

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 21, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. The following people were present:

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| 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 L. I. "Poly" Cohen delivered the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No citizen signed up to speak.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Walter H. McNeil, Jr. made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Charles Taylor, the motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Law and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes Dated August 11, 2010 – (Filed in Vault)

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes Dated August 17, 2010 – (Filed in Minute Book 75)

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes Dated September 7, 2010 – (Filed in Minute Book 75)

Approval of *Language Access Plan 4-1* for Community Development Block Grant Programs – (Exhibit A)

Approval of Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) Program Project Ordinance Amendment – (Exhibit B)

Approval of Authorization to Execute Safekeeping Documents – (Exhibit C)

Approval of Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget of the City of Sanford FY 2010-2011 – (Exhibit D)

Approval of Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of a Remainder Interest in Certain Previously Conveyed Lots to Get Smart, Inc., as Authorized by the North Carolina General Assembly in Session Law 2010-55 – (Exhibit E)

Approval of Execution of Renewal of Cable Consortium Service Agreement – (Exhibit F)

Approval of Preliminary Assessment Resolution for North Plank Road Waterline Extension – (Exhibit G)

Approval of Ordinance to Erect Stop Signs Within the City of Sanford – (Exhibit H)

City Manager Hal Hegwer advised that the Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) Program Project Ordinance Amendment on the Consent Agenda needs to be changed from \$189,298 to \$189,299. The Division of Community Assistance suggested this change.

All of the above items were discussed at the Law and Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, September 15, 2010.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Walter McNeil advised that businessmen on Highway 87 South brought to his attention that at K-Mart south to Walmart, there have been a lot of wrecks in that area, and they were wondering if the State could change the speed limit from Main Street out to Walmart.

Mr. McNeil questioned when the landscaping would be started at the Dr. Martin Luther King Park. He said the dirt has been piled up at the site for the last two weeks. People are asking him when they are going to start the work. City Manager Hegwer replied that the landscaping contractor had the topsoil moved in and he thought they would get started next week. The work should move fairly rapidly. Staff will contact the Department of Transportation regarding the speed limit on Highway 87.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Stone thanked the Lions Club Members and Ronnie Turner for putting on a successful Lee County Fair. He thanked the Boys Scouts for their assistance with parking the cars at the fair.

Council Member James Williams explained that he is on the North Carolina League of Municipalities board and they are our lobbying body to the State. The League has asked that if any cities want any issues brought before the Legislature, to let him know. He will be attending a meeting on October 5 and can carry those issues back to the League.

Mayor Olive said that the 421 Bypass is about 20 percent complete on the southern extreme and the bids are due to be let on the northern extreme in January. Our Eighth District has been told with other districts in the state that they have to cut their budgets back by 10 to 15

percent and she is concerned that it may delay the bid letting on the northern end of the bypass. Any opportunity that Council has to drop a word that we need to get this bypass finished, would help. She has spoken with the district engineer about it and expressed her concern. He told her that he hoped that it would not have anything to do with the City because of how patient we have been over the years waiting for this bypass. She pointed out that it was going to be the reputation of the "highway to nowhere" if it is not finished on the ends, so the highway commissioner said they would certainly take that into consideration.

Mayor Olive said that the Police Chief in Concord lost his daughter to a murder. They have family here in Sanford and asked that we remember Valerie Hamilton's family in our prayers.

Financial Services Director Melissa Cardinali stated that each Council Member has a copy of their 2010-2011 budget at their seats. It is also available online on the City's website in its entirety.

Financial Services Director Melissa Cardinali stated that last month, she informed Council that the Tax Reform Allocation Committee had awarded the City \$4 million in Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds for our wastewater treatment plant project. These bonds carry a 45 percent rebate on the interest that we pay. She announced that as of yesterday, the Tax Reform Allocation Committee awarded the City of Sanford another \$28 million in allocation of the Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds. Mrs. Cardinali advised that staff asked First Southwest to run some numbers for us so staff could give Council an idea what this means to the City. It means that by using stimulus money, instead of the traditional tax exempt bonds, we will save at least \$10 million on this project. Our total allocation is \$32 million as of today.

Mr. Hegwer cautioned Council that there are a lot of things that have to line up for all this to work. We are under a time frame and there is also some talk about extending this deadline because there is a certain deadline to this bond authority and we are on the tail end of it. We are blessed to be in the position to take advantage of it but there are a lot of issues that have to be ironed out and some of them are not in our control. We will keep Council abreast of it.

REGULAR AGENDA

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) (5) to establish and instruct the public body staff and negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of a public body in negotiating a price or other material terms of a contract for the purchase of or acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease.

So moved by Council Member James Williams and seconded by Council Member Sam Gaskins, the motion carried unanimously.

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 Sam Gaskins; seconded by Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr., the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

CORNELIA P. OLIVE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BONNIE D. WHITE, CITY CLERK