

**MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSION  
CITY COUNCIL – CITY OF SANFORD  
April 4, 2006**

Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and carried in the April 4, 2006, open session of the City Council meeting, the Council went into closed session in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5), to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body.

The following people were present in the closed session:

City Council:

Mayor Cornelia P. Olive	Council Member Michael Stone
Mayor Pro Tem Walter H. McNeil, Jr.	Council Member Linwood S. Mann, Sr.
Council Member Joe Martin	Council Member Stephen Brewer
Council Member James G. Williams	Council Member Dan Harrington

City Manager Leonard O. Barefoot	City Clerk Bonnie D. White
City Attorney Susan C. Patterson	
Lee County Economic Development Director Bob Heuts	
Public Works Director Larry B. Thomas	

Mayor Olive called the meeting to order.

Lee County Economic Development Bob Heuts advised council of a project that is considering locating in Lee County – known as “Hummingbird,” and the impact it would have on the City’s infrastructure. Mr. Heuts did not give the name of the company; however, he stated it is a large bio-tech company. He and several other staff members have been working with this company for several months. Mr. Heuts said he met with the company’s representatives last Wednesday, along with Public Works Director Larry Thomas, Community Development Director Bob Bridwell, and GIS Director Don Kovasckitz, to answer questions about Sanford and to assure them that the City could meet their demands of water and sewer. The company will be using 400,000 gallons of water per day in the first phase of the project and will discharge 400,000 gallons of wastewater each day. They would build a second phase around 2009. After the second phase, they would be using 1.2 million gallons of water per day. The company will spend approximately \$590 million on the first phase and \$410 million on the second phase. It would create approximately 350 jobs in the first phase and end up around 600 in total with the second phase. The average salary is \$57,500. The company would be charged the outside rate for water and sewer.

The company is looking at locating outside the City limits in the County. He has already spoken with the County Commissioners, and they are willing to go to great lengths to meet their demands. With Wyeth being located in Sanford and being a successful company, Sanford will be looked at. Mr. Heuts said 80 percent of bio-tech companies in North Carolina are located in the RTP region, due to universities being located in the area. The other location that Sanford is competing against is New York.

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Mr. Barefoot informed Council this it was very important to not leak this information to the public.

Upon motion of Council Member Linwood Mann, seconded by Council Member Joe Martin, the Council came out of closed session and returned to open session.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cornelia P. Olive, Mayor

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Bonnie D. White, City Clerk