

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, January 21, 2014, at 7 P.M., in the Council Chambers. The following people were present:

Mayor Chet Mann
Council Member Jimmy Haire
Mayor Pro Tem James Williams
Council Member Sam Gaskins
City Manager Hal Hegwer
City Attorney Susan Patterson

Council Member Rebecca Wyhof
Council Member Norman Charles Post, III
Council Member Charles Taylor
Council Member Walter McNeil
City Clerk Bonnie D. White

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Hal Hegwer asked that the agenda be amended by adding Local Commitment for 2014 Urgent Repair Program Application as Item B under the Regular Agenda.

Council Member Taylor made the motion to approve the amended agenda; seconded by Council Member Gaskins, the motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Law and Finance Meeting Minutes Dated December 11, 2013 – (Filed in Vault)

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes Dated December 17, 2013 – (Filed in Minute Book 80)

Approval of Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget of the City of Sanford FY 2013-2014 – (Exhibit A)

Approval of Financial Guarantee for a 3-Lot Major Commercial Subdivision for Elite Storage, LLC with Frontage on Plaza Boulevard and Douglas Drive – (Exhibit B)

Approval of Comprehensive Bicycle Plan – (Exhibit C)

Council Member Gaskins made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Council Member McNeil, the motion carried unanimously.

CASES FOR PUBLIC HEARING

DECISIONS ON PUBLIC HEARINGS

REGULAR AGENDA

Consider Grant Project Ordinance Amendment 2012 North Carolina Housing Finance Agency Single Family Rehabilitation (SFR1222) Program – (Exhibit D)

Community Development Manager Karen Kennedy explained that when the City received the grant application for this project, they were placed into a “loan pool.” She said that previous grants awarded \$400,000 for family rehab funds; however, she said currently, \$160,000 is awarded to initiate construction on the first two to three homes, then once those houses are completed, they must revisit the “loan pool” for funding for any additional structures. Mrs. Kennedy said that they had completed repairs on almost 40 units and had expended their first \$160,000 and that this amendment was to increase the funding for the fourth home. She said that in the future, when homes were secured for rehabilitation, she would submit a project ordinance to increase the budget for each additional home for Council’s consideration.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked Karen Kennedy if there were any matching funds required for this grant. Mrs. Kennedy said that there were no matching funds for this particular grant.

Council Member McNeil made the motion to approve the Grant Project Ordinance Amendment for 2012 North Carolina Housing Finance Agency Single Family Rehabilitation Program. Seconded by Council Member Gaskins, the motion carried unanimously.

Discuss of Local Commitment for 2014 Urgent Repair Program Application through the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency

Community Development Manager Karen Kennedy explained that since 2006, the City of Sanford had always applied for Urgent Repair Funding, and that there was an opportunity to reapply for 2014 funding. She said that the Housing Finance Agency received the same allotment of funds; however, this year they were changing the overall grant amount, and that they would now be awarding grants to local governments and municipalities in the amount of \$100,000 versus \$75,000. She said that this means that fewer localities will receive funding. Mrs. Kennedy said, that in the past, they had expended \$5,000 per home; however, the new changes allowed them to expend \$8,000 per home. She said that this amount will allow the repair of roofs and heating systems; whereas, previously bids for these type repairs had come in greater than \$5,000, which prohibited assistance.

Karen Kennedy said prior to this meeting, she found out that in order for the City of Sanford to be competitive for Urgent Repair Funding, they needed to increase the current \$2,000 local match. She said she contacted Lee County Manager John Crumpton to inquire if Lee County would like to be included in this grant funding as they were in the 2012 program. She said that Mr. Crumpton indicated interest in participating in the grant funding, and made a commitment that Lee County would provide \$5,000 matching funds if the City would match that amount, contingent upon the application being funded. Karen Kennedy asked Council to consider the matching fund proposal made by Mr. Crumpton.

Council Member Wyhof commented that she was pleased that Lee County wanted to continue participating with the City on the Urgent Repair Program.

Council Member Wyhof made the motion to approve the \$5,000 local commitment for the 2014 Urgent Repair Program, contingent upon receiving the Grant, and provided Lee County affords the same matching fund commitment. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gaskins, and carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Gaskins commented that in addition to the Finance Department's awards, Kelly Miller had received a couple of awards, and he congratulated Mrs. Miller on the awards that she received.

Council Member Wyhof congratulated Council Member McNeil on the Service Award he was given at the Martin Luther King celebration for his service to the City of Sanford. She said that this award was well deserved.

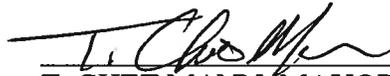
City Manager Hal Hegwer announced that there would be a workshop on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at 4:00 PM in the West End Conference Room. Mr. Hegwer said that this workshop was part of the annual retreat process, and he invited anyone who wanted to attend.

Mayor Mann thanked Council for their diligence and hard work at the visioning priority Workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member McNeil made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Gaskins, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



T. CHET MANN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BONNIE D. WHITE, CITY CLERK