

October 16, 2023 Council Meeting

A closed meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia was held on October 16, 2023 at New College Institute, at 10:00AM with Mayor LC Jones presiding. Other Council Members present included Kathy Lawson and Aaron Rawls. Lawrence Mitchell and Tammy Pearson were not in attendance. Staff present included City Manager Aretha Ferrell-Benavides, Community Development Director Keith Holland and Finance Director Mandy McGhee.

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order and advised Council would go into Closed Session beginning at 10:00AM. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, Title 2.2 Chapter 37, Freedom of Information Act and upon a motion by Council Member Lawson and seconded by Vice Mayor Rawls with the following 3-0 recorded vote: Mayor Jones, aye; Council Member Lawson, aye; and Vice Mayor Rawls, aye. Council convened in Closed Session to discuss the following matters: (A) Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community, as authorized by Subsection 5, and (B) 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.

At the conclusion of Closed Session, each returning member of Council certified that (1) only public business matters exempt from open meeting requirements were discussed in said Closed Session; and (2) only those business matters identified in the motion convening the Closed Session were heard, discussed, or considered during the meeting. A motion was made by Council Member Lawson and seconded by Vice Mayor Rawls with the following recorded 3-0 vote: Mayor Jones, aye; Vice Mayor Rawls, aye; and Council Member Lawson, aye.

There was no action taken out of Closed Session.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35PM.

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Karen Roberts, Clerk of Council

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LC Jones, Mayor