



July 14, 2026
Martinsville City Council
Meeting Minutes

Regular Session - 7:00pm, Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Jones, Vice Mayor Lawson, Councilman Gravely, Councilman Rawls.

Absent: Councilman Mei, due to personal matters.

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation
 - Pastor Whitfield, First Baptist Church
- Presentations and Proclamations
 - Proclamation Honoring July as National Parks and Recreation Month, Presented to Martinsville Parks and Recreation Department
 - Piedmont Community Services Annual Update
 - Departmental Update from the Fire Department
- 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) June 8, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes
- B) June 23, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes
- C) June 30, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes
- D) Community Development Request to Apply for Virginia Department of Forestry Grant for

Kudzu Removal

- Reimbursement Grant with award amounts up to \$50,000

E) Resolution to Appropriate Funds for 1.5% COLA

- a. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda by Vice Mayor Lawson and Second by Councilman Rawls. Approved with the following 4-0 vote:

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

B. Discuss and Consider Approval of Letter of Support (Resolution) for Virginia Department of Transportation, Commonwealth Blvd, Liberty Street, and Market Street SMART Scale Project

- a) Motion to Approve by Vice Mayor Lawson and Second by Councilman Rawls. Approved with the following 4-0 vote:

- 1) Councilman Rawls; aye
- 2) Councilman Gravely; aye
- 3) Vice Mayor Lawson; aye
- 4) Mayor Jones; aye7

C. Discuss and Consider A Resolution Requesting that a Referendum be placed on the November 3, 2026 General Election Ballot Regarding an Additional One Percent (Penny-Tax) Local Sales and Use Tax for School Capital Projects

- a) Motion to Approve by Vice Mayor Lawson and Second by Councilman Gravely. Approved with the following 4-0 vote:

- 1) Councilman Rawls; aye
- 2) Councilman Gravely; aye
- 3) Vice Mayor Lawson; aye
- 4) Mayor Jones; aye

D. Hold a Public Hearing for and Subsequently Discuss and Consider Approval on First Reading of An Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2026-13) Appropriating for Water/Wastewater Design

- a) Motion to Open Public Hearing by Vice Mayor Lawson and Second by Councilman Gravely. Approved with the following 4-0 vote:
 - i) Councilman Rawls; aye
 - ii) Councilman Gravely; aye
 - iii) Vice Mayor Lawson; aye
 - iv) Mayor Jones; aye
- b) Motion to Close Public Hearing by Vice Mayor Lawson and Second by Councilman Gravely. Approved with the following 4-0 vote:
 - i) Councilman Rawls; aye
 - ii) Councilman Gravely; aye
 - iii) Vice Mayor Lawson; aye
 - iv) Mayor Jones; aye
- c) Motion to Approve on First Reading by Vice Mayor Lawson and Second by Councilman Gravely. Approved with the following 4-0 vote:
 - 1) Councilman Rawls; aye
 - 2) Councilman Gravely; aye
 - 3) Vice Mayor Lawson; aye
 - 4) Mayor Jones; aye

E. Hold a Public Hearing for and Subsequently Discuss and Consider Approval on First Reading of An Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2026-16) Rezoning 59 parcels, generally located along Liberty Street and York Street

- a) Motion to Open Public Hearing by Vice Mayor Lawson and Second by Councilman Gravely. Approved with the following 4-0 vote:
 - i) Councilman Rawls; aye
 - ii) Councilman Gravely; aye
 - iii) Vice Mayor Lawson; aye
 - iv) Mayor Jones; aye

- b) Motion to Close Public Hearing by Vice Mayor Lawson and Second by Councilman Gravely. Approved with the following 4-0 vote:
 - i) Councilman Rawls; aye
 - ii) Councilman Gravely; aye
 - iii) Vice Mayor Lawson; aye
 - iv) Mayor Jones; aye

- c) Motion to Approve on First Reading by Vice Mayor Lawson and Second by Councilman Rawls. Approved with the following 4-0 vote:
 - 1) Councilman Rawls; aye
 - 2) Councilman Gravely; aye
 - 3) Vice Mayor Lawson; aye
 - 4) Mayor Jones; aye

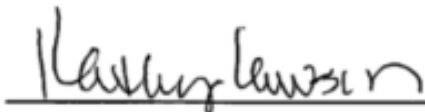
Councilman Rawls exited before adjournment at 8:10pm.

Adjournment

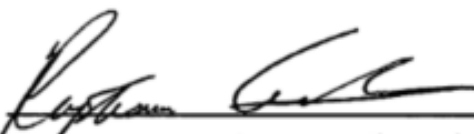
- A. Motion to adjourn made by Vice Mayor Lawson at 8:30pm.

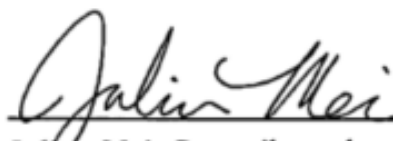
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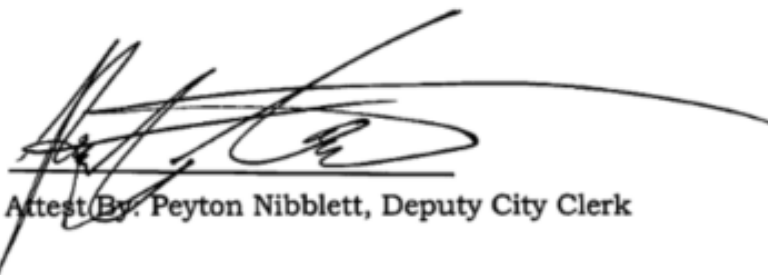
LC Jones, Mayor

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Kathy Lawson, Vice Mayor

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Aaron Rawls, Councilmember

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Rayshaun Gravely, Councilmember

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Julian Mei, Councilmember

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Attest By: Peyton Nibblett, Deputy City Clerk