

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, November 17, 2015, at 7 P.M., in Council Chambers. The following people were present:

Mayor T. Chet Mann  
Council Member Byron Buckels  
Council Member Jimmy Haire  
Council Member Charles Taylor  
Council Member Rebecca Wyhof  
City Attorney Susan Patterson

Mayor Pro Tem James Williams  
Council Member Sam Gaskins  
Council Member Norman Charles Post, III  
City Manager Hal Hegwer  
City Clerk Bonnie Davis

Mayor Mann called the meeting to order. Council Member Buckels delivered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Mann requested that an item be added to the Regular Agenda for a Closed Session. Council Member Haire made a motion to approve adding the Closed Session to the Regular Agenda; seconded by Council Member Taylor, the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Gaskins made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended; seconded by Council Member Post, the motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of City Council Work Session Minutes Dated September 15, 2015 (filed in Minute Book 85)

Approval of Joint Interlocal Committee Meeting Minutes Dated September 28, 2015 (filed in Minute Book 85)

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes with Citizens Academy Dated October 6, 2015 (filed in Minute Book 85)

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes Dated October 6, 2015 (filed in Minute Book 85)

Approval of Law and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes Dated October 13, 2015 (filed in Minute Book 85)

Approval of Special City Council Meeting Minutes Dated October 27, 2015 (filed in Minute Book 85)

Council Member Gaskins made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Council Member Post, the motion carried unanimously.

### **SPECIAL AGENDA**

#### Presentation of Proclamation Declaring December 1, 2015, as Oscar Keller Day (Exhibit A)

Mayor Mann related some of Oscar Keller's many accomplishments, thanked him for his service to the community and presented the proclamation to him.

#### Presentation of Farm-City Week Proclamation (Exhibit B)

Cassidy Hare and Fahren Cotten from Southern Lee High School spoke about the importance of agriculture and shared information on events planned for Farm-City Week.

### **CASES FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

#### Application by Caman Properties to rezone a vacant 0.32 acre +/- tract of land addressed as 121 Wilson Road from Residential Single-Family (R-20) to General Commercial (C-2). The property is the same as depicted on Lee County Tax Map 9661.01 as Tax Parcel 9661-07-2313-00 Lee County Land Records (Exhibit C)

Amy McNeill, Design Review Coordinator, summarized the rezoning request and informed Council that staff recommends that Council and Planning Board support this request.

Mayor Mann opened the public hearing. Ray Rhodes, owner of the subject property, informed Council that his intent was to construct a nice commercial facility on the site. Council Member Haire noted that there were very few residential properties remaining on Wilson Road and it is apparent this area is almost entirely commercial. Mayor Mann closed the public hearing and the Planning Board retired to the West End Conference Room.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### Consider Resolution in Support of the Temporary Closure of Portions of Several Streets for the Central Carolina Jaycees 2015 Sanford Christmas Parade (Exhibit D)

City Engineer Paul Weeks explained that this resolution supports street closures for the annual Christmas parade, noting that the route has been revised this year (going down Horner Boulevard rather than Steele Street) in order to avoid areas where streetscape construction is ongoing. Council Member Buckels questioned whether assistance could be offered to residents in affected areas during the parade. Manager Hegwer answered that the Police Department will accommodate residents if possible on a case-by-case basis, depending on safety and progress of the parade.

Council Member Post made the motion to approve the Resolution in Support of the Temporary Closure of Portions of Several Streets for the Central Carolina Jaycees 2015 Sanford Christmas Parade. Seconded by Council Member Wyhof, the motion passed unanimously.

#### Consider Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget of the City of Sanford FY 2015-2016 (Exhibit E)

Financial Services Director Beth Kelly explained that this ordinance addresses the transfer of \$8,000 for the payout of an employee, purchase of a new check scanner and other items required for a new computer, and appropriates \$2,100 in additional revenue received for a claim settlement to the Human Resources Department for an employee transfer.

Council Member Wyhof made a motion to adopt the Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget of the City of Sanford FY 2015-2016. Seconded by Council Member Buckels, the motion carried unanimously.

Consider Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget of the City of Sanford FY 2015-2016 (Installation of EnerGov and Purchase of Furniture for Buggy Factory (Exhibit F))

Financial Services Director Beth Kelly explained that this ordinance addresses the loss of \$7,438 which was originally to be received from Lee County as a portion of the Buggy Factory shared revenue and appropriates \$5,017 received for a claim settlement to be used for installation of Energov software and purchase of furniture related to the departmental relocation into the Buggy Factory. She noted that this settlement was only partial and additional funds are due.

Council Member Gaskins made a motion to approve the Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget of the City of Sanford FY 2015-2016; seconded by Council Member Post, the motion passed unanimously.

Consider Entering Into a Supplemental Agreement with the Department of Transportation for the Horner Boulevard Sidewalk Project (Exhibit G)

City Engineer Paul Weeks explained that this agreement extends the completion date for the Horner Boulevard Sidewalk project from December 11, 2015, as shown in the existing supplemental agreement, to June 30, 2016.

Council Member Post made a motion to approve the Supplemental Agreement with the Department of Transportation for the Horner Boulevard Sidewalk Project. Seconded by Council Member Gaskins, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Mann requested that New Business (items to be included at the next Council Meeting on December 1) be addressed next, prior to the Closed Session.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Haire stated that he has received comments from downtown merchants regarding parking spaces being used for extended time periods, possibly by residents of the Wilrik Hotel or downtown business employees. He also asked if Moore Street would remain a one-way street after streetscape construction is completed. City Engineer Paul Weeks stated that Moore Street will be returned to two lanes after construction is complete. Mayor Mann requested that an update be presented at the December 1 Council meeting on the status of the streetscape project, parking related to the project and to share information on the four-way stop at the Wicker/Steele Street intersection.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Council Member Haire commented that Oscar Keller was a former graduate of Jonesboro High School, where the last class graduated in 1951. Mayor Mann remarked that his grandfather grew up with Mr. Keller in Jonesboro, where many Sanford residents also grew up, and that area has a great history and heritage.

Council Member Wyhof stated that in light of the recent terrorist attacks in Paris, she was thankful for law enforcement, first responders and all those protecting on the front lines.

Attorney Patterson explained that the Lee County attorney had notified her that there was at least one person, if not two people, expressing interest in the assignment of bid on the Third Street property previously discussed and tabled. Council will need to consider whether to proceed with tax foreclosure, taking upset bids or assigning bids.

Mayor Mann gave an update on the panhandling issue by stating that a policy and mission statement have been issued. Merchants have a choice of two window decals with information intended to increase awareness. He commended City Attorney Susan Patterson, Major Jamie Thomas of the Police Department and downtown merchants for their work in developing a strategy.

The Mayor also reminded everyone that due to population growth, Sanford is now one of 28 cities included in the NC Metro Mayors' Coalition, a lobbying group of larger and emerging cities which helps ensure that cities are well represented in the state and federal legislature. He and Manager Hegwer just spend two half-days in Carrboro, meeting with fellow members of this organization.

Mayor Mann stated that several Council members recently attended the National League of Cities' Annual Convention where they saw that many problems faced by Sanford are problems also faced by many other cities. He noted that we are, by far, out in front of many cities, larger and smaller than us, on many of the same issues, showing that we are doing a good job handling our growth, setting a table for future growth and dealing with problems proactively.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Attorney Patterson stated that a motion was needed to go into closed session in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(5) to instruct the public body, staff or negotiating agent concerning the position to be taken in negotiating the price or other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange or lease.

The motion to go into closed session was made by Council Member Gaskins. Seconded by Council Member Buckles, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Mann noted that there would be no additional business after adjournment of the closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Wyhof made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Council Member Taylor, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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T. CHET MANN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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BONNIE DAVIS, CITY CLERK