

AGENDA--CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA

Council Chambers – Municipal Building
6:30pm Closed Session 7:00pm Regular Session
Tuesday May 24, 2022

6:30 pm - Closed Session

Items to be considered in Closed Session, in accordance with the Code of Virginia, Title 2.2, Chapter 37—Freedom of Information Act, Section 2.2-3711(A)—Closed Meetings, the following:

- A. Discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected, as authorized by Subsection 6.

7:00 pm - Regular Session

Pledge to the American Flag and Invocation by Mayor Lawson.

1. Approve minutes from the April 25, 2022 Neighborhood Meeting, the April 26, Council Meeting, and the April 27 Work Session. (5 mins)
2. Hear an overview of the May 23, 2022 West End neighborhood tour and meeting. (10 mins)
3. Consider setting a public hearing for Council's June 14, 2022 meeting for the purpose of receiving names of citizens interested in appointments for one 3-year term ending June 30, 2025, and one unexpired 3-year term ending on June 30, 2024 on the Martinsville City School Board (5 mins)
4. Consider approval of Budget Ordinance 2022-U-2 on second reading. (20 mins)
5. Consider approval of the consent agenda. (5 mins)

6. Business from the Floor -

The public comment portion of the Council meeting provides citizens the opportunity to discuss matters relevant to the operation of the City, which are not listed on the printed agenda.

Citizens who wish to participate in a meeting's public comment period may do so by emailing their comments to Karen Roberts, Clerk of Council, at kroberts@ci.martinsville.va.us, calling in their comments to 276-403-5182, faxing comments to 276-403-5280, or mailing comments to City of Martinsville, attn.: Karen Roberts, P.O. Drawer 1112, Martinsville, VA 24114. *Comments must be received by 12:00noon Monday May 23*. Citizens may also request to speak at the Council meeting in the same manner. Comments, or a request to speak, must be received by noon the day before a Council meeting for consideration by Council at the meeting.

Any person submitting comments or requesting to speak must identify themselves by name and address, including zip code, limit their remarks 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. Priority for comments is given to City residents, taxpayers, and business owners. Speakers may not yield time. Groups of speakers on the same topic must designate a single representative. Comments violating these rules may not be presented at the Council meeting. Any speaker violating these rules may be removed from the podium or from the Council chamber.

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.

7. Comments by members of City Council. (5 mins)
8. Comments by City Manager and City Attorney. (5 mins)

Meeting Date: May 24, 2022

Item No: 1.

Department: Clerk of Council

Issue: Consider approval of minutes

Summary: None

Attachments: April 25, 2022 Neighborhood Meeting
April 26, Council Meeting
April 27 Work Session

Recommendations: Motion to approve minutes as presented.

Date: May 24 2022

Item No: 2.

Department: City Council

Issue: Hear an overview of the May 23, 2022 West End neighborhood tour and meeting.

Summary: A recap of the West End neighborhood tour and neighborhood community meeting held at Albert Harris Elementary School at 710 Smith Street on Monday, May 23rd will be given.

Attachments: None

Recommendations: This item is being presented for public information purposes – no action needed by Council.

Meeting Date: May 24, 2022

Item No: 3.

Department: City Manager

Issue: Consider setting a public hearing for Council's June 14, 2022 meeting for the purpose of receiving names of citizens interested in appointments for one 3-year term ending June 30, 2025, and one unexpired 3-year term ending on June 30, 2024 on the Martinsville City School Board.

Summary: Only those citizens whose names are brought up during the Public Hearing can be considered for appointment, and appointments cannot be made until seven days after the Public Hearing. Citizens may appear in person, stating their name, address, and interest in the position; or their name, address, and interest may be offered by another individual. Council typically conducts interviews with candidates after this meeting, with the appointments to be announced at or after Council's second meeting in June.

Attachments: Martinsville School Board current listing.

Recommendations: Set the Public Hearing for June 14, 2022

SCHOOL BOARD

SCHOOL BOARD – The School Board is declared a body corporate. In its corporate capacity, it is vested with all the powers and charged with all the duties, obligations, and responsibilities upon school boards by law. It may sue, be sued, contract, be contracted with, and in accordance with the provisions of this title, purchase, take, hold, lease, and convey school property both real and personal. The School Board has the following powers and duties: 1) to make rules for the governance of the schools within its jurisdiction; 2) to determine the curriculum, methods of teaching, methods of administration and governance, and the length of the school term; 3) to employ and dismiss teachers upon the recommendation of the superintendent; 4) to suspend or expel pupils when necessary; 5) to establish such schools as are necessary in the judgement of the Board to so constitute a complete and efficient system; 6) to control and manage funds made available to the Board for the purpose of conducting free public schools; 7) examine all claims for payment and authorize payment; and 8) to submit annually to City Council a budget request.

TERMS: The Board consists of five members serving **three-year** terms appointed by City Council. **School Board members can serve a maximum of three 3-year consecutive terms.**

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month.

CONTACT: Dr. Zeb Talley, Superintendent, 403-5820, 746 Indian Trail, Martinsville, VA 24112

Name & Address	Initial Appointment	Term Expires	Full Term
Emily Parker, 1225 Mulberry Road	07/09/19	06/30/22	
Donna Dillard, 912 Forest Lake Dr. (reappt 6/23/20)	8/24/16	6/30/23	1
Tony Jones, 612 Third Street	6/23/20	6/30/23	
Jay Dickens, 1210 Knollwood Place (Resigned 4/20/22)	6/23/21	6/30/24	
Yvonne Givens, 714 Indian Trail (reappt 6/23/21)	07/09/19	06/30/24	

NOTE: If a Board or Commission does not specify number of terms a person can serve, then the number of terms defaults to three terms per a policy adopted by City Council December 11, 1990. (per city attorney 4/26/11) Two exceptions (1) if no one is interested (2) no one qualified has applied, then the person holding the position can serve another term if Council chooses.

Meeting Date: May 24, 2022

Item No: 4.

Department: City Council

Issue: Consider approval of Budget Ordinance 2022-U-2 on second reading.

Summary: The City's proposed FY23 Budget was presented to Council at the April 26, 2022 meeting. Work sessions were held on Wednesday, April 27th with Schools, Fire, and PD, with remaining City departments and certain outside agencies on Tuesday, May 3rd and Wednesday, May 4th. The budget as presented includes leaving all tax rates and fees at the FY22 levels with the exception of a recommended 7% increase in Refuse collection fees.

A public hearing on the proposed FY23 budget was held on Tuesday, May 10 followed by an additional work session on Wednesday, May 18. At the May 18 work session, Council; (1) confirmed an earlier vote to provide an additional \$6,571 for the Library, being half of their request, and noted a willingness to provide the full request contingent upon Henry & Patrick Counties doing likewise; (2) agreed to reduce school funding by \$350,000 while requesting that efforts be made to explore options to cover those costs with ESSER funds, but agreeing to backfill in the event that proves unsuccessful, and (3) agreed on an assessment ratio of 80% for tangible personal property for the FY23 budget year with an anticipated reduction of \$342,659 to the personal property tax bills of citizens.

Attachments: Ordinance 2022 –U-2, outlining fund details of the proposed City's FY22-23 Budget.

Recommendations: Approve on second reading (roll call vote), subject to additional changes or modifications Council desires to make.



Ordinance 2022-U-2

The Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, in regular session assembled May 24, 2022, that the following sums of money be and hereby are appropriated — by specific Fund — for the City's fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, from the following Fund sources of estimated revenue:

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF BUDGET ESTIMATES
2022-2023**

FUND	PROJECTED REVENUES	BUDGETED EXPENDITURES	CHANGES FUND BALANCE
General	\$33,172,346	\$36,764,447	(\$3,592,101)
Meals Tax	\$2,722,721	\$2,722,721	\$0
Capital Reserve	\$1,451,116	\$1,451,116	\$0
Refuse	\$2,018,795	\$2,226,077	(\$207,282)
Telecom	\$2,183,801	\$2,193,309	(\$9,508)
Water	\$3,925,600	\$3,292,264	\$633,336
Sewer	\$4,597,012	\$6,208,661	(\$1,611,649)
Electric	\$20,093,563	\$21,350,864	(\$1,257,301)
CDBG	\$1,183,320	\$1,090,360	\$92,960
Cafeteria*	\$1,705,775	\$2,293,640	(\$587,865)
School Operating*	\$27,054,205	\$27,054,205	\$0
TOTALS:	\$100,108,254	\$106,647,664	(\$6,539,410)

*Cafeteria and School Operating Funds information provided by School Personnel.

Tax Rates:

Real Estate:	\$1.03975 per \$100 assessed value
Personal Property:	\$2.30 per \$100 assessed value (unchanged)
Machinery/Tools:	\$1.85 per \$100 assessed value (unchanged)

Pursuant to Code of Virginia 58.1-3503(B), and with the affirmative agreement of the Commissioner of the Revenue as publicly stated on May 18, 2022, the City Council as the governing body of the City concurs that all tangible personal property in the City shall be taxed at an assessment ratio of 80% for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Refuse Collection Fees:

7% increase across all categories

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Attest:

Karen Roberts, Clerk of Council

Meeting Date: May 24, 2022

Item No: 5.

Department: Finance

Issue: Consider approval of the consent agenda

Summary:

The attachment amends the FY22 budget with appropriations in the following fund:

FY22

School ESSER/CARES Funds: \$ 32,218 – ARP Homeless Children Grant

Attachments: Consent Agenda –5-24-2022

Recommendations: Approve

BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 05/24/2022

ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
FY2022				
School ESSER/CARES				
19102926	499999	ARP Homeless		32,218
98000221	561620	Supplemental S&W	2,000	
98000221	562100	Social Security	153	
98000221	563000	Purchased Services	1,000	
98000221	565801	Community Outreach	5,000	
98000221	566000	Materials & Supplies	5,000	
98000221	568100	Capital Outlay Additions	19,065	
		ARP Homeless Children & Youth Grant		
Total School ESSER/CARE Fund:			32,218	32,218