

June 14, 2024 Budget Workshop

A Work Session was held at 12:00 pm on June 14, 2024, in Room 208, Conference Room, Municipal Building. Mayor Jones, Vice Mayor Rawls, Council Member Lawson, Council Member Pearson, Council Member Mitchell, City Manager Aretha Ferrell-Benavides, Chief Operating Officer Edena Reese-Atmore, Public Information Officer Kendall Davis, Community Development Director Keith Holland, and MiNET Director Mike Scaffidi were in attendance.

City staff liaison to present their board and recommendations including establishment by state law or charter, number and consistency of membership, and recommended number of board members



ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

TERMS: Once a term renews, such term shall be valid for three (3) years. A member may serve three (3) consecutive terms) City Council may reappoint the board member for a fourth term if no one qualified has applied. If a Board member moves from the City during his/her term of appointment, he/she may continue to serve as a member with the approval of the City Council.

Name & Address	Initial Appointment	Term Expires	Full Term
Kathleen McEvoy, 709 Spruce St (RESIGNED)	3/23/21	3/31/24	
Kerri Bradley, 710 Berkshire Place	1/24/23	3/31/26	
Michael Greene, 402 Oakdale St	4/25/23	3/31/26	
Sharon Shepherd, 813 Clarke Road	1/11/22	3/31/25	
Mary Rives Brown, 334 E. Church St. Apt B3 (Reappt 4/10/18, 6/8/21)	7/9/19	3/31/24	

Staff recommends retaining this board in order to advise on historic district development and to meet the requirements of a Certified Local Government by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, with vacancies filled to better ensure a quorum to conduct business.

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ARTS AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE – Edited at previous meeting

To ensure adequate involvement and input, members include:

- Representation: Texas/Piedmont Area Association/Peddie 507
- Representation: from the Virginia Museum of Natural History
- Representation: from Southern Virginia Airline Center
- Representation: from the NMHC Historical Society
- Representation: from the NMHC Resource Board
- Representation: from West Piedmont Planning District Board
- A City Resident

Names & Address	Initial Appointment	Term Expires	Full Term
Lucy Treudo, 635 Jefferson St., Apt. 1 (ppt 6/27/23)	(VNMH) 3rd initial term	3/31/26	
	(FAA)	12/31/25	
Julian Mei, 207 Thomas Heights (ppt 4/26/22)	(ARTISAN)	12/31/26	
Colin Hefley, 1135 Cleveland Trail (resigned)	(HISTORICAL)	3/31/26	
	(AIR)	12/31/25	
Edward Mitchell, 1606 Spruce Street E (ppt 2/28/23)	(CIB)	12/31/25	
Kathleen Midway, 7007 Midway Blvd. (1st Appointment Request as Citizen)	(WEST PINEHURST PLANNING DISTRICT BOARD)	3/31/23	
	(CITY BUSINESS COUNCIL)	3/31/26	
Mandy Gordon, 1207 Mulberry Blvd (ppt 9/13/22, respt 3/14/23)	(Citizen)	12/31/25	Partial Term
Elizabeth Lodge (Resign), 1035 Mulberry Blvd (Resigned)	(Citizen)	12/31/25	Partial Term
Terrence Hodge, 1236 Sam Loon Trail (Resigned)	(Citizen)	12/31/25	Partial Term
	(Citizen)	3/31/26	

Staff recommends retaining a committee of 11 but with recommended changes to organizational representation.

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BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS

Originally established to review and decide appeals to the requirements of the Uniform Statewide Building Code as enforced by the City, the Board of Building Appeals consists of five members who serve five-year terms, all of whom are appointed by City Council. At present, the Board also has the authority to decide matters relating to the City's Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance, Flood Plain Ordinances, and Fire Prevention Code. Decisions and actions made by the Board are by resolution. The Board meets on an as-needed basis to consider specific administrative decisions and interpretations of the ordinances under its authority.

TERMS: Each member serves a five-year term. The board does not have a set meeting date, and only meets as needed.

CONTACT: Kris Bridges, Community Development, 403-5169, P.O. Box 1112, Martinsville, VA 24114

Name & Address	Initial Appointment	Term Expires	Full Term
		5/11/28	
		5/11/24	
Wayne Draper - 114 Oakview Dr	6/23/20	5/11/25	
		5/11/26	
		5/11/27	

This board has not met in some time, and only one of 5 seats is currently filled. Continuation of this board is not a high priority given the infrequency of appeals and difficulties of finding qualified citizens to serve. A possible solution would be to change the City Code to allow appeals to go to Circuit Court, since regulatory laws dictate decisions from the Building Official and any overruling would place liability on a citizen board or City Council in the event of a building or fire code related catastrophe resulting from the appeal.

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The Board of Zoning Appeals hears appeals on the City's Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances. Five members are appointed by the Circuit Court Judge to serve five-year terms. The Board meets on an as-needed basis, usually during the daytime. Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals may hold no other public office in the City except Planning Commission.

TERMS: Each member serves a five-year term. Once a term renews, such term shall be valid for three (3) years. A member may serve three (3) consecutive terms. City Council may reappoint the board member for a fourth term if no one qualified has applied. If a board member moves from the City during his/her term of appointment, he/she may continue to serve as a member with approval of the City Council.

The board meets the third Thursday of each month at 10:00am if needed.
CONTACT: Kris Bridges, Community Development, 403-5169, P.O. Box 1112, Martinsville, VA 24114

Name & Address	Initial Appointment	Term Expires	Full Term
Derrick Zipf, Jr (10 E. Church Street)	8/23/22	8/23/27	
Benjamin Shipes, 1108 West Trail	3/10/20	9/22/24	
Duane Swaffey (127 E. Church Street)	8/23/22	8/23/27	
Michael Greene, 402 Oakdale (Appt 1/24/23, Judge Appt 8/25/23)	1/24/23	1/24/28	
VACANT		9/26/28	

Staff recommends retaining this board and filling vacancies.

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CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD

Established by the authority granted in VA §15.2-1107, the Board provides judicious advice, ideas, and feedback from a citizen perspective related to both present and future matters and plans of the City. The board will be a formal, consistent liaison between the Council, City staff, and citizens. The board will study, analyze, and formulate well-developed, thoughtful recommendations, insights, and ideas based on citizen feedback and discuss present them to the Council. The board will act as a two-way sounding board for the Council and citizens and be involved in the planning of the current and future state of Martinsville. The board will help disseminate community information to the citizens to broaden the City's outreach. The board will meet the first and third Wednesday each month, from 6:00-7:30pm. The board shall choose a chair and vice-chair.

RESIDENCY - Must be a Martinsville City resident qualified by knowledge and experience to make decisions on questions of community school needs. The board will be made up of ten adults (ages 18 and up): two from West End, two from Southside, two from Northside, two from East Martinsville/Druid Hills, and two City business owners/operators.

TERMS: Four members will serve a two-year term, and four members will serve a three-year term.

CONTACT: Kendall Davis, Communication and Community Engagement office, 403-5185, P.O. Box 1112, Martinsville, VA 24114

Name & Address	Initial Appointment	Term Expires	Full Term
Khalil Baker, 110 Kings Row	West End Resident 2-yr term	4/25/23	4/30/25
Charlie Holland, 114 Crestwood Ct	West End Resident 3-yr term	4/12/23	4/30/26
VACANT	Southside Resident 2-yr term		
Martha Wickliffe, 1011 Cherokee Trail	Southside Resident 3-yr term	9/26/23	4/30/26
Alfonza Martin, 1006 Independence Drive	Northside Resident 2-yr term	9/12/23	4/30/25
Etigenia Mota, 549 Dillard St	Northside Resident 3-yr term	9/12/23	4/30/26
VACANT	Martinsville/Druid Hills 2-yr term		
Susan Tyler, 608 Jefferson Street	Martinsville/Druid Hills 3-yr term	4/12/23	4/30/26
VACANT	City Business Owner/Operator 2-yr term		
Robert Price, 284 Sunnycrest Drive Martinsville	City Business Owner/Operator 3-yr term	4/12/23	4/30/26

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INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Established under the authority of Chapter 33 of Title 15.1, of the Code of Virginia, the Industrial Development Authority is involved in certain economic development projects. The Authority consists of seven members serving four-year terms appointed by City Council. The City Manager has traditionally served as Secretary, and the Authority elects a Chairman and Vice Chairman from among its members. The Authority meets on an as-needed basis.

TERMS: Each member serves a four-year term. The IDA will meet the first Monday of each month at 4:00 PM in Council Chambers if needed.

CONTACT: City Manager's office, 403-5185, P.O. Box 1112, Martinsville, VA 24114

Name & Address	Initial Appointment	Term Expires	Full Term
Marcus Stone, 153 Blue Ridge Yacht Club Rd Bassett	10/24/23	9/26/28	
Ronnie Fultz, 1019 Country Club Drive	10/4/23	9/26/24	
Kimberly Walker, 1077 E. Church Street, Ext 901 (Ineligible)	10/4/23	9/26/25	
Michael Scales, 1010 Preston Road	10/4/23	9/26/25	
Olivia Garrett, 400 Plantation Road	10/4/23	9/26/26	
Lee Prillaman, 50 Lowery Lester Drive	10/4/23	9/26/26	
Eric Phillips, 222 Red Hill Drive	10/4/23	9/26/27	

Staff recommends retaining this board and filling upcoming vacancies.

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PLANNING COMMISSION

Established under the authority of Chapter 11 of Title 15.1, of the Code of Virginia, the Planning Commission advises and makes recommendations to City Council on a variety of matters pertaining to land use planning and development in the City. In addition, the Commission is charged with the responsibility for preparing and recommending a comprehensive plan for adoption by City Council. Members of the planning commission shall be residents of the city qualified by knowledge and experience to make decisions on questions of community growth and development. At least one-half of such members shall be freeholders. Except as otherwise specifically provided in subsection (a) above, members of the commission shall hold no other municipal office. The Commission consists of seven members serving four-year terms appointed by City Council.

TERMS: Each member serves a four-year term.

RESIDENCY: Must be a Martinsville City resident.

The Commission meets at 4:00pm on third Wednesday of each month.

CONTACT: Hannah Powell, Community Development, 403-5169, P.O. Box 1112, Martinsville, VA 24114

Name & Address	Initial Appointment	Term Expires	Full Term
Mark Evans, 610 Mulberry Road	9/8/20	6/30/24	
VACANT		6/30/24	
Lisa Watkins, 307 Oakdale St	9/8/20	6/30/24	
DeSantis Holston, 1396 Cardinal Lane	1/13/21	6/30/24	
Jonathan Martin, 3 East Church St Apt 3C (reappt 6/28/22)	9/28/21	6/30/26	
Austin Roberson, 1227 Mulberry Rd (reappt 6/12/18) (reappt 6/28/22)	10/10/17	6/30/26	
Joseph Martin, 27 E. Church St (term begins 7/1/14) (reappt 6/12/18) (reappt 6/28/22)	7/1/14	6/30/26	

Staff recommends retaining this board and filling all vacancies. Should vacancies not be filled before the scheduled July meeting, there will not be a quorum to conduct business.

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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, lease, 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 judgment 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) to examine all claims for payments 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
Michael Williamson, 922 Vine Street	07/12/22	06/30/25	
Heather Blankenbaker, 908 Hazelwood Ln	6/29/23	6/30/26	
Nekia Blackwell, 317 Forest St	6/29/23	6/30/26	
Cody Williams, 1223 Lonest Rd	6/29/23	6/30/24	
Yvonne Givens, 734 Indian Trail (reappt 6/23/21)	07/09/19	06/30/24	

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TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMISSION

The Transportation Safety Commission was created by action of City Council pursuant to powers granted in Chapter 2, Section 5, of the Code of the transportation and safety in the City. Regular members may serve three consecutive four-year terms.

TERMS: The commission elects a Chairman and Vice Chairman from among its members, with a Recording Secretary provided by the Chief of Police. The Commission meets on the third Tuesday each month in Council Chambers from 10:00am-11:00am.

CONTACT: Rob Fincher, Chief of Police, 403-5310, P.O. Box 1101, Martinsville, VA 24114
Copy to Dawn Hale, Police Department

Name & Address	Initial Appointment	Term Expires	Full Term
Michael Sanguedolce, 708 Starling Ave	9/13/22	12/31/25	
Doug Sharpo, 206 Clearview Dr	2/28/23	12/31/25	
Melissa Taylor, 821 Belmont St	2/28/23	12/31/25	
Michael Law, 268 Oxford Dr	2/28/23	12/31/25	
VACANT		12/31/25	
Barbara Shively, 1035 Owen St. Ext	4/25/23	12/31/26	
Tom Conroy, 723 Corn Tassel Trail	1/24/23	12/31/26	
William Galyean, 701 Beverly Way	1/24/23	12/31/26	
VACANT		12/31/26	

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TREE BOARD

Established for the purposes of administering the provisions of the Tree ordinance. This board, in collaboration with the City Manager and Superintendent of Schools or their designees, shall consider, investigate, make findings, reports and recommendations regarding any special matter coming within the scope of its work. It shall be the responsibility of the Board to study, investigate, and develop recommendations for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs in the parks, along streets and in other publicly owned areas.

TERMS: The Board is to be composed of five (5) members appointed by the city council. Of the members of the Board first appointed, one (1) shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year; two (2) for a term of two (2) years and two (2) for a term of three (3) years, respectively. Once a term renews, such term will be for three (3) years.

CONTACT: Greg Maggard, Public Works Director, 403-5159, P.O. Box 1112, Martinsville, VA 24114

Name & Address	Initial Appointment	Term Expires	Full Term
VACANT		3/31/25	
VACANT		3/31/26	
VACANT		3/31/26	
VACANT	9/28/21	3/31/24	
VACANT		3/31/24	
VACANT		3/31/25	

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BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL LIBRARY GOVERNING BOARD

The functions of the Board include selecting and appointing the director of the library, establishing general policy, and planning the effect of city, county, state or national library legislation on service. It is the duty of the Board to obtain adequate funds from appropriations and gifts and to be responsible for their expenditure, attend Board meetings regularly, serve as a liaison between the library and the community, and work for higher standards of library service on all levels. The legal responsibility is vested in the Board. City Council appoints THREE members serving four-year terms per revised Bylaws 4/2/10. The Board meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 12:00pm.

TERMS: By State Law, appointments are limited to two full terms serving four-year terms.

CONTACT: Rick Ward, Director, 403-5435, P.O. Box 5264, Martinsville, VA 24115
(location address: 310 East Church Street Martinsville, VA 24112).

Name & Address	Initial Appointment	Term Expires	Full Term
Karen Despot, 101 Dove Lane	5/09/23	6/30/27	
Rives Coleman, 603 Mulberry Road	10/13/20	6/30/27	
Yleulhadi Rose, 715 Circle Court	12/13/22	06/30/25	

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES ACT

CHILDREN'S SERVICES ACT--is responsible for coordinating funding for services to at-risk youth and their families. Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of every month at 8:30 am at the Henry-Martinsville Department of Social Services in the Board Room. The City of Martinsville is the fiscal agent. Members are appointed by the governing body/bodies of the participating localities to represent the agencies involved with at-risk youth, except for the parent representative and private provider. Members serve unspecified terms; the private provider and parent representative are appointed by the governing body for a 2-year renewable term.

TERMS: Parent representative and Private provider serve 2-year renewable terms.

CONTACT: Robin Turner, CSA Coordinator, 403-5592, P.O. Box 4946, Martinsville, VA 24115

Name & Address	Initial Appointment	Term Expires	Full Term
VACANT, PARENT REPRESENTATIVE		12/31/25	
Billie White, PRIVATE PROVIDER		6/30/23	
VACANT, PRIVATE PROVIDER		6/30/23	
Cynthia Tapley (Primary) - Karen Adams (Alternate)		City School Division	
April Evans (Primary) - Amy Rice (Alternate)		Social Services Department	
Robert Hiatt (Primary) - Holly Johnson (Alternate)		Court Service Unit	
Steve Bailey (Primary) - Verna Burnette (Alternate)		Health Department	
Kelly Kobel (Primary) - Sharon Buckman (Alternate)		Community Services Board	
Mandy McGhee (Primary) - Crystal Ferguson (Alternate)		City Finance Department	

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DAN RIVER ALCOHOL SAFETY ACTION PROGRAM (ASAP) POLICY BOARD

The responsibilities of the Board are to develop and approve all program levels and operating policies to oversee and be responsible for the operation of the program, to hire/terminate the Executive Director, and to develop a budget for each year. The purpose of the program is a local court services program that shall strive to use community and state services to reduce the problem of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, in an effort to improve transportation safety both locally and statewide. Regular meetings are held each quarter (March, June, September, December) and as determined by the members of the Board.

TERMS: City Council appoints two members serving three-year terms.

CONTACT: Tammy Goad, Executive Director, 276-632-6303, 135 East Market St, Martinsville, VA 24112
Email: danrasap@centurylink.net

Name & Address	Initial Appointment	Term Expires	Full Term
Steve Draper, 1911 Dundee Lane (resapt 4/28/15, 3/17/21)	12/10/13	4/30/24	3
VACANT			

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EMERGENCY HOUSING & COMMUNITY SUPPORT COMMISSION

Established by the authority granted in VA §15.2-1107, the Commission advises Council on matters of community need concerning housing, human services, related agencies, the performance and outcomes of related efforts, and other matters as relevant. The commission is expected to inform Council of pertinent issues in a timely manner and make recommendations based on community impact.

The Commission meets on the second Monday of each month at 5:00pm or at other times as determined by Commission membership.

RESIDENCY-- Must be a Martinsville City resident qualified by knowledge and experience to make decisions on questions of community social needs.

The Commission consists of seven members serving two-year terms.

TERMS: Each member serves a two-year term.

CONTACT: Kimberly Walker

Name & Address	Initial Appointment	Term Expires	Full Term
Barbara Seymour, 603 Mulberry Rd	CHAIR	1/24/23	1/24/25
Amy Rice, 20 Progress Drive		1/24/23	1/24/25
Stephanie Sherrill, 15 Cleveland Ave		1/24/23	1/24/25
Cindy Franck, 351 Mulberry Rd		1/24/23	1/24/25
Sharmain Thornton, 521 Armistead Ave (Resigned)		1/24/23	1/24/24
Sandy Hines, 55 West Church St, (Resigned)		1/24/23	1/24/24
Haley Roberson, 1227 Mulberry Rd (Resigned)		1/24/23	1/24/24

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HENRY COUNTY-MARTINSVILLE JOINT SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD (Title 63 of the Code of Virginia)

Established under Title 63 of the Code of Virginia, the Joint Board was created when the Martinsville and Henry County Social Services Departments were consolidated on July 1, 1997.

The Board makes all decisions regarding expenditures for the Social Services Department, including the preparation and approval of an annual budget and approval of all subsidized adoption cases. The Board also approves and establishes policies and procedures for the local agency and staff. Although all employment matters are the responsibility of the Director, the Board is informed of personnel issues of concern, and suggestions are made by the Board.

There are no specific requirements for becoming a Board member. An attempt is made to have representatives from many segments of the community. The Board meets on the third Monday of each month at 5:00 pm.

TERMS: By State Law, appointments are limited to two full terms. Members serve four-year terms.

The Henry County-Martinsville Joint Social Services Board consists of nine members serving four-year terms; three are appointed by the City Council.

CONTACT: Amy Rice, DSS Director, 656-4301, P.O. Box 4946, Martinsville, VA 24115

Name & Address	Initial Appointment	Term Expires	Full Term
Jean Odachowski, 1107 Cherokee Trail (reaptd 5/24/23)	10/06/19	5/31/27	
VACANT		5/31/27	
Michael Kirby, 734 Indian Trail (Resigned)	1/14/20	5/31/26	

RECOMMENDATION/DISCUSSION:

This is a joint external organization to which the City Council appoints three members, and we have two vacancies.

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PATRICK & HENRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD (under Title 23, Chapter 16, Section 23-220, of the Code of Virginia)

Created under Title 23, Chapter 16, Section 23-220, of the Code of Virginia, the Board is responsible for: 1-providing recommendations to the State Board on the development of the site plan and on the design and construction of facilities of the College; 2-participating in the selection, evaluation, and removal of the President of the College; 3-eliciting community participation in program planning and development; 4-reviewing and approving a detailed local funds budget for the College; 5-reviewing and approving local regulations on student conduct; and 6-reviewing reports of audit.

The Board meets in alternate months beginning in February of each year in the Exhibit Hall of the Frith Economic Development Center on the College Campus.

RESIDENCY: Members should be a resident of the locality appointing them to the Board.

The Board consists of fifteen members serving four-year terms; three are appointed by City Council.

TERMS: By State Law, appointments are limited to two full terms. Members serve four-year terms.

CONTACT: Dr. Greg Hodges, President, Patrick & Henry Community College, 645 Patriot Avenue, Martinsville, VA 24112

Name & Address	Initial Appointment	Term Expires	Full Term
Jewell Drewery, 1011 Valiant Lane	01/12/22	6/30/27	
Pamela Allen, 1005 Corn Tassel Trail	1/11/22	6/30/26	
Ouss Sahhar, 134 E. Church St Apt A1	10/12/22	6/30/26	

RECOMMENDATION/DISCUSSION:

This is an external organization to which the City Council appoints three members, and we have one term that expires this month.

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PIEDMONT REGIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD (Licensed by Virginia Department of Behavior Health and Development Services)

The Board was created in 1972 and operates under the licensing authority of the Virginia Department of Behavior Health and Developmental Services.

The Board is a quasi-public body with the mandate to plan, implement, and coordinate a comprehensive system of mental health, developmental disability, and substance abuse services. The area covered is Martinsville and the Counties of Henry, Franklin, and Patrick. The Board is an operating board with full decision-making authority, and the staff works for the Board. An interest in the Board's work is probably the major "selection" criteria for Board membership. Some experience and knowledge of the target population is helpful.

Meetings are typically held in Martinsville on the third Monday afternoon of each month at 5:30pm, although there is some variation in schedule.

TERMS: Board regulations state that members may not be elected to more than three full terms. Members serve three-year terms.

The Board is composed of fourteen members serving three-year terms; two are appointed by City Council.

CONTACT: Greg Preston, Executive Director, 652-7128 (cell 240-1030), 24 Clay Street, Martinsville, VA 24112

Name & Address	Initial Appointment	Term Expires	Full Term
Ann Gibson, 102 Sherwood Place	6/28/22	6/30/25	
Brenda Ephraim, 932 Bethel Lane	8/14/18	6/30/26	1

RECOMMENDATION/DISCUSSION:

This is an external organization to which the City Council appoints two members, and we do not have any vacant positions.

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ANCHOR GROUP HOME COMMISSION

The Commission is empowered with oversight of local Anchor residential, family, and prevention services.

The Commission consists of twelve members serving four-year terms; three are appointed by the City Council. Six members are appointed by the Henry County Board of Supervisors; three members are appointed by the Patrick County Board of Private Business. Served as the final authority on personnel matters, approves the annual budget prepared for the local government, reviews and approves the State budget, annually reviews the treatment programs, approves all major purchases, approves new program initiatives for presentation to the local and state governing bodies, and approves any grant requests.

Meetings of the Commission are held on an as-needed basis.

TERMS: Four-year terms.

The Commission consists of twelve members serving four-year terms; three are appointed by the City Council.

CONTACT: Ricky Walker, Administrator, 634-2910, 313 East Market St, Martinsville, VA 24112

Copy to Robin Campbell, robin.campbell@anchor-services.org

Name & Address	Initial Appointment	Term Expires	Full Term
VACANT		12/31/27	
Karen Garrett, 1230 Sam Lions Tr. (reappt 1/09/18, reappt 1/11/22)	1/11/15	12/31/25	3
Vernaine Randolph, 1414 S. Askin St. (reappt 12/13/22)	4/12/11	12/31/26	3

RECOMMENDATION/DISCUSSION:

This is an external organization to which the City Council appoints three members, and we have one vacancy.

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PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY BOARD

City Council appoints one member who serves a three-year term.

TERMS: Three-year term.

CONTACT: Victoria Minton, Human Resource Director/Deputy Director, 434-432-8250 ext. 223, P.O. Box 1119, Chatham, VA 24531

Name & Address	Initial Appointment	Term Expires	Full Term
Lydia Martin, 2514 Martin Dr., Axton (reaptd 4/26/22)	10/23/18	8/31/23	

RECOMMENDATION/DISCUSSION:

This is an external organization to which the City Council appoints one member, and we have one vacancy.

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SOUTHERN AREA AGENCY ON AGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Private/Non-Profit)

The Agency is a private, not-for-profit agency that was formed in May 1976 under the name of Piedmont Seniors of Virginia. It exists to provide maximum independence for persons age 60 and older by providing services that will assist older persons to live independently in their own homes. The Agency's tasks include advocacy, planning, and coordinating services for older persons. It serves the Counties of Franklin, Henry, Patrick, and Pittsylvania, as well as the Cities of Danville and Martinsville.

According to SAAA bylaws, a member may serve two consecutive three-year terms. The Board's responsibilities include: 1. Developing an area plan for aging services; 2. Identifying the needs of the elderly in the community; 3. Establishing long-range goals for meeting the needs of the elderly; 4. Formulating short-range objectives for programs to be conducted in the community; 5. Approving overall plans for carrying out the objectives; and 6. Hiring and firing the Executive Director.

The Board meets on the last Monday of each month at 1:00 pm. The Board meets on the last Monday every other month at 5:00 pm. The Board meets seven times per year.

The Board consists of twelve members serving three-year terms; two are appointed by the City Council.

TERMS: Members serve three-year terms. A member may serve two consecutive three-year terms.

CONTACT: Teresa N. Fontaine, Executive Director, 632-5442, 204 Cleveland Ave., Martinsville, VA 24112

Name & Address	Initial Appointment	Term Expires	Full Term
Crystal Dallas, 211 Massey St	09/27/22	9/28/24	
VACANCY		02/28/24	

RECOMMENDATION/DISCUSSION:

This is an external organization and there is not an internal staff liaison. We have one vacancy and no applicants.

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WEST PIEDMONT PLANNING DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Commission was created in 1989 pursuant to the Virginia Area Development Act and is a confederation of several local governments established to plan for the region's orderly and efficient physical, social, and economic development. The region encompasses the Cities of Martinsville and Davis, the Town of Rocky Mount, and the Counties of Henry, Franklin, Patrick, and Pittsylvania.

The responsibility of the Board includes the development of an Annual Work Program to guide its staff in a wide range of activities, including comprehensive planning, federal assistance, grant seeking, and regional coordination efforts. Other decisions made by the Board include the establishment of regional priorities for the Virginia Community Development Block Grant Program and reviewing and commenting on requests for Federal funds made for projects within Planning District 12 through the Virginia Department of Social Services.

The Board meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. There are no term limits for this board.

The Commission also serves as the West Piedmont Economic Development District Board.

TERMS: Terms of office of members who are also member of governing bodies shall be concurrent with their elected term of office or such shorter term as their governing body shall determine. The citizen member shall serve for three years and may be reappointed.

The Board's bylaws state that each governmental subdivision within the planning district shall appoint three members: two governing body members, one governing body and one non-elected resident qualified voter.

CONTACT: Michael Ambrister, Director, 638-3987, P.O. Box 5268, Martinsville, VA 24115 member@wpddc.org

Name & Address	Initial Appointment	Term Expires	Full Term
Kathy Lawson, 909 Barrows Mill Rd	Governing body	7/10/17	12/31/24
Aaron Rawls, 318 Brown Street	Governing body	3/14/23	12/31/26
Joseph Martiny, 27 East Church Street	Citizen	4/11/23	6/30/25

RECOMMENDATION/DISCUSSION:

This is an appointment of two member of City Council and one Citizen

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WEST PIEDMONT PLANNING DISTRICT TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Committee advises the Board on matters of physical, housing, economic development, and human resources planning. The Committee also makes advisory recommendations to the Board in the review of applications for Federal funds under the Intergovernmental Review Process. In addition, the Committee is responsible for reviewing regional plans and documents as developed. The Committee provides citizen input in the planning process. Each local governing body appoints one member and one alternate member. Members serve three-year terms; alternates serve four-year terms. Both Member and Alternate may attend meetings; however, in the event both are present, only the Member will vote on issues. The Committee also has two at-large members representing the Planning District. The at-large members are appointed to serve three-year terms as a vote for under-represented groups of the elderly, youth, poor, blacks and women. There are no term limits for this board.

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Name & Address	Initial Appointment	Term Expires	Full Term
Brittany Freeland, 724 Grattan Rd (member)	5/22/23	12/31/24	
VACANT, (alternate)		12/31/26	

RECOMMENDATION/DISCUSSION:

This is an external organization to which the City Council appoints one member. The member expires in December, and we have one vacant alternate.

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WESTERN VIRGINIA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The Council is a comprehensive system for basic and advanced life support for Planning Districts 4, 5, and 12. The Council is supported by local governments, United Way, hospitals, the Virginia Department of Health, and private citizens. City Council nominates one member for appointment to the Council who serves a three-year term. Grants are available from the State and benevolent organizations. The Council provides technical assistance, funding, and assistance to emergency medical services providers in its assigned planning districts. The Council makes policy decisions for the development and direction. There is a comprehensive plan that is used as a guideline. The Board meets on the second Thursday of the last month of each calendar quarter and meetings are generally held at the Salem Civic Center at 2:00pm.

TERMS: Three-year term, No term limit

CONTACT: Steve Simon, Executive Director, 1944 Peters Creek Rd, Roanoke, VA 24017-1613 (ssimon@vaems.org) 540-562-3482

Name & Address	Initial Appointment	Term Expires	Full Term
Diane Foley, Assistant Chief of EMS	1/12/23		

RECOMMENDATION/DISCUSSION:

This is a staff appointment with confirmation by the City Council

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BOARDS & COMMISSION

BOARD	CHARTER	NUMBER OF MEMBER	CURRENT VACANCY	APPROACHING VACANCY 2024	APPLICANTS AVAILABLE	TERMS	STAFF LIAISON
Architectural Review Board		5	2		Mary Rives Brown (Reappointment) Cynthia Egerton (New Appointment)	3 Years	Kris Bridges
Arts and Cultural Committee		11	9	0	Kathleen McEvoy, Citizen Jessica Dillon, Citizen Tracey Heauney, PBA Shane Pinkston, Citizen	3 Years	Kris Bridges
Board of Appeals		5	4				Kris Bridges
Board of Zoning Appeals		5	1	1			
Citizen Advisory Board		10	8		John Kuhman, Duvid Hill John Wilson, Duvid Hill	2 Year	Kendall Davis
Industrial Development Authority				2		4-Years	City Managers Office/Development Director
Planning Commission		7	1	3	John Wilson	4-Year	Keith Holland
School Board		5		2		3-Year	Dr. Talley
Transportation Safety Commission		9	2			4-Year	Chief Rob Fincher
Tree Board		6	6			3-Year	Greg Maggard
Anchored Group Home System Commission		3	1		Mack Evans	4-Year	Ricky Walker
Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board		3	0	0		4-Year	Rick Ward

BOARD & COMMISSION

BOARD	NUMBER OF MEMBER	CURRENT VACANCY	APPROACHING VACANCY 2024	APPLICANTS AVAILABLE	TERMS	STAFF LIAISON
Children's Services Act	9	2		Cindy Franck, Parent Position	2 Year	Robin Turner
Community Criminal Justice Board						
Dan River Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board	2	1		None	3-Year	Tammy Good
Emergency Housing & Community Support Commission	7	3		None		Kimberly Walker
Henry-Martinsville Joint Social Services Board	3	2		None		Amy Rice
Patrick & Henry Community College Board	5		1	NTD	4-Year	Dr Greg Hodge
Piedmont Regional Community Services Board Pittsylvania County	2	0				Greg Preston
Pittsylvania County Community Action Agency Board	1		1	Lytia Martin, Reappointment	3-Year	Victoria Minton
Southern Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors	2	1	1		3-Year	Teresa Fontaine
Southern Virginia Recreation Facilities Authority	4		4			Lloyd Barber
West Piedmont Planning District Board of Commissioners	3		1			Michael Ambrister
West Piedmont Planning District Technical Advisory Committee	2	1	1			Michael Ambrister
Western Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council	1					Steve Simon

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Consent Agenda Items:

Approval of Special Use Permit for 1048 Independence Drive – Community Director Keith Holland presented a PowerPoint and an explanation for the need of the SUP.

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Special Use Permit for 1048 Independence Drive

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Purpose

- Under the City Zoning Ordinance, City Council has the authority to approve or deny a request for a Special Use Permit.
- The property at 1048 Independence Drive (Tax Map ID: 47 (01)00/01A) is approximately 19.18 acres and zoned R-C, City Residential District.
- The owner of the property has requested a SUP for a live/work residence permitted under City Zoning, but only by issuance of a Special Use Permit.
- The Planning Commission held a public hearing on April 17, 2024 and unanimously recommended that City Council approve the SUP.
- City Council held a public hearing on May 28, 2024, but tabled a decision on approval or denial of the SUP.

Questions?

Arts & Cultural Committee membership requirements – Community Development Director Keith Holland explained the membership requirements and presented a PowerPoint.



Arts & Cultural Committee Membership Requirements

June 14, 2024



Purpose

- The Arts & Culture Committee respectfully asks that the City Council reconsider the decision to scale back membership limits from 11 to 7 and request to appoint volunteers from the organizations listed in the proposed criteria developed by the ACC membership as presented during the May 28 Council meeting.
- Unlike other appointed boards and commissions, the ACC relies heavily on its members to lead and volunteer for projects, so a larger and more engaged membership net is better.
- The recommended restructured membership criteria expands the circle of arts organizations and local practicing artists that could be involved in the community and lead to more opportunities to collaborate among the artisan network in Martinsville/Henry County.
- Other organizations can be added to the membership to recruit talented and qualified individuals in various disciplines of the local arts and cultural community.
- Arts and cultural enrichment can be a cornerstone for community revitalization, economic opportunities, and increased tourism and visits to Martinsville.

Comparison of Requirements

UPDATED REQUIREMENTS	CURRENT REQUIREMENTS
• (1) Representative from Piedmont Arts Association • (1) Representative from Studio 107 • (1) Representative from Virginia Museum of Natural History • (1) Representative from MHC Historical Society • (1) Representative from Ray Hollingsworth's Dance Studio • (1) Representative from FAHI Museum • (1) Representative from Rooster Walk • (1) Local Artist • (3) City Residents or Business Owners or Local Artists	• (1) Representative from Piedmont Arts or Studio 107 • (1) Representative from Virginia Museum of Natural History • (1) Representative from Southern VA Artisan Center • (1) Representative from MHC Historical Society • (1) Representative from Architectural Review Board • (1) Representative from West Piedmont Planning District Commission • (1) City Business Owner • (4) Citizens

Questions?

Budget Amendment – Staff discussed amendments to the previously approved budget as requested by Council.

MiNET Quarterly Update – Director Mike Scaffidi provided an update on MiNET services.

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MINet Solutions

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STAFF AT A GLANCE

Administration

- Telecom Director
- Telecom Service Manager
- Telecom Business Manager

Technical Assistance

- SR Telecom Service Technician
- Telecom Service Technician III
- Telecom Service Technician II
- 2 - Telecom Service Technician I

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FOURTH QUARTER INVOICING - FY2024

Quarterly Invoicing	Invoicing
Quarterly Invoicing (Q4)	\$406,279
Average	\$135,426
June Invoice	\$ 132,327
FY 2025 Outside Customers Yearly Income As of Today	\$1,625,112

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FY 2024

- 2024 Fiscal Year
 - Income
 - \$2.12M
 - Disbursements
 - \$2.15M
- ARC Funding (October award date)
 - Home Business Builds in the West End & North Side regions
 - \$700,000
 - \$210,000 (Matching Funds)
- ARPA Funding
 - \$800,000
 - Forest Park PON build-out
 - Completion Date – December 15, 2024
 - Map
 - Timeline

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ARPA FUNDING

- Bids and RFP
 - Contractor Selected June 1
 - Contractor on Site June 10
 - Various Materials: Splitter – ADTRAN PON – Cables
 - Most Equipment on Site
- Construction Begins
 - June 1, 2024
 - Contractor selected and work is expected to begin June 10, 2024
 - Zone 7 completion date is expected near December 15, 2024

Month	New Customer Estimates	Invoicing
January 2025	243	\$20,655
April 2025	545	\$46,345
June 2025	720	\$61,200
Total Expected Funding (FY 2026)	-	\$734,000

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AREA 7 MATERIALS

QUANT	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	EXT
28,500	Backbone Fiber (Ft)	0.02	\$8,751.00
50,400	Single Fiber	0.48	\$4,212.00
2	X Single PON	68,000.00	\$136,000.00
168	4 & 8 Port Splitter	180.00	\$9,240.00
26,708	Single Fiber to Primary	0.78	\$20,822.00
43	Splice Enclosure	\$10.00	\$1,360.00
1	Storage Facility (FTTH frame)	5,370.00	\$5,370.00
43	Telecom Ground Enclosure	\$10.00	\$1,360.00
633	Pole Attachments	9.00	\$2,446.00
22	Dead End Assemblies	105.00	\$2,310.00
155	Targets	\$4.91	\$10,597.00
1	Control Cabinet	\$9,996.00	\$9,996.00
1	Electrical & Wiring	10,500.00	\$10,500.00
Total Estimated Main Supplies			\$225,032.00

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MOVING FORWARD

- Outages
 - Must have equipment up to date
 - 101 Issues
 - Electrical Supply including proper backup Power Supplies
 - HVAC in MDF rooms
- Failover
 - Back-up Circuits: Border Gateway Protocol (BGP)
 - Tested Quarterly during our Maintenance Window
- MINet customers can now sign-up for outage alerts on City's website (text/email)
- All MINet staff are Certified Fiber Optic Technicians
 - Continue training
 - Next: Outside Plant Training
- MINet begins paperless billing process
 - 65 customers signed up

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MOVING FORWARD Continued

- City Admin Reviewing Moving MINet Billing to Utility Billing
 - Will remain a separate bill
- Website Updated
 - Increase of requests for services due to the new updated website.
 - MINet re-directing traffic from old website
 - Utilizing the City's [Notify Me!](#) Outage Alerts
- Working with Kendall to Review and Implement a Marketing Plan
 - Essential to the Area 7 build
- Reviewing the Impact Area 7 - Staffing
- Staying Ahead of Requests (outside of Area 7)
 - Resources
 - Utilize Two Construction Crews

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Mayor Jones advised Council would go into Closed Session beginning at 1:30 PM. 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 Council Member Pearson with the following 5-0 recorded vote: Vice Mayor Rawls, aye; Council Member Pearson, aye; Mayor Jones, aye; Council Member Lawrence Mitchell, aye; and Council Member Lawson, aye. Council convened in Closed Session to discuss the following matters: (A) 2.2-3711.A.1: Discussion,

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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, concerning Board and Commission interviews and a meeting with staff members, (B) 2.2-3711.A.3: Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose or disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, concerning the BB&T project and (3) 2.2-3711.A.8: Consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, pertaining to the Henry County PSA lawsuit.

At 4:00pm, Mayor Jones explained that closed session would be recessed until after regular session. Those in attendance for the regular session included Clerk of Council Karen Roberts, Public Works Director Greg Fincher and Police Chief Rob Fincher.

The regular session started at 4:00pm. Council Member Pearson led the pledge of allegiance and offered the invocation.

Proclamations: Patrick and Henry Community College Softball National Champions – Council Member Lawson read the proclamation which was presented to coaches and players in attendance. Brian Henderson, Assistant VP Student Engagement and Athletic Director expressed his pride for the team and the coaches and thanked Council for their recognition.



Proclamation

HONORING THE PATRICK & HENRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE VARSITY WOMEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM June 14, 2024

WHEREAS, The Patrick & Henry Community College Lady Patriots are the National Junior College Athletic Association, Division III Softball World Series Champions of the 2024 season; and

WHEREAS, This national championship is the first of any Patrick & Henry Community College sports program; and

WHEREAS, The Patrick & Henry Community College Women's Softball team claimed the 2024 NJCAA Division III Softball World Series National Championship over defending champion North Dakota SCS; and

WHEREAS, Freshman shortstop Laila Rodriguez was named the tournament's most valuable player after finishing with a .500 batting average and having a significant impact defensively; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Robbi Campbell was named Appalachian District Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Pitcher Morgan Strickland tossed 38.2 out of 39 innings for the Patriots and was named the Pitcher of the Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Greenly Elliott and Kyndal Hopkins were recognized on the All-Tournament team.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LC Jones, Mayor of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, on this 14th day of June, 2024, do hereby recognize, embrace and commend the Patrick & Henry Community College Women's Softball team for their extraordinary achievement in winning the National Junior College Athletic Association, Division III, Softball World Series Championship of 2024 and for being a source of pride for our entire community.



LC Jones, Mayor

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Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce 65 Years Day – Mayor Jones read the proclamation which was presented to representatives of the Chamber in attendance who thanked Council for their support and recognition, stating that they look forward to a long-standing relationship with the City.



PROCLAMATION

MARTINSVILLE HENRY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
65 YEARS DAY

June 14th, 2024

WHEREAS, The Martinsville Henry County Chamber of Commerce has long represented the local business community that has helped to make Martinsville Henry County a great community; and

WHEREAS, With passion and verve, The Martinsville Henry County Chamber of Commerce is celebrating 65 years of local businesses and their contributions to making Martinsville Henry County a wonderful, sterling community to call home for their businesses and families; and

WHEREAS, The Martinsville Henry County Chamber of Commerce has been a vital networking hub for businesses in Martinsville Henry County and in surrounding towns for 65 years; and

WHEREAS, Since its start, 65, years ago, Martinsville Henry County Chamber of Commerce's story has been one of progress, growth and change, as well as of converging cultures and of evolution to meet the needs of the greater community; and

WHEREAS, Since 1959, The Martinsville Henry County Chamber of Commerce has worked to support its mission to be a vital strategic partner, creating resources and opportunities for member success, quality of life, engagement, and meaningful impact while encouraging business development, support, retention, and recruitment to community development, information dissemination, and issues management, The Martinsville Henry County Chamber of Commerce takes the lead – yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

NOW THEREFORE, I, LC Jones, Mayor of Martinsville, Virginia, call upon the citizens of Martinsville to honor and recognize The Martinsville Henry County Chamber of Commerce for its commitment and dedicated work within the community and its faithful and loyal service and devotion to business incubation for 65 years.

LC Jones, Mayor

Consent Agenda - Items Previously Discussed - Approval of Special Use Permit for 1048 Independence Drive was discussed and was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission on April 17 and a Public Hearing held May 28. Council Member Lawson made the motion to approve the Special Use Permit; Vice Mayor Rawls seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor.

Board Appointments – Council Member Lawson made a motion to appoint the following Board members: ARB - Jess Jarrett and Jonathan Martin for terms ending 6/14/27, Pittsylvania County Community Action - Lydia Martin for a term ending 6/14/27, P&HCC Board – Pamela Allen for a term ending 6/14/28, Dan River ASAP - Steve Draper for a term ending 6/14/27, Children's Service Act - Cindy Frank for a term ending 6/14/26 (Private Provider) and Billie White for a term ending 6/14/26, Planning Commission - Mack Evans and Deshanta Hariston for terms ending 6/14/28, Arts and Cultural Committee - Tracie Heavener, Shane Pinkston, and Karen Despot, Kathleen McEvoy and Jessica Dillon for a term ending 6/14/27.

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Vice Mayor Rawls seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor. Future interviews are still scheduled for other applicants and boards

Public Hearing - Accept names for upcoming School Board vacancies: Mayor Jones opened the public hearing to accept names for the School Board vacancies. Vice Mayor Rawls announced Yvonne Gibbons and Michael Kirby's interest in being considered. Council Member Lawson read Tony Jones' name, and Mayor Jones read Kathy Carter's name to be considered for the school board vacancies. No one else approached the podium so the public hearing was closed. Interviews with Council will be held on June 25.

Business from the Floor: no one approached the podium

Council Comments: Council Member Mitchell shared that it is almost time for those interested in running for Council to apply for 3 vacancies on City Council and he encourages everyone to vote. The Port of Baltimore was previously closed, and repairs were expected to take years, but it was reopened in only 11 weeks; that is teamwork and cooperation. Council Member Lawson stated that today is Flag Day, and the flags will be displayed Uptown. Wednesday is Juneteenth and the flags will be out again. There is a Mustangs game tonight and next week on Monday, Thursday and Saturday. Saturday is Lou Whitaker Night, and he will be present. July 4 is on a Thursday; Lawson recommended employees be given Friday as an additional day off. Aretha said there will be a skeleton crew that day anyway. Vice Mayor Rawls made a motion to give city employees Friday, July 5 off as part of the July 4 holiday; Council Member Pearson seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor. Council Member Pearson thanked everyone for attending. City Council members spent a lot of time today on boards and commissions; at one time they were "pulling teeth" to get residents to serve on a board. Thank you to those who have already applied, and she encouraged residents to apply and volunteer. Vice Mayor Rawls shared that the deadline for paperwork for the City Council candidacy is Tuesday at 7:00pm. We need professionals to step up. It's a remarkable job getting people interested in coming to Martinsville. There are areas in the city that seem stuck and there are concerns that the city is not moving forward; Rawls assures residents that their concerns are being heard and addressed, but solutions can take time. Rawls praised PIO Kendall Davis for connecting Martinsville with city residents. Mayor Jones thanked those for attending today's meeting on a Friday.

City Manager Ferrell-Benavides is looking at the July schedule and asked Council if the July 9 Council meeting could be moved to July 16 to allow for 2 meetings that month. Ferrell-Benavides recommended making it a full-day work session starting at noon with action items for July 23. She thanked the staff for stepping up while she was on vacation with her family. The Juneteenth event is Saturday with activities from 11:00 am-6:00 pm and she encouraged residents to attend. Also, with the high temperatures, please check on seniors and neighbors and drink lots of water and keep an eye on your animals

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At 4:35pm Council Member Lawson made a motion to return to Closed Session; Vice Mayor Rawls seconded the motion.

At the end 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; seconded by Council Member Pearson with the following 5-0 recorded vote in favor to return to Open Session: Vice Mayor Rawls, aye; Council Member Mitchell, aye; Council Member Pearson, aye; Council Member Lawson, aye; and Mayor Jones, aye.

Adjournment – Council Member Lawson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30pm.

Karen Roberts, Clerk of Council

Mayor Jones