

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, October 21, 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 James Williams delivered the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Council Member Steve Brewer requested to add Discussion About Public Comment Period as Item 9D under the Regular Agenda.

On motion of Council Member Steve Brewer, seconded by Council Member Mike Stone, the amended agenda was approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of Resolution Authorizing the City Council to Enter Into a Five-Year Lease with One Five-Year Renewal with SprintCom, Inc. – (Exhibit A)

Resolution was approved authorizing the City to enter into a five-year lease with one five-year renewal with SprintCom, Inc., to put an antenna on the water tank at Colon Road. They will pay the City \$2,300 per month for a total of \$27,600 yearly. Rent for each successive renewal term will increase by 15 percent over the rent in effect for the prior five-year term.

Approval of Resolution Levying a Tax on Gross Receipts Derived from Retail Short-Term or Rental of Heavy Equipment – (Exhibit B)

Resolution was approved to levy a tax on gross receipts derived from retail short-term or rental of heavy equipment. This tax is for businesses whose primary business is the short-term lease and rental of heavy equipment and this tax will become effective January 1, 2009. The General Assembly repealed the ad valorem tax on heavy equipment that is subject to short-term lease or rental. In order to replace that lost revenue, they have given cities the ability to tax the gross receipts that are derived from the lease or rental of the heavy equipment.

Approval of Resolution Authorizing Investment in the Local Government Other Post-Employment Benefits Fund – (Exhibit C)

Resolution was approved authorizing investment in the Local Government Other Post-Employment Benefits Fund. This resolution authorizes the participation in the State Treasurer's Trust Fund for other post-employment benefits.

Approval of Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget of the City of Sanford FY 2008-2009 – (Exhibit D)

Ordinance was approved amending the annual operating budget for FY 2008-2009. The ordinance reappropriates funds in the amount of \$893,400 earmarked for expenditures that were not complete as of June 30, 2008 and reappropriates funds in the amount of \$282,100 that were budgeted in FY 07-08, but not expended at year end.

Approval of Extension of Banking Services Contract for Two Additional Years – (Exhibit E)

Contract was approved to extend banking services for two additional years with RBC Centura at a cost of \$1,800 per month.

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

**CASES FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

Public Hearing on Contiguous Voluntary Annexation Submitted by Roy E. Mashburn Property 2.33 Acres Located in the Northwest Quadrant of Pendergrass Road and US 1/15/501

Planner II Elizabeth Whitmore explained that the petition is for contiguous voluntary annexation of 2.33 acres owned by Roy Mashburn located in the northwest quadrant of Pendergrass Road and US 1/15/501. She said that the petition was submitted on September 19, 2008. On October 7, 2008, the City Council adopted a resolution directing the clerk to investigate the petition; the City Clerk submitted a Certificate of Sufficiency, and a resolution was passed setting the date for a public hearing tonight. It was advertised in the *Sanford Herald* on October 9, 2008, which is eleven days notice.

Ms. Whitmore stated that a request for financial information was sent to the Tramway Rural Fire Department on October 8. She spoke with Scott Holt who confirmed that their annual debt payment is \$100,288. The assessed value of the property is \$73,799. The fire department's assessed value is \$435,767,300. Ms. Whitmore said that when you do the calculations, it comes out to be \$16.98 that the City would have to pay, but since it is under \$100, the General Statutes stated that the City will not have any responsibility in making any debt payment towards their annual debt.

Ms. Whitmore advised that City services will be extended to the new area if it is annexed in the same manner and on the same basis they are provided to the City. The response time for the fire department to this site is approximately six minutes with a potential of it being increased nine to ten minutes, depending upon rush hour. The annual revenues are anticipated to be \$398.51, which would increase substantially upon development.

The applicant is seeking to rezone the property from (RR) Residential Restricted and (HC) Highway Commercial to (C-2), General Commercial District. Planner II Amy McNeill will address the rezoning if the property is annexed into the City.

Mayor Olive opened the public hearing. With no one speaking in favor or in opposition to the petition, the public hearing was closed.

- Consider Ordinance to Extend the Corporate Limits of the City of Sanford, North Carolina – (Exhibit F)  
Council Member Steve Brewer made the motion to adopt the Ordinance to Extend the Corporate Limits of the City of Sanford, North Carolina. Seconded by Council Member Mike Stone, the motion carried unanimously.

**Cases for Public Hearing held jointly with the Planning Board.**

Petition by Roy E. Mashburn - to rezone from HC, Highway Commercial and RR, Residential Restricted districts to C-2, General Commercial district 1.26+/- acres; 0.29 of an acre is located in the northwestern quadrant of Pendergrass Road (SR1334) & Westover Drive (SR 1333) and 0.97 of an acre is located in the northwestern quadrant of the intersection of Pendergrass Road (SR1334) & Jefferson Davis Hwy/US Hwy 1, contingent upon approval of annexation. The property is the same as depicted on Tax Map 9631.02, Tax Parcel 9631-55-2915-00 and a portion of Tax Parcel 9631-56-1399-00 Lee County Land Records Office. – (Exhibit G)

Planner II Amy McNeill stated that the property that was just previously annexed in the corporate City limits, needs to be rezoned since it is going from the County Commissioner's jurisdiction to the City Council's jurisdiction. The majority of the property in the area is zoned C-2, General Commercial. The property on the northwestern side of U. S. Highway #1 is in the corporate limits, and everything on the other side of U. S. Highway #1 is in the County's jurisdiction and is zoned (HC) Highway Commercial. Ms. McNeill said that rezoning to C-2 will make this property in harmony with what is around it. There is a little bit of (RR) Residential Restricted a little farther down Pendergrass Road which is in the County. The petitioner would like to rezone to (C-2) to be in harmony with the existing zoning of property which is already in the City corporate limits in this area.

Mayor Olive opened the public hearing. Robert Gilleland, Attorney in Sanford, spoke on behalf of Roy Mashburn. He said the reason for the request was well expressed by Ms. McNeil and the rezoning would make the property zoned C-2 along a major corridor and they feel that it would be appropriate for Council to consider this rezoning change. No one spoke in opposition. The public hearing was closed.

Petition by Roy Harrington of Harrington Companies, LLC - to rezone from LI, Light Industrial district to C-2, General Commercial district 2.41+/- acres located in the southeastern quadrant of the intersection of Broadway Road (SR1579) and Cox Mill Road (SR1529). The property is the same as depicted on Tax Map 9662.04, a portion of Tax Parcel 9662-71-7813-00 Lee County Land Records Office.- (Exhibit H)

Assistant Community Development Director Marshall Downey explained that the property to be rezoned is located at the corner of Cox Mill Road and Broadway Road. The subject property is 2.4 acres and is a portion of the Redman properties, which is a nine-acre tract. This portion of the site is currently undeveloped and vacant. The petitioner would like to rezone from the current (LI) Light Industrial to (C-2) Commercial zoning. The property has access to public water and sewer and is not located in any environmentally sensitive areas or along any corridors other than the standard corridor designs.

Mr. Downey advised that it is a corner lot and Broadway Road and Cox Mill Road are state-maintained roads. There are currently no plans to subdivide the acreage. The petitioner would like to have it zoned C-2 for the purpose of developing a retail-type use on the property. The site is surrounded by Light Industrial. In terms of C-2, it is established to provide areas to serve the community such as shopping centers, repair shops, wholesale businesses, and other retail-type uses.

The 2020 Land Use Plan does not have a specific land use recommendation for this particular area. When consider the zoning of this property, current development trends and the surrounding zoning of the neighborhood should be considered.

Mr. Downey stated that staff recommends that Council consider supporting the C-2 General Commercial primarily based on the fact that there is substantial amount of existing retail-type uses even though you see the Light Industrial zoning.

Council Member Mike Stone asked why you would have to downgrade the land from Light Industrial to C-2 General Commercial because Light Industrial is pretty lenient zoning. Mr. Downey replied that one of the proposed uses that the petitioner is wanting to do on this site is not allowed in LI, only in the C-2 zoning. The petitioner is proposing to have an open-air flea market on the site and that is not allowed in LI zoning. Any use listed in C-2 General Commercial would be allowed if the rezoning is approved.

Mayor Olive opened the public hearing. William L. Oldham, owner of the property (1503 and 1505 Broadway Road) across the road from the subject property, said he was in favor of the rezoning and urged Council to rezone the property. Mr. Oldham said it would affect him more than any other property owner in the area.

With no one speaking in opposition, the public hearing was closed.

Petition by James D. Cox of J.D. Cox & Associates, LLC and Mark Lyczkowski of CRD Investors, LLC - to rezone 141.05+/- acres annexed into the corporate city limits on October 7, 2008, from the current RR, Residential Restricted and RA, Residential Agricultural districts to Barrington Park South Conditional Zoning District, an area of land located along the southwest side of NC Hwy 87 South, adjoining the area approved for development as Barrington Park North. The conditional zoning district will include a mix of single-family detached homes, townhomes, apartments, as well as non-residential uses such as office-institutional and retail commercial uses. The property is the same as depicted on Tax Maps 9660.01& 9650.02, Tax

Parcels 9650-96-8137 -00, 9660-36-8707-00 and ROWY-36-2073-00 Lee County Land Records Office.- (Exhibit I)

Planner II Amy McNeill said the property to the north was rezoned as Barrington Park North, and this site is being proposed to be rezoned as Barrington Park South. It is a continuation or expansion of the existing Barrington Park project. She referred to a map in Council's agenda packet showing Barrington Park North and how the developer would like to develop the property with what uses and densities. She also displayed an overall Barrington Park map to refresh Council's memory of what the entire concept is going to look like and pointed out Barrington Park South on the map. The developer will have to come back before Council with a subdivision plat to show specifically how the lots are going to be created and that would be a condition placed upon this rezoning. Staff does recommend that Council approve the rezoning with a condition that no development occur unless the developer submits the modified conditional zoning petition with the specific design standards identified for individual phases of the project.

Mayor Olive opened the public hearing.

Norman Block spoke in favor. He said that a couple of month ago, this project was talked about and then asked that it be postponed until the permits had been received from the Division of Water Quality (DWQ) and the Corp of Engineers. He reported that they do have those permits in hand now and everything has been approved. This is a continuation of the Barrington Park project. The importance of this part is that it gives an entrance directly off of Hwy 87, which will allow for two good entrances—one at Commerce Drive and one at Barrington Parkway. This will enhance the safety and traffic flow.

Buddy Carter spoke against. He asked if this tract of land is former Rosser land or former Odis Batchelor land. He was told Batchelor. Mr. Carter says he owns land right beside it, and he is wondering if this is annexed, would his property be next to be annexed. He said he would wind up paying city tax and county tax.

Mayor Olive closed the public hearing.

Public Hearing Regarding Three Amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance.

Assistant Community Development Director Marshall Downey explained that this public hearing is for three proposed amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance. These were all presented to the Joint Planning Commission in September and to the Lee County Commissioners and will be taken to the Lee County Planning Board.

- Public Hearing Regarding Possible Amendment to Section 5.33.1 of the UDO to Allow an Exemption from the Standards of Section 5.33 for Telecommunication Towers that are Erected and Owned by Governmental Agencies for the Purposes of Installing Antenna(s) and Ancillary Equipment Necessary to Provide Public Health and Safety.- (Exhibit J)

Assistant Community Development Director Marshall Downey said that this is a corrective amendment based on staff's working with the North Carolina Highway Patrol

in siting a new Viper Tower for emergency services statewide. A Special Use Permit was granted for this to be located at the old airport where the training center is now. Our ordinance requires a performance bond for towers in the event the owner abandons the tower, there is money in place to remove the tower and take care of it. The Highway Patrol did not have the budget for it. Options were looked at, and our consultants and the city attorney were contacted. It was recommended that an amendment be brought forward that would, basically, exempt them from that requirement. Originally, as presented to the Joint Planning Commission, the draft included an exemption—government owned wireless towers that are essentially erected for the purposes of providing for public health and safety. The County Planning Board had concerns about generally exempting those towers across the board. They wanted to refine the amendment to exempt them only from the bonding procedure; they would still have to meet the other standards of the tower regulations.

Council Member Mike Stone said that exempting the state from the bond makes it harder on private business.

- Public Hearing Regarding Possible Amendment to Section 4.6-1, Table 4.6-1 of the UDO to Add a New Land Use Category for Indoor Sales of Motorized Scooter, Motorcycle, and ATV Sales.- (Exhibit J)

This issue was brought by a gentleman who owns a store in the old Western Auto building downtown. He was attempting to get a dealer's license for allowing motorized scooters at his facility. Currently, actual zoning does not allow for those types of facilities in the Central Business zoning district. He wanted to have an indoor display. The Joint Planning Commission discussed the matter at length and there was a vote to move it forward, though there was not a consensus to approve the amendment. There was some concern about the testing of scooters in downtown and the congestion. This proposed amendment creates two new categories in the ordinance. It pulls ATV's, motorcycles, and motor scooters out of automobiles or larger motorized vehicles. One category would be for outdoor sales and the zoning classification stays the same as it is being allowed in districts where car sales are permitted. The real change occurs for indoor sales. This proposed amendment would add the Central Business District zoning and Commercial District zoning to the four districts it is currently allowed in.

- Public Hearing Regarding Possible Amendment to Appendix A and Section 5.34 for the Purposes of Adding "Concessionaire" Temporary Use Vendors to the UDO.- (Exhibit J)

Mr. Downey explained that this proposed amendment relates to a discussion at a recent Law and Finance meeting where staff presented the idea of a concessionaire vendor. This was presented to the Joint Planning Commission. This amendment defines what a concessionaire vendor is and ties this to the store it would be located in front of. This would be done through an agreement between the vendor and the larger existing property owner who might benefit from their services to their patrons. The County Planning Board discussed this issue and suggested it be passed with an annual renewal. The

vendors would have to get their license renewed annually when they come in for their temporary use permits.

Mayor Pro Tem Joe Martin inquired about time limits under the proposed amendment. Mr. Downey said the concessionaires could stay there as long as they got their renewal permits. Mr. Martin said he was still a little bit leery about this. He could see both good and bad. His concern was vendors setting up and selling products that compete with established businesses who are paying property taxes, business taxes, and sales taxes. The vendors have no overhead. Mr. Martin says he hopes council can find something that is compatible for both, such as the property owner getting the permit instead of the concessionaire.

Mayor Olive said that she felt the same way and asked if there would be any restrictions on what the vendors could sell. Mr. Downey said that it has to be a vendor of food, drink, or similar consumable products; they could not sell products such as clothing and furniture. Council Member Williams asked how much it would cost for a temporary use permit. Mr. Downey said there was no charge at this time for a temporary use permit. It is an administrative tool to keep track of land use.

Council Member Taylor asked if they are currently required to comply with the business privilege tax or itinerant merchant license. City Attorney Patterson said if they were required to get a permit, they would be. Mr. Taylor said that only nine itinerant licenses were sold from July 1 – June 30 of the calendar year. He said the majority of them were ice cream or fire works vendors. He said he has the same struggles as Mr. Martin. He thinks there will be more requests with the down economy because people will be looking for alternative means for creating revenue streams. He said it could get out of hand quickly. He is concerned that on the application there is no place for address; they set up shop at a business and there is no way to get in touch with these people at their homes—no contact information is required on this application. He doesn't think we should loosen our restrictions on this kind of activity.

Mayor Olive asked what kind of Health Department inspections these vendors had to have. Mr. Downey said that with a cart, a health inspection is required. He did not know the details of the inspection. If it is pre-packaged food on a mobile cart or van already inspected by a restaurant, they don't have to be inspected. This proposed amendment refers to someone setting up outside a business with something like a kiosk. Mayor Olive asked who would be liable (store owner or concessionaire) if someone became sick from eating something sold in this manner. Attorney Patterson responded that typically when you buy food from a vendor, the vendor is responsible for its quality.

Council Member Williams said he felt council needed to look into this more. Council Member Brewer said that currently he can cater food under his restaurant health license. They can be inspected on the catering. When the Pottery Festival had food vendors, the Health Department inspected them. Mr. Brewer said that all for-profit vendors of food have to be inspected by the Health Department. If you are non-profit, no inspection is required. He suggested advising the property owners that the liability could

come back to them in the end. Maybe we need to put a liability clause in the license. Attorney Patterson advised that currently when a vendor comes looking for an Itinerant Merchant License, they are required to give their address, information, the permission of the property owner, and their ID in order to get the Itinerant Merchant License in place. This would be an additional concessionaire license that would show that the business where it is located (and it is limited to being just at businesses under the draft language), at a business site and it says that the owner of the existing business allows this to operate and they have the authority to locate there. It is contemplated that the owner of the property would know that they are somewhat responsible for that person on their site.

Council Member Brewer stated that he thinks it is a good idea with some modifications since it addresses furniture and such. We might want to put how close it should be to the building, as it is meant to service patrons coming in and out of the store. Council Member Taylor said that he appreciated the clarification on the Itinerant Merchant License. He asked if the two hot dog vendors and shaved ice vendor had purchased an Itinerant Merchant License.

Community Development Director Bob Bridwell said that these are land use decisions that they do not usually get involved from a planning perspective in terms of business licenses, etc. That is a separate process from theirs, though they do call to be sure the zoning is correct. They do not check to see if they have licenses. Mayor Pro Tem Martin asked if we had obtained information from other communities as to what they allow and do not allow. Mr. Downey said they had tried to, but apparently this is a new trend. Temporary Use is common and the temporary use permit has met the need that council intended. Council Members Brewer and Martin agreed that what they are looking at are vendors/itinerant merchants who are setting up outside a business with the specific purpose of selling to the customers going in and out of that business.

Mr. Downey said there were regulations in place now to put a 10-day limit, so that effectively solves the situation of someone setting up in a parking lot just as a rental space and continue to be there for an extended period of time. This permit addresses the vendor who is set up to sell to patrons of the business they are located in front of. Council Member Mann asked if there had been any complaints. Mr. Downey responded that only from the hot dog/shaved ice vendors who want to set up in this method to sell to particular store patrons. If there were no complaints from merchants or private citizens to Mr. Downey's department, Mr. Mann did not see a problem.

Mr. Hegwer said that a vendor of this nature currently falls under itinerant merchant and is required to have an itinerant merchant's license. The license cost \$100 for a year. When we are approached with someone who wants to do this kind of thing, it triggers a zoning process and becomes a two-step process. Mr. Downey explained that the focus tonight with this amendment is the land-use side of things. Right now, our temporary-use regulations would capture these folks in this situation. He wanted to bring it to council's attention in case they wanted to tweak the ordinance to allow something like this.

Mayor Olive opened the public hearing on a possible Amendment to Section 5.33.1 of the UDO to Allow an Exemption from the Standards of Section 5.33 for Telecommunication Towers that are Erected and Owned by Governmental Agencies for the Purposes of Installing Antenna(s) and Ancillary Equipment Necessary to Provide Public Health and Safety.

No one spoke in favor or against this amendment.

Mayor Olive opened the public hearing on a possible Amendment to Section 4.6-1. Table 4.6-1 of the UDO to Add a New Land Use Category for Indoor Sales of Motorized Scooter, Motorcycle, and ATV Sales.

No one spoke in favor or against this amendment.

Mayor Olive opened the public hearing for a possible Amendment to Appendix A and Section 5.34 for the Purpose of Adding “Concessionaire” Temporary Use Vendors to the UDO.

No one spoke in favor or against.

Mayor Olive closed the public hearings.

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one signed up to speak.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

Consider Ordinance Directing the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Supervisor to Demolish the Property Herein Described as Unfit for Human Habitation and Directing that a Notice be Placed Thereon that the Same May Not be Occupied and Award of Contract to Johnny Faircloth Grading and Septic, Inc. – (Exhibit K)

City Manager Hal Hegwer reported that Preservation North Carolina has contacted Code Enforcement Supervisor Carl Anglin. This is a private, non-profit state historic preservation organization and has been in existence since 1939. They are interested in the life of this structure at 304 Oakwood Avenue, the house having been built in 1899. They are interested in retaining the structure and working on a potential buyer. They have an option with the owner at this point and are still soliciting a buyer for the property. They hope to refurbish this structure. Mr. Hegwer said he had a conversation with Kathleen Turner, who is not only interested in this structure, but with other homes in the area. She feels that a partnership could be forged with the city to work on some of those. She has observed some historic features of these structures, and she feels it is important to restore those and have an overall impact on the neighborhood. Mr. Anglin felt all right with this and suggested we look at a ninety-day extension to see what progress we could make.

Mayor Olive said she felt it was admirable that anyone would want to restore a house that is in this condition. She regrets that they waited until it is not fit for human habitation to do it, but this is great news. Mayor Pro Tem Martin said it was exciting that Preservation North

Carolina is the one interested in doing this. Council Member Stone said that this could be great for the whole East Sanford side; it could be the beginning of something that will bloom; East Sanford has been waiting for it. He said the Oakwood area is in desperate need of more than just this. He is very excited about this program. Mayor Olive expressed that there are some beautiful homes there. Mr. Martin said that Sanford began in the east side, and it was Preservation North Carolina that saved the old city hall. Look at that block today.

Council Member Steve Brewer made the motion to table for ninety days the Ordinance Directing the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Supervisor to Demolish the Property Herein Described as Unfit for Human Habitation and Directing that a Notice be Placed Thereon that the Same May Not be Occupied and Award of Contract to Johnny Faircloth Grading and Septic, Inc. Council Member Linwood Mann seconded the motion. City Manager Hal Hegwer advised that he has a meeting set up to meet with Preservation North Carolina on October 29 and they were excited about some of the other structures and felt they could make a real difference here. Council Member Taylor asked if it would be possible, after the results of that meeting, to have Preservation North Carolina come to a Law & Finance meeting and discuss some means that these properties can be identified and what the intentions are down the road.

Mayor Olive agreed that was a good idea. She hoped that there is a possibility that we can identify an area to include in our historic district, as well. Mr. Martin said hopefully we could get the historic preservation group to join us for this. This is something they tried to establish long ago—what's there and what's the history. Mr. Brewer said he would like to see that too, but he added it is important to note that it is city staff who have made this happen. Mr. Brewer said they work well with other people and know more about this than council does. Together we ought to be able to make an impact.

Mayor Olive said it is important to identify these homes and who lived in them and it would be unearthing some of the history of Sanford simultaneously.

With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Consider Joint Resolution for Request of Projects in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2011-2017 – (Exhibit L)

Community Development Director Bob Bridwell said this resolution has added language in Item 1 that references the BRAC growth management plan because that is a priority for that plan. The Town of Broadway and the Lee County Commissioners will also adopt this resolution. Mr. Martin said he feels that since Broadway, Sanford, and Lee County generally stay on the same page as we work through these kinds of things, it helps us with the state. Mr. Bridwell said that the other counties in the RPO have not adopted a transportation plan, and that we are well ahead and in a good position for our projects.

Council Member Mike Stone made the motion to approve the Joint Resolution for Request of Projects in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2011-2017; seconded by Council Member Steve Brewer, the motion passed unanimously.

Consider Resolution Adopting an Identity Theft Policy – (Exhibit O)

Financial Services Director Melissa Cardinali said the policy does need to be in place prior to November 1 to avoid any fines and penalties from the Federal Trade Commission. Council Member James Williams made the motion to adopt the Resolution Adopting an Identity Theft Policy; seconded by Council Member Walter McNeil, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment Placement

Council Member Brewer said that earlier the public comment period had been moved before the Regular Agenda in an effort to allow citizens to speak on issues before council votes on them. When Mr. Yow came to speak at the last regular meeting, it was necessary to move something off the Consent Agenda down to the Regular Agenda, so he would not speak to something after it had already been approved. Mr. Brewer made a motion that the public comment period be moved to after the Invocation and before Approval of the Agenda. Council Member Charles Taylor seconded the motion. Council Member Stone said this shows that council is continually trying to improve to help the citizens. Mayor Pro Tem Martin said that he did not believe anyone else across the state had a better public comment period than Sanford. We have it scheduled for every meeting, and now at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Brewer pointed out that is just one way the public talks; the board is always accessible. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Pro Tem Martin welcomed back R.V. Hight from the *Sanford Herald*. Council Member Brewer asked everybody to go by and look at the first phase of the Street Lighting program on Ray Avenue. He feels it will help attitudes in the community and help with crime. Mr. Brewer said he had read an article that the League of Cities has a 20 percent drug discount card available for members (provided they do not have insurance and the city participate) at 59,000 CVS stores and drugstores throughout the nation. He said he hoped when council goes to the national show, they can find many innovative ideas like this and maybe save some money for the citizens. Council Member Taylor thanked Code Enforcement for the work on the cemetery on Hawkins Avenue.

**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 Walter McNeil, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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CORNELIA P. OLIVE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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BONNIE D. WHITE, CITY CLERK

