

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, April 1, 2008, at 7:00 P.M. The following people were present:

Mayor Cornelia P. Olive	Council Member Linwood S. Mann, Sr.
Mayor Pro Tem Joseph Martin	Council Member James G. Williams
Council Member Charles Taylor	Council Member Walter H. McNeil, Jr.
Council Member Mike Stone	Council Member Steve Brewer
City Manager Hal Hegwer	City Attorney Susan C. Patterson
City Clerk Bonnie D. White	

Mayor Olive called the meeting to order. Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr. delivered the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion of Council Member James Williams and seconded by Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr., the agenda was approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of February 27, 2008, Law and Finance Committee Minutes – (Filed in the City Clerk’s Office)

Approval of March 18, 2008, City Council Minutes - (Filed in Minute Book 69)

Approval of Cable Broadband Consortium Service Agreement – (Exhibit A)

Cable Broadband Consortium Service Agreement was approved. The contract begins April 1, 2008 and ends March 31, 2010. The cost is \$5,750 annually.

Approval of Resolution Declaring Cost and Ordering Preparation of Preliminary Assessment Roll, and Setting Time and Place for Public Hearing on Preliminary Assessment Roll– (Exhibit B)

Resolution was approved setting the date for a public hearing on May 6, 2008, at 7 P.M., for the North Currie Drive and McLeod Drive sewer petition assessment. The project is complete and the actual cost per lot is \$8,039.89.

Approval of Contract for Audit Services – (Exhibit C)

Contract for Audit Services with McGladrey & Pullen was approved to extend the current contract for two more years and spread the \$5,000 out over the next three years. The contract extension cost for 2008, if we extend and spread the \$5,000 over three years would be \$34,700; for next year it would be \$36,350; and for the final year it would be \$38,080

Approval of Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget of the City of Sanford FY 2007-2008 – (Exhibit D)

Ordinance was approved amending the annual operating budget of the City of Sanford to transfer funds in the amount of \$75,000 from Downtown/HPC budgeted for curb extensions to Public Building for park improvements.

The consent agenda items were approved upon motion of Council Member Linwood Mann. Seconded by Council Member Steve Brewer, the motion carried unanimously.

**DECISIONS ON PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Petition by This End Up Furniture - to rezone from Residential Single-family (R-20) district to Light Industrial (LI) district 21+/- acres addressed as 500 N. Seventh Street. The property is the same as depicted on Tax Map 9653.13, Tax Parcel 9653-02-8833-00 Lee County Land Records Office.- (Exhibit E)

Assistant Community Development Director Marshall Downey explained that this is basically a corrective rezoning because this tract has dual zoning of both Residential-(R-20) and Light Industrial (LI). This would bring the entire project/property into Light Industrial zoning. A public hearing was held on March 18, 2008, and the Planning Board recommended unanimously to approve the petition.

- Adoption of Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Sanford, North Carolina – (Exhibit F)  
Mayor Pro Tem Joseph Martin made the motion to go along with the Planning Board’s recommendation. Seconded by Council Member Charles Taylor, the motion carried unanimously.

Petition by Mansour Rammouni - to rezone from Residential Mixed (R-12) district to General Commercial (C-2) district four tracts of land that total 1.22+/- acres. The properties are addressed as 111 & 115 San-Lee Drive and two adjoining vacant tracts. The properties are the same as depicted on Tax Map 9653.18, Tax Parcels 9653-21-6487-00, 9653-21-8501-00, 9653-21-7325-00 and 9653-21-6307-00, Lee County Land Records Office.- (Exhibit G)

Assistant Community Development Director Marshall Downey advised that a letter was submitted by James Wicker, who is representing Mansour Rammouni, to withdraw this rezoning request for council’s consideration.

- Adoption of Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Sanford, North Carolina – (Exhibit H)  
This item was withdrawn as stated above.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kenneth Laughinghouse, residing at 305 Hawkins Avenue, thanked council for its vote of confidence they gave to the Hawkins Avenue area residents at the last council meeting. He was

pleased to read in the Sanford Herald that council was considering rezoning properties that are out-of-character with the surrounding neighborhoods.

Billie Holsopple, residing at 301 East Raleigh Street, stated that they had what she considered could have been “a very bad thing” in their neighborhood over the weekend. She thanked everyone who helped shut it down.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Council Member Steve Brewer said he went to the golf course last week and the day he went it was bubbling with people. He met a group from Canada and Korea; it was a weekday with no tournaments and there were 197 golfers that day. It is the best March they have ever had on record. The rounds were up 50 percent. He commended the Police Department for capturing the individuals who broke in the golf course last night. They caught the individuals this morning.

Council Member Taylor stated that he has an issue that evolved from a visit from Wal-Mart on Friday afternoon. He has mentioned to put this issue of people selling dogs in the parking lot of Wal-Mart on the Law and Finance agenda next Wednesday. Mr. Taylor said they do not have a license to sell these dogs.

Mr. Taylor gave an update on the Triangle J meeting he attended last week. Congressman Price addressed the issue of exploitation of immigrants here with companies and businesses offering low wages and not offering good benefits. That was one side of the issue but the other side of the issue was the corporate citizens that are taking responsibility and doing things the right way and there is so much bureaucracy from the federal level.

Mr. Taylor thanked the Fire Department for saving a restaurant by responding the way they did.

City Manager Hegwer reminded everyone that the extension of the council’s retreat will be held next Tuesday, April 8, from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., in the West End Conference Room.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned on motion of Council Member Steve Brewer; seconded by Council Member Mike Stone, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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CORNELIA P. OLIVE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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BONNIE D. WHITE, CITY CLERK

