FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:**

None

**Available Budget:** Not Applicable

**Purchase Amount:** Not Applicable

**ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES**

City Council Approve the Resolution

**ATTACHMENTS:**

|    |                                                           |
|----|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. | Solicitor's & Peddler's Permit Moratorium Resolution 2026 |
|----|-----------------------------------------------------------|

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA CITY  
COUNCIL IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF  
SOLICITOR'S PERMITS & PEDDLER'S PERMITS**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Martinsville establishes regulations governing commercial solicitation activities within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 11, Article II, Section 11-32(d)(4) of the Code of the City of Martinsville requires peddlers going door-to-door to obtain a peddler's permit from the Commissioner of the Revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Martinsville has determined that it is in the best interest of the public safety and welfare to temporarily suspend the issuance of solicitor's and peddler's permits while the City reviews and evaluates the adequacy, enforcement, and applicability of the current regulations governing solicitation and door-to-door sales activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to undertake a comprehensive review of the existing ordinance provisions to determine whether amendments or revisions are necessary to better protect residents, businesses, and the general public; and

**WHEREAS**, during the pendency of such review, the continued issuance of solicitor's and peddler's permits may undermine the City's ability to effectively evaluate and implement potential regulatory changes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, that:

1. A temporary moratorium is hereby imposed on the acceptance, processing, and issuance of solicitor's and peddler's permits authorized under Chapter 17 and Chapter 11, Article II, Section 11-32(d)(4) of the City Code.
2. The moratorium established herein shall become effective immediately upon adoption of this Resolution.
3. During the period of the moratorium, no new solicitor's or peddler's permits shall be issued by the City or the Commissioner of the Revenue unless otherwise authorized by subsequent action of City Council.
4. The moratorium shall remain in effect for a period of nine (9) months from the date of adoption unless sooner amended, extended, or repealed by City Council.
5. During the moratorium period, City staff and the Commissioner of the Revenue are directed to review the City's solicitation and peddler permit ordinances and provide recommendations to City Council regarding any proposed amendments or revisions deemed necessary or appropriate.
6. The moratorium is only applicable to for-profit-commercial solicitors and peddlers.

ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, this 26th day of May, 2026.

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

ATTEST:

---

Peyton Nibblett, Deputy Clerk of Council