

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, April 7, 2009, 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 Steve Brewer	City Attorney Susan C. Patterson
City Manager Hal Hegwer	City Clerk Bonnie D. White

Absent:

Council Member Mike Stone

Mayor Olive called the meeting to order and delivered the invocation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No citizens signed up to speak.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

City Manager Hal Hegwer requested to add an item to the Regular Agenda – Consider Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the United States Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services – COPS Hiring Recovery Program.

On motion of Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr., seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Joseph Martin, the amended agenda was approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of March 11, 2009, Law and Finance Committee Minutes - (Filed in Minute Book 71)

Approval of Interlocal Agreement to Relocate Utilities for US 421 Bypass – (Exhibit A)

Interlocal Agreement to Relocate Utilities for US 421 Bypass was approved. The Department of Transportation will relocate the utilities as part of the US 421 Bypass work and by including it in the D.O.T. contract, the D.O.T. will split the cost of utility work into three equal payments over three years. The first payment being sometime one year after the utility work is complete and the two payments following. The third payment would be a final adjustment payment based upon actual quantities used.

Approval of Ordinance to Erect Stop Signs within the City of Sanford Chapter 36, Traffic Code of Ordinances - (Exhibit B)

Ordinance was approved and it establishes a four-way stop at the intersection of Gulf Street and Queens Road.

Approval of Resolution in Support of Applications for Funding for the Sewer Rehabilitation and Other Improvements - (Exhibit C)

Resolution was approved to support an application for funding through the North Carolina Construction Grants and Loans. The City is applying for \$1 million for a sewer rehab project in the Market Street area and some other improvements. This resolution allows the city manager to sign any additional documents that are in response to this application. This is part of the federal stimulus funding package.

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

**CASES FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

**DECISIONS ON PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

Consider Ordinance to Amend the City of Sanford Ordinance #2007-26 Privilege License Tax Ordinance Section 9. Penalty/Enforcement/Collection – (Exhibit D)

City Manager Hal Hegwer advised that this item was discussed at length at the Law and Finance Committee meeting about amending the privilege license ordinance to waive the penalties and fines for the 2008-2009 license year and to give a refund or release to those taxpayers.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin made the motion to adopt the Ordinance to Amend the City of Sanford Ordinance #2007-26 Privilege License Tax Ordinance Section 9. Penalty/Enforcement Collection. Seconded by Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr., the motion carried unanimously.

Consider Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the United States Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services – COPS Hiring Recovery Program.- (Exhibit E)

City Manager Hal Hegwer said that Council received a memorandum by fax today from him explaining the COPS Hiring Recovery Program. It is part of the government's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the COPS Program. The City is requesting funding of four officers to be funded for three years. It would be entry-level salaries which would not include any adjustments to those salaries. The typical salary with benefits is around \$43,000 each year; it would cost approximately \$172,000/yearly. Three years funding for the officers would be around \$500,000. It is a competitive grant process; there is \$1 billion available for hiring additional officers. Four officers would meet the City's needs. We added four officers in Fiscal Year 2003-2004. We expanded seven patrol beats to eight at that time. The award for this program would be around September. There are a lot of factors that will be considered in the decision process such as unemployment rate and issues involving layoff of law enforcement. We are not sure we will be granted these officers; however, we are requesting four officers. Mayor Olive said it would be great if we could experiment to see if at least two officers could go into an area where they are particularly high crime areas such as Pineland Street and East Sanford. Mayor Olive stated that the City has to guarantee that it will keep the officers for one year.

Mr. Hegwer clarified that we are committing to keeping the officers for one year following the end of the three-year grant funding. He said that he has found some very economically stressed communities have been able to seek some relief from that fourth year.

Mr. Hegwer said we are looking at adding one additional vehicle because we do have four shifts. Typically, it cost around \$3,500 to \$4,000 to equip each officer that will not be borne by this grant. Council Member Williams asked if this would be replacement officers or additional officers. Mr. Hegwer replied we are fully staffed so it would be additional officers. Mr. Williams asked if the \$1 billion is local or state funds. Mr. Hegwer replied it is federal funds for the whole United States. This would give us an additional officer per shift and it would make the beats smaller. At the end of the three-year funding, we will need these additional officers anyway.

Council Member Taylor thanked the mayor for bringing this issue up in a meeting several weeks ago and also the staff for responding in a timely fashion.

Council Member Steve Brewer made the motion to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the United States Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services – COPS Hiring Recovery Program. Seconded by Council Member Charles Taylor, the motion carried unanimously.

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

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Council Member Brewer thanked the Sanford Police Department for their work on Friday night. There were several vehicles in the Downtown area broken into and vandalized on Friday night. The Police Department caught the individual within two hours and did a great job.

Mayor Olive informed Council that she went to a meeting Saturday morning at the Boys and Girls Club. The Boys and Girls Club is having some financial concerns right now. It cost \$32 to sponsor a child for the summer, or \$32 for the academic year. During the program, there have been no teenage pregnancies since the Boys and Girls Club has opened and the kids' grades have improved miraculously. Mayor Pro Tem Martin said that every December, the Boys and Girls Club puts on an exhibition where the students that have been there come back and tell of their experiences. These kids tell of the difficulties they have been through in their life and what the Boys and Girls Club has done for them through the mentoring program and the after school tutorial program. These kids are going to Division 1 colleges and achieving goals that are really incredible. He praised the Boys and Girls Club for what it is doing for this community. Mayor Olive encouraged Council members to support at least one child.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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CORNELIA P. OLIVE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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BONNIE D. WHITE, CITY CLERK