

**MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSION
CITY COUNCIL – CITY OF SANFORD
AUGUST 31, 2000**

Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and carried in the August 31, 2000, open session of the Law and Finance Committee of the City Council, the Council went into closed session in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) 4, 5, and 6 to discuss matters relating to the location expansion of industries or the business served by the public body, to instruct the public body staff on the price or the position to be taken in negotiating for the acquisition of real property, and to consider the qualifications, performance and conditions of employment of a public officer or employee.

The following people were present in the closed session:

Mayor Winston C. Hester
Council Member Clawson Ellis
Council Member J. T. Kirkman
Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr.
City Manager Leonard Barefoot
Deputy City Clerk Bonnie D. White

Mayor Pro Tem Joseph E. Martin
Council Member Philip Dusenbury
Council Member Linwood Mann, Sr.
Council Member James G. Williams
City Attorney Susan C. Patterson

Mayor Hester called the meeting to order.

City Manager Leonard Barefoot informed Council that he was filling in for Lee County Economic Development Director Bob Heuts, who was attending a meeting in Raleigh. He stated that Moen Incorporated will be constructing an additional 70,000 sq. ft. building to its existing plant. The expansion will create an additional 150 jobs. Moen Incorporated meets the requirements under the current agreement with the Lee County Economic Development Corporation for incentives. The City will consider sharing up to \$361,911 of the cost with revenues from the General Fund. The public hearing will be held September 19.

Public Works Director Larry Thomas presented Council with a picture of a home owned by John Powers (employee in Public Works) that is located adjacent to the Service Center. Mr. Thomas said that City Engineer Vic Czar has been talking to John Powers about the City purchasing the property. Mr. Czar had an appraisal performed on the property by Albert Adcock from Sanford and the appraisal value was \$72,500. Mr. Powers had an appraisal performed by David Lawhon from Cary, North Carolina, and the appraisal value was \$95,000. Mr. Powers would not accept the offer of \$72,500. After much discussion, Council directed staff to make an offer of \$85,000 with free rent for six months and Mr. Powers pays the utilities. Counter offers cannot exceed \$95,000.

City Manager Leonard Barefoot, City Attorney Susan Patterson, and Deputy City Clerk Bonnie White excused themselves from closed session in order for Council to perform a review of the City Manager's performance.

Closed Session Minutes
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Return to Regular Session

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Joe Martin, seconded by Council Member James G. Williams, the Council voted unanimously to return to regular session.

Respectfully submitted,

WINSTON C. HESTER, MAYOR

LOIS OLDHAM-SIMONSON, CITY CLERK
Bonnie D White, Deputy City Clerk