

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, September 7, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. The following people were present:

Mayor Cornelia P. Olive	Mayor Pro Tem Mike Stone
Council Member Sam Gaskins	Council Member James G. Williams
Council Member Linwood S. Mann, Sr.	Council Member Walter H. McNeil, Jr.
Council Member L. I. (Poly) Cohen	Council Member Charles Taylor
City Manager Hal Hegwer	City Attorney Susan C. Patterson
City Clerk Bonnie D. White	

Mayor Cornelia Olive called the meeting to order. Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr. delivered the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT – (Exhibit A)

Joe Wild, residing at 3105 Windmere Drive, spoke on animal control and the problem with loose or nuisance dogs. He did not feel that we should have two animal control entities but people should work together to improve the current animal control system.

Scott Payne, residing at 2516 Victory Drive, gave an update on the HEARTS Program and his visit to Womack Hospital where he had the opportunity to meet and talk with many injured soldiers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Hal Hegwer asked that we add an item to the Regular Agenda as A-1 – Resolution Authorizing the City Council to Enter into a Ten-year Lease with the Brick Capital Community Development Corporation. He also mentioned that there was a typo in the Consent Agenda, Item B; it should read July 28, 2010, instead of July 28, 1010.

Council Member Sam Gaskins made the motion to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mike Stone, the motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Law and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes Dated June 9, 2010 – (Filed in Vault)

Approval of City Council Special Meeting Minutes Dated July 28, 2010 – (Filed in Minute Book 74)

Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of an Electronic Auction to Sell Certain Personal Property of the City of Sanford – (Exhibit B)

Approval of Resolution in Support of the Temporary Use of the Third Street Park for the Purpose of a Neighborhood “Meet and Greet” – (Exhibit C)

Approval of New Taxicab Company – (Exhibit D)

All of the above items were discussed at the Law and Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, September 1, 2010.

Council Member Linwood Mann made a motion to approve the corrected Consent Agenda. Seconded by Council Member L. I. “Poly” Cohen, the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing on FY 07 Capacity Building Project Closeout

Community Development Manager Karen Kennedy advised the closeout public hearing is required as part of the CDBG citizen participation requirements when you administer a grant to inform the Council and public what activities we engaged in during the course of the project and then authorization for the mayor to sign all the necessary closeout documents.

Mrs. Kennedy stated that we received a 2007 Capacity Building Grant for \$75,000 to help build capacity within Brick Capital Community Development Corporation with the ultimate goal of writing a grant to the Division of Community Assistance within 24 months for any grant that CDBG had available. The day the letter was due to the State for us to apply for infrastructure funds for the project behind the Wicker School, there were no funds. So on the City’s end, we met the requirement for getting Brick Capital ready for the grant and in conversations the staff has had with DCA, they understand we have met the requirement. However, if the infrastructure grant funding becomes available, Brick Capital will pursue these funds for the project when the timing is right for both the State and Brick Capital. The funds were used for training, travel, and salaries at Brick Capital to send staff to different training classes to build capacity since they are a smaller organization. We received \$75,000 and in addition, Brick Capital added almost \$8,000 to that project and all those funds have been expended. We have been monitored on this project by a state representative about a month ago and we have received a letter back with no monitoring findings. The Brick Capital staff, city staff, Mrs. Baker, and the Finance Department have done an excellent job making sure we have met all our obligations. Mr. Hegwer added that the auditor mentioned that we do a very good job with keeping up with the way things are done. He thanked staff for their work.

Mayor Olive opened the public hearing. Susan Brooks, Housing Counselor for Brick Capital, spoke in favor and thanked Council for the opportunity they have been afforded her through this capacity building grant. It has enabled her to carry these skills back to the community and see positive results.

Kate Rumely, Executive Director of Brick Capital, spoke in favor and echoed Ms. Brooks’s comments.

No one spoke in opposition. The public hearing was closed.

- Consider Authorization for Mayor to Execute Grant Related Documents for Closeout Compliance – (Exhibit E)

Council Member Walter McNeil made the motion to authorize the mayor to execute grant related documents for closeout compliance. Seconded by Council Member James Williams, the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Kennedy stated that the last time she was present, she announced that the City received an additional \$100,000 to help with the Haven project; staff has received a letter today stating that we will be receiving \$89,298.46 more for the Haven Project.

REGULAR AGENDA

Resolution Authorizing the City Council to Enter into a Ten-year Lease with the Brick Capital Community Development Corporation – (Exhibit F)

City Attorney Susan Patterson explained that at one of our meetings in August she notified Council of the request of the Berkley Place community and Brick Capital Development Corporation that they be allowed to lease the Berkley Place Park for ten years. The old lease expires this year and they propose to lease that property on Hooker Street for the park for ten years at the rental of \$1 per year or \$10 total. They have used that as a neighborhood passive park and kept it improved and used it for their National Night Out events. It was advertised on August 25 and it is up for consideration tonight.

Council Member Walter McNeil made the motion to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the City Council to Enter into a Ten-year Lease with the Brick Capital Community Development Corporation. Seconded by Council Member Linwood Mann, the motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Financial Guarantee for Carthage Colonies Subdivision, Phase 4C – (Exhibit G)

Planner II Amy McNeill advised that Beazer Homes Corporation would like to proceed with the recording of a final plat for Carthage Colonies Subdivision, Phase 4. The firm is submitting, for acceptance by the City Council, a Subdivision Bond for \$212,242.50 to guarantee completion of land development improvements within Phase 4C which includes paving and drainage, sanitary sewer, water, and miscellaneous sedimentation and erosion control measures. The cost estimate has been reviewed by the City's engineering department. Staff recommends City Council accept this guarantee which will allow the developer to proceed with the recording of final plat for Phase 4C of Carthage Colonies.

Council Member James Williams made the motion to approve and accept the financial guarantee for Carthage Colonies Subdivision, Phase 4C. Seconded by Council Member Charles Taylor, the motion carried unanimously.

Permits Issued Report- (Exhibit H)

Community Development Director Bob Bridwell stated that during the month of August, staff issued a total of 27 building permits for \$2.5 million.

Development Report – (Exhibit I)

Mr. Bridwell gave a summary of projects approved from June 17, 2010, to August 23, 2010.

Closed Session

City Attorney Susan Patterson read a motion for Council to go into closed session in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4)&(3) to discuss matters relating to location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area and in order to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege. So moved by Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr., and seconded by Council Member L. I. “Poly” Cohen, the motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Stone thanked City Manager Hegwer for his help in finding two tentative sites for fireworks for the 4th of July celebration. There is a group of citizens that want to start fireworks back in Lee County. The group will select the site for this coming year. Mr. Stone said that he is still waiting on feedback regarding a stoplight on Spring Lane at Lowe’s Foods. He has received several complaints about it. He thanked Joe Wild and Scott Payne for their public comments.

Council Member Gaskins thanked Mr. Wild and Scott Payne for their thoughts and comments also.

City Manager Hal Hegwer distributed some paperwork (Exhibit J) to Council regarding the City’s utility billing and collections process. This information shows how our lockbox services and how our outsourced bill printing process works. Staff has recommendations at the end of it and it can be discussed in the future after Council has had time to review this documentation.

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

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned on motion of Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr.; seconded by Council Member L. I. “Poly” Cohen, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

CORNELIA P. OLIVE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BONNIE D. WHITE, CITY CLERK

