



# **MARTINSVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

## **MEETING AGENDA**

Tuesday, July 28, 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 226; 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 City Attorney Position.

### **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**
- 4. Take Any Action Necessary as a Result of the Executive Session**
- 5. Presentations and Proclamations**
  - a. Planning Commission Update
  - b. Briefing from City Manager on Requested Hiring of New Position
- 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) July 14, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes
    - B) Appropriations Resolution
    - C) Youth Advisory Committee Request to Apply for Project Hope Grant — Community Care Baskets
  - b. Discuss and Consider Approval on Second Reading of An Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2026-13) Appropriating for Water/Wastewater Design
  - c. Discuss and Consider Approval on Second Reading of An Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2026-16) Rezoning 59 parcels, generally located along Liberty Street and York Street
- 7. City Hall Reporting & Announcements**
  - a. Financial 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](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.

**9. Comments by Members of City Council**

**10. Comments by City Manager**

**11. 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) July 14, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes

B) Appropriations Resolution

C) Youth Advisory Committee Request to Apply for Project Hope Grant — Community Care Baskets

**STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE:** City Management

**MEETING DATE:** July 28, 2026

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

A) Regular Meeting Minutes

B) Appropriations -- Resolution Attached acknowledging the receipt of grant funds

C) The Youth Advisory Committee plans to apply for a Harvest Project Hope Grant in order to provide Community Care Baskets to groups in need. Currently, four types of baskets are being considered:

- Personal Hygiene Baskets
- Food Baskets
- School Supplies (for teachers)
- Pet Supplies

These baskets will be distributed to local agencies on a quarterly basis: SPCA, High School Teachers, Warming Center, Women's Center, Salvation Army, etc. The YAC will make an official presentation of the project once/if the grant is awarded.

**POLICY EXPLANATION:**

Not Applicable

**FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:**

A) None

B) Appropriated Grant Funds

C) City serves as Fiscal Agent for Grant upon approval

**Available Budget:** Not Applicable

**Purchase Amount:** Not Applicable

**ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES**

City Council Approve Consent Agenda

1. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda, Second
2. Voice Vote

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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|----|--------------------------------------------------|
| 1. | Resolution to Appropriate Funds No. 4 - 2026 (2) |
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**CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA**  
**RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FY 26-27**

WHEREAS, the City Council of Martinsville Virginia desires to amend the Fiscal Year  
2026-2027 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 by the City Council of the City of Martinsville,  
Virginia, that the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget is hereby amended by:

- Appropriating **Four Hundred Seven Thousand Two-Hundred and Thirty-Three Dollars (\$407, 233.00)** representing a grant received from the Opioid Abatement Authority, and an increase of the same amount to the expense line of Opioid Abatement Programs.
- Appropriating **Twenty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty-Six Dollars (\$28, 326)** representing a grant received from the Opioid Abatement Authority, and an increase of the same amount to the expense line of Opioid Abatement Programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these additions adjust the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget accordingly

Adopted this 28th day of July, 2026.

**CITY COUNCIL**

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:





# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Rob Fincher, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider Approval on Second Reading of An Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2026-13) Appropriating for Water/Wastewater Design

**STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE:** City Management

**MEETING DATE:** July 28, 2026

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

**Reviewed by Legal Counsel last month.**

The City has been awarded a revolving loan of up to \$16,672,000 through the VRA Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund to finance the Wastewater Plant Improvement Project. This appropriation is to receive the funds and then allow the Water Resources Department to administer the funds toward consultative design services for the project.

Public Hearing held on July 14, 2026.

**POLICY EXPLANATION:**

Not applicable

**FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:**

No net fiscal impact

**Available Budget:** Not applicable

**Purchase Amount:** Not applicable

**ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES**

City Council Approve the Ordinance on Second Reading

- Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 2026-13 on Second Reading, Second
- Roll Call Vote

**ATTACHMENTS:**



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| 1. | Ordinance 2026 - 13 (Appropriations for Water Wastewater Design) (1) |
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**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-13**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY BUDGET**

**FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025–2026**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of §§ 15.2-2507 and 15.2-1427 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the Martinsville City Council has duly advertised and conducted a public hearing on **July 14, 2026**, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Martinsville Municipal Building to consider amendments to the City’s budget for Fiscal Year 2025–2026; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the Water and Sewer Fund budget to recognize additional grant funding, loan proceeds, and related capital project expenditures; and

WHEREAS, these adjustments are necessary to properly account for revenues received and to appropriate funds for approved capital infrastructure improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA, that the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 budget be, and hereby is, amended as follows:

The Water and Sewer Fund budget is hereby amended to recognize additional revenues and to appropriate an equal amount of expenditures. All appropriations are fully supported by the funding sources identified below as follows:

|                                  |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Water – Grants (State DEQ) ..... | \$9,169,600.00  |
| Water – Loan Proceeds .....      | \$7,502,400.00  |
| TOTAL REVENUES .....             | \$16,672,000.00 |

The above revenues are hereby appropriated for the following expenditure. This expenditure is fully supported by the identified grant revenues and loan proceeds.

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| Water/Sewer – Buildings & Building Improvements ..... | \$16,672,000.00  |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE(S) .....                            | \$16, 672,000.00 |

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Recorded Roll Call Votes:

Aye

Nay

Abstain

Absent

**ATTEST:**

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Mayor

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Deputy City Clerk



# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** City Council

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

**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Consider Approval on Second Reading of An Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2026-16) Rezoning 59 parcels, generally located along Liberty Street and York Street

**STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE:** City Management

**MEETING DATE:** July 28, 2026

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

**Reviewed by Planning Commission on June 17, 2026.**

Community Development staff have been approached by two developers who are interested in constructing multi-family housing on York Street. Currently, York Street and Liberty Street are zoned C-C, Commercial Corridor, which does not allow for multi-family dwellings by-right. Staff noted that the area had already been identified for rezoning to R-T, Residential Transitional, 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 Liberty Street and York Street to R-T, Residential Transitional, to allow for multi-family dwellings by-right.

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 held on July 14, 2026.

**POLICY EXPLANATION:**

VA Code § 15.2-1813

**FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:**

No Fiscal Impact

**Available Budget:** Not Applicable

**Purchase Amount:** Not Applicable

**ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES**

City Council Approve the Ordinance on Second Reading

- Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 2026-16 on Second Reading, Second

- Roll Call Vote

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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| 1. | Ordinance 2026 - 16 (Rezoning 59 parcels totaling 24.44 acres, generally located along Liberty Street and York Street) |
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## ORDINANCE NO. 2026-16

### **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA, BY REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED ALONG LIBERTY STREET AND YORK STREET FROM C-C, COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR DISTRICT, AND R-N, NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, TO R-T, RESIDENTIAL TRANSITIONAL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Martinsville has reviewed the proposed amendment to the Official Zoning Map of the City of Martinsville in accordance with Chapter 15.2 of the Code of Virginia and Chapter 21 of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council conducted a public hearing on the proposed rezoning on **July 14, 2026**, after notice was duly published and all other requirements of law were satisfied; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds that the proposed rezoning promotes compatible land use patterns, supports appropriate residential redevelopment and investment, and advances the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Martinsville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, that the Official Zoning Map of the City of Martinsville is hereby amended by rezoning the following parcels from **C-C, Commercial Corridor District** and **R-N, Neighborhood Residential District** to **R-T, Residential Transitional District**:

#### **Tax Map Parcels:**

12(06)00/01-03, 12(06)00/11, 12, 13, 05(06)00/14, 05(06)00/04-05, 05(06)00/16, 05(06)00/06, 05(06)00/16A-17, 05(06)00/07, 05(06)00/08, 05(06)00/18, 05(06)00/19, 05(06)00/09, 05(06)00/10, 05(06)00/20, 05(01)00/10B, 05(01)00/09R, 05(01)00/08RR, 05(01)00/06, 05(01)00/06A, 05(01)00/05A, 05(01)00/05-05A, 05(01)00/04, 05(01)00/03B, 05(01)00/03A, 05(10)00/01XB-01XC, 05(10)00/01X-AR, 05(08)00/108A, 05(08)00/103R-M, 05(01)00/01, 05(11)00/08, 05(11)00/09, 05(02)00/01, 05(03)00/08, 05(03)00/07, 05(03)00/06, 05(03)00/05, 05(03)00/04, 05(03)00/03, 05(03)00/02, 05(03)00/01, 05(04)00/15R, 05(04)00/13, 05(04)00/11-12, 05(04)00/09-10, 05(04)00/07-08, 05(04)00/05-06, 05(04)00/03-04, 05(04)00/01-02, 05(05)00/11, 05(05)00/01A, 05(09)00/17, 05(09)00/15, 05(09)00/03, 05(09)00/04, 05(09)00/02B, 05(09)00/02A, 05(09)00/01, 05(01)00/AR, and 02(03)00/PR.

The foregoing parcels consist of approximately **59 parcels totaling 24.44 acres**, generally located along **Liberty Street and York Street**, as more particularly depicted on the rezoning map maintained by the City's Department of Community Development.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Recorded Roll Call Votes:

Aye

Nay

Abstain

Absent

**ATTEST:**

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Mayor

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Deputy City Clerk