

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

**MARCH 9, 2015
WORK SESSION**

The City Commission of the City of Sanford, Florida, met in Work Session on Monday, March 9, 2015, at 4:00 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 Art Woodruff
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

Mayor Triplett called the meeting to order at 4:08 PM.

The item below was moved to the first item on the agenda at the request of Seminole County's Acting Economic Development Director Pam Lynch.

5. Regular Meeting Items – additional information

- A. Aerosim Flight Academy, Inc. for a Jobs Growth Incentive Program Funding Award and Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Seminole County. [Commission Memo 15-036] (RM 8.B)

Economic Development Director Bob Turk explained that Aerosim Flight Academy has been in the community for over 20 years and is looking to expand their business at the airport. This is a Jobs Growth Incentive Award for 50 jobs and is an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Sanford and Seminole County, each matching \$50,000.

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Ms. Lynch stated the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners will be meeting at 9:30 AM tomorrow morning to discuss this item and feels that the BCC will be favorable to the agreement. City Manager Bonaparte said that funds have been budgeted in Economic Development; this is an action item on tonight's agenda.

1. Presentation of City Financial Report – 1st Quarter Ended December 31, 2014.
[Commission Memo 15-033]

Finance Director Cynthia Lindsay presented the report.

2. Quarterly Update on Activities of the Police Department.

Police Chief Cecil Smith gave a brief PowerPoint presentation of the Sanford Police Department 2014 Annual Report, and distributed a copy of the same. The report reviewed the agency statistics, patrol, operations, strategic services, office of professional services, administrative services, and 2015 department goals.

Commissioner Mahany asked Chief Smith if he could share with the Commission the incident that occurred over the past weekend. She said that she received several calls from residents asking her if they needed to evacuate their homes.

Chief Smith explained that there was an incident that occurred around 11:00 PM on Saturday evening at the Chamber of Commerce. He said that there was a large crowd of individuals fighting in the street. This was the result of a birthday party that had over 300 people in attendance. The police department had no notification that there would be an event at that particular location; therefore, no detailed officer was

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assigned to that event. Chief Smith said that he spoke to a member of the Chamber and it was confirmed that the building had been rented; however, no other information was obtained.

Mayor Triplett asked Mr. Bonaparte to set up a meeting with the members of the Chamber to discuss the incident that occurred on Saturday evening to determine if procedure was followed. Commissioner Woodruff suggested that staff review the Chamber's lease agreement prior to the meeting to determine what is in the agreement.

Commissioner Mahany said that she is worried that the relationship with the Chamber of Commerce is fractured and is concerned that it could get worse. Mr. Bonaparte said that is the reason for the meeting, so that the City and the Chamber can discuss and clarify expectations. This will be a good opportunity to learn what happened and how to prevent it from happening in the future.

Mr. Bonaparte asked Chief Smith to address the helicopter situation. Chief Smith said that the helicopter was called upon due to the large crowd and people were being instructed to disburse from the building.

3. Discussion re: changes to Land Development Regulations.

Planning and Development Services Director Russ Gibson said that prior to the adoption of the ordinance for this item he would like the Commission to review the handout on the proposed Architectural Design standards. He said that staff is moving

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forward in making the design standards City-wide which will help increase the quality of development throughout the City. [City Clerk Porter left the meeting.]

Vice Mayor Williams suggested that a Special Work Session be held to discuss Land Development Regulations as they are very important and many questions will be raised. She said that she prefers that the meeting not be held on a regular meeting day. Mr. Bonaparte asked the Commission how much time they would like and the consensus among the Commission was approximately two hours (either 4-6 PM or 5-7 PM). Mr. Bonaparte said that he will reach out to the Commission to determine a date and time.

4. Continued discussion re: insurance proceeds from the Little Red School House.

Mr. Bonaparte distributed a handout for discussion regarding the allocation of the insurance proceeds from the Little Red School House. He said that the first proposal was made by Community Planner/ Historic Preservation Officer Christine Dalton who proposed a cultural grant fund that would be divided among the four Commission districts and one City-wide. At that time the Commission wanted to think about some other things that could be done. Another proposal was that the proceeds go towards the restoration of the Hopper Academy. He also said that \$200,000 could go towards the purchase of the School Board property at Mellonville and Celery Avenues. The City is currently leasing the property; however, if it could be acquired there may be a more receptive audience or developer to come forward. At this time, the City has a

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\$200,000 grant available that could be utilized to purchase the property. A proposal could be to offer the Seminole County School Board (SCSB) \$400,000 in cash and swap property, as they are using City property near Seminole High School. Commissioner Jones asked how much acreage is that School Board property and Mayor Triplett said approximately seven acres. Commissioner Jones said that he thought that the property was to be used to develop a community center on the east side. Vice Mayor Williams also said that she would like a community center on the east side as that is what people have been asking for. She suggested that \$42,000 of the insurance proceeds go towards Hopper and the rest go towards the purchase of a community center. Mr. Bonaparte said that part of the discussion is to have a community center at the Mellonville/Celery site. Vice Mayor Williams said that in terms of priorities, the community center would meet the needs and concerns of the people.

Mr. Bonaparte asked Ms. Dalton to brief the Commission on the cottage house plans that is also listed on the handout. Ms. Dalton explained that this would be an incentive to individuals that are interested in purchasing the smaller, non-conforming lots throughout the City. She said that the City would purchase the lots and eliminate the urban infill process that is currently in place. Mr. Bonaparte said that this is not for decision tonight but something to consider and discuss further at another meeting.

6. Briefing Items

None.

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7. City Manager Comments

Mr. Bonaparte informed the Commission that the Sanford Housing Authority is in need of administrative office space and he is considering allowing them use of the Steamboat Landing Room.

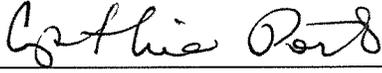
Mr. Bonaparte asked the Commission to check the website to be sure that their bio page is up to date and correct.

Mayor Triplett appointed Commissioner Woodruff to the Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center Board; Michael Cash and Jordan Smith to the Metroplan Transportation Systems Management and Operations Committee; and Brady Lessard to the Sanford Housing Authority Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 PM.

Mayor Jeff Triplett

Attest:



City Clerk

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