

LAW AND FINANCE MEETING  
Wednesday, September 14, 2011  
1:00 P.M.  
Council Chambers

The Law and Finance Committee met on Wednesday, September 14, 2011, at 1:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The following people were present:

Law and Finance Committee:

Mayor Cornelia Olive	Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr.
Mayor Pro Tem Sam Gaskins	Council Member James Williams
Council Member Bob Brown	Council Member L.I. (Poly) Cohen
Council Member Charles Taylor	Council Member Linwood Mann
City Manager Hal Hegwer	City Clerk Bonnie D. White
City Attorney Susan Patterson	

Consider Resolution to Temporarily Close a Portion of Bank Street – (Exhibit A)

Street Superintendent Magda Holloway informed Council that Brick City Grill is planning to have a Car Show and Cruise-In to be held at the Brick City Grill on September 24, 2011. The street will be closed from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. The car wash that is located across the street has an entrance off Dalrymple Street and they close early on Saturday.

Consider Ordinance to Erect Stop Signs Within the City of Sanford Chapter 36, Traffic Code of Ordinances – (Exhibit B)

Street Superintendent Magda Holloway advised that a resident requested to have stop signs erected on East Raleigh Street at the intersection with Watson Avenue in both directions, creating a four-way stop.

Consider Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget of the City of Sanford FY 2011-2012 – (Exhibit C)

E-911 Communications Supervisor Pat Garner stated that the ordinance amends the budget appropriating \$11,910 for the purchase of a CAD workstation; \$7,640 is for the CAD (computer, three monitors, the software licensing and the software to operate CAD), and the remaining \$4,270 is for the software and acquisition for the EMD program. These funds will be reimbursed from the 911 Surcharge Funds. He spoke with the County and they are in agreement with this project.

Consider Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) Program Project Ordinance Amendment – (Exhibit D)

Community Development Manager Karen Kennedy advised that she recently informed Council that the representatives from the Division of Commerce came to look at the HAVEN project prior to the ribbon cutting. In their visit, they wanted to ensure some safety and offered to assist by paying for a fence to be constructed along the rear property line. They asked staff to get an estimate for the fence and they would try to find additional funds. The work has been done and they approved the additional cost of \$3,325 for the survey and the installation of the fence. The ordinance amends the project ordinance for these funds.

Consider Grant Project Ordinance - North Carolina Housing Finance Agency 2011 Urgent Repair Program (URP1124) - (Exhibit E)

Community Development Manager Karen Kennedy advised that this grant project ordinance sets up the 2011 URP project in the amount of \$75,000 received from the NC Housing Finance Agency and the local match of \$2,000.

Consider Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget of the City of Sanford FY 2011-2012 – (Exhibit F)

Community Development Manager Karen Kennedy explained that this ordinance amends the annual operating budget ordinance to appropriate the \$2,000 local match for the 2011 URP project.

Consider Approval of Policies for the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency 2011 Urgent Repair Program

Community Development Manager Karen Kennedy advised that the below policies are the policies that need to be approved that have to be followed with the implementation of the 2011 URP project.

- Assistance Policy – (Exhibit G)  
Community Development Manager Karen Kennedy explained that the assistance policy states how staff will assist citizens throughout this project and the eligibility guidelines and the income limits.
- Procurement and Disbursement Policies – (Exhibit H)  
Community Development Manager Karen Kennedy stated that the Procurement and Disbursement Policies explain how staff will procure contractors and any services needed to implement the project. Mrs. Kennedy announced for public purposes, that any citizen who has been on the waiting list, will be receiving an application the last week of the month to fill out and return to her.

Consider City of Sanford Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Documents for the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency 2011 URP Project – (Exhibit I)

Community Development Manager Karen Kennedy stated that the resolution authorizes the signatories that can sign any of the documents for this project. They are Mayor Cornelia Olive, City Manager Hal Hegwer, Finance Director Melissa Cardinali, Assistant Finance Director Beth Kelly, Community Development Director Bob Bridwell, and Community Development Manager Karen Kennedy.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Charles Taylor mentioned that he was glad to see that Representative Mike Stone was able to get permission from the Department of Transportation for the City to remove the debris off the storm grates. There have been problems in Jonesboro with material on them making the water backup in areas.

Mr. Taylor said that he wants to put Lee County Manager John Crumpton on the agenda for Tuesday night's meeting for discussion purposes; Lee County Commissioners will be meeting Monday and they will have disclosure on who secured the bid for the performance audit.

Mr. Hegwer commented regarding the email that was received from the D.O.T. about the removal of debris from the storm grates, that it is a state-maintained roadway and in the city limits. Under normal conditions, we do not normally get into cleaning catch basins that are owned by the State. If it was an emergency situation or a situation that we felt that life, health, or welfare might be threatened, we might intervene. He said that we need to be careful with this because we are taking on the responsibilities of the State.

Mr. Hegwer referred to a letter (placed at Council's seats - Exhibit J) he wrote to the Town of Pittsboro to see if they were interested in the City of Sanford as a treatment option for its wastewater. The Town of Pittsboro is looking at a \$30 million expansion of its wastewater treatment plant. A study could be done to see if there are mutual benefits being involved in a system with Pittsboro and Chatham County. If there is a collaborative effort, many times there are substantial grant and state monies involved to encourage regional partnerships. In an email sent to Mr. Hegwer from William Terry with the Town of Pittsboro, he states that they are interested and supports the idea of including Chatham County in the dialogue and in the process of selecting an engineering firm to do the feasibility study.

City Manager Hegwer presented Council a copy of some information (Exhibit K) on the Lee County Board of Commissioners' agenda regarding the City Contracts Update from County Manager John Crumpton. He met with County Manager John Crumpton and it was his understanding that Mr. Crumpton was going to go back and consider some things and, hopefully, foster another conversation to see where they stand on these issues. Mr. Hegwer said his biggest concern is there was a huge shift of a minimum of \$364,000 worth of expenses, based on Mr. Crumpton's analysis that would be shift to the City which amounts to 1.7 cents tax increase to the City residents. He will follow up with the County Manager to see where they may be on this issue moving forward. We are still waiting on the County's final perspective as to where they are on the Economic Development Corporation matter.

Public Works Director Vic Czar advised Council that staff has talked to Siler City in the past about delivering them water prior to the construction of their raw water reservoir and the chicken plants locating there, in addition to the drought situation. At that time, they were having some problems meeting their demand for water. There was a project for running a pipe to Chatham County towards Siler City, which could take water from Sanford and deliver it to Siler City. They were willing to pay extra money to speed that process up. Fortunately, the rain came and the problem was solved and they did not have to do the project. He said that the drought is still impacting them to a certain degree and we are willing to talk with them again. We have a strong raw water resource and that regionalism is important; it is an efficient way to deliver certain economies of scale and it would help keep everybody's rates down. There are mutual benefits. Currently, we sell water to Chatham County.

Mr. Hegwer said that staff has had dialogue with Moore County recently about selling them bulk water due to BRAC.

Mayor Olive asked if we have an in-house expert on fracking or do we need to get somebody to speak to Council about the pros and cons on fracking. Mr. Czar replied that we do not currently have someone and they would need to get someone from outside.

Mayor Olive expressed thanks to the Fire and Police Departments for their participation in the 9-11 Memorial Services and the services that were held around town. They looked great and made her proud. The services were exceptional and beautifully done.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the Law & Finance Committee, the meeting was adjourned upon the motion of Council Member James Williams; seconded by Council Member Bob Brown, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cornelia P. Olive, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Bonnie D. White, City Clerk