

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, September 25, 2013, at 1 P.M., in the Council Chambers. The following people were present:

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Poly Cohen made the motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Council Member James Williams, the motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes Dated September 3, 2013 – (Filed in Minute Book 80)

Approval of Resolution in Support of the Temporary Closure of a Portion of Maple Avenue - (Exhibit A)

Approval of Ordinance Establishing a No-Parking Zone Along a Portion of Woodland Avenue – (Exhibit B)

Approval of Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 – (Demolition of Four Houses) - (Exhibit C)

Council Member Charles Taylor made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sam Gaskins, the motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

Consider Motion to Take From the Table Discussion of HAVEN’s Financial Status and Consideration of Potential Budget Ordinance

Council Member Rebecca Wyhof made the motion to take from the table discussion of HAVEN’s Financial Status and Consideration of Potential Budget Ordinance. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sam Gaskins, the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Wyhof asked Attorney Patterson for clarification on the funding of non-profits and what is the actual policy for funding of non-profits.

Attorney Patterson replied that the Council decided that any non-profit agency seeking funding from the City should fill out an application and there is a timetable for submitting the application-which is modifiable by the Council. The application process would require that all non-profits seeking funding supply certain information for why they are requesting the funds and background information in regard to their eligibility. The application is in the City Clerk's office for any non-profit seeking funding.

Mr. Hegwer stated that several non-profits sought funding this year and only three were funded this fiscal year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Haire said that he has been asked by several people that they understood there is a new study being done on the Downtown Revitalization when there was an already existing study. Mr. Hegwer replied that this Council approved a study some years back and it was more of a study in terms of infrastructure; what infrastructure and how this infrastructure would look if the City were to fund a streetscape or bond project. That study was performed by McGill & Associates. The study was done on how would certain things look; how the streetlights would look; what it would cost to have underground utilities; the lighting that would be necessary, etc. This was part of an initial study about what would the project look like and how would it be represented in the City. It also included Downtown Sanford, Inc. and Jonesboro. He felt that what Mr. Haire was referring to, was that DSI utilized some of their annual operating budget to have a study performed along with other municipalities and other entities (maybe some non-profits involved) that run several Downtown organizations as non-profits or organizations committed to improving downtown areas very similar to ours. Some are funded through taxation and some are funded through other ways. This study is a completely different study; it is a small study where all these different groups are looking at more of the economics of downtown investment and what does that bring dollar for dollar. It is paid for out of the special tax district funds – only the Downtown taxpayers pay for it.

Council Member Taylor thanked staff for getting the RFQ's for the golf course to council members. There are five responses and he thinks we need to spend time reviewing it. He hopes in the future, the RFQ's are sent out faster; there was a three-week delay. In the RFQ process, we need to ask that they make ten copies of them. He would like for all five companies to have the opportunity to present their proposal at a series of meetings to the council members.

Mayor Olive said that the October 1, 2013, Council meeting is cancelled and the next meeting will be a Law and Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at 1 P.M., in the Council Chambers.

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Special City Council Meeting
September 25, 2013

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Poly Cohen made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sam Gaskins, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

CORNELIA P. OLIVE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BONNIE D. WHITE, CITY CLERK