

# CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

AUGUST 10, 2015  
WORK SESSION

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The City Commission of the City of Sanford, Florida, met in Work Session on Monday, August 10, 2015, at 4:00 PM, in the Railroad Depot Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, CMC

Mayor Triplett called the meeting to order at 4:17 PM.

1. Presentation of City Financial Report – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Ended March 31, 2015.  
[Commission Memo 15-136]

Finance Director Cynthia Lindsay presented the Financial Report.

2. Discussion re: Public Safety Complex Debt [Commission Memo 15-137]

This item was postponed.

3. Discussion re: Management Partners Recommendations #10, Sanford Museum and #11, Mayfair Golf Course.

Mayor Triplett said that now is not the time to sell the golf course as it is holding its own and many people are beginning to play golf again. He suggested that Integrity provide a forecast for the next few years; this can be presented at a Work Session.

Commissioner Woodruff said the golf course is a recreational asset to the City and he is not in favor of selling it.

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Mr. Bonaparte said that staff will schedule a meeting with Integrity for an upcoming Work Session.

In regards to the Sanford Museum, Vice Mayor Williams asked if the City would be giving away the collectibles and items that have been donated to the museum. Mr. Bonaparte explained that the recommendation is that the City convey or transfer the museum and its collection to a non-profit organization. He said at this time, there is no interest in the museum. Vice Mayor Williams said that it is important to have a museum in the City and that it has a unique history. Commissioner Mahany said that she agrees. Mayor Triplett suggested that staff talk to the County to see if there is a way to work together in reducing operating costs. Mr. Bonaparte said that he will speak to County Manager Guillet to explore a joint museum.

#### 4. Discussion re: City Role in the Waterfront Master Plan.

Economic Development Director Bob Turk said that this discussion pertains to the (CRA) catalyst site. The Request for Qualification (RFQ) is currently being prepared to go out. As these requests are received, Mr. Turk asked the Commission how they would like to proceed with the review process. Commissioner Jones asked how many requests the City expects to receive and Mr. Turk said that he has no idea. Based on developers that he has talked to and that Littlejohn Engineering has talked to, he anticipates that eight or ten companies will qualify. Mr. Bonaparte asked the Commission if they would like to see all requests or if they would like staff to narrow it down. Vice Mayor Williams said that she would like to see the list after it has been narrowed down. Mayor Triplett said that he would like to see it narrowed down and then

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invite each developer to make a presentation to the Commission. Commissioner Woodruff said that if staff could provide a list of all applicants, he can support narrowing it down.

5. Discussion re: Disposal of surplus land located near Mayfair Golf Course

Deputy City Manager Tom George explained that the City has owned this piece of property for a long time. He said that the City has no use for it and it costs money to maintain, therefore, they would like to sell it. There was a consensus among the Commission to move forward with disposing the land as surplus and to market the property.

6. Discussion re: City Elections

After discussion, it was a consensus among the Commission to move the City's Regular Election date to the August Primary Election and a Run-Off Election (if necessary) to be held in November and keeping with the majority vote. Mr. Bonaparte said that staff will work with the City Attorney's office to draft the Ordinance required for the changes.

7. Discussion re: Letter from Central Freethought Community

Mayor Triplett said that he has received a letter from this organization requesting to provide the invocation during City Commission meetings. After discussion, there was a consensus among the Commission for the Mayor to contact this organization and request that they contact the City Clerk in order to get on the 2016 list of invocators.

8. Discussion re: Tax Abatement Ordinance

City Attorney Colbert prepared a draft Ordinance for discussion which he provided the Commission via email. He said that if the Commission would like to go forward with the Ordinance, it will need to go to a Voter's Referendum. He said that the City could offer

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to give tax incentives on improvements made to a property; not on the value of the real estate. It would be in the form of (City) ad valorem tax and not exceed 10 years. Commissioner Jones said that this is well worth looking into. Commissioner Woodruff said that many cities in Seminole County are already offering these type of incentives; however, he does not want the criteria set so that every business is approved. Mr. Colbert said that the Commission would set the criteria. Commissioner Mahany said that she would like to see Ordinances from other cities. Mr. Bonaparte said that staff will obtain some other ordinances and schedule this for further discussion at the September 14, 2015 Work Session.

9. Regular Meeting items – additional information

- A. CDBG Five-Year 2015/2020 Consolidated and One Year 2015/2016 Action Plan  
[Commission Memo 15-128.H] (RM 6-H)
- B. City of Sanford 2015 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choices  
[Commission Memo 15-128] (RM 6-I)
- C. CDBG Citizens Participation Plan [Commission Memo 15-128.J] (RM 6-J)

Senior Project Manager Andrew Thomas discussed these items and said that the City is eligible for up to two million dollars over the next five years. He said that the City's housing needs remain the same and that they will look at both immediate needs and rehab housing. He asked the Commission to approve these plans so they can be submitted. These are action items on tonight's agenda.

10. Briefing Items

- Board Interview Process

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City Clerk Cynthia Porter stated that there are 12 board positions expiring and asked the Commission if they would like to continue the board appointment process of conducting interviews during the first meeting in September and appoint positions at the second meeting of September. The consensus of the Commission was to keep this process in place.

## 11. City Manager Comments

- Mr. Bonaparte stated that Consent Item G is being pulled from tonight's agenda.
- Mr. Bonaparte informed the Commission that he has been invited and will attend a meeting tomorrow in which Congressman Mica will recommend that Lynx Transportation Service be privatized. He distributed a copy of a letter from Congressman Mica regarding the same.
- Mr. Bonaparte asked the Commission if they would like to do something as a City for the retirement of the Sanford Airport President and it was recommended that the City present a proclamation.
- Mr. Bonaparte asked the Commission to consider taking next steps into helping the residents that are still not receiving relief from the SunRail Maintenance yard.
- Mr. Bonaparte asked the Commission if they would like to continue the meeting that they began with Dr. Bertram and after a brief discussion the consensus among the Commission was to proceed without Dr. Bertram.
- Mr. Bonaparte asked the Commission if they would like a budget work session prior to the first public hearing and Commissioner Woodruff said that he believes

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it is necessary. Mr. Bonaparte said that staff will schedule a one hour session prior to the next Work Session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM.

  
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Mayor Jeff Triplett

Attest:

  
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City Clerk

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