

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, June 17, 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 and delivered the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion of Council Member James Williams, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Joseph Martin, the agenda was approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Member Charles Taylor requested to remove Approval of June 2, 2008, City Council Budget Workshop Minutes from the Consent Agenda and table it until we can get a little more comprehensive notation of the minutes. He added that quite a few of his colleagues were not here at the duration of the budget workshop, and he felt it was vital to capture some of the major items that were discussed in further depth. Seconded by Council Member Mike Stone, the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of April 30, 2008, Law and Finance Committee Minutes – (Filed in the City Clerk’s Office)

Approval of May 14, 2008, Law and Finance Committee Minutes – (Filed in the City Clerk’s Office)

Approval of May 20, 2008, City Council Minutes – (Filed in Minute Book 69)

Approval of May 28, 2008, Law and Finance Committee Minutes – (Filed in the City Clerk’s Office)

Approval of June 2, 2008, City Council Budget Workshop Minutes

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and tabled until more comprehensive notation of the minutes can be done.

Approval of June 3, 2008, City Council Minutes - (Filed in Minute Book 69)

Approval of Amended Memorandum of Understanding for Comprehensive and Continuing Transportation Planning and the Establishment of a Rural Planning Organization – (Exhibit A)

The amended Memorandum of Understanding for Comprehensive and Continuing Transportation Planning and the Establishment of a Rural Planning Organization was approved.

Approval of Ordinance to Assign Recently Annexed Areas to a City Electoral Ward – (Exhibit B)

Ordinance was approved assigning electoral wards to eight recently annexed areas within the city limits.

Approval of Resolution to Temporarily Close Portions of Moore and Chatham Streets in Support of a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration – (Exhibit C)

Resolution was approved to temporarily close portions of Moore and Chatham Streets for the purpose of a 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. The starting time of the street closings needs to be changed from 2:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Approval of Waiver of Penalty and Interest on Business Privilege Tax Payments Received Before September 2, 2008 – (Exhibit D)

Waiver of penalty and interest on business privilege tax payments received before September 2, 2008, was approved. This will enable staff to assist businesses with the implementation of this business privilege tax ordinance and allow us to waive any penalties until September 2, 2008.

**CASES FOR PUBLIC HEARING: to be held jointly with the Planning Board.**

Consider an Amendment to Update Section 5.34.2.4 to Allow Special Events of a Religious, Charitable or Civic Nature as a Temporary Use in Residential Zoning Districts Wherein Such Lots are Developed as Existing Religious Complexes and/or Other Non-Residential Use. – (Exhibit E)

Assistant Community Development Director Marshall Downey explained that this is an amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance to the temporary use section. Several months back, Council approved some changes to our temporary use language where we got a little stricter on our regulations in terms on how we allow temporary uses in the City and the location for them. Staff discovered in that process, the current language for temporary uses does not allow temporary religious events in residential zoning district, while permanent church facilities may be permitted in residential zoning districts (either by right for small churches or with a special use permit with large churches). This amendment proposes to update this section to permit temporary religious events to occur in residential districts provided that such events occur on parcels already developed as a religious complex or other non-residential use. Under this scenario, single-family dwelling lots or vacant tracts in residentially zoned areas could not be utilized. This is a corrective amendment in nature. The Joint Planning Commission met and considered all four of the amendments and they recommended adoption of the amendments.

Mayor Olive opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or in opposition. The public hearing was closed.

Consider an Amendment to Article 5 in Order to Add Regulations and Design Standards for Freestanding Ice Vending Machines. – (Included in Exhibit E)

Assistant Community Development Director Marshall Downey advised that a vendor, Twice the Ice Company approached staff in the fall of last year about placing free-standing ice vending units in Lee County. Staff reviewed the UDO and determined that it was necessary to conduct a text amendment in order to establish this use in the appropriate zoning district(s). Staff and a representative from Twice the Ice Company met with the Joint Planning Commission to review this issue, and staff was directed to come up with some rigorous regulations to these units.

Mr. Downey explained that what he is bringing forward tonight is to allow these units to be treated in the same manner as permanent structures are for our corridor standards. He stated that you are required to do the same housekeeping standards in terms of getting permission from the property owner; you have to meet the minimum setbacks; you would be limited to wall signage, and spacing and screening standards if you are adjacent to any residential unit. It does take into account if there is existing parking, you would be allowed to place it in a parking lot provided that it would not make the existing parking non-conforming. He added that the vending units that are placed on a stand-alone tract or vacant tract with no existing parking would require off-street parking in two spaces so it would not be in a gravel or dirt area.

Mr. Downey explained that the building design standards are the same standards for our current buildings along corridors.

Mayor Olive asked about the landscaping requirements. Mr. Downey stated that if the units are placed within 100 feet of any residentially developed or zoned property, they would have to have a Class C buffer which is the standard commercial buffer.

Mayor Olive opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or in opposition. The public hearing was closed.

Consider an Amendment to Table 4.6-1 in Order to Permit (Residential) Accessory Dwellings in the R-6, R-10, R-12, and MF-12 Zoning Districts with the Issuance of a Special Use Permit. – (Included in Exhibit E)

Assistant Community Development Director Marshall Downey explained that this amendment is an attempt to revise the mixed-residential districts (R-6, R-10, R-12, and MF-12 residential zoning districts. Currently, these districts allow different housing types including single-family detached dwellings all the way up to apartments. Staff was approached by Betty and Rudy Renfer several months ago about taking a detached garage located on the same lot as the single-family house they rent and make it into rental property. The Renfers wanted to approach the issue under the thinking that if you allow duplexes and tri-plexes in those districts, what would be the harm in possibly allowing two dwelling units under two separate roofs.

The Joint Planning Commission ultimately decided that they did not feel comfortable in allowing this by right, so they recommended an amendment to allow for the accessory dwellings, but only with the issuance of a Special Use Permit from the Board of Adjustment. The applicants would have to apply to the Board of Adjustment with a site specific plan; it would

have to go through a public hearing process, and they would have to meet four criteria associated with the Special Use Permit. The Board of Adjustment is fact-based; it is not legislative where it is basically opinion.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin mentioned that something that has come up frequently when he lived on Summitt Drive was the potential where so many people had rental homes and they were trying to just get anything and put people in them as renters; there wasn't but so much room for parking. Neighbors would complain because there is only so much room for parking. Council Member Brewer said they talked about this when the UDO came up. There are some places that are perfectly acceptable that have plenty of parking. Council Member Brewer asked if it would be better to have the property rezoned with conditional use zoning. Mr. Downey replied that this would not be the appropriate thing to do with conditional zoning. You would be setting a precedence and disrupt what your general use zoning would be in that area. Mr. Downey recommended Council consider a policy where everybody would have the same opportunity that you could apply for the Special Use Permit and use the Board of Adjustment to let them make that determination as to whether or not it would be appropriate.

Mr. Martin stated that he thought this has happened in the county where a parent wants to be put in that garage/apartment; however, down the road someone may want to buy this; is this permissible. Mr. Downey replied yes. Staff will not regulate the occupancy of it. Once the unit is established, it is established as rental or owner occupied. Mr. Martin said that a lot of insight needs to be put into this to make sure that if it is compatible to be sold into two separate lots so that we do not have a nightmare.

Mayor Olive opened the public hearing. Betty Renfer spoke in favor. She lives at 4020 Stoney Creek Road in Chapel Hill with her husband, Rudy Renfer. They are business people in Sanford. She stated that she has worked on about ten houses in Sanford, mainly to fix up and resell. Mrs. Renfer said she is renting now because it is hard to sell now. She spoke about the homes she has refurbished or moved homes onto vacant lots. Those locations were 505 Hughes Street – moved home onto lot and fixed it up; 503 Hughes Street – remodeled; 1107 Goldsboro Avenue – moved a home onto and fixed it up; 1001 Goldsboro Avenue – five apartments; and 515 Oakwood Avenue – there is a large garage on lot she would like to turn into a nice garage apartment. She stated that she appreciated the process and Council's desire to make Sanford a nice place.

No one spoke in opposition. The public hearing was closed.

Consider an Amendment to Section 4.12.12 in Order to Clarify When the Decision of the Historic Preservation Commission is Formally Determined. – (Included in Exhibit E)

Assistant Community Development Director Marshall Downey explained that this item was brought up by Downtown Executive Director David Montgomery and is essentially, a corrective amendment. There was some vagueness in the UDO's current language as to when the Historic Preservation Commission makes a decision as to when the date is actually set so that if someone wants to makes an appeal, they know when the timetable is set. With the Historic Preservation Board and the Board of Adjustment cases under quasi-judicial, you have a thirty-day window to make your appeal.

The new language would read under Section 4.12.12.1 - "Written notice of the intent to appeal must be sent to the Historic Preservation Commission, postmarked within 30 days following the decision of the board. The Historic Preservation Board's decision shall be considered a final decision upon filing of the board's order in the clerk to the board's office. Appeals shall be in the nature of certiorari. Appeals of the decisions of the Board of Adjustment shall be heard by the Superior Court of Lee County and subject to the standards as set forth in Section 3.7 of this Ordinance.

Mayor Olive opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or in opposition. The public hearing was closed.

*The Planning Board retired to the West End Conference Room.*

Public Hearing - Economic Development Incentives – 3M Company- Request by Lee County Economic Development Corporation

- Consider Motion to Take From the Table to Continue the Public Hearing and Discussion on Economic Development Incentives for 3M

Council Member Linwood Mann made the motion to take from the table to continue the public hearing and discussion on economic development incentives for 3M. Seconded by Council Member Mike Stone, the motion carried unanimously.

John Daniel, Chairman of the Lee County Economic Development Corporation, spoke in favor. He said this issue was brought up two weeks ago and tabled. He spoke in favor because it is anticipated to generate over \$140,000 of additional taxes for both County and City. It was brought before the committees and executive committee and passed rigorous inspection and they voted unanimously to bring this before Council.

Mr. Daniel stated that his comments go beyond 3M. He said he has heard rumblings in the community, and there appears to be confusion about the incentives. Mr. Daniel said he firmly believes before decisions are made about incentives, all citizens should be informed about the purpose of them. Incentive programs are confusing; they are misleading to the fact that a lot of times large sums of monies are banded about, and you hear tremendous amounts of money that most folks are not even used to thinking about, much less understanding what they go toward. It appears sometimes that we are giving something away or it is a cost without understanding the benefits. In fact, these should be viewed as investments. Costs in the accounting world are written off – this is when money is spent and written off. Investments are something that keeps on giving returns, and in this instance, incentives come from jobs and tax base. Mr. Daniel said the investment or money is not given to the company. It is a deferred tax that is only after the company meets requirements of the capital investment per the contract. Capital investments grow jobs and tax base; jobs grow the population; and the population brings its money to Sanford.

He added that there is a group of business leaders, civic and public organizations, who are working on an initiative called the Second Century. This effort helps us both

understand the market and communicate what our community is about and help it reach its full potential. This has been a private endeavor so far. Mr. Daniel said the most important thing he asked today is that we do not send a message that we are closed for business and not inviting any investment and not supporting the existing industries such as 3M. He asked Council to consider accepting this incentive package for the betterment of our city and county. To compete in the Second Century, you must send the right message to Raleigh, the community, and to other counties in the state. He felt Council would be pleased with the reports he aforementioned about the Second Century study. The study is ongoing and the report is now at 75 pages. It is very dynamic and you and the businesses will be very pleased. They have included a zip-code study. Mr. Daniel stated that he did not want to say everything that is in the report; however, it was outstanding to see the number of unique visitors and the number of unique states. Mr. Daniel said the Second Century has made an effort to interview and talk with most leaders in Sanford.

Council Member Brewer said he would like for the Second Century group to come before Council and share their ideas and views and how they can work with them. Mr. Daniel replied that speaking on behalf of Second Century, they would be glad to. He would get with the city manager and set a date.

Council Member Stone told Mr. Daniel that he appreciated all the work that he does and what the EDC stands for. Mr. Stone stated that he wanted to clarify that the company pays their taxes and then they are given the incentives or rebate. He said Greensboro does not do incentives anymore. Mr. Stone said he did not know how you can compare us when you look at Greensboro and say one thing is right or the other thing is wrong. He will look into this further. Mr. Stone stated that he did not think the incentive base is sending a message of anything other than we are going to give companies money. He says that because we are glad to have all the companies. When you look at the last thirteen incentives, twelve of these companies are already here. Mr. Stone said 3M does magnificent work, but they are in every country in the world. They can pull out at any time they want to pull out. He would like to support the incentives, but the problem he has with this is they are leasing four buildings from someone else and they have 50 temporary employees. Mr. Stone said it was tough for him to recommend them for incentives when they are not buying into the product; the product is buying into Sanford and Lee County.

Mr. Daniel commented that he wanted to address a couple of Mr. Stone's comments. He is not tying the Second Century group to the answer to incentives for cities. All he was saying was that it would give some ideas and some good information that the City and County governments need to look at. He disagreed with Mr. Stone that we are not giving 3M money; they have to put in the investment and many companies across the country and in this town lease their real estate. If they are leasing and plan to spend \$1 million, they have pretty good intentions of staying. Mr. Daniel said if Greensboro stops paying incentives that is fine; however, if Sanford stops he feels they put themselves at a disadvantage to many other places that have the very same things. If we stop offering the incentives, they can go to another community that has the same

proximity and they will do it. One of the hardest things to do it to keep the existing businesses here and that is why he is for incentives for businesses that are here. We have had another inquiry from another large company that is not here already. It could change the map if we do it correctly.

Council Member Brewer stated that it is important for people to know that the people who come up with this policy are individuals who are selected by this Council and the Lee County Commissioners; they are business people in the community chosen to come up with a policy. They are not heads of big corporations; they are people like Tommy Mann, Harry Miller, Poly Cohen, Albert Adcock - many fine people that sit on this board and the plan they have come up with is approved by the City and the County. It is your neighbor, and fellow business people to help get this town where it is today. It may need tweaking down the road but he felt it is a necessary "evil" and he believes it is important to know who makes up this board.

Mr. Daniel said it is a national issue. Until they change the law nationally, it puts you at a disadvantage because everybody else can. Mayor Pro Tem Martin said we would love to have a company to stay here 20 to 30 years. If they are here five years, and their tax bill is \$150,000 and we give them \$40,000 back, we have still gained \$110,000 for five years. Mr. Martin said they have to pay their taxes before anything goes back to the company and however long they are here, we are benefiting by the tax base. Mr. Daniel said that when the company makes that investment, they are bringing the effective age of that building to a newer state. If they do choose to leave, the building will be in better shape.

Mayor Olive opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or in opposition. The public hearing was closed.

Council Member Charles Taylor advised that fellow council members accepted his request two weeks ago to be recused from voting on this issue. He is employed by 3M and would like to be recused again from voting.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin made the motion to recuse Council Member Charles Taylor from voting on this issue. Seconded by Council Member Linwood Mann, the vote was unanimous to recuse Council Member Taylor from voting.

- Consider Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of Funds for an Economic Development Project and Approving an Agreement with Lee County Economic Development Corporation – (Exhibit F)

Council Member Linwood Mann made the motion to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of Funds for an Economic Development Project and Approving an Agreement with Lee County Economic Development Corporation. Seconded by Council Member Steve Brewer, the vote was five to one with Council Member Mike Stone casting the dissenting vote.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Consider Conveyance of Real Property to the North Carolina Department of Transportation – (Exhibit G)**

City Manager Hal Hegwer explained that this item was discussed at the last Law and Finance Committee. He recommended conveying a tract of land to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for right-of-way and construction of the 421 Bypass without monetary compensation. It is a very small tract of property consisting of about 2,005.1 square feet that is being requested as right-of-way. There is a temporary construction easement of about 3,137.1 square feet and a permanent drainage easement of 6,587.6 square feet. It is adjacent to the City's Carr Creek sewer lift station and there is very little use of it and the property slopes somewhat. This is part of the conveyance for right-of-way for the 421 Bypass project.

Council Member Mike Stone made the motion to accept the \$4,217 from the Department of Transportation for the property. The motion died for the lack of a second.

Council Member Steve Brewer made the motion to convey the land to the Department of Transportation without monetary compensation. Seconded by Council Member James Williams, the motion carried six to one in favor to convey the property without monetary compensation with Council Member Mike Stone casting the dissenting vote.

**Consider Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget of the City of Sanford FY 2007-2008 – (Exhibit H)**

City Manager Hal Hegwer advised that this ordinance appropriates funds for the acquisition of property located at 131 and 133 McIver Street. The balance of the funds necessary for the acquisition of these properties is located in a CDBG project where there were funds for acquisition and also funds available for demolition of those properties. This revenue will be appropriated in the Legal Department.

Council Member James Williams made the motion to adopt the Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget of the City of Sanford FY 2007-2008. Seconded by Council Member Steve Brewer, the motion carried unanimously.

**Consider Appointments to Various Boards, Commissions, and Committees – (Exhibit I)**

Attorney Patterson stated that when the floor is open for nominations, individual council members may nominate whomever they choose from those individuals who have applied for the positions. A nomination does not need a second. At some point, someone will need to close the nominations and that will need to be voted on. After that is passed, then the mayor will call for the vote and each council member will state who their choice is and then we will count who has the highest number of votes.

**ABC Board – (1 appointment)**

Council Member Linwood Mann made a motion to appoint Joyce Barger. Council Member Mann made the motion to close the nominations. Council Member Mike Stone seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pro Tem Martin asked if they can make one motion close the nominations and appoint by acclamation. Attorney

Patterson replied that can be done in one action and it should be stated, "I move to close the nomination and appoint the person by acclamation."

Council Member Linwood Mann amended his motion to close the nominations and appoint Joyce Barger by acclamation. Council Member Mike Stone accepted the amendment to his second and it carried unanimously.

**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) – (2 appointments)**

No applications were received.

**Appearance Commission – (3 appointments)**

Council Member Steve Brewer nominated Joni Martin, Linda Rhodes, and Beverly Brookshire. Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr., made the motion to close the nominations and appoint Joni Martin, Linda Rhodes, and Beverly Brookshire by acclamation. Seconded by Council Member Steve Brewer, the motion carried unanimously.

**Historic Preservation Commission – (2 appointments)**

Mayor Pro Tem Joseph Martin nominated Katherine Zyla. Council Member James Williams nominated Lora Wright. Council Member Charles Taylor nominated Michael Humphrey and Tammy Hebert. Mayor Pro Tem Joseph Martin made the motion to close the nominations. Seconded by Council Member Steve Brewer, the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Charles Taylor voted for Michael Humphrey and Tammy Hebert. Council Member James Williams voted for Katherine Zyla and Lora Wright. Council Member Steve Brewer voted for Katherine Zyla and Lora Wright. Council Member Mike Stone voted for Tammy Hebert and Katherine Zyla. Council Member Linwood Mann voted for Katherine Zyla and Lora Wright. Mayor Pro Tem Martin voted for Katherine Zyla and Lora Wright. Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr. voted for Katherine Zyla and Lora Wright.

Katherine Zyla and Lora Wright were appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission. Katherine Zyla received six votes; Lora Wright received five votes; Tammy Hebert received two votes; and Michael Humphrey received one vote.

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT/HOUSING BOARD OF APPEALS – (1 alternate appointment)**

Mayor Pro Tem Joseph Martin made the motion to appoint Mark Akinosho by acclamation. Seconded by Council Member Linwood Mann, the motion carried unanimously.

**LEE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – (1 appointment)**

Council Member Mike Stone made the motion to appoint Steve Brewer by acclamation. Seconded by Council Member Linwood Mann, the motion carried unanimously.

**LEE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS BOARD – (1 APPOINTMENT)**

Council Member Steve Brewer made the motion to appoint Jane J. Smith by acclamation. Seconded by Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr., the motion carried unanimously.

**PLANNING BOARD – (2 APPOINTMENTS)**

Council Member Charles Taylor nominated Charles Mellette. Council Member Joseph Martin nominated Fred McIver. Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr. made the motion to close the nominations and appoint these two by acclamation. Seconded by Council Member Mike Stone, the motion carried unanimously.

**SANFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY – (1 REGULAR APPOINTMENT AND 1 RESIDENT APPOINTMENT)**

Council Member Linwood Mann nominated Lowell Hamel and April Tibbs. Council Member Steve Brewer made the motion to close the nominations and appoint Mr. Hamel and Ms. Tibbs by acclamation. Council Member Charles Taylor nominated Pete Saunders. Attorney Susan Patterson advised that there are two conflicting motions on the floor. Council Member Steve Brewer removed his motion. Attorney Patterson advised that although there are two appointments, one of the appointments has to be a resident appointment. Ms. Tibbs is the only applicant who meets the qualifications of a resident appointment.

Council Member Steve Brewer made the motion to appoint April Tibbs as the resident appointment by acclamation. Mayor Pro Tem Joseph Martin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Attorney Patterson advised that Lowell Hamel and Pete Saunders have been nominated. Mayor Olive called the vote. Council Member Charles Taylor voted for Pete Saunders. Council Members James Williams, Steve Brewer, Mike Stone, Linwood Mann, Joe Martin, and Walter McNeil voted for Lowell Hamel. The vote was six to one to appoint Lowell Hamel to the Sanford Housing Authority.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin said he was impressed to see how many people applied to new positions. He said out of thirteen appointments, five of them are new appointments. He thanked the public for taking the time to be involved in making a difference in our community. Mayor Olive said we need to thank the people who have served in these positions and chose not to seek reappointment because some of the appointments are very time consuming and take a lot of effort.

Council Member Steve Brewer said the County took over recreation some thirty years ago and with the implementation of pocket parks and Depot Park, he felt it would be prudent to ask the County if we can have an appointment to the Recreation Board. He felt that Mr. Taylor should be the representative from the City since he has brought up skateparks and see how we can help the County with funding through some grants. He felt it would be good to have him as a representative of the City so we do not duplicate the same program and it could help us in the long run.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one signed up to speak.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Pro Tem Martin thanked Mr. Brewer for his comments to add Mr. Taylor to the Recreation Board. The timing is good to start the dialogue.

Council Member Linwood Mann thanked the people who have served on the various committees. It takes a lot of time and effort and no reimbursement. He felt Council has made some good selections.

Council Member Mike Stone said out of the three years has served on the Council, he was happy to see so many people apply.

Council Member Steve Brewer thanked John Daniel for coming back to the Council since they postponed the vote on the 3M incentives. He thanked them for their time and effort.

Council Member James Williams thanked the people who have served on the previous boards. He also thanked John Daniel and the EDC board for bringing companies before Council. He said we are grateful for the companies that locate here in Sanford and that is the message we need to send. These companies employ our citizens and our children in the future.

Council Member Taylor seconded the sentiments of his fellow city council members on the commission appointments. He referred to a time on the Joint Planning Commission, that they were worried about meeting a quorum, and a gentleman drove back from South Carolina to make the meeting.

Council Member Taylor said he mentioned to the city manager that he has been reading a lot of articles and information on how local municipalities are conserving energy, i.e. fuel efficiency. He said it would be good to have some discussion at a Law and Finance Committee meeting to look at some different ways to reserve our resources.

Council Member Taylor stated that a couple of weeks ago, Council Member Stone brought up the issue about furniture on the outside. He said there was a situation this week where a rental house is in his ward has weight benches and furniture out front along with blinds on the porch out front. He added that maybe this needs to go before the Appearance Committee to address.

Council Member Taylor said it was an honor and privilege to take part in the Elks Lodge Flag Day on Saturday.

Council Member Taylor stated that we had several council members who attended a Town Hall meeting and it would be nice to get an update about what is going on in Raleigh and what the feedback was in Raleigh.

John Daniels thanked Council for the compliments on the EDC. He stated that Bob Heuts and Jane Haber do a wonderful job. He said Bob Heuts has great connections throughout this state and has done a yeoman's job of getting these people in front of us. He said Mr. Heuts and Ms. Haber do all the work.

Mayor Cornelia Olive said she wanted to bring up an item on behalf of a citizen, Albert Rowe, who had expressed concerns about scooters and mopeds on the highways. Someone made the remark today that sometimes they seem to be driven by people who have lost their driver's license because of careless and wreckless driving. She said according to Mr. Rowe, they are not required to be registered or to have insurance and if one of them hits his car, that it is his responsibility and if he hits one of them, it is his responsibility. Mr. Rowe wanted Council to consider the possibility of writing a letter to our state legislative delegation about considering some laws that would govern these to make it a little bit more level playing field.

City Manager Hal Hegwer announced that the City Council will be holding a City Council meeting in lieu of a Law and Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 25, 2008, at 1 P.M.. The City Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 1, 2008, at 7 P.M. is cancelled.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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CORNELIA P. OLIVE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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BONNIE D. WHITE, CITY CLERK