

MINUTES OF SPECIAL 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, August 2, 2016, at 1 P.M., in the Council Chambers. The following people were present:

Mayor T. Chet Mann	Council Member James Williams
Mayor Pro Tem Sam Gaskins	Council Member Rebecca Wyhof
Council Member Jimmy Haire	City Manager Hal Hegwer
Council Member Charles Taylor	City Clerk Bonnie Davis
Council Member Byron Buckels	City Attorney Susan Patterson

(Arrived at 8:07 PM)
Absent: Council Member Norman Charles Post, III

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No citizens requested to speak.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

REGULAR AGENDA

Consider Resolution in Support of the Temporary Closure of Carthage Street Between Moore Street and Steele Street for the Purpose of the Sounds on Steele Street Music Festival Contingent Upon Receiving all Necessary Paperwork – (Exhibit A)

Transportation Administrator Kris Fumage explained that Chris deLambert, spokesperson for the Temple Theatre's "Sounds on Steele" music festival, is requesting a temporary closure of Carthage Street, between Steele Street and Moore Street on Saturday, September 10, 2016, between the hours of 10 AM and 10 PM. Mr. Fumage asked for approval to temporarily close this street contingent upon receiving the Certificate of Liability from Chris deLambert. His insurance company will not release the Certificate of Liability until the City approves the street closure. The Department of Transportation has approved the street closing.

Council Member Taylor made the motion to approve the Resolution in Support of the Temporary Closure of Carthage Street Between Moore Street and Steele Street for the Purpose of the Sounds on Steele Street Music Festival contingent upon staff receiving all the necessary paperwork. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gaskins, the motion carried unanimously.

(Council Member Buckels arrived at this point in the meeting).

Consider Resolution in Support of the Temporary Closure of Several Streets for the Purpose of the People Loving People Unity & Prayer Walk Contingent Upon Receiving all Necessary Paperwork – (Exhibit B)

Transportation Administrator Kris Furnage explained that Mr. Daniel Owens is requesting a street closure on behalf of the People Loving People Unity and Prayer Walk for the safety of the participants in the walk. The closure will occur on Saturday, August 6, 2016, between the hours of 10 AM and 12 PM, which include Wicker Street, Chatham Street, Short Street, Rose Street, Horner Boulevard and Elm Street. The Department of Transportation has given approval to close the portion of state-owned streets. All the necessary paperwork has been received.

Mayor Pro Tem Gaskins made the motion to approve the Resolution in Support of the Temporary Closure of Several Streets for the Purpose of the People Loving People Unity & Prayer Walk. Seconded by Council Member Wyhof, the motion carried unanimously.

Consider Sale of Lot 18 Block P, Boykin Avenue, PIN #9642-66-7469 – (Exhibit C)

City Attorney Patterson explained that we received an offer of \$1,000.00 by Ernest Murchison and his wife, to purchase Lot 18, Block P, Boykin Avenue. The Council declared the property surplus and authorized the sale using the upset bid process. Public Notice of the offer was advertised on July 10 and no increased bid was received within the time allowed by law. The Murchison's have agreed to pay the advertising and all closing costs. Since there have been no upset bids received, Mr. and Mrs. Murchison's bid is being reported to Council for either acceptance or rejection in accordance with the resolution authorizing sale.

Council Member Buckels made the motion to accept the offer of \$1,000.00 for Lot 18, Block P, on Boykin Avenue, with the Murchison's paying the advertising and all closing costs. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gaskins, the motion carried unanimously.

Consider Resolution Temporarily Closing Several Streets in Support of National Night Out – (Exhibit D)

Public Information Officer Kelly Miller stated that this year we have 31 sites within the City. One event was held last night at the Enrichment Center. The resolution closes several streets in support of National Night Out.

Council Member Wyhof made the motion to approve the Resolution Temporarily Closing Several Streets in Support of National Night Out. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gaskins, the motion carried unanimously.

Consider Local Funding Match Requirement for Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Projects for Broadway Road Widening Project (R-3830) – (Exhibit E)

Long Range Planner David Montgomery stated that he is seeking commitment from Council for a possible pedestrian and bike improvements for the Broadway Road widening project. Any type of bike and pedestrian improvements that we do with NC Department of Transportation federal funds, require a 20 percent local match. Staff has identified both sidewalk and bike lane improvements for that road within the City limits. The project would include installing new sidewalk on the north side of Broadway Road from Horner Boulevard to Thornwood Drive and on a small portion of the south side from Horner Boulevard to Rosser Road. In addition, if Council

so chooses, improvements will need to be made under the 421 Bypass to accommodate that sidewalk, which is included in the estimates. Also, bike lanes on both sides of the road from Horner Boulevard to the City limits would be a 5-foot bike lane, not 4 foot as stated in the memo. The cost estimate to the City for the project is \$172,971 (sidewalk-\$86,940; 1' widening for bike lanes-\$44,614; modification under US 421 Bypass-\$41,417). This funding is not required immediately; it is based upon when the project is completed. The City at that time, will provide a lump sum reimbursement to the NC Department of Transportation. At the earliest, it would be 2018, but probably would be completed in 2019. Mr. Montgomery stated these are just estimates; when they go through the design process, then staff will have a better understanding of what the actual costs will be.

Council Member Wyhof asked when Council receives the actual figures, if future Council will be able to address whether or not it makes sense, given how much the costs may have increased over time; if there will be an out at that time. Mr. Hegwer replied yes.

Mr. Montgomery spoke about the Department of Transportation's schedule on the widening. He said the DOT has been surveying for the last several months; they are going to start the design work in August. A public informational meeting was held at Shallow Well Church. This will be one of the busiest top five roads in Sanford, after it is improved. He felt all the work that Council has funded, as part of the bond package with the sidewalk, shows that delaying these sort of things ends up being more costly in the long run. If you complete sidewalk on Nash Street, you will be able to walk from O. T. Sloan Park to East Lee School.

Mr. Haire asked if the affected property owners have been notified of the widening. Mr. Montgomery replied that those people were notified, for which a public meeting was held at the church.

Mayor Pro Tem Gaskins made the motion to approve the Local Funding Match Requirement for Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Projects for Broadway Road Widening Project (R-3830). Seconded by Council Member Wyhof, the motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of New Water and Sewer Disconnection Policy – (Exhibit F)

Customer Service Manager Karen Atkinson explained the new water and sewer disconnection policy as shown on Exhibit F. The new policy will become effective November 1. With the new policy, a second notice will be generated one day after the due date. If the date falls on a non-business day, then the notices will be generated the next business day. A late fee of \$5 will be applied at 5 P.M., five days after the due date, and if that date falls on a non-business day, then that fee will be assessed the next business day. Also, the cut-off list will then be generated on the morning of the 11th day after the due date and a \$15 administration fee will be applied at that time; if that date falls on a Friday or non-business day, then the cut-off list will be generated the next business day. She displayed an example of a cycle bill from one month with the new process. She reiterated that this new policy will become effective with the first bill that come out in November.

Council Member Taylor asked what are our means of communication to our customers about the new policy. Mrs. Atkinson replied that staff is working on changing the memo section

on the bills themselves. Public Information Officer Kelly Miller is working with staff to generate fliers to be inserted into the bills; they plan to send the fliers out with each billing cycle for August, September, and October. It has been on the City's newsletter, Facebook, posted on the website and they plan to place the inserts on the counters where the utility bills are paid. There are a lot of walk-in customers.

He asked if there are any plans to show grace to any customers as the policy is transitioned. Mrs. Atkinson replied that staff is getting the information out for three months and it will not become effective until November 1.

NEW BUSINESS – (Items for discussion and action will only be taken if necessary. Otherwise, these items will be placed on the next agenda for approval.)

OTHER BUSINESS

Community Development Director Marshall Downey introduced Nicky Quinones; she is a recent graduate of the School of Science and Math and served as an intern this summer with the Community Development Department. She is the younger sister of Kelly Miller. She will be attending East Carolina University. Ms. Quinones is fluent in English and Spanish. Ms. Quinones stated that she worked specifically with the Building Integrated Communities translating public documents from English into Spanish. She enjoyed working with the City.

Mayor Mann mentioned that National Night Out is very significant and timely. He hopes Mr. Owen's endeavor with the People Loving People Unity & Prayer Walk will lead into what he has been talking about – to solve some crime issues in selected areas with isolated individuals. We need to take these group efforts and take them to the neighborhoods. If every church could get five to ten strong, young deacons in their church to volunteer to mentor and to be on call when a family is having an issue with a young man or woman in their neighborhood, then they could be there for the parent and child. It would certainly fill the need that Police cannot fill. Council Member Buckels and he have been working hard to integrate into these families and get their arms around people. He hopes it will lead to future discussions on a youth center and some other outlets for young people – primarily for the age group of 14 to 22 years of age. We have to work together to make these issues go away.

Mayor Mann noted that Triangle J Council of Governments will host the Mayors and County Commissioners Chairs' Regional Meeting in Sanford, on September 1, at the Buggy Company. It is not a public event; 15 mayors and 15 county commissioner chairs from our regional will be in Sanford that day.

Mayor Mann spoke to the Siler City Town Commissioners on Monday night regarding the Building Integrated Communities (BIC) project. Siler City is considering applying for a grant that Sanford received. He spoke on the benefits and what he saw happening with this program.

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ADJOURNMENT

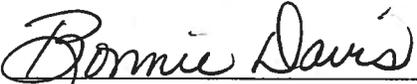
Mayor Pro Tem Gaskins made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Council Member Wyhof, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



T. CHET MANN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BONNIE DAVIS, CITY CLERK