

May 19, 2011

A budget worksession of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, was held on May 19, 2011, in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 4:00 PM, with Mayor Kim Adkins presiding. Council Members present included: Mayor Adkins, Vice Mayor Kimble Reynolds (arrived 4:15), Gene Teague (arrived 4:10), Mark Stroud, Sr., and Danny Turner. Staff present included: Clarence Monday, City Manager, Brenda Prillaman, Eric Monday, Wayne Knox, Dennis Bowles, Esther Artis, Gary Cody, Ruth Easley, Pam Shoemaker and Durwin Joyce.

City Manager Clarence Monday briefed Council on the revised agenda schedule for this budget work session which was done to accommodate the school representatives' schedules. He reported on how the outside agency applications for funding are reviewed and advised one agency has asked to speak at this work session. He introduced Dick Ephgrave of Longwood Small Business Development Center who asked that Council fully fund his FY12 agency request. There was also brief Council discussion of EDC funding.

Budget presentations were made by following departments: Commissioner of Revenue-Ruth Easley; Information Services-Esther Artis; Parks & Recreation-Gary Cody; Utilities-Electric/Water/Sewer/Utility Billing—Dennis Bowles; Planning/Zoning/Housing-Wayne Knox; Registrar-Ercell Cowan. Joan Ziglar was unable to attend the work session and will be advised she may come to the May 24 Council meeting. The schools presentation began at 6:25pm with Pam Heath presenting a powerpoint noting the FY12 proposed budget is \$550,000 under what they requested. There was lengthy discussion regarding employee health insurance premium increases and the inequity issues with city employees and school employees receiving same insurance benefit.

Mayor Adkins said Council will hear public comment at the public hearing set for May 24, 2011 after which, formal recommendations on budget amounts will be given.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Clarence C. Monday, Clerk of Council

Kim Adkins, Mayor