

MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSION
Law & Finance Committee of the City Council
City of Sanford-September 30, 2009

Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and carried in the September 30, 2009 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) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other business in the area served by the public body.

The following people were present in the closed session:

Law and Finance Committee:

Mayor Cornelia Olive
Mayor Pro Tem Joe Martin
Council Member Charles Taylor
Council Member Steve Brewer (left at 2:00 P.M.)
Council Member Mike Stone
Council Member James G. Williams
Council Member Walter H. McNeil, Jr.

City Manager Hal Hegwer
City Attorney Susan C. Patterson
Deputy City Clerk Janice Cox

Absent:

Council Member Linwood S. Mann, Sr.
City Clerk Bonnie D. White

Mayor Cornelia Olive called the meeting to order.

Informational Update on Closing of Hanes Brands/Parkdale

Mayor Olive updated Council on her efforts to learn the reasons for the announced closing and relocation of Hanes Brands/Parkdale and her effort to have their decision reconsidered. She had wanted to salvage the 150 job losses, their moving will create, as well as the loss of \$125,000 a year in sewer and water revenues to the City.

Mayor Olive explained that the most important consideration in their decision to relocate the company was the cost of local electric utilities. In the western part of the state, the rate is 3.5 cents per kilowatt used. Here, Progress Energy charges 6.4 cents per kilowatt. Here, they are looking at \$2 million a year in power costs.

Mayor Olive and council members expressed concern that there would be a domino effect created and other industries would leave the area due to the high cost of power. It could also make Sanford less competitive for new industries looking to locate.

Council Member Williams suggested contacting the North Carolina League of Municipalities for their recommendations. Council Member Walter McNeil recommended contacting Progress Energy headquarters in Florida. Council Member Mike Stone stated that the Chamber of Commerce should be in on this.

Mayor Olive stated that our elected officials are working on this and she would keep Council posted on any developments.

Adjournment

Council Member Charles Taylor made the motion to go back to regular session; Mayor Pro Tem Joe Martin seconded it. Council unanimously agreed to return to regular session.

Respectfully submitted,

Cornelia P. Olive, Mayor

Janice Cox, Deputy City Clerk

In closed session on February 16, 2010, Council Member James Williams made the motion to approve and release these closed session minutes. Seconded by Council Member L. I. (Poly) Cohen, the motion carried unanimously.