

LAW AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, May 11, 2011
Held Immediately Following the
Special City Council Meeting
At 1:00 P.M.
Council Chambers

The Law and Finance Committee met on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, immediately following the Special City Council meeting held 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 Charles Taylor
Mayor Pro Tem Samuel Gaskins	Council Member Linwood Mann
Council Member L. I. (Poly) Cohen	Council Member James Williams
Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr.	Council Member Bob Brown
City Clerk Bonnie D. White	City Attorney Susan Patterson
City Manager Hal Hegwer	

Mayor Cornelia Olive called the meeting to order.

Consider Comments from Department of Transportation Division 8 Operations Engineer Rob Stone – (Exhibit A)

Division 8 Operations Engineer Rob Stone gave a presentation on proposed safety projects along the Tramway area. The State Highway Patrol and Sheriff’s office requested the Department of Transportation to take a look at the crossover at the Tramway Crossing due to frequent wrecks at that location. They looked at it and saw that a problem did exist and decided to look at the whole corridor so they do not move a problem from one location to another one. They did a study along that area from December 1, 2003 to November 30, 2008 and there were 356 total crashes along the entire corridor in Tramway. Usually there are a lot of rear-end crashes at signals; what they do not want to see are the angle-type and t-bone crashes which are more severe crashes. There were 31 crashes at US15-501/Rocky Fork Church Road; 27 crashes at Hickory House Road/Dale’s Greenhouse; 51 crashes at NC78/Center Church Road; 57 crashes at Tramway Crossing; 31 crashes and one fatality at Pendergrass Road; and 12 crashes and one fatality at Keller Andrews Road/Westover Road. He displayed and explained the proposed changes to the various locations as shown in Exhibit A which were: US 15-501/Rocky Fork Church Road – construct offset left turn lanes with traffic signal modifications; Hickory House Road/Dale’s Greenhouse – construct offset left turn lanes with traffic signal modifications; Tramway Crossing Shopping Center – modify crossover to “left-over” design; Pendergrass Road and NC78/Center Church Road – coordinate traffic signals; and Westover Drive/Keller Andrews Road – close northernmost crossover. He said that when they look at crashes they look at the severity of them.

There was a public meeting on April 12 regarding the proposed improvements. They sent out 284 mailings on March 31 and advertised in the *Sanford Herald* on April 2, 6, and 10. There were 32 citizens in attendance. He said that a couple of comments from citizens were that the

speed needs to be lowered along the corridor and more enforcement is needed. He said that when people are speeding, everybody thinks they need to lower the speed limit; but unfortunately, it does not work that way. When people are speeding the only thing that really works is to enforce it and you would have to have law enforcement there every day. If they are already speeding and you lower the speed limit, all you do is put them speeding more; you put more people that are obeying the speed limit to speeding. They did speed studies along the Chatlee Boat area and people do not change their speed when they come out of 55 MPH to 45 MPH; it is all about 62 MPH. No one slows down for the speed change.

Josephus Thompson, Newly Appointed Manager for the North Carolina Employment Security Commission

Mr. Thompson came before Council to introduce himself as the newly appointed manager for the Employment Security Commission in Sanford. He is replacing Edith Edmund. Ms. Edmund has been relocated to the Fayetteville area.

Consider Resolution to Temporarily Close a Portion of Chatham Street in Support of an Antique Car Show – (Exhibit A)

Downtown Development Manager David Montgomery explained that the Antique Automobile Club of America is sponsoring an Antique Car Show on Saturday, June 4, 2011, on Chatham Street. They are requesting that Chatham Street be temporarily closed between Charlotte Avenue and McIver Street between the hours of 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. This is the third year they have held this show Downtown using Depot Park. Mr. Montgomery has contacted the property owners of all the buildings on Chatham Street and there was no response back from them. Most of them are closed that day.

Consider Resolution to Temporarily Close Streets in Support of the East Sanford Block Cleanup and Party – (Exhibit B)

Downtown Development Manager David Montgomery stated that this resolution temporarily closes Charlotte Avenue between Third Street and Seventh Street; Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Streets between Charlotte Avenue and McIver Street on Saturday, May 21, for a Cleanup and Block Party in East Sanford. The resolution states 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.; however, based on a meeting this morning, the streets need to be closed from 7 A.M. to 4 P.M. Mayor Olive added that this is a public/private joint plan to paint some houses; do some landscaping; do some general small repairs; cleanup; and involve the property owners in that area.

Consider Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 - (Exhibit C)

Code Enforcement Supervisor Carl Anglin stated that the ordinance amends his budget to appropriate funds from Contingency to Code Enforcement in the amount of \$3,150 to demolish and cleanup a City-owned structure located at 101 W. Humber Street.

Consider Award of Contract for Demolition and Cleanup to Faircloth's Grading & Septic Inc. for Structure on Humber Street– (Exhibit D)

Code Enforcement Supervisor Carl Anglin explained that they got bids to demolish and clean up the site at 101 W. Humber Street. Faircloth's Grading and Septic, Inc. submitted a low

bid of \$3,150. The house was built in two to three sections and the moving of the house would be cost prohibited. Attorney Patterson added that she spoke with Fire Chief Wayne Barber about burning the home for exercise; however, Mr. Barber felt it would be more cumbersome and if we had a good cost figure to demolish it, that would be the way to proceed.

Other Business

Council Member Charles Taylor said that since we are getting back to a normal state after the tornado damage, he felt that we should sit down with the Police and Fire Departments and Emergency personnel to see what we have learned from this experience and see what needs may exist prior to the budget presentation.

Mr. Taylor mentioned that Saturday, May 28, Broadway is putting on a benefit with several bands to help the American Red Cross Lee County Chapter for tornado relief.

Mayor Olive stated that she would like for Council and staff to reset a date for the field trip to Concord to visit their Downtown area. She asked Council to review the master plan for Downtown Sanford and Jonesboro because that is the whole purpose for the trip.

Mayor Olive encouraged everyone to attend the Small Business Expo at the Civic Center today. We need to underscore the need to shop locally and support our local businesses.

Adjournment

The regular session was closed upon 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