

MINUTES OF MEETING WITH CITIZENS ACADEMY PARTICIPANTS  
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, October 6, 2015, at 5:30 p.m, in the West End Conference Room to receive feedback from participants in the second session of Citizens Academy. The following people were present:

Mayor T. Chet Mann  
Council Member Sam Gaskins  
Council Member Charles Taylor  
City Manager Hal Hegwer  
City Clerk Bonnie Davis

Mayor Pro Tem James Williams  
Council Member Norman Charles Post, III  
Council Member Rebecca Wyhof  
Administrative Support Assistant Vicki Cannady  
City Staff

Absent:

Council Member Byron Buckels  
Council Member Jimmy Haire  
City Attorney Susan Patterson

Citizens Academy Participants Present:

Ann Barkley, Tammy Barlow, Greg Davenport, Kamilah Davis, Chris McDonald, Katie McDonald, Bill Oberkirsch, Dave Schau, Jan Tart (Candace Norris, absent)

Public Information Officer Kelly Miller opened the meeting by asking participants to share their thoughts on the academy. Comments included:

- Night sessions allowed participants who work during the day to attend
- Presentations were interesting, especially those by the Fire, Police, Public Works and General Services departments
- Modern technology and equipment were impressive
- High levels of experience, education and commitment were shown by staff
- Staff turnover is remarkably low
- Facility tours were interesting, especially those to the greenhouse, mulch facility and water and wastewater treatment plants
- More school groups should take advantage of opportunities to tour the facilities
- High levels of cooperation were shown between departments

Suggestions for improvement included:

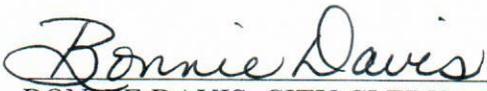
- Offering a session for youth or teens
- Offering a higher level class to provide more in-depth information
- Preparing a directory of participants' contact information would be useful
- Publicizing more information on services could be done through *The Sanford Herald*
- Adding presentations on how Council works (rules, deadlines, agenda preparation, etc.) and the legal process (how wards are determined, annexation, etc.)

Mayor Mann reviewed and briefly explained the agenda for the Council meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. and closed the meeting by thanking participants and staff. He invited participants to stay for the meeting, where they would be recognized for their participation.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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T. CHET MANN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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BONNIE DAVIS, CITY CLERK