

LAW AND FINANCE MEETING
Wednesday, September 1, 2010
At 1:00 P.M. in Council Chambers

The Law and Finance Committee met on Wednesday, September 1, 2010, at 1:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The following people were present:

Law and Finance Committee:

Mayor Cornelia P. Olive	Council Member James Williams (arrived 1:30)
Mayor Pro Tem Mike Stone	Council Member Charles Taylor
Council Member Samuel Gaskins	Council Member L.I. (Poly) Cohen
Council Member Linwood Mann	Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr.
City Manager Hal Hegwer	Deputy City Clerk Janice Cox
City Attorney Susan Patterson	

Absent:

City Clerk Bonnie D. White

Mayor Olive called the meeting to order.

Presentation by Brian Kvam with Concurrent Technologies regarding the close-out of the Brownfields Grant in Joint meeting with the Environmental Affairs Board. (Exhibit A)

Community Development Director Bob Bridwell noted that at the last council meeting, some of the work being done in the Brownfields program was discussed, and we are now coming to the end of our three-year grant to be closed out by the end of this month. The Lee County Environmental Affairs Board is present at the council meeting and will be meeting after this presentation is over to hear a more detailed report. This is the closeout of the grant process and final reports are being made to the EPA. Mr. Bridwell thanked Brian Kvam and Concurrent Technologies because it was a difficult grant to achieve, but he feels the city has done a good job. Mr. Bridwell stated that the city hopes to do more projects with the Brownfields program. He introduced Mr. Kvam, the Brownfields Project Manager.

Mr. Kvam stated that Concurrent Technologies is now called a Public Benefit Corporation. He explained that how they came to be involved with the city was by writing the EPA grants. The Public Benefit Corporation is a nonprofit, professional services organization dedicated to Brownfields redevelopment with twelve plus years of EPA Brownfields' project management experience and currently managing fifty plus such grants. Mr. Kvam narrated a Power Point Presentation. Brownfields are real property; the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. They include such properties as old, run-down gas stations, junk yards, old industrial properties, chemical manufacturing, etc.

Mr. Kvam stated the overall program goals are community involvement and education; inventorying sites to determine sites that are right for redevelopment to draw infill back into the city centers and not develop green space on the outer edges of town; Phase I and Phase II-environmental assessments; cleanup; and redevelopment. Mr. Kvam stated that this Sanford

project began three years ago with the Brownfields' inventory. The main focus was the Whiten Roberts site and Phase I and Phase II have been completed on that project which took about two and a half years. Phase I has been completed and Phase II is being completed now for the Third Street tobacco warehouses. A Phase I for eleven parcels has been completed for the Horner Petroleum Corridor #1 which consists of an area close to downtown. A Phase I for thirty-nine parcels has been completed for Horner Petroleum Corridor #2 which runs along Horner Boulevard up by the Third Street Warehouse project. Mr. Kwam stated that the metrics the EPA uses to continue awarding funding are the number of parcels and total acreage accessed and Sanford's parcel numbers will bode well in the city's receiving additional funding.

Because the Whiten Roberts property had become the main focus, Mr. Kwam discussed it further, showing before and after pictures. At the conclusion of the Phase II Environmental Assessment, limited contamination was found on the property. Some heavy metals were found and city staff is working with his office to get a Brownfields' agreement through the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR) which allows potential developers to limit their liability from any environmental contamination on the site. That carries with the property, not the property owners, and can be a tool for marketing the property to future developers. Mr. Kwam summarized: The NCDENR Brownfields' agreement on the Whiten Roberts property is on going; the current grant closes at the end of this month (September 2010); a grant is being written to increase funding for all the properties not yet worked on under the Hazardous Assessment Grant, and the application is due October 15 for an additional \$200,000 worth of communitywide hazard assessment grant; and consideration is being given for a cleanup grant for the Whiten Roberts Property to make it more attractive for future development.

Council Member Taylor thanked Mr. Kwam for his work and asked how many properties are viable candidates if we had the funding mechanism to complete. Mr. Kwam stated that there are six or seven candidate sites that did not include the Whiten Roberts property in the downtown development area. Mr. Taylor asked as we bring these properties back into a sellable condition, if it would be possible to start putting some funds toward cleanup that will allow more of a partnership in trying to go after additional funding. Mr. Bridwell stated that is the strategy, looking for and working with properties that have some potential for redevelopment and commercial reuse. Mr. Kwam stated that the assessment grant money does not provide actual cleanup. You can do cleanup planning with the money, but not the actual cleanup. That is the purpose of the cleanup grants and the public-private partnerships or just the redevelopment of the property.

Before the Environmental Affairs Board left for their meeting in the West End Conference room, Mayor Olive thanked them for being present at this meeting and for their public service.

Consider Presentation of Life Force "The Living Vision" (Exhibit B)

Dan McIver, a volunteer with a community policing organization called North Carolina Central Community Coalition addressed council. This coalition is composed of business people and social organizations designed to create a structured, responsible mindset in our youth in order for them to become productive members of our community. It is designed to reward children for positive behavior and put the police out of business. Mr. McIver stated that what he

wants from council is leadership, vision, community sweat equity, vast knowledge base, and resources to make this program an exception in the community. Mr. McIver presented a slide show highlighting children involved in community efforts. Mr. McIver is the CEO of this coalition's *Life Force "The Living Vision"* (LFLV) program for children. He presented council with information about this program including the oath, the goals, funding, vision, volunteerism, and accomplishments. Mayor Olive complimented Mr. McIver on his efforts with children.

Council Member Linwood Mann asked what he wanted from council. He stated that he wanted sweat equity in helping the children be all they can be including self-discipline and a sense of responsibility to give back to the community. He needs resources like grant writers. Mayor Pro Tem Stone stated this would be a great opportunity to reach out to the churches.

Consider Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of an Electronic Auction to Sell Certain Personal Property of the City of Sanford (Exhibit C)

Fleet Superintendent Randy Paschal stated that the sales on GovDeals have gone so well, he is requesting this year to sell all surplus items in this manner instead of holding a live auction on site. With a live auction, staff from finance must be present to collect money and employees are involved, working the sale itself. GovDeals auction sends the city a check and it is deposited right in finance and record keeping is done by computer, saving a lot of time. The Govdeals' representative takes the pictures and loads them on the internet. Mr. Paschal stated that more money is made using GovDeals than with a live auction. Mayor Pro Tem Stone asked about the 1995 Chevy Caprice on the auction list. He asked if it had been driven through last year. Mr. Paschal stated that it was taken off line in February. Mr. Stone asked about the 2005 Crown Victoria. Mr. Paschal stated that the difference in the two is that the Crown Victorias were used by the Police Department who put a 100,000 miles on them the first two years. The Caprices were in the Fire Department. They are being replaced with Impalas. Mr. Paschal stated there has been a 20 to 30 percent increase in fuel mileage since starting with the Impalas with virtually no maintenance on the cars now other than routine oil changes. He stated that Chevrolet now has a 100,000 mile power train warranty, compared to the old cars that carried three year -36,000 miles warranties. A police car would be out of warranty the first year.

City Manager Hegwer stated that we rotate the police patrol vehicles out after the first two years and 100,000 miles. Those cars are being purged out of the system. Mr. Stone questioned having older cars with less mileage. Mr. Hegwer stated that we are doing some switching around now and maximize the power train warranty and the number of miles. Mr. Paschal stated that a meter reader may put 30,000 miles a year on a car, whereas an inspector may put 8,000 miles. He stated that they constantly look at the mileage and rotate those vehicles around to get the full potential out of them. Mr. Hegwer stated that all the non-patrol cars are all V-6's now. Mr. Paschal stated that with the new trucks now-- Rangers and Colorados with four cylinders—they are seeing a big increase in mileage on the pickups; however, in public works, there will still be times a full-size truck will be necessary.

Council Member Taylor asked what kind of commission we are paying to GovDeals. Mr. Paschal stated that GovDeals charges us 7.5 percent. Mayor Olive asked about the cost of a live auction. Mr. Paschal stated that the only cost for a live auction is for personnel. Last year the auctioneer cost \$1,300-\$1,400. Mr. Hegwer stated that online, your auction goes nationwide.

Mr. Paschal stated that now they have people from out of state who fly in to pick up trucks they have bought, but still local buyers can purchase just as well as anyone else.

Consideration for new Taxicab Company (Exhibit D)

Sergeant Harold Layton of the Investigative Division of the Sanford Police Department explained that Mr. James Scott Yow, Jr. has submitted a request to open a new taxicab company in the city limits of Sanford. The company will be called "AAA On Time Transportation." He is requesting to operate three vehicles, but will start with one. That vehicle has been inspected and meets requirements of Sanford City Ordinance 10-451. Insurance will be provided on the vehicle. A criminal background investigation which complies with State and Federal laws has been completed on Mr. Yow. No violations of law have been found that would prevent him operating a taxicab company within the Sanford city limits.

Mayor Olive asked if there is enough business in Sanford to support another taxicab company. Sgt. Layton stated that he thought there was. There are two other companies, and one of those only runs one vehicle. Mayor Pro Tem Stone asked where it would be located. Sgt. Layton stated its physical location will be 3128 S. Jefferson Davis Highway.

Consider Resolution in Support of the Temporary Use of the Third Street Park for the Purpose of a Neighborhood "Meet and Greet." (Exhibit E)

General Services Director Tim Shaw explained that this is a request from the Sandy Creek Baptist Association for October 2 with actual activities between 2:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M., but they will be there between 12:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. to set up and clean up. They provided insurance and have their permits. It has been reviewed with the Police and Fire Departments and everything seems to be in order.

Council Member McNeil asked how it would affect the people in the neighborhood about using the park. Mr. Shaw stated that it is a non-exclusive use which means the park can be used by others, as well. They cannot exclude anyone else who wants to use the park. Mayor Olive asked if they had to put up a deposit in case the park was not properly cleaned up. Mr. Shaw replied that they did not; the city does not have a policy for that yet. He said a policy is now being worked on. Mayor Pro Tem Stone stated that he has attended one of these and that it provides a good, safe-level of entertainment and he believes they would accept all who would want to come.

Consider Selection of Anti-Tethering Ordinance (Exhibit F)

City Attorney Susan Patterson called council's attention to three different drafts of a potential anti-tethering policy. The last guidance Attorney Patterson received was that at least four members wanted prohibition-type language.

The first draft has some reasonable exceptions in it for activities for which some sort of tethering would be allowed in order to meet the requirements of either an additional law or necessary requirements for activities such as veterinarian treatment, sporting events, dog hunting and training and that kind of thing. This draft would not allow tethering an animal to an inanimate object for longer than three hours in a twenty-four hour period. This would allow

people getting home from work to put their dog on some kind of lead line or runner for a short period of time.

The second draft has it unlawful to tether except under specified conditions contained in Exhibit F. This draft is similar to what the county is looking at in an animal control ordinance although they allow tethering with these types of conditions as opposed to having a prohibition as the first statement.

The third draft is a strict prohibition and a violation for doing so.

Attorney Patterson stated that these drafts are submitted to council for review as they determine what type of ordinance they want in order to accomplish their goals. She advised if there is one council prefers, it can be put on the agenda for Tuesday night's council meeting; if there are some aspects of them council would want combined, those changes can be made. The county is working on their animal control draft. She met with their sub-committee and listened to the different aspects. They are doing a rewrite of the whole animal ordinance, not just the tethering. They have restrictions on how you would tether, as opposed to a prohibition on it. Theirs is more comprehensive. Attorney Patterson suggested that when theirs is complete and enacted, it may be prudent for the city to look at which of those other sections we would like to undertake to make our law in conformity so that animal control officers who are enforcing the ordinances would have the same or similar laws in both jurisdictions.

Council Member Gaskins asked about when the county might have their ordinance. Attorney Patterson stated that it is a little amorphous—they have not set down exactly what their time is, but they do have a schedule. They hope to present the rewrite of the chapter to their board in October. They mentioned a public hearing before they enacted theirs, as well. Her best guess would be between October 2010 and January 2011. Mayor Olive asked if council wanted to wait that long. Council Member Gaskins suggested waiting because it would be more prudent to look at what the county is doing; and if we feel we need a stricter one, we can do it at that time. Council Member Cohen stated that he was against tethering altogether, but did not think the board would pass it; he would go along with one that restricts tethering if the board would not prohibit it outright.

Council Member Mann asked how and who would enforce the policy. City Manager Hegwer replied that either the city or the county would enforce it. Mr. Mann stated there is a problem now with getting animal control to respond. Mayor Pro Tem Stone stated that this was brought to the board because we were not getting solutions from the county. He said the fact that they are having meetings and working on this shows they are going to try to get a solution. He didn't know if we could have them enforce a new policy before they get their policy in place without more expense. Council Member Williams stated that we already have an ordinance that says you cannot let your dog run loose in the city limits, and animals need exercise. Mr. Williams stated he is against tethering, and he would like a little more time to study the drafts before he made up his mind. Council Member Cohen stated he did not think the leash law in Sanford was upheld at all. Dogs are running loose in all neighborhoods and we are paying \$50,000 to the county for service and there is not much service available. He stated that council

needs to think about how we are going to control the dogs in the city because it is not getting done.

Council Member Williams inquired about City Manager Hegwer's conversation with the Health Department who oversees animal control. Mr. Hegwer stated that he believes the citizens' expectations of animal control are not being met. They expect a quicker response sometimes and disagree with some ways the county handles the leash law. He stated that council had talked about it several times, including at retreat this year. He said it could be brought up again at this year's retreat. We've talked about the possibility of the city performing those duties or looking at a higher level of service. Mr. Hegwer stated that this conversation has been going on for many years. We get complaints that most folks are not satisfied with the level of service they are receiving.

Council Member Taylor commented that one of the biggest complaints he gets in his ward is dog related. Often it happens after 5:00 on Friday afternoon and our officers are used to solve dog problems. He said that it did not seem we were any closer to a solution. He felt we should have a say in the policy because we are putting money in it. He agreed with giving the county some due diligence for a couple of months, but hoped that council would firmly take action if they did not have an adequate response in a period of time.

Council Member McNeil said he agreed with Mr. Taylor that the only thing we can do on Friday afternoon is to get the police out there and that is taking protection from other places the police could be working. If you are going to protect the people from dogs, we don't have any leverage to do anything right now. We can't call the dog warden; we just have to rely on what they say. If we had some control over the job of the person being sent, then we would be better off. He stated he thought it would be prudent to give the county enough time--two months or more-- to work out something and move on from there. Mayor Olive stated that at retreat, we might consider working with the county, but have two people who work exclusively within the city limits.

City Attorney Patterson stated that it might be helpful for this board to have information to understand how some of it works. The Board of Health is actually a separate body that helps give guidance to the health director, and animal control falls under the health director. The Board of Health is somewhat different from a normal county agency that would go directly under a county management. Lobbying the Board of Health members might be productive. They are actively involved in looking at the rewrite of animal control policy. Some of their committee members have formed a subcommittee to help with this rewrite. There is a law now that says when an animal is picked up and placed in a shelter; a seventy-two hour wait is required before the animal can be euthanized. Several years ago, the county made some changes where they did not have the resources to pay the overtime to the officers who would have to come out at nights or on weekends unless it was a violation of the health statute on rabies control or a bite. They have taken that as their guiding rule for when they come out. Having a dog at large does not rise to that same level. However, there is a statute that if there is a dog at large with no rabies tag on, they can pick it up and take it to the shelter.

About ten years ago, more tickets were being written than animals being picked up. There is cost involved for the county and shelter every time they pick up an animal and every time they have to euthanize an animal. Euthanizing takes a toll on the officers because it is traumatic. It comes down to allocation of resources. In regards to enforcing our leash law, we do provide extra money in addition to what our taxpayers pay in their county taxes already. The leash law is enforced to a higher level in the city than in the county. Some of the rewrites may bring those two closer together, but it will always be a little different because the county is rural and the city is urban. Things need to be different when people live close together and have to interact with each other. Attorney Patterson recommended that if council members want to have some influence, they talk to Board of Health representatives, as well. She will provide council with their names.

Consider discussion regarding Temporary Banners, Balloons

Community Development Director Bob Bridwell stated that this is a discussion that has been going on for some time. He stated that the Planning Department is more than happy to accommodate anything the council would like to do, but he would recommend that if any changes are made to the zoning ordinance (UDO), to get a number of people together who have an idea what they would like to accomplish in their promotions and have them meet with planning staff to see if something can be drafted to accommodate them. In doing so, staff has a vested interest in being sure the enforceable is there—that it is clear and understandable with no confusion.

Council Member Cohen said he had been approached about it. The automobile dealers want to have a big promotion every so often to draw people in. If they want to put up a balloon or laughing clown for three days or a week, Mr. Cohen said he couldn't see how that would hurt anything, but he still thinks businesses need something to be able to draw people in. This would include such things as grand openings, etc. He thought it would be all right if it was not a permanent thing. Mr. Bridwell responded that right now that is prohibited by the ordinance, but the ordinance can be changed. That would be according to what the council believes is reasonable to accommodate their needs. Mr. Bridwell stated that it had been his experience that some businesses want to go way overboard, and that there are businesses here in town willing to pay the fines because that is just a marketing expense to them. Mr. Bridwell says that it is really a community standard that essentially council represents.

Council Member Williams stated that during tax time on Highway 87, he sees a balloon thing for Liberty Tax people going up and down telling people to bring their tax business to them, and right down the street when Verizon opened their new store, they had a balloon. He asked if they were in violation. Mr. Bridwell responded that they would have been in violation. Mr. Bridwell stated that his staff spends a lot of time telling people when they are in violation. He added that the most time-consuming aspect of a zoning ordinance, in terms of field time, is planners, code enforcement, and/or our planning technicians going to tell people who are in violation and help them understand regulations. There have been questions about whether a person standing alongside the street in a Statue of Liberty costume is a sign or not. What it boils down to, Mr. Bridwell states, is what is the community standard. He thinks the Appearance Commission could help out in some cases, as well. A happy medium can be met if people talk

reasonably with what the city is trying to accomplish with appearance and what the businesses are trying to accomplish.

Council Member McNeil stated that council had to be careful in signaling out businesses because determining what is fair and what is ethical are two different things. Council needs to be prudent in making a change like that in giving one business a citation for doing something and not let someone else do the same thing. Mr. Bridwell stated he didn't think there was ever intent on staff's part just to let some people get away with it and people have to comply. It is just a matter of coverage and having the resources to get out there.

Council Member Taylor commented that it is a difficult issue; however, council is setting policy and policy is not where you can pick and choose. Policy is clear cut, black and white. The education component of that is probably an area that all can improve on. Businesses sometimes purchase signs and put up to be told three days later that they have to take them down. He suggested looking at the education component especially on the main corridors and put something together for business to reference before buying signs. Mr. Taylor says that some will find it easier to ask for forgiveness than to do it right to begin with. Either way, it is policy we are setting, and council cannot make individual exceptions. A lot of times the signage comes out on weekends. Council needs to be more definitive about what is temporary and how to administer it equitably across the board.

Council Member McNeil stated that he did not think it was right for corridors to have opportunity to put up banners and not businesses downtown. Mr. Taylor stated he was highlighting areas of concern—start with those and work through everybody. At least, get everybody along the main corridors because that is where the complaints are taking place. He agreed with Mr. McNeil that it needs to be enforced 100 percent across the board—whatever policy is put in place. Mr. Taylor stated that you want to start with the main thoroughfares, the main areas of interest, because there is limited staff without hiring additional personnel.

Council Member Williams stated that since the merchants have approached Mr. Cohen, maybe Mr. Bridwell could work with him to work out some type of solution. One thing that might be considered is a permitting policy. Mr. Cohen stated he had been thinking of permitting with a fee for a weekend or short length of time.

Mayor Pro Tem Stone added that it is tough times and council is supportive in making our town look as beautiful as we can, but hard times are making these businesses do things they normally would not do. It would help to get more one-on-one with these businesses, but it would also help to develop a program that is not fee based that would help them advertise their business. Mr. Stone stated that the economy is terrible and what used to work doesn't work any more; everyone is looking for new opportunity and a different way of doing it. Rather than writing a new policy, Mr. Stone indicated he thought working with the businesses one-on-one was a better idea because companies will find ways to get around the policy such as if balloons are forbidden, developing some other form of inflatable.

Council Member Williams stated that we did not want to do anything to stagnate any of our businesses, but by the same token, we don't want to put a hardship on the city to police.

Council Member Linwood Mann pointed out that this did not just start; it started several years ago and it was wrestled back and forth and we finally came up with the system we have now, and it has worked. There is always somebody who wants something different. Mr. Mann stated that it has worked well and everybody knows the rules. It was done primarily for safety. He says it has worked too well to go back.

Council Member Gaskins thanked Bob Bridwell and Marshall Downey. The matter had been brought to him by a couple of businessmen who wanted the ten-day limitation to be extended, but Mr. Bridwell and Mr. Downey were fantastic to sit down with them to come up with and discuss ideas that were not outrageous and things that were possible. He feels that joint talks with representatives from the council and Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Sanford, Inc. would result in something reasonable, not an overhaul of the entire policy. He says that the point of a sign is for people to notice that a business is there. If you take away the sign, you don't know the business is there, and one day it won't be there. He stated that he thought it was in the best interest of all to have a sit-down discussion with the people who are actually involved.

Mayor Olive noted that there is a vendor across from Kendale Shopping Center who has manikins out every Sunday after church placed in the city's easement. The manikins are dressed in very distracting attire. Community Development Director Bob Bridwell stated that he would follow-up on that.

Consider Discussion of Skate Board Park. Brief tour of potential sites following the meeting

General Services Director Tim Shaw stated that there is a van available if council wants to tour sites they have been looking at over the last couple of weeks that could possibly be used to locate a skate park. He stated that he is still gathering information from other cities in North Carolina and has talked to several manufacturing representatives trying to get some sketches to look at. He stated there is still a lot to be done as far as involvement of a group of people within the community. He has talked to some skateboarders over at the old Whitin Roberts site. There is a lot of interest for a skate park.

City Manager Hegwer stated that the tour of possible sites should not take more than thirty minutes and that a route had already been determined. There are eleven possible sites. The tour would begin in East Sanford and end in Jonesboro. Council Member Cohen stated that once a site had been decided on, council should meet with the skateboard people, the skateboarders, and the man who runs the skateboard shop and see what they would like us to get. Mayor Olive stated that it was intended to get the interested people together to see exactly what they would like to have and what is within council's power to provide. Mr. Shaw stated that there is some input to indicate there is one group of parents of skateboarders who feel that they can help to raise some money to go along with what we have.

Mayor Olive asked how many of the possible properties are located in Jonesboro. Mr. Shaw stated there was one. City Manager Hegwer stated there were several ideas about where the skate park could be, and he thought a quick tour would help council to narrow the choices down to what they were comfortable with. Mr. Cohen stated that he believed the county was considering a skate part at O. T. Sloan. Mr. Shaw responded that was probably four to five years

out. Mr. Cohen stated that the sport is growing and he thought both theirs and ours would be well used.

Council Member Taylor stated that he was put on the Parks and Recreation Board. He and Mayor Olive had visited a skate park in Cary. It is a manned skate park managed by Billy Dexter. Mr. Taylor had suggested a few months ago that Mr. Dexter be contacted and invited to come speak to council. Mr. Shaw stated that he had spoken to Mr. Dexter and thought he had a meeting set up, but the following day Mr. Dexter's manager contacted Mr. Shaw and stated that Mr. Dexter prefers not to do that at this time, but he did send Mr. Shaw a lot of information about the park—what they have, when they built it, how much it cost—and stated that if we needed any further information, he would be glad to talk with us and maybe set up a meeting with him.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Pro Tem Stone stated that he had received some complaints last week about one of the local cemeteries. He thanked the city manager and staff who got resolution on this problem and he got calls back from citizens thanking us.

Council Member Gaskins extended condolences from the Sanford City Council to the Mann family on the death of Tommy Mann, Sr. He stated that it has been a devastating year for Sanford in having lost both Bill Lawrence and Tommy Mann, two men who have done tremendous amounts for the community.

Council Member Williams echoed the sentiments of Council Member Gaskins.

Council Member Taylor extended his condolences to the Mann family and stated that Sanford had lost a great leader as an elected official and as an advocate for nonprofits. He has done so much with the old school converted to an art center. He stated that if it had not been for his efforts along with those of Annie Laurie Pomeranz, that site would probably be a prime candidate for a skate park now. Their legacy still stands. Mr. Taylor also gave kudos to our Police Department and the constant dilemma they face with recent break-ins. There have been a lot in the Historic District. Mr. Taylor stated that he has been trying to re-establish the Community Watch groups in his ward and that community policing does a great job of explaining and leading that program and getting those groups established. He hoped that the Community Police force would come before council and explain the process.

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ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the Law & Finance Committee, the meeting was adjourned upon the motion of Council Member Linwood Mann; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stone, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cornelia P. Olive, Mayor

Janice Cox, Deputy City Clerk