

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

MARCH 23, 2015
WORK SESSION

The City Commission of the City of Sanford, Florida, met in Work Session on Monday, March 23, 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 4:19 PM.

Economic Development Director Bob Turk requested that Item 4.B to be discussed first:

4.B Resolution No. 2514, requesting Seminole County Board of County Commissioners approval of a ten year extension of the operational timeframe of the Lake Monroe Waterfront Downtown Sanford Community Redevelopment Area and Agency (CRA). [Commission Memo 15-041] (RM 8.B)

John Jones of Littlejohn Engineering informed the Commission that this is simply the formal process in asking the County to approve the extension of the CRA.

1. Presentation re: Activities of the Sanford Housing Authority by Vivian Bryant, Orlando Housing Authority President and CEO.

Orlando Housing Authority President and CEO Vivian Bryant distributed and presented a PowerPoint Presentation of the Sanford Housing Authority update dated

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March 2015. The presentation covered the history of the Orlando Housing Authority (OHA) and the Sanford Housing Authority (SHA) relationship, the financial status of SHA, the status of demolition of remaining complexes/buildings, litigation status, SHA reuse pre-planning, and the current status of the SHA. Ms. Bryant informed the Commission that the OHA is also heavily involved in the homelessness initiatives for both, Orange and Seminole Counties.

Vice Mayor Williams stated that in going out for bid for redevelopment all developers should understand that any redevelopment in these demolished areas must include a total of 209 units of affordable housing which was a part of a previous settlement agreement.

2. Update on activities of the Fire Department.

Fire Chief Craig Radzak introduced the Command Staff to the Commission and then presented a brief PowerPoint Presentation that included the various divisions and operations along with the department's 2015 goals and challenges.

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

Mr. Bonaparte explained that the Commission has had continued discussions surrounding this item and at this time the Commission has agreed to set aside funds towards the purchase of property from the Seminole County School Board (SCSB) located at Mellonville/Celery Avenues and also towards restoration of the Hopper

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Academy. Mr. Bonaparte said staff has recently received a new request for the Sanford Heritage Revolving Fund.

Commissioner Woodruff said that if the City really wants to purchase the property from the SCSB, it could afford to do so. He would like to explore some of the other ideas that have been brought forward such as: the cultural grant ideas, the cottage lots, and the revolving fund. Commissioner Mahany said that she agrees with Commissioner Woodruff and that she would like to see something benefit the entire community. Vice Mayor Williams said that there are many good suggestions; however, she still would like to see a community center on the east side.

There was a consensus among the Commission to move forward with the meeting between the SCSB and the City of Sanford regarding the property. Once this has a taken place and an outcome has been determined staff will come back to the Commission with the amount of money left over and review the ideas and suggestions again.

4. Regular Meeting Items – additional information.

A. 2015 Seminole County/City of Sanford Joint Planning Agreement.

[Commission Memo 15-037.A] (RM 6.A)

Planning & Development Services Director Russ Gibson introduced Seminole County's Principal Planner Bill Wharton. Mr. Gibson distributed a revised agenda memorandum as the original was lacking information. He said that the last update made to the JPA was in 2010. Changes are being considered at this time because both

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jurisdictions are experiencing significant development proposals. Currently the County has some development proposals that are pending consideration of these updates.

Mayor Triplett asked if this agreement could be revoked at any time by any party and Mr. Gibson said that a JPA is not a requirement; however, it is in place so that the development teams from both jurisdictions work together. City Attorney Colbert said from a legal standpoint, the JPA is very beneficial to the City.

Vice Mayor Williams said that based on staff recommendations and the City Attorney's opinion she will support this.

Commissioner Woodruff said that the last time they discussed the Celery Avenue corridor, it was a lengthy discussion and he is surprised that it is going through so quickly. He also said that he is concerned with the sewer connections. His understanding was that sewer would be extended to the developer/development in this area. Mr. Gibson explained that the JPA states that if and when sewer is available, the developer/development will be required to connect.

Mayor Triplett said that he is not prepared to discuss and vote on this item tonight and Commissioner Mahany agreed. Therefore, it was a consensus among the Commission to bring this item back for discussion at the April 13, 2015 Work Session.

- B. Resolution No. 2514, Requesting Seminole County Board of County Commissioners to approve a ten (10) year extension of the operational timeframe of the Lake Monroe Waterfront Downtown Sanford

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Community Redevelopment Area and Agency. [Commission Memo 15-041] (Item discussion took place at the start of the meeting).

- C. Resolution No. 2515, Amendment to Classification & Pay Plan: re: Environmental Coordinator [Commission Memo 15-042] (RM 8.C)
In the essence of time, this item was not discussed.

- D. Resolution No. 2516, Amendment to Classification & Pay Plan re: Utilities Inspector [Commission Memo 15-043] (RM 8.D)
In the essence of time, this item was not discussed.

- E. My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Community Designation [Commission Memo 15-044] (RM 8.E)

Senior Project Manager Andrew Thomas introduced the members of the "Sanford Future Claimers" which is the local organization supporting this initiative. This organization will help address the challenges facing young men of color and are committed to pursuing the MBK designation for the City of Sanford with the Commission's support. This is an action item on tonight's agenda.

- F. Public Art Pilot Project [Commission Memo 15-037.K] (RM6.K)

Deputy City Manager Tom George said that this is a good project and a good start. There was a consensus among the Commission to move forward. This is an action item on tonight's agenda.

5. Briefing Items.

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6. City Manager Comments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Attest:

Cynthia Port
City Clerk

Velma H. Williams
~~Mayor Jeff Triplett~~

Vice Mayor Velma H. Williams

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