

September 9, 2011

A special called joint meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia and Martinsville City School Board was held on September 9, 2011 at 2pm in Council Chambers with Mayor Kim Adkins and School Board Chairman Bill Manning presiding. Council Members present included: Kim Adkins, Kimble Reynolds, Jr., Gene Teague, Mark Stroud, Sr., and Danny Turner. Representatives present from School Board included: Bill Manning, Robert Williams, Carolyn McCraw, and J. C. Richardson. City staff present included: Clarence Monday, Leon Towarnicki, Eric Monday, Brenda Prillaman, Linda Conover and Karen Walker. Numerous school staff members were present. Mayor Adkins called the Council meeting to order, and School Board Chairman Bill Manning called the School Board meeting to order.

Mayor Adkins pointed out the purpose of this worksession was to answer specific questions from Council regarding the proposed Martinsville High School renovation. Also, she advised that former School Board member Bennie Gray will make remarks at end of the session and public comment time is scheduled for the September 13, 2011 meeting.

School board officials outlined the history of the project and reviewed the timeline of events after which the architect reviewed detailed information about the project and addressed the letter outlining Council's questions. The architect reviewed a detailed spreadsheet of all components of the project and the Mayor advised that the document is now a public document as this meeting was being aired live on MGTv. Lengthy discussion occurred between the school board and city council members on different aspects of the proposed project including needs vs. wants and financing options.

Bennie Gray made comments regarding his suggestions for changes in the plan that could put the money to better uses including roofs and HVAC materials.

Further discussion and public comments will be taken at Council's September 13, 2011 meeting. No formal action was taken at this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM.

Clarence Monday
Clerk of Council

Kim Adkins
Mayor