

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, August 21, 2012, at 1 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 Walter H. McNeil, Jr.	Council Member Rebecca Wyhof
City Manager Hal Hegwer	City Clerk Bonnie D. White
City Attorney Susan C. Patterson	

Absent:

Council Member James Williams  
Council Member Charles Taylor

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Amy Bolter, residing at 152 S. Steele Street Apt 404 (Wilrik Hotel), spoke regarding the parking issue Downtown. She said they have numerous residents, business owners, and customers that are having the same experience where they cannot park on the street due to two-hour parking regulations. There is public parking available but in the last few weeks, the crime rate has increased. She said her car has been broken into twice. Her catalytic converter has been stolen and window broken in. There have been other residents that have had their tires slashed. She suggested installing surveillance cameras in the parking lots so that customers feel safe using the public parking lots. The parking lot she referred to is on Cole Street.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

City Manager Hal Hegwer requested that Item 6E-Approval of Entering Into a Reimbursement Agreement with NC Department of Transportation Regarding Pedestrian Signals at Woodland Avenue and Main Street be removed from the Consent Agenda and brought back at a later date and add Consider an Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget of the City of Sanford FY 2012-2013 to the Regular Agenda.

Council Member L. I. "Poly" Cohen made the motion to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sam Gaskins, the motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes Dated June 1, 2012 – (Filed in Minute Book 77)

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes Dated June 4, 2012 – (Filed in Minute Book 77)

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes Dated August 7, 2012- (Filed in Minute Book 78)

Approval of Ordinance Establishing No-Parking Zones Along Portions of Magnolia Street and York Street – (Exhibit A)

Approval of Entering Into a Reimbursement Agreement with NC Department of Transportation Regarding Pedestrian Signals at Woodland Avenue and Main Street – (Exhibit B)

Removed from Consent Agenda and will be brought back at a later date.

Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of an Offer to Purchase Block P Lot 8 Hudson Avenue Washington Park Redevelopment Area – (Exhibit C)

Approval of Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget of the City of Sanford FY 2012-2013 (Demolition of Four Houses) – (Exhibit D)

Approval of Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget of the City of Sanford FY 2012-2013 – (Phone System Upgrade) - (Exhibit E)

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

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

Consider Ordinance to Amend the City of Sanford Code of Ordinances Chapter 36, Traffic Section 36-147 – (Exhibit F)

City Manager Hal Hegwer advised that this ordinance changes the \$25 fine for overtime limited parking to \$5. Some years ago, it was changed from \$5 to \$25 and this ordinance repeals that ordinance and puts back into place the \$5 fine. All other penalties such as fire lane and handicap parking will remain the same.

Mayor Pro Tem Sam Gaskins made the motion to adopt the Ordinance to Amend the City of Sanford Code of Ordinances Chapter 36, Traffic Section 36-147 to repeal the previous ordinance creating \$25 parking fine. Seconded by Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr., the motion carried unanimously.

Consider Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget of the City of Sanford FY 2012-2013 – (Exhibit G)

City Engineer Paul Weeks explained that the ordinance reappropriates \$791,727 from last year's budget for street resurfacing. He said the City obtained \$950,000 through installment purchase for street resurfacing. Some of the funds were spent last year and the remaining \$791,717 is for the contract that was previously approved with Riley Paving.

City Manager Hegwer advised that \$158,273 is for one street (Wilkins Drive Rehabilitation Project) and it has been completed. This amount will be moved into fund balance because we paid for the project out of fund balance.

City Attorney Patterson clarified that the ordinance appropriates \$950,000 for the project with some of the money coming from fund balance as Mr. Hegwer explained. It is an appropriation for the entire amount not \$791,727.

Council Member L.I. "Poly" Cohen made the motion to adopt the Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget of the City of Sanford FY 2012-2013. Seconded by Council Member Rebecca Wyhof, the motion carried unanimously.

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

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Council Member McNeil stated that someone called him about Globe Street from Dalrymple Street to Horner Boulevard not being paved. The railroad track runs in the middle of that street and it is a dirt street and they are wondering what can be done about paving it. Mr. Hegwer explained that this street was looked at several years ago and staff looked at the different options to resurface it. There are some challenges with it due to a railroad within the right-of-way and it would be within the pavement section. If the adjoining property owners or abutting property owners to the street sign a petition assessment and there is a majority of the property owners who own the majority of the property who are interested in the improvement, then the City would take on the improvement and assess it back to the property owners.

Council Member Cohen thanked the Fire Department, Emergency Management, and everyone who helped save the life of a man on McNeill Road yesterday. All the training and tools really paid off.

Council Member Rebecca Wyhof extended congratulations to Marshall Reid, a Sanford 12-year old, who co-authored a book with his mother called, "Portion Size Me." On Monday, he had the opportunity to introduce the First Lady Michelle Obama, at the White House, for the Kids' State Dinner. She watched it via live stream and he did a tremendous job.

Mayor Pro Tem Sam Gaskins thanked Amy Bolter for coming forth with some constructive ideas.

Mayor Olive mentioned that Community Development Manager Karen Kennedy and Brick Capital Community Development Director Kate Rumely have been ask to speak before the Rural Center about the HAVEN project. They will be two of the keynote speakers at that event because everyone considered it such a success. She praised Mrs. Kennedy for her leadership she has given in our Community Development grants.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned on motion of Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr., seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sam Gaskins, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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CORNELIA P. OLIVE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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BONNIE D. WHITE, CITY CLERK