

**MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSION
CITY COUNCIL - CITY OF SANFORD
JUNE 10, 1999**

Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and carried in the June 10, 1999, open session of the Law and Finance Committee of the City of Sanford, the Committee went into closed session in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11A(5) to instruct the public body staff concerning the acquisition of public property. The following people were present in the closed session:

Mayor Winston C. Hester	Mayor Pro Tem Philip Dusenbury
Council Member Clawson Ellis	Council Member J. T. Kirkman
Council Member Joseph E. Martin	Council Member Linwood Mann, Sr.
Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr.	Council Member James G. Williams
City Attorney Susan C. Patterson	City Manager Leonard Barefoot
City Clerk Lois Oldham-Simonson	CD Director Reggie Scales
Joni Martin, Chamber of Commerce	

Mayor Hester called the session to order.

Request from Sanford Downtown, Inc.

Ms. Martin presented a request on behalf of Sanford Downtown, Inc. for a loan of \$70,000 to purchase the property at the corner of Hawkins Avenue and Carthage Street (former Gulf Station). Ms. Martin said this is vital for the downtown, particularly in conjunction with the Depot Park. The property would be used for Depot Park parking. Mr. Scales said this would be of interest to the City because it is within the streetscape plan and would improve the appearance of the Hawkins Avenue gateway. "Preservation efforts are moving in this direction."

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to give direction to Attorney Patterson to pursue the legality in regard to issues with the gas tanks on the property. If there are no insurmountable costs, Council indicated they would be willing to loan the net cost (\$70,000) to Sanford Downtown. It was agreed that this item should come before the Council for final approval.

Return to Regular Session

On motion of Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Dusenbury, the Council voted unanimously to return to regular session.

Respectfully submitted,

WINSTON C. HESTER, MAYOR

LOIS OLDHAM-SIMONSON, CITY CLERK