

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANFORD  
SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA**

The City Council met at the Sanford Municipal Center, 225 E. Weatherspoon Street, on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at 6 p.m., in Council Chambers. The following people were present:

Mayor T. Chet Mann  
Council Member Jimmy Haire  
Council Member James Williams  
City Manager Hal Hegwer  
Deputy City Clerk Vicki Cannady

Council Member Sam Gaskins  
Council Member Charles Taylor  
Council Member Norman Charles Post, III  
City Attorney Susan Patterson

Absent:

Mayor Pro Tem Byron Buckels  
Council Member Rebecca Wyhof Salmon  
City Clerk Bonnie Davis

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Mann called the meeting to order. Council Member Williams led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by members of Girl Scout Troop 2149 of the Coastal Pines Council.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no requests for public comment.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Mann requested that two items be removed from the “New Business” agenda: “Consider Amendment to License Agreement between the City of Sanford and Norfolk Southern Railway,” and “Consider General Conditions for Utility Installation, Construction, and Maintenance for Norfolk Southern Railway Company.”

Council Member Taylor made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Council Member Gaskins, the motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of Meeting Minutes – City Council Meeting of February 18, 2020

Council Member Gaskins made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Council Member Williams, the motion carried unanimously.

**SPECIAL AGENDA**

Mayor Mann asked for a moment of silence in memory of Brad Crace, Loader Operations Manager for Caterpillar in Sanford who was killed in a tragic accident on Saturday. He noted that Mr. Crace helped in the formation of SAGA (Sanford Area Growth Alliance) and his leadership in creating the Caterpillar apprenticeship program has become a model for the state.

Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing the Importance of Girl Scouts (Exhibit A)

Mayor Mann read the proclamation recognizing the 108<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Girl Scouts and presented it to a group leader.

**CASES FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

There were no cases for public hearing.

**DECISIONS ON PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were no decisions on public hearings.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

Consider Sale of 1405 Boykin Avenue (Exhibit B)

City Attorney Susan Patterson explained that an offer of \$1,000 was received from Calvin Davidson to purchase property at 1405 Boykin Avenue. It had been declared as surplus property, public notice of the offer was advertised and no increased bid was received. Ms. Davidson also offered to pay all advertising and closing costs.

Council Member Gaskins made a motion to accept the offer from Calvin Davidson to purchase 1405 Boykin Avenue for \$1,000. Seconded by Council Member Williams, the motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Closed Session

Council Member Gaskins made a motion to go into closed session in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege. Seconded by Council Member Williams, the motion carried unanimously.

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

Resolution Authorizing Condemnation Action on Parcels for Project Forge Sewer Expansion (Exhibit C)

Council Member Gaskins made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Condemnation Action on Parcels for Project Forge Sewer Expansion. Seconded by Council Member Williams, the motion carried by a vote of four to one, with Council Member Taylor voting against.

Appointment to the Sanford Tourism Development Authority to Fill a Vacant Hotelier Position (Exhibit D)

Mayor Mann explained that Angela Minnick had previously served on the TDA board and resigned due to health issues but she is excited to be able to serve again.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to appoint Angie Minnick to the vacant hotelier position expiring June 30, 2020. Seconded by Council Member Gaskins, the motion carried unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Council Member Gaskins stated that he has received several complaints about the saplings recently planted in Jonesboro that replaced trees previously planted during the streetscape project. He noted that they are much smaller than those planted downtown and are nearly indistinguishable from the bamboo stakes. He stated that Council was led to believe the trees would be much larger and likely bloom this year but if they do, they will not be noticeable. He also questioned what happened to the trees that were removed. Council Member Williams stated that he had also received a complaint about the trees. City Manager Hegwer agreed to investigate the issue and update Council.

City Manager Hegwer reminded Council that a workshop was planned for March 10 but several people (the Mayor, some Council and staff members) would be away that week and suggested that the workshop be rescheduled for March 24. He requested that everyone check their schedules and staff will follow up on this request. Mr. Hegwer also noted that an Interlocal Committee meeting was scheduled for March 24.

Mayor Mann stated that the Council retreat went well and was productive in identifying priorities to move Sanford forward.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Gaskins made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Council Member Williams, the motion carried unanimously.

**ALL EXHIBITS CONTAINED HEREIN ARE HEREBY INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.**

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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T. CHET MANN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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BONNIE DAVIS, CITY CLERK