

May 19, 2010

A budget worksession of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, was held on May 19, 2010, in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, with closed session beginning at 6:30 PM and worksession starting at 7:30 PM, with Mayor Kathy Lawson presiding. Council Members present included: Mayor Kathy Lawson, Vice Mayor Kimble Reynolds, Gene Teague, Mark Stroud, Sr., and Danny Turner. Staff present included: Clarence Monday, City Manager, Brenda Prillaman, Eric Monday, Donna Odell, Linda Conover, Leon Towarnicki, Gary Cody, Mike Rogers, Esther Artis, Ruth Easley, Steve Draper and Kenneth Draper.

Mayor Lawson called the meeting to order and announced Council would start out in Closed Session. In accordance with Section 2.1-344 (A) of the Code of Virginia (1950, and as amended) and upon a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Mark Stroud, with the following 5-0 recorded vote: Mrs. Lawson, aye; Mr. Reynolds, aye; Mr. Stroud, aye; Mr. Teague, aye; and Mr. Turner, aye, Council convened in Closed Session, for the purpose of discussing the following matter: (A) Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members, attorneys, or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, or other specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, as authorized by subsection 6. At the conclusion of 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 said Session. On a motion by Danny Turner, seconded by Gene Teague, with the following 5-0 recorded vote: Mrs. Lawson, aye; Mr. Reynolds, aye; Mr. Stroud, aye; Mr. Teague, aye; and Mr. Turner, aye, Council returned to Open Session. No action was taken.

Donna Odell and Pam Heath briefed Council on FY11 employee health insurance costs. Ms. Odell reported on the city employee furlough days, one to be held on May 28, 2010 FY10 budget and four are planned for FY11 budget. Each furlough days saves the city approximately \$35,000. Council asked that a breakdown of savings be done by salary ranges below \$50,000 and above \$50,000. There was discussion as to savings in Sheriff's department and Commissioner of Revenue due to furloughs.

Constitutional offices discussion: Ruth Easley reported for the Circuit Court Clerk's office noting the Clerk pays some expenses out of his own pocket. Ms. Easley also asked Council for restoration of \$4,555 to restore 2% pay increases Commissioner of Revenue employees received in 2009. There was discussion as to take home cars and Sheriff department employees using city vehicles when they work private duty.

General fund discussion: Council asked that Chief Rogers provide information on number of miles on police fleet vehicles. The City Manager's office budget eliminated the Public Information Officer position and PIO advertising money was merged into City Manager budget.

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Council Member Turner raised the question on what is the City Manager's salary minus the five furlough days and the City Manager answered that his salary is the same as in his contract minus the 5 furlough days' amount. Council then discussed agenda for the next budget worksession scheduled for May 25 and agreed to resolve school request at that meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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Clarence C. Monday, Clerk of Council

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Kathy C. Lawson, Mayor