

MINUTES OF RETREAT OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANFORD
SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA

The City Council held its last session of its annual retreat at the Sanford Municipal Center in the West End Conference Room, in Sanford, North Carolina, on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at 8:30 A.M. The following people were present:

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

Absent:

Council Member Linwood S. Mann, Sr.

Mayor Olive called the meeting to order.

Public Works Director Larry Thomas spoke on beautification of four interchanges on U. S. Highway 421. The four interchanges are US#1 and Kelly Drive (inside the city limits) and Cunnock and 421 toward Lillington which are outside the city limits. He said the interchange on U. S. #1 would have the greatest impact and they would like to have this site lit up at night. This is where they are proposing to put the Sanford trademark. (See Exhibit A)

Mr. Thomas spoke on litter pick-up along state and city streets (Exhibit B). The city presently uses five inmates from the Department of Corrections to do various jobs such as litter pick-up. The city has to pick them up and take them back to the center. It requires our men to be there to supervise. They can only do certain jobs. Mayor Olive suggested educating the people by the television station not to throw out trash and suggested that maybe various clubs may want to participate in keeping a street clean. Council Member McNeil stated that the only way to combat this problem is to have a crew to pick up trash every day. They have checked with the Department of Corrections each year to get more inmates; however, the city has not been fortunate to get any more. They will check again this year.

Mr. Thomas and Street Superintendent Magda Holloway spoke on the street light enhancement program (Exhibit C). Mrs. Holloway spoke on the AASHTO standards. The lights are spaced 200 feet compared to the city's current policy of 400-600 feet. All cul-de-sacs and dead end streets would have street lights compared to the current standards of cul-de-sacs over 400 feet. She stated that Sanford is the only municipality requesting the AASHTO standards. If the city would proceed with the AASHTO standards, Progress Energy recommended starting inner city and moving outward.

City Engineer Vic Czar talked about the current Water Assessment Policy (Exhibit D). He explained that a water petition requires 51 percent of the property owners that own 51 percent

of the property to sign a petition to extend a water line. The lots that benefit from the line would be assessed and the cost to extend the line is divided among the benefiting properties. State law does not allow the city to assess properties outside the city limits. Mr. Czar discussed a proposed policy to extend water in the county.

Mr. Thomas and Mr. Czar informed Council that Carolina Trace has its own private sewer system called Carolina Utilities which is owned by a company located in France. The company is currently doubling its wastewater plant inside Carolina Trace (Exhibit E). Carolina Utilities has been asked by a developer to serve an area consisting of almost 40 acres across from Carolina Trace which is a drainage basin. Mr. Czar recommended not approving this action due to the fact that the wastewater treatment plant is going to be expanded and to control growth and annexation.

Public Works Director Larry Thomas explained the 7-Q-10 jargon used in water resource management (Exhibit F). The Q = the flow; the 7 = seven consecutive driest days and 10 = in a 10-year period. From the Jordan River, the 7-Q-10 at Lillington is 388 mgd. There are 300 mgd plus going by the Water Treatment Plant, so water is going somewhere and the state does not know where. He stated that Council gave its consensus to participate in the water loss study on the Cape Fear. Several cities and companies will be participating. Sanford's proposed total cost would be \$7,300. Staff felt that it is well worth the money to do this study on the Cape Fear to get the information regarding the river since it is the City's water supply.

Mr. Thomas advised that the City would need to start expansion of the water treatment plant in 2015 with an approximate cost of \$3 million (Exhibit G). Construction would start around 2016 with an approximate cost of \$45 million.

Mr. Thomas stated that the contract with Chatham County for water has been expired. Chatham County would like to increase its water consumption to 1.3 mgd (Exhibit H). A copy of the contract has been sent to Raftelis, the water and sewer rate consultant, to review what the rates should be.

Code Enforcement Office Carl Anglin informed Council that he has done some research on the preoccupancy inspection with other entities, and he will need more time to investigate it. It is a complicated issue because it is hard to administer unless you own your own utilities. He said a lot of cities are dropping this program.

Mr. Anglin advised that his department received 4,500 complaints last year, which is up 500 from last year.

Community Development Director Bob Bridwell presented Council with a prototype design for a pocket park playground facility intended for neighborhoods in the inner city (Exhibit I). The estimated cost for a small playground facility would be \$30,815. Mr. Bridwell spoke with Lee County Parks and Recreational Director John Payne to receive his input on the proposed parks.

Council Member Walter McNeil said he had been hearing some rumblings on the 911 center, and we need to be sure what we want to do. City Manager Hal Hegwer advised that council members were faxed talking points and relative information regarding the 911 center. The County has collected the revenue from the landlines over the years and the City has provided the service. The law has changed now and you have to be recognized as the collection point for the revenues and the provider of the service to receive future funds. Due to the amount of funds collected over the years, the law has allowed for the funds to be used in other areas. The County transferred \$475,000 from the 911 funds to their General Funds and earmarked it for law enforcement and emergency management. The County has expressed some interest in having a backup 911 center. Mr. Hegwer advised that Mr. Crumpton and he will be getting together to work out an agreement.

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further information to come before Council, Council Member Mike Stone made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Steve Brewer, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Cornelia P. Olive, Mayor

Bonnie D. White, City Clerk