

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 2, 2004, at 7:00 P.M. The following people were present:

Mayor Winston C. Hester	Council Member Linwood S. Mann, Sr.
Mayor Pro Tem Joseph E. Martin	Council Member James G. Williams
Council Member Clawson Ellis	Council Member Walter H. McNeil, Jr.
Council Member Cornelia P. Olive	Council Member Philip E. Dusenbury
City Manager Leonard Barefoot	City Attorney Susan C. Patterson
City Clerk Bonnie D. White	

Mayor Hester called the meeting to order. Council Member Cornelia Olive delivered the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion of Council Member Linwood Mann, seconded by Council Member James Williams, the agenda was approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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The consent agenda item was approved upon motion of Council Member Clawson Ellis. Seconded by Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr., the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hester welcomed Boy Scout Troop 806 sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

**SPECIAL AGENDA**

Proclamation Recognizing the Accomplishments of the Sanford Sting Pee Wee Cheerleaders – (Exhibit A)

Mayor Hester asked the Sanford Sting Pee Wee Cheerleaders to stand as he read a proclamation recognizing them for winning the Spirit of Sportsmanship Award - becoming the first team to win the national sportsmanship award three consecutive years. Coaches Anita Hearn and Lisa Pace were present. Ms. Pace introduced the cheerleaders and thanked the Council and community for its support. She stated that the cheerleaders possess discipline, maturity, and a skill of athletes beyond the ages 10 – 12 and that it is an honor to coach them.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

Consider Resolution Authorizing Installment Purchase Financing of Water Plant and Raw Water Pump Station Improvements – (Exhibit B)

Financial Services Director Melissa Cardinali explained that in the current year budget, various improvements to the water treatment plant and raw water pump station were approved. The improvements include renovation of the raw water pumping station, providing a higher level

of treatment for the discharge of wastewater from the treatment process at the water treatment plant as well as various repairs and replacements at the plant. These projects will be funded through installment purchase financing.

The financing of these projects must be approved by the Local Government Commission, and staff is anticipating taking the application and having approval on May 4, 2004. The first step in the approval process is for the City Council to direct her to request installment purchase financing bids. Installment financing requires a lien be placed on the property. There is currently an existing lien on the plant held by BB&T. In order to attain additional financing, this lien will need to be released.

Ms. Cardinali advised that there are two mechanisms for releasing this lien: 1) to prepay the existing lien and refinance with a new financial institution or 2) negotiate financing with BB&T for the new debt without seeking additional bids. The resolution provides authorization for Ms. Cardinali to proceed with either of the two options.

Council Member Cornelia Olive asked how much the existing lien is, and how much these projects will cost. Ms. Cardinali replied that the balance of the lien is just over \$3 million, and the proposed projects are not to exceed \$7 million. She stated that regardless of which option is chosen, the proposal has to come back before Council for a public hearing and approval of the financing terms.

Council Member James Williams made the motion to approve the resolution. Seconded by Council Member Phil Dusenbury, the motion carried unanimously.

Consider Ordinance to Assign Recently Annexed Areas to a City Electoral Ward – (Exhibit C)

Assistant Community Development Director Marshall Downey explained that the City recently annexed 84.75 acres located at the intersection of Tramway Road (Highway 78) and Hickory House Road in September 2003 for the construction of a new high school and a park. The ordinance assigns this area to Electoral Ward 4. Council Member Williams asked if there were any residents in the annexed area. Mr. Downey replied no.

Mayor Pro Tem Joseph Martin made the motion to approve the ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Cornelia Olive, the motion carried unanimously.

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

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Council Member Cornelia Olive thanked Civil Engineer II Hal Hegwer for meeting with a group of residents of Hawkins Run regarding the 421 Bypass coming near their neighborhood.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Linwood Mann made the motion to recess this meeting until Thursday, March 4, 2004, at 9:30 A.M., at the Holiday Inn in Southern Pines, North Carolina, for the

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Council's annual retreat. Seconded by Council Member Walter McNeil, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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WINSTON C. HESTER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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BONNIE D. WHITE, CITY CLERK