

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES**February 8, 2010
WORK SESSION**

The City Commission of the City of Sanford, Florida, met in Work Session on Monday, February 8, 2010 at 4:00 PM, in the Railroad Depot Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 300 North Park Avenue, Sanford, Florida.

Present: Mayor Linda Kuhn
Vice Mayor Art Woodruff
Commissioner Randy Jones (Arrived at 4:26 P.M.)
Commissioner Velma Williams
Commissioner Jack T. Bridges
Interim City Manager Tom George
Acting City Attorney Lonnie Groot
City Clerk Janet Dougherty
Administrative Specialist Pat Lee

Mayor Linda Kuhn called the Work Session to order at 4:04 PM.

Note: Items taken out of order to accommodate Commissioner Jones being present.

2) Police Community Relations Initiative Report – update. [Commission Memo 10-031]

Police Chief Brian Tooley reviewed the action plan and outlined the progress made to date. He stated the Department is working on Outreach programs and will continue to take the Citizens Advisory Board meetings “on the road” (with increased advertisements), with a meeting to be held in each District once a year.

Mayor Kuhn asked that items in the Action Plan get implemented as soon as possible.

3) Alcoholic Beverage Establishments – proposed new regulations. [Commission Memo 10-026]

Russ Gibson, Director of Planning and Development Services, distributed two hand-outs, and together with Antonia Gerli, Principal Planner, explained what other cities are doing versus what Sanford is doing. [Commissioner Jones arrived] Staff recommended that prior to consideration of any new regulations, direct input be

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sought from the business community through the Chamber of Commerce.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission to have staff draft an ordinance that would include the following policies: (1) establish a buffer area (300' or 150') inside the perimeter of the SC-3 zoning (excluding the existing Entertainment District) that would require obtaining Conditional Use approval for new alcoholic beverage licenses; (2) establish specific standards or criteria for Conditional Use requests involving alcoholic beverages.

1) Sanford Housing Authority briefing - discussion. [Commission Memo 10- 025]

Mayor Kuhn asked if Board Member Maria Penzes was acting as a spokesperson for the Board and Ms. Penzes responded that "she can". Ms. Penzes distributed a packet of information dated February 8, 2010 and titled "Sanford Housing Authority Financial Strategic Plan".

Mayor Kuhn summarized the events leading up to today's meeting including lack of heating issues and SHA being in arrears with their water bills and numerous other vendors. She stated she is very distressed with the situation and it seems as though the City of Sanford gets pulled into this and gets the "black eye", noting the City does not fund nor run this Agency and she is concerned that any of our residents are living in substandard conditions which are unacceptable. She felt the financial strategic plan was nothing more than a "band-aid" and asked what were the long term plans and goals of this Agency noting financial problems surface about every 5 years.

Ms. Penzes reviewed the financial strategic plan and her belief that the

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Agency should be whole by March of this year in terms of paying a fair amount of the accounts down. Mr. Melvin Philpot explained that he is not clear on how they got to this point and that the Board was not apprised of a lot of things. Mr. Angel Tua stated that HUD has heard what the Mayor said “loud and clear” but that HUD doesn’t have money available. HUD is conducting an investigation into spending and he cannot share what the items of the investigation are but that SHA has taken positive steps to pay its bills and he offered to meet one-on-one with each Commissioner to answer their questions.

4) Agenda Items – additional information and/or questions.

Mr. George gave an update on the Haitian Relief efforts at the Orlando-Sanford Airport that have now ceased and noted that \$81,280 has been expended. A contract with DCF for 100% reimbursement will be brought back on the next agenda.

Mr. George distributed a diagram for the Creative Sanford lease that is on today’s Consent Agenda for approval.

5) End the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51 P.M.

Mayor Linda Kuhn

Attest:

City Clerk

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