

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, December 15, 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

Council Member James Williams  
Mayor Pro Tem 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 Haire delivered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - (Exhibit A)

Michael Humphrey, residing at 503 Summitt Drive, commented that the revised Rosemount-McIver Park Historic District Guidelines had not been posted on-line as proposed. Mr. Humphrey voiced concern that there was confusion concerning the revisions, and asked Council to table the decision on the revisions to the Rosemount-McIver Park Historic District Guidelines, until a public hearing could be held to resolve the issues.

Stefanie Tolbert, residing at 506 Summitt Drive, addressed Council and said she would like to see a copy of the Rosemount-McIver Park Historic District Guidelines.

Frank Luck, residing at 305 N. Gulf Street, said that he may want to make improvements to his home in the future and commented that he had not seen a copy of the Rosemount-McIver Park Historic District Guidelines or the proposed revisions.

Bayor Chantal, residing at 215 Bracken Street, addressed Council to express gratitude for Brick Capital.

O. B. Thomas addressed Council about issues he had with removing renters from his rental property.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Council Member Taylor made a motion to move Item E (Approval of Resolution Adopting the Amended Guidelines for the Rosemount-McIver Park Historic District) from the Consent Agenda and add it to the Regular Agenda. Council Member Williams seconded the motion.

Council Member Haire suggested deleting Item E from the Consent Agenda. Attorney Patterson asked Council Member Taylor to clarify his motion on the floor. Council Member Taylor said his motion was to move Item E from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda with the intent of tabling the issue. Attorney Patterson said that if Item E were deleted from the Agenda, Council would not take up the issue. Council Member Taylor withdrew his motion. Council Member Haire

made a motion to delete Item E from the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor.

Mayor Pro Tem Gaskins commented that the Historic Preservation Commission had worked tediously for over six years on the revisions to the Rosemount-McIver Park Historic District Guidelines. He said it had been brought before the residents of Rosemount-McIver Park Historic District numerous times, and also presented to the State Historic Preservation Office. He said he felt it was a tremendous disservice to the people who had worked so diligently on this document to not have it heard by Council. He said the public hearing on the parking regulations had already been held and an ordinance was approved by Council. He commented that the revisions to the Rosemount-McIver Park Historic District Guidelines were mostly to make the requirements more clear. He said that there were no changes to the revisions that would alarm anyone or disturb property values. Mr. Gaskins strongly recommended not deleting Item E from the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Haire commented that he and Council Member Buckels would like to hold a public meeting some time in 2016, at Depot Park, to discuss the revisions to the Rosemount-McIver Park Historic District Guidelines with the residents of Rosemount-McIver Park Historic District.

Mayor Pro Tem Gaskins commented that the people involved with the revisions had met with the people who lived in Rosemount-McIver Park Historic District. He said given the time and effort that had been given to these revisions, it was beyond his comprehension that there were people who were not aware of the revisions to the guidelines.

Council Member Taylor commented that there seemed to be some confusion regarding the revisions to the Rosemount-McIver Park Historic District Guidelines and his intent in removing Item E from the Consent Agenda was to allow Council time for discussion and also allowing for a public hearing. He said that public involvement was a good thing, especially when there were changes to regulations that could affect people's lives in the area they have chosen to live in. He said that he was troubled over potential changes in language that could have affected the Council's decision on this case, such as a vinyl window question that was raised by Council Member Haire at the Law and Finance Meeting on December 8, 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Gaskins commented that he thought there was one word that had been deleted from the guidelines.

City Attorney Patterson explained that the revisions were presented to Council at the December 8, 2015, Law and Finance Meeting. She said that Council Member Haire asked a question about vinyl window replacement. She said the word "material" was in the revisions, and she asked staff to look at the language in the draft revisions to see if the phrase "with matching "material" would mean wooden windows must be replaced with matching "material". Attorney Patterson said the intent of the question was not to amend or change the revisions, but rather to clarify whether the HPC wanted the wording to remain as proposed, or did they consider the word "material" too restrictive. Attorney Patterson said that HPC considered what would have to be done to change the proposed language if it were changed, but ultimately, the consensus was that there would be no changes to the draft revisions.

Attorney Patterson said that Mayor Pro Tem Gaskins was correct in saying that there had been numerous meetings and many mailings giving occupants opportunities for input on the revisions. She said that if the item is taken off the agenda, Council will have ample opportunity to decide what method it wants to bring forward in regard to approving the revisions to the Rosemount-McIver Park Historic District Guidelines, and that it might allow additional opportunities for people to become informed.

Mayor Mann called for a vote of the motion on the floor to delete Item 6-E from the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by a six to one vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Gaskins casting the dissenting vote.

Mayor Mann introduced adding to the Regular Agenda Item 9-C, a Contract for Services by Brick Capital; and Item 9-D, an Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget (Brick Capital).

Mayor Mann entertained a motion to approve the amended agenda. So moved by Council Member Williams, and seconded by Council Member Buckels, the motion carried unanimously.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of Renewal of 2016 Taxicab Operators' Licenses - (Exhibit B)

Approval of Capital Project Ordinance Amendment – Sidewalk Improvement Bond Project (NO. B1401) - (Exhibit C)

Approval of Access Agreement with Stanley Black and Decker, Inc. for the Installation, Maintenance, and Periodic Sampling of Monitoring Wells - (Exhibit D)

Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Governing Body of the Applicant – (Comfort First Heating & Cooling – Waterline Extension Project) - (Exhibit E)

Approval of Resolution Adopting the Amended Guidelines for the Rosemount-McIver Park Historic District – (Exhibit F) Note: Deleted from Agenda by Motion

Approval of Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget of the City of Sanford FY 2015-2016 – (Administration) - (Exhibit G)

Council Member Buckels made the motion to approve the modified Consent Agenda. Seconded by Council Member Wyhof, the motion carried unanimously.

### **SPECIAL AGENDA**

Presentation of Proclamation Honoring the Life of Richard Kibling Feindel - (Exhibit H)

Mayor Mann read the proclamation honoring the life of Richard Feindel, and asked family members to join him at the podium, where he presented the proclamation to Mr. Feindel's wife, Susan Feindel, and daughter, Elizabeth Feindel. Mr. Feindel's daughter Elizabeth, on behalf of the family, thanked Mayor Mann, Council Members and friends for honoring her father. She said he loved Sanford and worked for almost fifty years to make Sanford a better place. She said her father, as a member of the City of Sanford Planning Board, worked very hard to pass an ordinance requiring

curb and gutter, and sidewalks in all new subdivisions. She said it was her desire that her father's dream of requiring curb and gutter and sidewalks in all new subdivisions would be honored.

Presentation of Proclamation Honoring the Life of Ruby Van Crumpler McSwain - (Exhibit I)

Mayor Mann read the proclamation honoring Ruby Van Crumpler McSwain, and presented the proclamation to Lynn Blackmon.

Presentation of Proclamation Honoring the Life of Worth Fields Pickard - (Exhibit J)

Mayor Mann read the proclamation honoring Worth Fields Pickard, and presented the proclamation to his wife, Nancy Pickard.

Mayor Mann commented that Sanford had lost some great citizens, and he hoped their leadership and stamp on the community would be followed by all elected leaders in the future. He said that if everyone lived their life as these three people did, it would be a better city.

Council Member Haire commented that in addition to all of the work Richard Feindel, Ruby McSwain and Worth Pickard did for this community, they all had very distinct voices: Richard Feindel had the "made for radio crisp voice", Ruby McSwain talked with a slow southern accent, and Worth Pickard was in a class all by himself.

Council Member Haire commented that about a month ago, Mr. Pickard called him in reference to the murals painted on the retaining wall on Moore Street, separating the Depot Park area from Moore Street. He said Mr. Pickard commented that it would be great if murals were painted from the left side of Wicker Street, all the way to the right side of Carthage Street, with the history of Sanford and Lee County. Council Member Haire said Mr. Pickard was always thinking of the betterment of Sanford and Lee County.

Council Member Haire commented that those who were fortunate enough to know all three of these citizens were well aware of what tremendous people they were.

Recognition of National Night Out

Following a video presentation by Kelly Miller, Public Information Officer, Mayor Mann recognized numerous people who participated in the National Night Out event with a Certificate of Participation. He said that approximately thirty-five neighborhoods participated in this event. Mayor Mann commented that the City had received an award for the 2015 National Night Out event, and that Sanford was ranked number one in the State of North Carolina and number two in the nation. Mayor Mann thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, and staff for their hard work on the National Night Out event.

Mayor Mann recessed the meeting for a short period at 7:55 PM. The meeting was called back to order at 8:04 PM.

**CASES FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

Application by ACA/PJA, LLC to rezone a vacant 0.73 acre +/- tract of land addressed as 2111 Dalrymple Street from Residential-Mixed (R-6) to General Commercial (C-2). The property is the same as depicted on Lee County Tax Maps 9552.14 and 9652.15 as Tax Parcel 9652-53-0151-00 Lee County Land Records - (Exhibit K)

Amy McNeill, Design Review Coordinator, summarized the rezoning request. She informed Council that based on the previous acts with the rezoning of adjoining lots located at 2211, 2213, 2215 Dalrymple Street, neighborhood feedback in the past, and the Unified Development Ordinance purpose statement, staff suggests this property be rezoned to Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District as opposed to the General Commercial (C-2) Zoning District. Ms. McNeill added that the 2020 Land Use Plan identifies this area as being Mid-High Density Residential/Office, which identifies areas that are appropriate for medium and high density residential development, including single-family, duplexes, and multi-family developments as well as office development. She said that when considering the zoning of this property, current development trends and the surrounding zoning of the neighborhood should also be considered. Ms. McNeill said the 2020 Land Use Plan Map recommendation of the subject property as Mid/High Density Residential-Office was taken into consideration by staff when making their recommendation; however, given the proximity of the site to South Horner Boulevard, the volume of traffic that appears to use this section of Dalrymple Street as a “cut-through” from Main Street to South Horner Boulevard, the adjoining and nearby commercial zoning, and the availability of public utilities, it was decided that the Neighborhood Commercial (NC) zoning district was appropriate.

Mayor Mann opened the public hearing. Steve Malloy, Commercial Real Estate Broker with Adcock and Associates, and representing the landowners on the property, said that they disagreed with the Planning Department’s recommendation of Neighborhood Commercial Zoning. He said they felt the area should be zoned (C-2). Mr. Malloy said that there had been no activity on the property located at 2211, 2213, 2215 Dalrymple Street that was rezoned to Neighborhood Commercial Zoning in 2013. Mr. Malloy said that many of the uses allowed in Neighborhood Commercial Zoning would not be suitable for this congested area, such as a grocery store, antique shops, art stores, and book stores. He said that (C-2) zoning would fit this area perfectly with business that could serve the community. He said the Planning Department said that (C-2) businesses were to be in close proximity to major thoroughfares, and that this site is about one-eighth of a mile from the intersection of Dalrymple and Horner Boulevard, which to him, seemed to classify as being in close proximity. He said given the fact that surrounding property is zoned (C-2), it would be logical to rezone this property to (C-2) Zoning. He said that from a long range point, (C-2) Zoning would more likely allow infill development than Neighborhood Commercial Zoning would.

Council Member Williams asked Design Review Coordinator Amy McNeill if, based on opposition of the rezoning of 2211, 2213, and 2215 Dalrymple Street in 2013, were any of those people contacted concerning this rezoning request. Ms. McNeill said that only the adjoining property owners are notified of rezoning requests. She said that signs were posted on the property and ads were run in the newspaper.

There were no other people speaking in favor of or in opposition to the rezoning request; Mayor Mann closed the public hearing.

Application by Ryder Downs, LLC to rezone 50.11 acres +/- from the current zoning of Ryder Downs Apartments & Lakeview Townhomes MF-12 Multi-family Residential Conditional Zoning District (Revision#1) to Ryder Downs Apartments & Lakeview Townhomes MF-12 Multi-Family Residential Conditional Zoning District (Revision #2) to allow for the development of a multi-family apartment and townhome community with revisions to the design as originally approved in October of 2006 and as approved with revisions in January of 2015. The subject property is located along the

west side of Pendergrass Road, just north of the intersection of Belford Drive and includes property formerly addressed as 1718 and 1726 Pendergrass Road and currently addressed as 500-583 Ryder Lake Drive 100-328 Saddlebrook Drive and 400-479 Trotter Drive. The subject property is the same as depicted on Tax Map 9631.01, Tax Parcel 9631-36-3857-00, Lee County Land Records - (Exhibit L)

Amy McNeill, Design Review Coordinator, summarized the rezoning request and informed Council that the developer would like to revise the approved lighting for the parking lots from an acorn design to a traditional coach-lighting style. The developer would also like to revise the design of the townhomes from the original approved loop design to the cul-de-sac design, which would reduce the number of townhome buildings by seven and the number of townhome units by eight, and all of the end units would now have garages.

Mayor Mann opened the public hearing. Council Member Taylor asked what preempted the reduction in units. Amy McNeill said she believed it was because of the difference in the markets between 2006 and 2015. She said the applicant representative was present and would address any questions by Council.

Jonathan Cranford, 1400 Battleground Avenue, Greensboro, North Carolina, owner/representative for Ryder Downs, LLC, and speaking in favor of the request, addressed Council offering to answer questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Gaskins asked Mr. Cranford if he was increasing the number of lights. Mr. Cranford said that Progress Energy would be in charge of designing the lighting system and they would add additional lighting.

Council Member Taylor asked staff if the lighting design would meet the 150 foot National Code requirement or would it be considered decorative. Amy McNeill said she did not know; however, the apartment portion of the community was private drives, and the parking lot portion would have to meet all technical specifications. Ms. McNeill said that if this request is approved, then the civil set of plans will be reviewed by the Technical Review Committee (TRC); therefore, it will have to meet all of the Public Works Department standards.

Brenda Blue, of 800-D McKenzie Park Drive, addressed Council and said she had spoken to Mr. Cranford about the acreage that belongs to her father, Neal Archie Blue, to try and obtain an easement. She said her concern was that her father's property was landlocked and she needed access to walk the property to check the condition of the trees that were planted by her father. City Manager Hal Hegwer said that Design Review Coordinator Amy McNeill would be happy to talk with her and maybe give her direction in the process she would need to pursue in gaining an easement to her property.

Mayor Mann closed the public hearing and the Planning Board retired to the West End Conference Room.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Consider Appointments to the Board of Adjustment – (Two appointments – terms expire June 30, 2016 and the Alternate Appointment – term expires June 30, 2017 - (Exhibit M)**

Mayor Mann asked Attorney Patterson to review the nomination process for Council. Mayor Mann said there were six applicants for the Board of Adjustment positions and he opened the floor for nominations for an appointment to serve on the Board of Adjustment with a term ending June 30, 2016.

Council Member Buckles nominated Gordon Anderson. Council Member Taylor nominated Ann Barkley. Mayor Mann entertained a motion to close the nominations for the first appointment. So moved by Council Member Wyhof, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gaskins, the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Mann asked for a show of hands for the nomination of Gordon Anderson to serve as a member on the Board of Adjustment. Gordon Anderson received six (6) votes: Council Members Gaskins, Haire, Williams, Post, Buckels, and Wyhof. Mayor Mann asked for a show of hands for Ann Barkley to serve on the Board of Adjustment. Ann Barkley received one vote: Council Member Taylor. Gordon Anderson was appointed to serve as a member of the Board of Adjustment.

Mayor Mann opened the nominations for the second appointment to the Board of Adjustment with a term ending June 30, 2016. Council Member Taylor nominated William Oberkirsch. Mayor Pro Tem Gaskins nominated Greg Stoch. Mayor Mann entertained a motion to close the nominations. So moved Council Member Taylor, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gaskins, the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Mann asked for a show of hands for the nomination of William Oberkirsch to serve on the Board of Adjustment. William Oberkirsch received one (1) vote: Council Member Taylor. Mayor Mann asked for a show of hands for the nomination of Greg Stoch to serve on the Board of Adjustment. Greg Stoch received six (6) votes: Council Members Williams, Gaskins, Haire, Wyhof, Buckels, and Post. Greg Stoch was appointed to serve as a member of the Board of Adjustment.

Mayor Mann opened the nominations for an alternate member to serve on the Board of Adjustment. Mayor Pro Tem Gaskins nominated Lisa Whalen. With no further nominations, Mayor Pro Tem Gaskins moved that the nominations be closed, and Lisa Whalen be appointed by acclamation to serve as an alternate on the Board of Adjustment. Seconded by Council Member Buckels, the motion carried unanimously.

**Consider Motion to Take From the Table Appointments to the Board of Adjustment – (Item was tabled on August 4, 2015)**

Mayor Mann noted that the appointment of members to serve on the Board of Adjustment was tabled at the August 4, 2015, Council Meeting and he entertained a motion to Take from the Table the Appointment to the Board of Adjustment and ratify the votes just taken. So moved by Mayor Pro Tem Gaskins and seconded by Council Member Wyhof, the motion carried unanimously.

**Consider Contract for Services by Brick Capital – (Exhibit N)**

Mayor Mann said that Council has had ongoing discussions for almost a year concerning Brick Capital Community Development Corporation (BCCDC).

Council Member Haire commented that this was uncharted territory for Council. He referenced former Council Member Ed Davis' approach to construction loans. He said that they did not lend the full amount of the loan in one lump sum, but advanced the funds in segments. Funds were awarded to initiate the construction, and then additional funds were distributed as the construction progressed. Council Member Haire suggested instead of doling out all of the money at once, to take it step by step as Council received reports from Brick Capital.

Council Member Taylor commented that Council received the proposed contract with Brick Capital at the September 22, 2015, Council Meeting. He said that at the end of that meeting, staff was to review the contract and get it back to Council as soon as possible. He said that Council was informed that time was of essence, but there had been no work sessions to review this document. He commented that there were provisions in the original contract to provide housing, including apartments. He said that Council received this document yesterday for review, and there were four changes to the original document that were emphasized. The changes were: Assisting one person with NCHFA assistance, as opposed to two; applying for two grants, as opposed to three; the addition of a housing counselor; and to identify resources for the preparation and the implementation of 2009 East Sanford Redevelopment Plan.

Council Member Taylor said he wanted to know what type of grants have been applied for in the past and what will be applied for in the future. He said when times are tough, the last thing you need to do is add staff. He said that when the contract with Brick Capital was brought up in the January 2010 retreat, there were only three Council Members of the current Council serving at that time. He said that he doubted if any Council Member remembered the details of the East Sanford Redevelopment Plan. He said he felt that Council should review the proposed contract before it was implemented. Council Member Taylor commented on rumors that the Lee County School system might be interested in purchasing W.B. Wicker School, and he asked why the Lee County Commissioners could not advance \$50,000 as part of the provision, as opposed to the City having to provide all of the funds. He commented that he did not understand how Brick Capital would survive when they were already \$35,000 into the credit line. He said that there seemed to be too many questions and not enough answers concerning the Brick Capital contract. He said that there had been misinformation on the approval process of this contract. He said he was not undermining what Brick Capital had done for this community in the past; however, he would like to know how Sanford is competing with other cities that are providing low income housing. He commented that the City paid \$7,000 for a survey performed by UNC, but he did not feel Council should rely on this survey for approving this document. He said that Sanford was seeing the benefits of having financial accountability in the Sanford Housing Authority and he would like to pursue accountability with Brick Capital. He said we owe it to the Citizens, and he was in favor of having a work session with representatives from Brick Capital Corporation to review these issues.

Mayor Mann commented that he wanted the public to be informed as Council deliberated the approval of the contract with Brick Capital. He said the UNC Institute study that Council approved found no irregularities. He said it was clear that when the State of North Carolina cut Brick Capital's funding by sixty-five percent, Executive Director Kate Rumley did not have a position to allow her to do what she needed to do. Mayor Mann said if Council grants funds, it will assist in future development. Mayor Mann commented that the only calls he had received had been mostly from "naysayers", who were not interested in what he had to say concerning the City's obligation to provide affordable housing. He further said that the negative comments he received were from

people who were not residents of Sanford during the 80's and 90's as he was, when the area around W.B. Wicker School was in such a state of disrepair. He said that many people would call these naysayers carpetbaggers, because they have moved to Sanford with no knowledge of the history of this area; they do not have the knowledge of what happened to the good people who lived in this area in those days. He said that back in those days, the good people who lived in this area had become overrun with bad people doing illicit activities and used an abandoned school to harbor these deeds; this area had become a place to buy drugs, a place to abuse substances and commit crimes, degrading the neighborhood in the process. He said these naysayers, or carpetbaggers, were not here to see the changes in this neighborhood after Brick Capital came in and redeveloped it; they lack understanding that Brick Capital does more than provide affordable housing, it provides stability, counseling, and helps people rebuild, and build lives, which keeps a community. He said that the vibrancy Brick Capital had created in this community had remained for over twenty-five years. He said one naysayer commented that there was plenty of housing available in Lee County that could be used for low income housing. He said it was true there were several homes that needed repair that were available to people; however, unlike Brick Capital, realtors were not going to counsel these homeowners, check on them repeatedly, or hold that community together with supportive housing needs and affordable home needs, when random houses across the community were used for low income housing. He said that if Council decided to sustain Brick Capital, they could continue doing their work while they continue to look at other areas to redevelop, including East Sanford. He said he had reviewed Brick Capital's future plan. He said there were other areas in Sanford that needed to be revised as the W.B. Wicker School area. Mayor Mann said that the City is required to provide affordable housing, and if a department with at least two employees had to be created to do what Brick Capital does, it would cost a lot more than \$50,000. He said that he had not seen any evidence of irregularities in Brick Capital's performance. Mayor Mann said that he was very much in favor of the private market; however, he had not received any response from any contractor or developer with interest in providing affordable housing in the areas where it was needed. He said that the Council's duty was to take action in keeping our neighborhoods alive and well and provide affordable and supportive housing for people who have special needs. He said Council had to do the right thing for the City even if it was not popular.

Mayor Pro Tem Gaskins commented that it was time Council address the issue of the Brick Capital Contract.

Council Member Williams moved to adopt the contract for services by Brick Capital. The motion was seconded by Council Member Buckels.

Attorney Patterson informed Mayor Mann that the decision to approve the Contract for Services by Brick Capital Community Development Corporation was tabled at the last meeting, and a motion to Take From the Table was required. Mayor Pro Tem Gaskins made the motion to take from the table contract for services for Brick Capital. Seconded by Council Member Haire, the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Haire commented that he was in favor of approving the funds, but on a step-by-step basis.

Council Member Williams commented that Council had asked Brick Capital to be patient for over a year, and that they were in dire straits now. He said the City was going to need Brick Capital's

service in East Sanford and if Council did not assist Brick Capital and the Corporation was dissolved, the City would have to start from scratch to provide affordable housing. Council Member Williams indicated he was in favor of approving the contract.

Council Member Buckels called the question. Mayor Mann called for a vote on the motion on the floor to approve the Contract for services by Brick Capital. The vote carried by a six to one vote, with Council Member Taylor casting the dissenting vote.

Consider Ordinance Amending the FY 2015-2016 Annual Operating Budget – Brick Capital – (Exhibit O)

Mayor Pro Tem Gaskins commented that Council had allocated \$240,000 earlier for the purchase and repair of the Makepeace Building, and asked if the funds could be taken out of these allocated funds.

Attorney Patterson said she had spoken to Financial Services Director Beth Kelly, and was informed that the original ordinance was for \$214,000 for purchase and repair of the Makepeace Street property and conveyance of lots, and \$25,500 for the contribution to the organization. The purchase and conveyance of lots was in the public building section of the ordinance. She said it was the Finance Department's idea that allocating an additional \$24,500 out of Miscellaneous Revenue would equal what was needed (\$50,000) to pre-audit this contract for services without disturbing the public building's allocation, which can go toward acquisition and repair and replacement activities.

Council Member Buckels made a motion to approve the Ordinance Amending the FY 2015-2016 Annual Operating Budget. Mayor Pro Tem Gaskins seconded the motion. The motion carried by a six to one vote, with Council Member Taylor casting the dissenting vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Mann announced that there were no more scheduled meetings for 2015; the next regularly scheduled meeting would be January 5, 2016.

Council Member Taylor commented that last year at this time, he lost one of his best friends in an automobile accident, whose life impacted a lot of lives. He commented that the three citizens who were honored tonight also impacted a lot of lives. He said there were three families that would be affected this Christmas with the loss of a loved one. He said although the memories are still present, there is still a void and he could relate to this. He quoted: "If service is below you, then leadership is beyond you." He said that Richard Feindel, Ruby McSwain and Worth Pickard served our community and were very worthy of the honor they received.

Council Member Taylor commented that recently he had heard of break-ins in five different areas in Sanford. One of them was in Ward 2, where they removed the lug nuts from a tire, which was discovered by Perry Brothers. He cautioned people to be safe and smart in locking personal vehicles. He thanked staff for their hard work and wished staff and the citizens of Sanford a Merry Christmas.

Council Member Williams wished the staff and the general public a very Merry Christmas.

Council Member Wyhof commented that it was a pleasure to attend the Annual Employee Service Banquet and celebrate the holiday with staff and to recognize staff for their tremendous amount of service. She said it was humbling to be in a room with people who had invested so much passion and heart for the citizens of Sanford. She thanked staff for including Council in their celebrations, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

City Manager Hal Hegwer reminded everyone that the next Council meeting would be January 5, 2016, and thanked Council for attending the Annual Employee Service Banquet.

Mayor Mann said he was grateful to Council and staff for all of their hard work this year, and to the community for the support they had given to Council, especially those in Jonesboro and Downtown Sanford who have had to endure some inconvenience during the recent construction. He said he was grateful for the privilege of serving as Mayor of Sanford and he wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

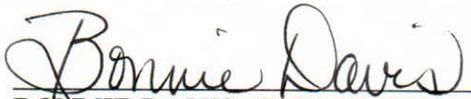
Council Member Haire made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Council Member Wyhof, the motion carried unanimously.

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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

