

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

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

Absent:

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Stone

Mayor Cornelia Olive called the meeting to order and delivered the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No citizens signed up to speak.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Linwood Mann made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Sam Gaskins, the motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes Dated October 19, 2010 - (Filed in Minute Book 75)

Approval of Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of Enterprise Systems Revenue Bonds of the City of Sanford - (Exhibit A)

Approval of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sanford, North Carolina, Authorizing the Approval, Execution, and Delivery of Various Documents in Connection with the Issuance of City of Sanford, North Carolina Enterprise Systems Revenue Bonds, Series 2010; Providing for the Sale of the Bonds; Setting Forth the Terms and Conditions upon which the Bonds are To Be Issued; and Providing for Certain Other Matters in Connection with the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of the Bonds - (Exhibit B)

Approval of Grant Project Ordinance FY 09 CDBG CR Maple Avenue Project - (Exhibit C)

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

Approval of Grant Project Ordinance FY 10 CDBG Autumn Oaks Housing Development Project - (Exhibit E)

Approval of Award of Request for Proposals for Administrative Services for FY 09 CDBG CR Maple Avenue Project - (Exhibit F)

Approval of Award of Request for Proposals for Administrative Services for FY 10 CDBG Autumn Oaks Housing Development Project - (Exhibit G)

Approval of Ethics Policy - (Exhibit H)

ALL THE ITEMS LISTED ABOVE WERE DISCUSSED AT THE LAW AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 30, 2010.

Council Member Sam Gaskins made a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Seconded by Council Member James Williams, the motion carried unanimously.

DECISION ON PUBLIC HEARING

Petition by John C. Daniel III of White Dog Properties, Inc. - to rezone 0.32± acres addressed as 115 S. Horner Blvd. from Central Business (CBD) district to General Commercial (C-2) district. The property is the same as depicted on Lee County Tax Map 9642.07, Tax Parcel 9642-69-4603 Lee County Land Records. (Exhibit I)

Assistant Community Development Director Marshall Downey advised that a public hearing was held on November 16 in conjunction with the Planning Board. Staff did not support the request. The Planning Board, by a six to one vote, recommended denying the request. Mr. Gaskins asked what were the primary considerations for not supporting the request. Mr. Downey replied that the primary considerations for staff's recommendation were the existing zoning pattern surrounding the subject property is zoned CBD, and the 2020 Long Range Plan recommends CBD zoning.

Council Member Cohen stated that one year ago the property was zoned to C-2 and was changed to CBD for the purpose of putting in a restaurant. The restaurant project fell through and now they want to change it back to C-2. This is the only building affected by it and this will be a good business.

Council Member Taylor asked how will this affect other properties and what could potentially happen. Mr. Downey replied that if the property is rezoned, it would not affect the other properties directly. If it were rezoned to C-2, the subject property would be subject to C-2 standards, which off-street parking is required; however, as Mr. Daniels stated at the public hearing, it allows the larger signage. Those are the two big issues. Mr. Taylor asked if it would open up Pandora's Box for other subject properties adjacent to this. Mr. Downey replied that is part of why staff recommended against rezoning back to C-2 and why staff is supporting CBD zoning.

Mayor Olive asked if this is one of the most, high profile corners in the City. Mr. Downey replied certainly; when you think of the Downtown areas, it is one of the most prominent corners. Council discussed the issue at length.

- Consider Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Sanford, North Carolina – (Exhibit J)
Council Member James Williams made the motion to approve the Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Sanford, North Carolina. Seconded by Council Member Linwood Mann, the motion carried four to two. Council Members Walter McNeil, L. I. “Poly” Cohen, Linwood Mann, and James Williams voted to approve the ordinance. Council Members Sam Gaskins and Charles Taylor cast the dissenting votes.

REGULAR AGENDA

Development Report - (Exhibit K) and Permits Issued Report - (Exhibit L)

Community Development Director Bob Bridwell gave a summary of new developments and permits issued between October 26, 2010 and November 19, 2010.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Linwood Mann complimented Code Enforcement Officer Carl Anglin for his work on getting the two-story house on Highway 78 torn down.

Mayor Olive complimented the Central Carolina Jaycees for a very nice Christmas parade that was held last night.

City Manager Hal Hegwer informed Council that a service awards luncheon will be held Wednesday, December 8, at 11:30 A.M., in the Public Works Assembly Room. He announced the dedication of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Park, on Thursday, December 9, at 2 P.M. Parking will be available at the Fair Promise AME Zion Church. Lee County COLTS system will be available for anyone that is experiencing any mobility impairments so they can be transported to the park area.

Mr. Hegwer announced that the North Carolina League of Municipalities is holding an Advocacy Goals Conference on January 20, 2011, at 9:30 A.M. It is an effort to increase input. They have 35 goals that are proposed and they want to narrow the 35 goals down to 25 goals. There are additional goals that Council may be interested in considering. This is part of the League’s lobbying effort. At some point soon, Council needs to appoint a council member to be our voting delegate and an alternate voting delegate.

Mr. Hegwer read a letter from National Association of Town Watch announcing that the City of Sanford was selected as a National Award Winner for its outstanding participation in the 27th Annual National Night Out crime, drug and violence program. City Clerk Bonnie White stated that this is the City’s fifteeneth consecutive year receiving the award. Mayor Olive thanked Council Member Walter McNeil and City Clerk Bonnie White for their work and support of the program.

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

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AND 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 L.I."Poly" Cohen, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

CORNELIA P. OLIVE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BONNIE D. WHITE, CITY CLERK