

LAW AND FINANCE MEETING
May 28, 2008

The Law and Finance Committee met on Wednesday, May 28, 2008, 1:00 P.M., in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The following people were present:

Present:

Law and Finance Committee:

Mayor Cornelia P. Olive	Council Member Mike Stone
Council Member James G. Williams	Council Member Walter H. McNeil, Jr.
Council Member Charles Taylor	City Manager Hal Hegwer
Council Member Steve Brewer	City Clerk Bonnie D. White
Mayor Pro Tem Joseph E. Martin – (left 2 PM)	
City Attorney Susan C. Patterson (left at 2 PM)	
City Staff	

Absent:

Council Member Linwood S. Mann, Sr.

Mayor Olive called the meeting to order.

Consider Ordinance to Erect Stop Sign at Intersection of Carrington Lane and Darryls Drive – (Exhibit A)

Operations Manager Tim Shaw explained that the ordinance establishes the placement of a stop sign at the intersection of Carrington Lane and Darryls Drive – which is adjacent to Royal Pines.

Consider Signage for US 1 and 421 Bypass Interchange – (Exhibit B)

Planner II Elizabeth Whitmore advised that staff met on April 16 with representatives from the North Carolina Department of Transportation which included the landscape architect, Darrell Kornegay. They set forth a schedule pertaining to the landscaping. For the landscape architect to go forward with the landscaping for the bypass, the type of sign, the location of the sign, and the size of the sign need to be determined. She referred to several proposed signs in Council's packet. She said that Public Works proposed to create a sign that is 120 feet wide and 90 feet tall which would have to be installed in the ground at grade. That sign would impact the landscaping in that area. Where this sign would be located would be where all the large landscaping plant materials would go. The Appearance Commission endorsed any three of the monument signs. It is important that they do not need to know what goes on the sign at this time, but what type of sign and the size so that the landscaping architect can design the plant material so it is not obscured around that sign.

Council Member Stone clarified that currently we are looking at the size more than anything. Ms. Whitmore replied that is correct; we are looking at the type of sign and the D.O.T. said they will approve whatever we decide. They will approve a monument sign if that is what the City determines they want. They need to know the size of the sign and a monument

sign versus a grade sign. It is important to understand the impact of whatever sign Council chooses to the landscaping.

Ms. Whitmore informed Council that there is \$575,000 allocated for landscaping for three sections of the 421 bypass. A majority of those funds will be spent at this intersection and Hawkins Run to ensure that visual impact will be mitigated. Council Member Stone said that there is a new Second Century Marketing firm that is working on some new logo signs for Sanford, and it is important, before Council gets the final picture of what they want on the signs, to make sure we work throughout all these groups to make sure it is only done once. Mr. Stone added that it needs to be different and something extremely nice because it is going to last a long time. Mr. Stone stated that they will be using the branding throughout the nation and North Carolina to help sell Sanford.

Mr. Whitmore reiterated that they need to know what type of sign and the size Council wishes to have built at the bypass. The determination needs to be made soon because the landscape architect is on a time schedule. They would like to start installation in January 2009. Mayor Pro Tem Martin said we need to buy a little time because there are good minds working on this project.

Consider Development Report - (Exhibit C)

Community Development Director Bob Bridwell gave an update on recent development requests as listed on Exhibit C.

Consider Budget Workshop

City Manager Hal Hegwer and Financial Services Director Melissa Cardinali answered questions by council members and the mayor regarding the budget. Mayor Olive stated that we need to set up another date to hold another budget workshop. Mr. Hegwer replied that he will set up another date for a budget workshop.

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

Other Business

Council Member Mike Stone stated that a citizen has spoken with him regarding the City of Sanford selling mulch. He did not want to compete with businesses selling mulch. Mr. Hegwer explained that part of our goal is to rid the mulch and woodchips at the least expensive rate to our citizens. This is a way to move it out. The grade of mulch and woodchips that the City sells is not of the caliber that you see at some of the stores. It is not our goal to compete with the private sector selling mulch but at the same time, we try to be cognizant and save the taxpayers as much money as possible.

Council Member Charles Taylor advised that he has had some conversation with quite a few people regarding a skateboard facility. He has talked with our general counsel regarding this issue and the liability has been relieved by the State of North Carolina. Mr. Taylor said he has seen them on the stage at Depot Park and he hears from people that are maintaining tennis courts because they are being damaged by skateboards. Mr. Taylor has spoken with the Parks

and Recreation about identifying some areas to put a skate park. There will have to be some issues worked out regarding the issue. He asked if the Community Development staff could look at grant funding where we can look at the feasibility of one of these parks at this time.

City Manager Hal Hegwer advised that the public hearing for the budget is Tuesday night, June 3.

Adjournment

Having no further business to come before the Law and Finance Committee, the meeting was adjourned upon the motion of Council Member Mike Stone; seconded by Council Member Charles Taylor, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cornelia P. Olive, Mayor

Bonnie D. White, City Clerk