



MARTINSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, June 9, 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 (A1) 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; and evaluation of performance of departments or schools of public institutions of higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals. With regard to School Board Interviews and Boards and Commissions Applicants.
- b. 2.2-3711 (A7 & A8) 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. For the purposes of this subdivision, "probable litigation" means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by



or against a known party. 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 Facility Show-Cause Order.

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

Please be noticed that the above return time is just an estimation, City Council will return from Closed Session at 7pm, or soon thereafter, to begin their regularly scheduled meeting.

Regular Session - 7pm, Council Chambers

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge to the American Flag**
- 3. Invocation**
 - a. Pastor Greg Hodges
- 4. Take Any Action Necessary as a Result of the Executive Session**
- 5. Presentations and Proclamations**
 - a. Proclamation Honoring Juneteenth Presented to FAHI
 - b. Proclamation Honoring National Sanitation Worker Month Presented to City's Refuse and Wastewater Departments
- 6. 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 26, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes
 - b. 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" [Second Reading]
 - c. Discuss and Consider Approval of a Resolution Supporting a CDBG Planning Grant Application for the Lester Family YMCA
 - d. Discuss and Consider Approval of FY 26-27 Budget on First Reading
- 7. City Hall Reporting & Announcements**
 - a. Finance Report
 - 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



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Hannah Powell, Community Development Specialist

SUBJECT: 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" [Second Reading]

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: Community Development

MEETING DATE: June 9, 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.

Public Hearing & First Reading: 5/26/26

Second Reading: 6/2/2026

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 Approve Ordinance on Second Reading

ATTACHMENTS:

1.	Ordinance 2026-9 (Rezoning, Bob Gregory and Chatam Heights Road)
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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: Hannah Powell, Community Development Specialist

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider Approval of a Resolution Supporting a CDBG Planning Grant Application for the Lester Family YMCA

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: Community Development

MEETING DATE: June 9, 2026

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The City of Martinsville has agreed to serve as the applicant for a Virginia Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) on behalf of the Lester Family YMCA. If awarded, CDBG funds will support the construction of the proposed Early Learning Center (ELC), which will be located within the new YMCA facility currently under development.

The grant application is due July 1, 2026, and will be submitted to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

The Virginia Community Development Block Grant Program provides federal funding to eligible local governments to address critical community development needs, including housing, infrastructure, public facilities, and economic development. Administered by DHCD and funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the program prioritizes projects that benefit low- and moderate-income residents, prevent or eliminate slum and blight conditions, or address urgent community needs.

The proposed Early Learning Center project is intended to expand access to quality early childhood education and childcare services, addressing a significant community need while supporting working families and workforce participation throughout the region.

As the grant applicant, the City will serve as the responsible administrative entity and will oversee compliance with all applicable CDBG requirements. Project administration will be carried out in partnership with a project team consisting of representatives from the Lester Family YMCA, Enteros Design, and Mill Creek Creative, which is under contract with The Harvest Foundation. Hannah Powell, Interim Community Development Director, will serve as the City's Project Manager and primary point of contact for the grant.

Approval of the attached resolution is required as part of the application process and authorizes

the City to submit the CDBG application and, if awarded, administer the grant in accordance with state and federal requirements. The attached resolution must undergo a public hearing, with subsequent first and second readings to meet grant requirements.

FAQs

Will the Early Learning Center be affordable for local families?

The purpose of this project is to expand access to quality childcare for working families, including low- and moderate-income households. As a requirement of the Community Development Block Grant program, at least 51 percent of enrolled children must come from low- and moderate-income families.

Why is taxpayer money going to the YMCA?

The funding being requested is from the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, which is specifically designed to address community development needs and improve opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents. No local funds are being requested at this time. The City is serving as the required applicant and grant administrator, because CDBG funds can only be awarded to local governments. The proposed Early Learning Center was selected because it expands access to childcare, supports working families, and advances workforce participation throughout the community.

Will this increase my taxes?

No. Approval of this grant application does not increase local taxes. The funding being requested is federal grant funding administered through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

How many children will the childcare center serve?

The proposed Early Learning Center is expected to provide approximately 66 childcare slots for children and families in Martinsville and the surrounding region.

Will the project create jobs?

The project is expected to support at least 34 jobs through expanded childcare access and increased workforce participation opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents.

What happens if the grant is not awarded?

Approval of this resolution authorizes the submission of the grant application but does not guarantee funding. If the application is not selected for funding, the project team will evaluate alternative funding opportunities and determine next steps for the Early Learning Center project.

What data supports the need for the Early Learning Center?

The need for expanded childcare capacity in Martinsville and Henry County is supported by the 2019 Martinsville and Henry County Survey of Childcare Needs, conducted on behalf of The Harvest Foundation, the City of Martinsville, and Henry County by researchers at the University of Virginia Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service. The survey included approximately 1,929 responses from residents and workers in the region and was designed to assess unmet childcare

needs, particularly among low- and moderate-income households.

The findings identified several barriers to childcare access, including difficulty finding care that aligns with work schedules, limited options when children are sick, and concerns related to affordability, quality, and availability. These challenges were reported more frequently among households earning under \$50,000, indicating a disproportionate impact on low- and moderate-income families.

Overall, the survey demonstrates a documented gap between childcare demand and available services in the region, particularly for working families. This information supports the proposed Early Learning Center as a project that will expand childcare capacity and help meet identified community needs, consistent with the CDBG program's requirement to benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

Not Applicable

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

There is no immediate fiscal impact associated with approval of this resolution. The City is serving as the grant applicant and administrative entity for the proposed CDBG project. If awarded, grant funds will be used to support construction of the Early Learning Center within the Lester Family YMCA facility. Administrative responsibilities will be carried out by existing staff with support from the project team. Any future local financial contribution, if required, would be subject to separate Council consideration and approval.

Available Budget: Not Applicable

Purchase Amount: Not Applicable

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

City Council Approve Resolution Authorizing the City to submit a Virginia Community Development Block Grant for funding to support construction of the Martinsville Early Learning Center at the new YMCA facility.

ATTACHMENTS:

1.	A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE TO APPLY FOR VIRGINIA COMMUNITY DEV
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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL
EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE TO APPLY FOR
VIRGINIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the City of Martinsville desires to apply for funding through the Virginia Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project for which funding will be requested is identified as follows:

- Project Type: Infrastructure, Community Service Facility
- Project Title: Martinsville Early Learning Center at the New YMCA

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

- A. The City of Martinsville hereby expresses its intent to apply for Virginia Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for the Martinsville Early Learning Center at the New YMCA.
- B. The City of Martinsville will request One Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,250,000) in CDBG funding for this project.
- C. While local cash contributions are anticipated for the overall project, the exact amount of City leverage has not yet been fully identified. The project has secured more than Twenty-One Million Dollars (\$21,000,000) in pledged funding, including a Ten Million Dollar (\$10,000,000) contribution from a regional foundation.
- D. The City Manager, as the Chief Administrative Officer of the City of Martinsville, is authorized to sign and submit all applications, certifications, agreements, assurances, and other documentation necessary to apply for and administer CDBG funding associated with this project.
- E. The City of Martinsville is meeting all applicable citizen participation requirements. The first public hearing regarding the proposed application was held on Monday, June 8, 2026, and the second public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2026.
- F. The proposed project will meet a National Objective of the Community Development Block Grant Program by benefiting low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons. The project will support at least thirty-four (34) jobs for LMI citizens through increased access to childcare based on sixty-six (66) childcare slots. In addition, at least fifty-one percent (51%) of childcare recipients at the Martinsville Early Learning Center will be members of low- and moderate-income households.
- G. The City Council finds that the Martinsville Early Learning Center at the New YMCA will provide a significant public benefit by expanding access to childcare, supporting workforce participation, and improving economic opportunity for Martinsville residents.



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Rob Fincher, City Manager

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider Approval of FY 26-27 Budget on First Reading

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: June 9, 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 held a public hearing to receive citizen comments regarding the contemplated Total Operating budget on May 26, 2026.

City Council is now being asked by staff to consider the proposed FY 26-27 Budget on first reading.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

VA Code 15.2-2506

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF BUDGET ESTIMATES

2026-2027

FUND	PROJECTED REVENUES	BUDGETED EXPENDITURES	CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
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
TOTALS:	\$122,531,022	\$122,356,022	\$175,000

*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 (**no change**)

Machinery & \$1.85 per \$100 assessed value (**no change**)

Tools:

1% local + 4.3% state = 5.3% Combined (**no change**)

Sales Tax **change)**

Meals Tax 7% (**no change**)

Proposed Change for Refuse

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

Increase in PCA of 6%

Proposed for Water & Sewer:

(No Changes Proposed for Water & Sewer Rates)

Available Budget: Not Applicable

Purchase Amount: Not Applicable

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

City Council Approve FY 26-27 Budget on First Reading

ATTACHMENTS:

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

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Sales Tax	1% local + 4.3% state = 5.3% Combined (no change)
Meals Tax	7% (no change)

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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