

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, August 4, 2009, at 1:00 P.M. The following people were present:

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| 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Keith Clark, residing at 233 Chris Cole Road, spoke regarding the unemployment statistics in Lee County. Mr. Clark also added that we are entering into an election process and he wants council and the public aware that the performance of the council will be an issue and one of the questions needs to be the civilian control of police and the performance of the council in hiring the city manager. He alleged that Council never made a list of what the qualifications should be and the basics of how the hiring would be done.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of July 7, 2009, City Council Minutes - (Filed in Minute Book 72)

Approval of Law and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes Dated July 15, 2009 – (Filed in Vault)

Approval of Grant Project Ordinance – North Carolina Housing Finance Agency – Urgent Repair Program – (Exhibit A)

Grant Project Ordinance – North Carolina Housing Finance Agency –Urgent Repair Program was approved. The interest income of \$916 received off the grant proceeds was appropriated to this program.

Approval of Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget of the City of Sanford FY 2009-2010 – (Exhibit B)

Ordinance amending the annual operating budget was approved to appropriate \$105,256 for street resurfacing.

Approval of Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget of the City of Sanford FY 2009 – 2010 – (Exhibit C)

Ordinance amending the annual operating budget was approved to reappropriate funds for several projects that were not completed from last fiscal year.

Approval of Resolution in Support of the Temporary Closure of Portions of Several Streets for the Purpose of a 5K Fun Run and Fundraiser – (Exhibit D)

Resolution was approved in support of the temporary closure of portions of several streets for the purpose of a 5K Fun Run and Fundraiser for Carolina Animal Rescue and Adoption (CARA).

Approval to Grant Easement to Progress Energy – (Exhibit E)

Approval was given to grant an easement to Progress Energy to run power to the Garden Street Booster Pump Station.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

Consider Ordinance to Amend the City of Sanford Code of Ordinances Chapter 16, Environment Article II. Nuisances Section § 16-33 – (Exhibit F)

Council Member Steve Brewer made the motion to table discussion on this matter until a further date. He said that after reading the article in the paper today, this ordinance has nothing to do with what was written in the newspaper and he felt it would mislead the public. He felt another two weeks would not hurt if council did not discuss this nuisance ordinance and let this issue settle with the public. Seconded by Council Member Charles Taylor, the motion carried unanimously.

Consider Appointments to Various Boards, Commissions, and Committees - (Exhibit G) American with Disabilities Act (ADA) – (2 appointments)

Mayor Pro Tem Joseph Martin made the motion to appoint Tim Mercer by acclamation. Mayor Olive asked for any other nominations. Hearing none, she asked Council to vote on this nomination. The vote was unanimous to appoint Mr. Mercer. This term will expire June 30, 2011.

Historic Preservation Commission – (2 appointments)

Council Member Charles Taylor nominated Ed Page for the term ending June 30, 2011. Council Member Steve Brewer nominated Donnie Worley to the term ending June 30, 2010. Council Member McNeil made the motion to close the nominations and to appoint Ed Page to the term ending June 30, 2011, and Donnie Worley to the term ending June 30, 2010, by acclamation. Seconded by Council Member Linwood Mann, the motion carried unanimously.

Lee County Environmental Affairs Board – (1 appointment)

Council Member Mike Stone made the motion to nominate Brooks Gage to the term ending June 30, 2012, and elect by acclamation. The vote was unanimous to appoint Brooks Gage.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Walter McNeil reminded council and the public that tonight is National Night Out. Edgewood Presbyterian Church held its event last night and there was a good turnout.

Council Member Steve Brewer commented that he received a pleasant phone call today from a lady in Temple Terrace. She expressed her thanks to him and the council for not only noticing the big issues such as crime and the economy; but for looking at aesthetics, parking in the front yards, fences, and itinerant merchant issues.

Mr. Brewer said there is a lot of concern on the Historic Preservation Commission. People are asking him if this board meets for four to five hours at a time. He felt it might be good to consider putting the Historic Preservation Commission meetings on the City's television station so that the people can see what is going on, because the historic meetings and guidelines affect many areas of the City.

Council Member Charles Taylor stated that the itinerant merchant's license is a touchy subject either way. He felt council needs to discuss this issue. Mr. Taylor stated that when it was put into place, we lived in different times financially. He said he sympathizes with people that are paying for services, whether it is through sales tax, business privilege tax, property tax, etc. There has to be a balance. You have to identify groups like the girl scouts, boy scouts, church groups that are selling items. He welcomes input into the issue. Mr. Taylor said that council needs to take a long, hard look at it, because it becomes to be an aesthetic issue and a crime issue at times depending on what is being sold. It has gotten worse in the last year. He said we need to come up with the right language that will accommodate the needs for the community.

City Manager Hal Hegwer said that we will try to schedule something in the future for Law and Finance to discuss this issue more and maybe lay out some things staff is trying to do. If council has any feedback, please call him.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

CORNELIA P. OLIVE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BONNIE D. WHITE, CITY CLERK

