

September 25, 2008

A called worksession of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, was held on September 25, 2008, in Room 32, Municipal Building, at 6:30 PM, with Mayor Kathy Lawson presiding. Council Members present included: Mayor Lawson, Vice Mayor Kimble Reynolds, Jr., Council member Gene Teague, Council Member Danny Turner and Council Member Mark C. Stroud, Sr. Staff present included: Clarence C. Monday, City Manager and Brenda Prillaman.

The City Manager briefed Council on his recent ICMA conference and shared information from sessions. He went over a spreadsheet presented at the conference which outlined that locality's Council goals and tasks involved on each item. Council agreed that this spreadsheet format will be used on the goals document now being developed.

There was discussion as to the importance of public input in the goals development process as well as the need to identify Council's top priorities as time to accomplish them this year will be short with time it will take to have community and staff involvement in development of the document.

Using the previously prepared vision statements, Council developed the following strategic priorities:

1. Government: Ensure a government that is efficient, transparent, affordable and collaborative.
2. Community Development: Provide attractive, safe neighborhoods with a great quality of life.
3. Recreation: Create and enhance new recreation opportunities, facilities and resources in Martinsville-Henry County for all citizens.
4. Education: Support a high quality educational system that meets personal and professional needs of our citizens.
5. Economic Development: Aggressively develop and promote a healthy, growing economy.
6. Leadership: Maintain and build leadership opportunities for our citizens.
7. Self Image: Improve our self image.
8. Culture: Develop and enhance cultural opportunities for our community.

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The next step forward will be for the City Manager to have department heads go over Council's strategic priorities and come up with 3 to 5 key outcomes and Council members will also individually come up with 3 to 5 key outcomes. Council set another worksession date for Thursday, October 9, 2008, at 6:30pm where the combined key outcomes will be reviewed and finalized as well continuing to work on developing the goals document.

There being no further business to come before Council during the worksession, Mayor Lawson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 P. M.

Clarence Monday
Clerk of Council

Kathy C. Lawson
Mayor