

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

JANUARY 12, 2015
WORK SESSION

The City Commission of the City of Sanford, Florida, met in Work Session on Monday, January 12, 2015, at 5:00 PM, in the Railroad Depot Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 300 North Park Avenue, Sanford, Florida.

Present: Mayor Jeff Triplett
Vice Mayor Velma Williams
Commissioner Mark M^cCarty
Commissioner Randy Jones
Commissioner Patty Mahany
City Manager Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr.
City Attorney William L. Colbert
City Clerk Cynthia Porter
Deputy City Clerk Traci Houchin

Absent: Commissioner Randy Jones

Mayor Triplett called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM.

1. Regular Meeting Items – additional information

A. Firefighter Union contracts. [Commission Memo 15-001.A] (RM 6.A)

Deputy City Manager Tom George said that the City has reached agreement with the IAFF on the two professional Firefighters Collective Bargaining Agreements. The two year agreements will stay the same with the exception of two articles: Article 23, Wages and Article 41, Entire Agreement/Duration. He distributed a copy to the Commission.

City Manager Bonaparte thanked Mr. George and Fire Chief Craig Radzak for negotiating agreements that are consistent with the Commission's directive.

B. Acceptance of the Dreamwold lift station into City ownership.

[Commission Memo 15-012] (RM 8.D)

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Utility Director Paul Moore explained that this is an older duplex community at 24th Place and 25th Place. He said that there are approximately 32 units serviced by a private lift station; however, the lift station is no longer being managed. The owner of the lift station provided a quit claim deed to the City. Mr. Moore said that over the next several years this lift station could cost the City approximately \$50,000. In order to recoup the money, the City could implement a one-time assessment fee to the property owners.

Vice Mayor Williams asked why the City should accept the lift station. City Attorney Colbert explained that the City is obligated to protect the health and welfare of its citizens and that this is one of the least expensive alternatives. Mr. Bonaparte said that this is an action item on tonight's agenda.

C. Ordinance No. 4331, amending the City Code relating to administrative operations of City Boards, Commissions and Committees. [Commission Memo 15-007] (RM 7.F).

City Clerk Cynthia Porter said that this Ordinance is being considered for second reading and adoption at tonight's Regular Meeting. After the last Work Session and Regular Meeting discussions, the Commission recommended several amendments which have been incorporated into the Ordinance.

Mr. Colbert said that many cities are adopting texting policies. If the Commission believes that it would be appropriate, they could choose to adopt this Ordinance with alternative language pertaining to texting and if not, there is an

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alternative motion. Mr. Bonaparte said that he is concerned with the language as it is written. It states that a Commissioner will be in violation if they receive a text message. He said that receiving a text message is not something that an individual can control. Mayor Triplett also said that he does not like the way the Ordinance is written in that regard.

Commissioner Mahany said that she is concerned with a sentence on page 12 pertaining to staff liaisons and that she would like that language not to be stricken from the Ordinance. After hearing the Commission's discussion, Ms. Porter suggested that the entire paragraph be left in the Ordinance. There was a consensus among the Commission to move forward with the Ordinance, leaving the paragraph in and removing the texting language.

D. Purchase of Lakeview Terrace – 312 E. Commercial Street.

[Commission Memo 15-001.M] (RM 6.M)

There were no questions or concerns from the Commission. This will be an action item on tonight's agenda.

2. Briefing Items

- Staffing Numbers

Mr. Fosson distributed and reviewed a staffing number summary of employees for the last FY year which includes new hires, promotions, resignations,

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retirements, dismissals and death. Vice Mayor Williams said that she would like to see this reported quarterly.

- Texting Policy

The Commission requested that the City Attorney and staff contact other municipalities to learn how they handle texting and to report back to the Commission.

3. City Manager Comments

Mr. Bonaparte said that he received an invite from the Florida Department of Transportation District 5 Secretary Noranne Downs regarding a tour of the SunRail Maintenance Facility which will be held on January 29, 2015. She asked that the Commission choose a time and the consensus among the Commission was 11:00 AM.

Mr. Bonaparte suggested a reception in the lobby prior to the Regular Meeting on January 26, 2015 instead of dinner; the Commission had no objection.

Mr. Bonaparte handed out a letter that was sent by Congressman Mica to Ms. Vivian Bryant, President and CEO of the Orlando Housing Authority. The letter shows that it was copied to the City Commission; however, it was not.

Mr. Bonaparte asked the Commission if there were any questions or comments pertaining to the Police Officers Retirement System Proposed Ordinance which is on tonight's agenda for action. There were none.

4. City Commission Comments

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Commissioner Mahany asked the City Attorney to look into an issue pertaining to people taking from recycle bins during the early morning hours in several neighborhoods throughout her district.

Commissioner Mahany informed the Commission that there will be a retirement party held on January 28, 2015 for Arlene Davison. She will help with the decorations and food but informed the Commission that she needs a budget. She asked the Commission if they would support doing something other than the norm as this individual has been with the City for over 40 years. Mr. Bonaparte said that an Administrative Policy could be implemented to address employees who retire with 35 years or more service. Further, there was a consensus of the Commission that staff work with Commissioner Mahany to organize an appropriate send off for Ms. Davison.

Mayor Triplett said that a new group named The New Sanford Initiatives is planning a big clean up on February 21st and has requested the use of the City logo on the cards they plan to distribute regarding the clean-up. There was a consensus among the Commission to allow the use of the City logo.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:19 PM.

Attest:



City Clerk
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Mayor Jeff Triplett