

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL
MARLBORO COUNTY CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL "CALLED" MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2006

6 PM

CHAIRMAN: MARION WRIGHT
VICE CHAIRMAN: JEAN WALLACE MCLEAN
INTERIM ADMINISTRATORS: MILES HADLEY
CARY MCSWAIN
COUNTY ATTORNEY: DONNIE MCDONALD

COUNCIL: JEAN MCLEAN, JEFF QUICK,
MICKEY ROGERS, CORRIE H. PLATO,
DR. CAROLYN PRINCE, * KEN ALLEN,
EDMOND BLUE, AND MARION WRIGHT

* ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER - The Meeting was called to Order for informal discussion due to lack of quorum. No votes would be taken until a quorum was formed.

INVOCATION

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 607 - AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2006 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2007 - SECOND READING

Mr. Cary McSwain, Interim Administrator characterized the current budget. He advised current spending had been cut off as of May 8th with the exception of payroll.

Mr. Marion Wright, Chair called the formal meeting to order at 6:20 pm when a quorum of Council Members were present.

Mr. Cary McSwain, Interim Administrator discussed the Various Budget Challenges & Recommendations, Budget/Expenditures, and Major Capital Projects. Challenges and Recommendations discussed were Computer Services, Revenue Plan, Facility Maintenance, and Personnel. Budget Problems discussed were: Fuel, Energy, 800 MHz, Staffing, Salaries, Telephones, and Motor Vehicle/Equipment Replacement. Major Capital Projects discussed were: New Proposed Library, Sheriff's Department – including the building and Courthouse Security. Various Budget Recommendations were made concerning: Classification & Compensation, Longevity Pay, Group Insurance, Organization, Group Health Costs, Mental Health Court, Fixed Assets Inventory of Infrastructure, Mobile Home Enforcement, Murchison Building Use, Current Library, Information Technology, AS400 Server (Magistrate Court), and Central Grant Match. New Revenues for Consideration were: Ambulance Franchise, Business License Fee, Hospitality Tax, Motor Vehicle Decals, Investments, and Forfeited Land. All Council Members were agreeable to pursuing additional avenues of Revenue. They advised the Administrators to look into these items more closely.

Mr. McSwain advised that the County needed a Budget team in the future which should include: Human Resource Director, Finance Director, Clerk to Council, Assistant to Administrator, and the Administrator. Everyone should be knowledgeable about all facets of the budget.

Council Members went through various pages of the Budget asking questions and clarification. The Administrator advised that on Page 29, the Indigent Care expense can be reduced to \$50,294, a decrease of \$2706. We have just received notice of the correct amount. The only request for a change to the budget was on page 26 for Animal Control. Ms. Mickey Rogers was concerned about the Humane Animal Society – she wanted to give them \$5000. It was noted that the decrease from Indigent care could be moved to Animal Control and the difference could be taken from contingency for a total of \$5000. A motion was requested.

Motion made by Ms. Mickey Rogers, seconded by Mr. Edmond Blue to amend the proposed Budget with an additional funds of \$5000 for the Humane Society. Budgeted amount will be \$2706 with the balance of \$2294 to be taken from contingency funds. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Council discussed holding another Special Meeting to discuss the budget. All were agreeable to a Luncheon Meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 31st beginning at 11:30. Ms. Corrie Plato excused herself from the meeting. A quorum was still present for votes.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Ms. Mickey Rogers to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 607 – An Ordinance to adopt the Annual Budget and to make appropriations for Marlboro County for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007. Vote in favor.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

No Citizens were heard.

ADJOURNMENT & EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Administrator advised an executive session was needed to discuss a personnel and contractual issue. He advised no actions or votes should be needed at this time.

Motion made by Ms. Mickey Rogers, seconded by Ms. Jean Wallace to enter Executive session after adjournment of the Regular Council Meeting to discuss a contractual/personnel issue. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

There was no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned.

(SEAL)


MARION WRIGHT, CHAIRMAN
MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST:


SUSAN E. RIVERS, CLERK
MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Adopted: June 15, 2006