

**MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSION**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**City of Sanford – November 2, 2010**

Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and carried in the November 2, 2010, open session of the of the City Council meeting, the Council went into closed session in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) (4) and (5) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body and to instruct the public body staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken in negotiating the price or other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property.

Present:

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

Absent:

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Stone

**Item #2**

City Manager Hal Hegwer explained that Council had expressed interest in purchasing some property in Jonesboro to create additional parking for customers. General Services Director Tim Shaw spoke with Donald L. Key about purchasing two parcels of property facing Humber Street (See Attachment). One lot has a house on it and the other lot beside it is vacant. Mr. Key is asking \$240,000 for both of these lots. The tax value on the vacant lot is \$41,800 and the tax value on the lot with the house on it is \$27,000 (land value is \$23,700 and building is \$3,300). Staff conveyed to Mr. Key that if the City purchases these properties, it would help his situation with parking. Mr. Key purchased the lot with the house on it for \$17,500 in 2004. He purchased both the vacant lot and a lot with a building on it that faces Main Street in 1995 for \$60,000.

Mr. Hegwer advised that Mrs. Headen seems to be ready to sell her lot that is triangular in shape located behind her property and the back of Donald Key's property that has the house on it. Staff has not asked her what she would take for the property.

Mr. Hegwer stated that he has talked with John Daniel about performing an appraisal on the properties and he quoted a price of \$2,000.

Council Member Linwood Mann stated that we did not need to purchase the properties and that we could not justify paying \$240,000 for the properties for parking.

Council Member James Williams said that the price of \$240,000 is about \$100,000 higher than what Mr. Key told him, but he said he had to talk with his brother.

Council Member Sam Gaskins stated that we need to do something to help with the parking but \$240,000 is too high.

Council Members were in agreement that the price of \$240,000 was too high. Mr. Hegwer stated it would cost an additional \$150,000 to build the parking lot.

Council Member Charles Taylor made the motion to make an offer of \$75,000 to Mr. Key for the purchase of the two lots. Seconded by Council Member Sam Gaskins, the motion carried five to one with Mr. Mann casting the dissenting vote.

Council Member Sam Gaskins made the motion to return to regular session. Seconded by Council Member James Williams, the motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Cornelia P. Olive

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City Clerk Bonnie D. White

Council Member L.I. "Poly" Cohen made the motion to approve and release these minutes. Seconded by Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr., the motion carried unanimously. Adopted in closed session on Tuesday, August 16, 2011.

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