

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, July 17, 2012, at 7 P.M., in the Council Chambers. The following people were present:

Mayor Cornelia P. Olive	Council Member Jimmy Haire
Mayor Pro Tem Sam Gaskins	Council Member L. I. (Poly) Cohen
Council Member James Williams	Council Member Charles Taylor
Council Member Rebecca Wyhof	Council Member Walter H. McNeil, Jr.
City Manager Hal Hegwer	City Clerk Bonnie D. White
City Attorney Susan C. Patterson	

Mayor Cornelia Olive called the meeting to order. A moment of silence was observed. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No citizens signed up to speak.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr., made the motion to approve the agenda. Council Member L. I. "Poly" Cohen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of Law and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes Dated June 13, 2012 – (Filed in Vault)

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes Dated June 19, 2012 – (Filed in Minute Book 78)

Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council Dated June 27, 2012 – (Filed in Minute Book 78)

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes Dated March 6, 2012 – (Filed in Minute Book 77)

Approval of Resolution Temporarily Closing Several Streets in Support of National Night out – (Exhibit A)

Approval of Resolution in Support of the Temporary Closure of Portions of Several Streets for the Purpose of a 5K and 10K Fun Run and Fundraiser – (Exhibit B)

Approval of Resolution of Intent to Apply for NC Main Street Solutions Grant Funds – (Exhibit C)

Approval of Award of 2012 Street Resurfacing Project – (Exhibit D)

Approval of Grant Project Ordinance for Hillcrest Farm Road Water Line Extension - (Exhibit E)

Approval of Resolution Authorizing Application to the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center for Wagon Trail Road Water Line Extension - (Exhibit F)

Mayor Pro Tem Sam Gaskins made the motion to approve the consent agenda items. Seconded by Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr., the motion carried unanimously.

**SPECIAL AGENDA**

Proclamation Proclaiming Tuesday, August 7, 2012 as “National Night Out” in Sanford, North Carolina – (Exhibit G)

Mayor Olive read the proclamation proclaiming August 7, 2012 as National Night Out in Sanford and urged all citizens to participate in this effort to reduce crime, drugs and violence in Sanford.

**CASES FOR PUBLIC HEARING: to be held jointly with the Planning Board**

Public Hearing on Program Amendment 2009 Community Development Block Grant Program Maple Avenue Community Revitalization - The purpose of this public hearing is to consider public comments about a proposed amendment to the Maple Avenue CDBG project. - (Exhibit H)

Community Development Manager Karen Kennedy advised that this public hearing is for the 2009 Community Development Block Grant Program. She corrected the agenda and requested the minutes reflect that it should be for the 2009 Maple Avenue Project. Council Members have in their packets the information required for holding a public hearing when you make changes to the original grant application. The primary purpose for this amendment is because we changed the location of the neighborhood park from one lot to another lot. From the time we applied for the funds to the time we actually received the funds, the Public Works Department handled some of the infrastructure needs that were originally in the application. We also have put the bids out for the infrastructure work on Maple Avenue and we have a better idea of costs. Mrs. Kennedy advised that we have made some budget revisions, which Council will see on the budget page the revisions and modifications to line items, to adjust everything and place the remaining funds in the housing rehab.

Mayor Olive asked if the park is on the same lot, but just in a different place. Mrs. Kennedy replied no; the original lot owner would not participate with us, so we moved the park across the street to the corner of Fourth and Maple Avenue. It was a lot where we were going to acquire the mobile homes on it anyway and let the owner retain ownership to that property, but once this all came about, he really did not want to keep that lot, so it became an opportunity for us to put the park on that particular lot.

Mayor Olive opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or in opposition. The public hearing was closed.

- Consider Authorization for Mayor to Execute Amendment Documents for Submission to Community Investment and Assistance – (Exhibit I)  
Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr. made the motion to authorize the mayor to execute amendment documents for submission to the Department of Commerce, Division of Community Investment and Assistance. Seconded by Council Member L. I. “Poly” Cohen, the motion carried unanimously.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **Consider Request to Replace the Two Hour Parking Restrictions with Three-Hour Parking Restrictions along Several Downtown Streets – (Exhibit J)**

Council Member Jimmy Haire made the motion to table this item. Mayor Pro Tem Sam Gaskins seconded the motion. Mr. Haire said that several merchants have called him and he has met with three of them. Some of them on the side streets feel like they are being treated as stepchildren because they are having the three hours put on them and not the main block of Steele Street. One merchant on Steele Street told him that if it is going to be three hours everywhere else, make it three hours on Steele Street so there is no confusion. He would like to talk to more of them to see how they feel about it.

Mayor Pro Tem Gaskins felt we should invite the business owners to come in and talk with Council to receive a wide variety of opinions either at the next Law and Finance meeting or Council meeting.

Council Member Williams said with the \$3,700 they are talking about spending on signs, he said his opinion is to leave it as it is.

Mayor Olive suggested having the business owners or anyone who has an interest in it to come to the next Law and Finance Committee meeting; this would give Council some information to work with before Council’s next regular meeting. The vote was unanimous to table the motion.

#### **Consider Appointments to Boards and Commissions – (Exhibit K)**

##### **Historic Preservation Commission - (1 appointment, term expires 6-30-13)**

Council Member Jimmy Haire nominated John Lipscomb. Council Member Charles Taylor nominated David Christ. There were no other nominations and the mayor called for the vote. There were five votes for John Lipscomb and one vote for David Christ; therefore, Mr. Lipscomb was appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission.

##### **Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Committee (1 appointment, term expires 6/30/15) –**

Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr. nominated Betty Turner-Shelton and moved that the nominations be closed. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sam Gaskins, the vote was unanimous. It was unanimous to appoint Betty Turner-Shelton to the ADA Committee.

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

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr. informed Council that we have 35 groups holding National Night Out events this year.

City Manager Hal Hegwer asked Council to move the time of the August 7 City Council meeting from 7 P.M. to 1 P.M. due to National Night Out activities. Council was in agreement to the change.

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Cornelia Olive extended condolences to the family of Lee County Attorney Dale Talbert on his passing and expressed that everyone is shocked, stunned and saddened. She said there will be a memorial service for him on Saturday, July 21, at 2 P.M., at the Kenan Stadium in Chapel Hill.

Mayor Olive said on Thursday at 10 A.M., there will be a small ceremony about the public garden located on Hudson Avenue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned on motion of Council Member James Williams. Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr., seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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CORNELIA P. OLIVE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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BONNIE D. WHITE, CITY CLERK