

MARTINSVILLE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
Wednesday February 3, 2016

**8:00 am – Special Meeting**

1. Pursuant to Chapter 2, Section 5 of the City Charter and at the request of the City Manager and a member of Council, the Martinsville City Council will conduct a special meeting in Council Chambers, Martinsville Municipal Building (second floor), 55 West Church Street, Martinsville, Virginia, on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 8:00 am, for the following purpose:
  - A. Consider approval of a Joint Resolution with Henry County regarding House Bill 1384/New College Institute



## City Council Agenda Summary

**Date:** February 3, 2016

**Item No:** 1A.

**Department:** City Manager

**Issue:** Consider approval of a Joint Resolution with Henry County regarding House Bill 1384/New College Institute

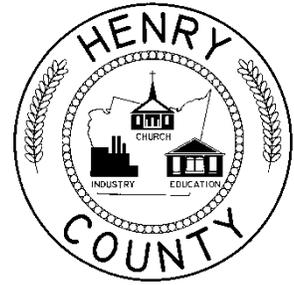
**Summary:** Delegate Danny Marshall has introduced HB 1384 for consideration during the 2016 session of the Virginia General Assembly. It would allow New College Institute to enter into an operations and governance agreement that may include a merger between NCI and a current state college/university; or the delegation or assignment of some or all of the duties at NCI to that state college/university. Co-Patrons of the bill include Del. Charles Poindexter, Del. Les Adams, Del. David Toscano, and Senator Bill Stanley.

**Attachments:** Proposed Joint Resolution, and copy of HB 1384

**Recommendations:** Staff recommends approval of the Joint Resolution. Henry County Board of Supervisors will be considering a similar action at their meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 2016.



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**WHEREAS**, educational opportunity and attainment are among the best ways for a community to reach its full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, an avenue for these life-changing events in the Martinsville-Henry County community is the New College Institute, which serves the region well in the areas of undergraduate, graduate, and workforce training initiatives through its partnerships with numerous colleges in the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, these partnerships came after the original vision for NCI was to serve as a branch campus for an existing four-year university, or an eventual stand-alone four-year facility, only to see those plans halted by a faltering economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the path toward becoming a four-year institution always has been the ultimate goal of the governing bodies of the City of Martinsville and the County of Henry, as the City's Strategic Plan and the County's Legislative Package annually reflect; and

**WHEREAS**, while NCI's current organizational structure is of great benefit to Martinsville and Henry County, an even greater impact could come with conversion to a branch of a four-year institution or as a stand-alone four-year institution; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 1384 currently before the 2016 Virginia General Assembly could potentially clear the path toward that ultimate goal of becoming a four-year institution:

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2016, that the Henry County Board of Supervisors and the Martinsville City Council jointly reinforce their support of the New College Institute becoming a four-year institution, either as a branch campus of a current institution or as a free-standing institution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that both localities fully support and encourage the passage of HB 1384 to enable this to occur.

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Jim Adams, Chairman  
Henry County Board of Supervisors

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Danny Turner, Mayor  
City of Martinsville

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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1384**

Offered January 22, 2016

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 16.6 of Title 23 a section numbered 23-231.37, relating to the New College Institute; operations and governance agreement with a public institution of higher education.*

Patrons—Marshall, D.W., Adams, Poindexter and Toscano; Senator: Stanley

Referred to Committee on Education

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 16.6 of Title 23 a section numbered 23-231.37 as follows:**

**§ 23-231.37. *Operations and governance agreement with a public institution of higher education.***

*Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, New College and any public institution of higher education may enter into an operations and governance agreement that may include (i) the merger of New College and the public institution of higher education on terms and conditions acceptable to each institution or (ii) the delegation or assignment of some or all of the duties of New College set forth in this chapter by New College to the public institution of higher education and the assumption of such duties by the public institution of higher education. Such operations and governance agreement shall be subject to the approval of two-thirds of the members of the governing board of New College and two-thirds of the members of the governing board of the public institution of higher education.*

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