

**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, May 15, 2018, at 6 p.m., in Council Chambers. The following people were present:

Mayor T. Chet Mann	Council Member Charles Taylor
Mayor Pro Tem Rebecca Wyhof	Council Member Byron Buckels
Council Member Sam Gaskins	City Manager Hal Hegwer
Council Member Jimmy Haire	City Clerk Bonnie Davis
Council Member James Williams	City Attorney Susan Patterson
Council Member Norman Charles Post, III	

Absent:

Deputy City Clerk Vicki Cannady

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mann called the meeting to order. Council Member Taylor delivered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT – (Exhibit A)

Crissy Miller, residing at 12 Bassett Hall Lane, spoke regarding gun violence and the formation of Moms Demand Action, a grassroots organization formed to reduce gun violence, keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Gaskins made the motion to approve the agenda. Council Members Buckels seconded the motion. Attorney Patterson noted that we need to remove Item 11A under New Business – Consider Resolution to Approve Water Shortage Response Plan from the agenda. Council Member Gaskins amended his motion to remove the resolution from the agenda. Council Member Buckels amended his second; therefore, the vote was unanimous to approve the amended agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of City Council Work Session Minutes Dated April 10, 2018 – (Filed in Minute Book 93)

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes Dated April 17, 2018 – (Filed in Minute Book 93)

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes with Citizens Academy Participants Dated May 1, 2018 – (Filed in Minute Book 93)

Approval of Renewal of Labor Contract Between City of Sanford Public Works and North Carolina Department of Public Safety – (Exhibit B)

Council Member Gaskins made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Council Member Buckels, the motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL AGENDA

Presentation of Proclamation Proclaiming June 1, 2018, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day – (Exhibit C)

Mayor Mann read a proclamation proclaiming June 1, 2018 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day (see Exhibit C) and presented it to representatives of Moms Demand Action.

Presentation by Sanford Area Growth Alliance on Accomplishments of Visitors Services – (Exhibit D)

CEO Joy Thrash of the Sanford Area Growth Alliance (SAGA) presented Council with information regarding the Visitor Services Program. She reviewed the information listing the activities and accomplishments over the past year.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Resolution to Approve Water Shortage Response Plan – (Exhibit E)

Removed from agenda.

Consider Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget of the City of Sanford FY 2017-2018 – (Depot Building) - (Exhibit F)

Financial Services Director Beth Kelly explained that the ordinance appropriates \$9,000 for the structural evaluation of the Depot Building. Mayor Pro Tem Wyhof made the motion to approve the ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Gaskins, the motion carried unanimously.

Consider Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget of the City of Sanford FY 2017-2018 – (Sanford/Lee County Regional Airport Sewer Extension Project) – (Exhibit G)

Financial Services Director Beth Kelly explained that the City received a \$1.5 million grant from The Golden Leaf Foundation to extend sewer to the Sanford/Lee County Regional Airport. This ordinance appropriates the local match required in the amount of \$500,000 for the Golden Leaf grant. Council Member Post made the motion to approve the ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Gaskins, the motion carried unanimously.

Consider Grant Project Ordinance – Sanford/Lee County Regional Airport Sewer Extension Project – (Exhibit H)

Financial Services Director Beth Kelly explained this ordinance transfers the money that was just approved for the local match to extend sewer to the airport (\$500,000) and The Golden Leaf grant in the amount of \$1,500,000 to the Grant Project Ordinance. Council Member Post made the motion to approve the grant project ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Gaskins, the motion carried unanimously.

Consider Grant Project Ordinance Amendment – North Carolina Department of Commerce – Sanford Mural Restoration and Public Art Project – (Exhibit I)

Financial Services Director Beth Kelly explained that we already have a grant project ordinance for the mural restoration project, where the City contributed \$40,000 and a State grant was received in the amount of \$40,000. We have received some private funding in the amount of \$15,000 for a portion of a mural and this amendment reflects the contribution to go towards the project.

Mr. Haire asked if the Avent & Thomas sign on the Lee Furniture building and the Wilrik Hotel sign are going to be repainted. Senior Planner David Montgomery replied that the Wilrik Hotel

is not going to be repainted; the Sanford Business College and the Lee Furniture signs are going to be repainted.

Mayor Pro Tem Salmon made the motion to approve the grant project ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Buckels, the motion carried unanimously.

Consider Conveyance of the Former Jaycee Hut Parcel to Lee County – (Exhibit J)

City Attorney Patterson advised that the county manager has requested that the City convey to Lee County the remaining parcel the City owns at the Kiwanis Children's Park (the former site of the Jaycee Hut on Tryon Street). The Jaycee Hut was demolished after sitting empty for a number of years and the site is undergoing an analysis by Lee County to revitalize the Kiwanis Children's Park area. If Council approves this conveyance, a deed has been prepared with a provision that the property reverts to the City if no longer used for park purposes, just as we have done in the past in that area.

Council Member Buckels made the motion to approve the conveyance to Lee County. Seconded by Council Member Post, the motion carried unanimously.

Consider Recommendation by the LCTC on the Ranking of the Lee County Transportation Projects to Submit to TARPO – (Exhibit K)

Senior Planner David Montgomery noted that staff is seeking consent to forward the Lee County Transportations Committee's (LCTC) Recommendation to Triangle Area Planning Organization (TARPO). TARPO serves all of Lee and Moore Counties, as well as portions of Chatham and Orange Counties, that are not within the planning area of a Metropolitan Planning Organization. Every two years, projects are submitted to the NC Department of Transportation through their Strategic Transportation Investments (STI) process. Last year, a committee was formed consisting of two representatives from each governing board on the LCTC, Bob Heuts from the airport, Debbie Davidson from Senior Services and COLTS, and Bob Joyce from SAGA, to develop a master list of prioritized projects to be submitted to TARPO. The projects with high enough scores will be placed on the 2020-2029 State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP), which identifies transportation projects that NCDOT plans to construct during that time period. Mr. Montgomery explained the scoring process of the projects and the six modes transportation projects fall into.

The LCTD met and ranked projects based on immediate need and projects that had a higher likelihood of being funded because of their high quantitative scores. Mr. Montgomery read the top ten projects to be submitted on Exhibit K and asked for Council's consent to submit the list to TARPO.

After discussing the list of projects, Council Member Gaskins made the motion to recommend the list of projects as provided by the committee. Seconded by Council Member Post, the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Mann recessed the meeting at 7 PM for a five-minute break. The meeting was reconvened at 7:05 P.M.

Presentation of Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 - (Exhibit L)

City Manager Hal Hegwer presented an overview of a proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. He would like to hold a budget work session on May 22 and a public hearing on June 5, with

the potential of adopting the budget after the public hearing. He said this is a good starting point and workshops can be held to discuss it. He stated that at the retreat, extensive discussion was held between staff and Council regarding their ideas/priorities for next fiscal year. Staff tried to incorporate those ideas into this budget. The proposed budget totals just under \$60 million. Mr. Hegwer spoke on the general fund challenges; fund balance; operational expenses, and the proposed revenue enhancements. Additional positions included in the Utility Fund are a contract/purchasing specialist in the Utility Fund and a civil engineer II position to replace a vacant drafting technician position. In the General Fund, three full-time employees and seasonal employees for the splashpad were included in the budget.

At the consensus of Council, a budget workshop will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at 5 P.M. to discuss the proposed budget. Mayor Mann asked Council to submit their questions to staff as early as possible so that staff will have ample time to respond before next Tuesday.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Taylor thanked staff and the mayor for putting together the funding request for the S3 Connect and presenting it to the Lee County Commissioners. He did not feel the article in the newspaper reflected the sentiment of cooperation with Lee County in conversation with the commissioners. It is just a difference of opinion on funding and we can work through it down the road. Mr. Taylor noted that Britton Buchanan has represented our community well on "The Voice." He has received several phone calls about possibly putting on a city-wide event if Mr. Buchanan advances and stated that we need to recognize his accomplishments. Britton Buchanan has represented our city very well. Mayor Mann concurred with Mr. Taylor and added that we also need something to welcome him home.

Mayor Mann stated that Sam Gaskins and he attended the ribbon cutting of the Community College for the Health Science Building and preview of the new Civic Center addition. He announced the W. B. Wicker groundbreaking next Thursday, May 24, at 10:30 A.M.

Mr. Williams stated that Mr. Hegwer and he attended the mock interviews for Belflex last week and he was very impressed with the students. They hold their graduation this Thursday, at 1:30 PM.

Mayor Mann reminded Council that Town Hall Day, sponsored by the League of Municipalities, is now Town Hall Night and you have until Friday to register. Mr. Gaskins and he have registered. The event starts at 5:30 P.M.

Council Member Post reminded everyone of the second community Opioid forum on Thursday, May 24, at 6 P.M., at the Cooperative Extension Office.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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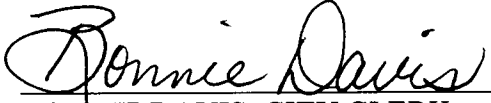
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Respectfully Submitted,



T. CHET MANN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BONNIE DAVIS, CITY CLERK