

March 27, 2023 Council Meeting

A closed meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia was held on March 27, 2023 in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 5:30 PM with Mayor LC Jones presiding. Other Council Members present included Kathy Lawson, Aaron Rawls and Tammy Pearson. Staff present included City Manager Leon Towarnicki.

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order and advised Council would go into Closed Session beginning at 5:30 PM. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, Title 2.2 Chapter 37, Freedom of Information Act and upon a motion by Council Member Pearson and seconded by Council Member Lawson with the following 4-0 recorded vote: Vice Mayor Rawls, aye; Council Member Pearson, aye; Mayor Jones, aye; and Council Member Lawson, aye. Council convened in Closed Session to discuss the following matters: (A) Appointments to boards and commissions, as authorized by Subsection 1.

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 Council Member Pearson with the following 4-0 recorded vote in favor to return to Open Session: Vice Mayor Rawls, aye; Council Member Pearson, aye; Council Member Lawson, aye; and Mayor Jones, aye.

Mayor Jones made a motion to appoint Lawrence Mitchell to fill the Council seat vacated by Chad Martin, for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2024. Council Member Pearson seconded the motion with the following vote: Mayor Jones, aye; Vice Mayor Rawls, aye; Council Member Pearson, aye; and Council Member Lawson abstained.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

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Karen Roberts, Clerk of Council

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LC Jones, Mayor