



**June 30, 2026**  
**Martinsville City Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Call Open Session to Order - 6:00pm, Council Chambers; Municipal Building; 55 W Church St, Martinsville VA**

Council Members in Attendance: Mayor Jones, Kathy Lawson, Rayshaun Gravely, and Julian Mei.

Councilman Rawls was absent.

a. Discuss and Consider Motion to go into Closed Session. Motion made by Vice Mayor Lawson and Second by Councilman Mei. Council convened in Closed Session with the Following 4-0 vote.

- Councilman Mei; aye
- Councilman Gravely; aye
- Vice Mayor Lawson; aye
- Mayor Jones; aye
- Councilman Rawls; absent

**Closed Session 6:00pm, Rm 32; Municipal Building**

City Council met in closed session beginning at 6:00pm to discuss the following:

- a. 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.



The following City Council Members were in attendance: Kathy Lawson, Rayshaun Gravely, Julian Mei, and Mayor Jones. Staff in attendance were City Manager, Robert Fincher; Deputy City Clerk, Peyton Nibblett; Public Works Director, Greg Maggard; and contracted legal Counsel from Sands Anderson, reserved solely for the purposes of the Show-Cause order.

**Return to Open Session and Certification of Closed Session - 7:00pm,  
Council Chambers; Municipal Building**

- A. Councilman Rawls entered for this portion of the meeting.
- B. Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Lawson, and second by Councilman Gravely, 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.
- C. Approved with the following 4-1 vote.
  - Councilman Mei; aye
  - Councilman Gravely; aye
  - Councilman Rawls; abstain
    - Reason Cited: was not present for this portion of the meeting
  - Vice Mayor Lawson; aye
  - Mayor Jones; aye



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

- A. Motion to call to question by Kathy Lawson and Second by Councilman Gravely.
  - Approved with the following 4-1 vote.
    - Councilman Mei; aye
    - Councilman Gravely; aye
    - Councilman Rawls; no
    - Vice Mayor Lawson; aye
    - Mayor Jones; aye
- B. Motion by Vice Mayor Lawson to approve the amendment to the Mosely Group professional services agreement dated June 4, 2025 to begin the schematic design phase and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents on behalf of City Council and second by Councilman Mei.
  - a. Motion to call to question by Kathy Lawson and Second by Councilman Gravely.
    - Approved with the following 4-1 vote.
      - Councilman Mei; aye
      - Councilman Gravely; aye
      - Councilman Rawls; no
      - Vice Mayor Lawson; aye
      - Mayor Jones; aye
  - Original Motion (B) Approved with the following 4-1 vote.
    - Councilman Mei; aye
    - Councilman Gravely; aye
    - Councilman Rawls; no
    - Vice Mayor Lawson; aye
    - Mayor Jones; aye



2. Discuss and Consider a Resolution Allowing for the Necessary Transference of Maintained Information From Former Legal Counsel to the City

A. Motion to table until new legal counsel is secured made by Kathy Lawson and Second by Councilman Gravely

a. Tabled with the following 5-0 vote.

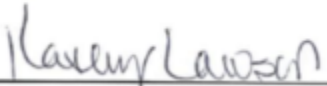
- Councilman Mei; aye
- Councilman Gravely; aye
- Councilman Rawls; no
- Vice Mayor Lawson; aye
- Mayor Jones; aye

3. Adjournment

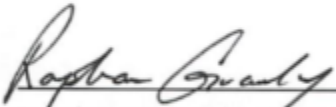
Motion to adjourn at 7:30pm.



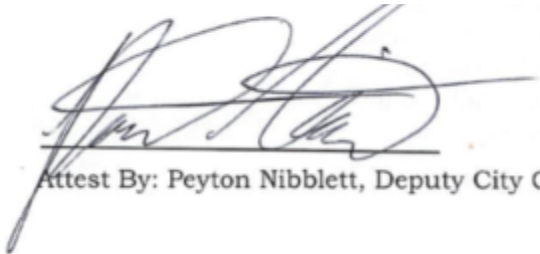
  
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LC Jones, Mayor

  
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Kathy Lawson, Vice Mayor

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Aaron Rawls, Councilmember (Voted Yes – Did not sign)

  
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Rayshaun Gravely, Councilmember

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Julian Mei, Councilmember (Absent)

  
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Attest By: Peyton Nibblett, Deputy City Clerk

