



MARTINSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, August 11, 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 Boards and Commission Applications. 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

- a. By Pastor Michael Hendricks, Orchard Drive Baptist Church

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

5. Presentations and Proclamations

- a. Proclamation Honoring August as National Farmer's Market Month -- Presented to Martinsville Uptown Redevelopment Association
- b. Update on Services Offered by the Blue Ridge Library by Executive Director, Melissa Chapman

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 28, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes
- b. Discuss and Consider Approval of a Resolution Adopting the Official Seal of the City of Martinsville, Virginia
- c. Hold a Public Hearing and Subsequently Discuss and Consider Ordinance 2026-17, Grant Appropriation for Economic Development Authority

7. City Hall Reporting & Announcements

- a. 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: Rob Fincher, City Manager

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider Approval of a Resolution Adopting the Official Seal of the City of Martinsville, Virginia

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: August 11, 2026

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The proposed resolution adopts a new official seal to serve as the City's official corporate seal. The new seal reflects the City's identity and will be used on official documents, records, proclamations, contracts, and other municipal materials. The resolution provides for a transition period, allowing the current seal to remain in use until January 1, 2027, to provide sufficient time to obtain a new seal press and update official materials.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

Not Applicable

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

Not Applicable

Available Budget: Not Applicable

Purchase Amount: Not Applicable

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

City Council Approve the Resolution

ATTACHMENTS:

1.	A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA
2.	City Seal 2026

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, the City of Martinsville is authorized to adopt and use an official corporate seal for the conduct of its municipal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adopt an official seal that reflects the identity, history, and values of the City of Martinsville and serves as the official emblem of the municipal corporation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that adoption of the official seal is in the best interest of the City and its residents.

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

1. The design attached to the agenda hereto as Exhibit A is hereby adopted as the Official Seal of the City of Martinsville, Virginia.
2. The Official Seal shall serve as the official corporate seal of the City and may be used on official documents, ordinances, resolutions, proclamations, contracts, certificates, notices, and other instruments of the City, as well as on City property, publications, signage, and other official materials, as authorized by the City Manager or the City Clerk.
3. The City Manager and the City Clerk are authorized to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution, including the production, reproduction, and appropriate use of the Official Seal.
4. The Official Seal adopted by this Resolution shall become effective on **January 1, 2027**. Until that date, the City's previously adopted official seal may continue to be used for all official City business. Effective January 1, 2027 the new Official Seal shall supersede and replace all previously adopted official seals of the City. Documents, records, and other official instruments executed prior to January 1, 2027, using the previous official seal shall remain valid and in full force and effect.
5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

Attestations:

Deputy City Clerk



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Proposed City Seal



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Economic Development Authority (EDA)

SUBJECT: Hold a Public Hearing and Subsequently Discuss and Consider Ordinance 2026-17, Grant Appropriation for Economic Development Authority

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: Boards and Commissions

MEETING DATE: August 11, 2026

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

Presenter: Economic Development Authority

The City of Martinsville's Economic Development Authority has received a \$935,000 grant from the Harvest Foundation to support approved capital infrastructure improvements. In accordance with §§ 15.2-2507 and 15.2-1427 of the Code of Virginia, a public hearing has been duly advertised and conducted prior to Council's consideration of this budget amendment.

Fiscal Impact:

Revenue Increase: \$935,000 (Harvest Foundation Grant)

Expenditure Increase: \$935,000 (Building Improvements – Economic Development Authority)

No Net Impact to General Fund. The expenditure is fully supported by grant funding.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

§§ 15.2-2507 and 15.2-1427 of the Code of Virginia

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

Funding allotted for building improvements for the Economic Development Authority

Available Budget: Not Applicable

Purchase Amount: Not Applicable

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

City Council Open Floor for Public Hearing, Close

City Council Approve Ordinance 2026-17 on First Reading

ATTACHMENTS:

1.	Ordinance 2026 - 17 (Appropriation for Economic Development Authority)
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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-17

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY BUDGET

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026–2027

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 **August 11, 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 2026–2027; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the Building Improvements line within the Economic Development Authority budget to recognize additional grant funding; 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 2026–2027 budget be, and hereby is, amended as follows:

Harvest Foundation Grant \$935,000

TOTAL REVENUES \$935,000

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

Building Improvements \$935,000

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$935,000

This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption, August 25, 2026.

Recorded Roll Call Votes:

Aye

Nay

Abstain

Absent

ATTEST:

Mayor

Deputy City Clerk