



Sanford Town Council

Town Council Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2010

The Sanford Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Sanford Town Hall Annex on Tuesday, March 2, 2010. Those present were: **COUNCILORS:** Chairman Joseph Hanslip, Vice-Chair Kevin J. Chabot, Councilor Anne Marie Mastraccio, Councilor Gordon Paul, Councilor Brad Littlefield, Councilor Alan Walsh and Councilor Richard L. Wilkins. **TOWN MANAGER:** Mark Green **TOWN STAFF:** Sherry Lord Executive Assistant to the Town Manager, Planning Director Jim Gulnac, Director of the Sanford Regional Economic Growth Council Les Stevens and Police Chief Thomas Connolly, Fire Chief Raymond Parent, Town Grant Writer Lee Burnett, Director of Public Works & Town Engineer Charlie Andreson and Director of Sanitation Eugene Alley.

Chairman Hanslip called the meeting to order at 7:13pm.

The session began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Roll Call: Chairman Hanslip performs the Council Roll Call: Councilor Wilkins, Present; Councilor Walsh, present; Councilor Littlefield, present; Councilor Paul, present; Councilor Mastraccio, present; Vice-Chair Chabot, present; Chairman Hanslip, present.

Minutes:

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 2, 2010: Councilor Mastraccio moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Paul. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 23, 2010: Councilor Mastraccio moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Paul. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.

Chairman's Reports/Town Council Sub-Committee Reports

Councilor Littlefield reported from the Sanford Regional Economic Growth Council. They have been working on a web-site for the Growth Council and it should be up and running soon.

Councilor Walsh reported from the Finance Committee. The Finance committee has posted their agenda for the March 4th meeting and they have sent out a meeting schedule for March and April. Two issues Councilor Walsh will be bringing before the Finance Committee on Thursday will be CIP committee schedule and the 14 day Public Hearing Notice.

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Green reminded citizens of the tax exemptions available.

Communications

Presentation from the Police Department for Retired K9: Chief Connolly presented Corporal Jason Champlin and his retired K9 Kruger with a plaque on behalf of the Sanford Police Department.

Presentation on Fire Fighters Fundraising: Jerry Gay addressed the Council and explained the fundraising process.

Presentation on Recycling: Lyndon Oak Transfer Station Employee and recipient of the ECO Maine Recycling Excellence Award. Lyndon gave a presentation on recycling to the Council.

Public Participation

Charlie Plante voiced his concerns about recycling.

Public Hearings

- 1) A public hearing for the designation of a Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing district located at or near 15 Oak Street, Springvale, ME (Tax Map L15 Lot 105) and the adoption of a related development program for the benefit of John F. Kennedy Realty Trust C/O Robert Reinken Trustee. Chairman Hanslip declared the public hearing open at 8:21pm. Les Stevens Executive Director of the Sanford Regional Economic Growth Council explained the TIF District to the Council. Robert Reinkin addressed the Council and expressed his appreciation for the Village of Springvale. Councilors Walsh and Mastraccio voiced their support. Charlie Plante voiced his support. There was no one else to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 8:30pm.
- 2) An application to the State of Maine CDBG program for a Community Enterprise Grant. The purpose of this grant application is to renovate the outdoor stairway between the parking lots at Mid-town Mall and make streetscape improvements. Chairman Hanslip declared the public hearing open at 8:37pm. Town Grant Writer Lee Burnett presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Council explaining the project. Maura Herlihy president of the Downtown Legacy expressed the support from the Downtown Legacy for this project. Kimberly Stewart was also in attendance in support. Bruce Hagan and Tina Lundquist expressed their concerns. There was no one else to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 8:55pm.
- 3) To discuss amendments to the Town Code of the Town of Sanford Article 1, Section 220, Solid Waste Ordinance. The amendments proposed seek to establish a pay as you throw program of waste disposal for Sanford Residents. Chairman Hanslip declared the public hearing open at 8:56pm. Town Manager Green updated the Council on the amendments made from the previous public hearing. The following citizens voiced their concerns regarding Pay as You Throw and were opposed to the ordinance: Jack McAdam of Hanson's Ridge Rd, Springvale,

Candice Hagan of Welch's Lane, Sanford. Tina Lundquist of Boothby Ave, Sanford, Cricket Crocket and Phyllis Murphy also of Sanford. Charlie Plante is for Pay as You Throw but against Recycling. Richard Stanley President of the Chamber of Commerce expressed the concerns of local convenience store owners. Maura Herlihy of Sanford expressed her support for the PAYT Ordinance. Councilor Walsh stated for the record that Chairman Hanslip agreed with Councilor Littlefield that the Council shall hold their comments until this item comes up under Old Business. Councilor Walsh also stated for the record that what he was trying to address were misconceptions and incorrect information stated by citizens during the public hearing. He was concerned this misinformation would be accepted as fact by the public. There was no one else to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 9:28pm.

Old Business

- 10-19.02 The Town Council hereby ordains amendments to the Town Code of the Town of Sanford Article 1, Section 220, Solid Waste Ordinance. These amendments proposed seek to establish a pay as you throw program of waste disposal for Sanford Residents. (This item must be read on two separate days. This is the first reading). Vice-Chair Chabot addressed Charlie Plants Concerns. Councilor Mastraccio made a motion to add changes to the ordinance as follows: Bags shall cost \$1.25 per bag for 15 gallon bags and \$2.00 for 33 gallon bags. The Town Council may change this pricing at any time after June 30, 2012 following public hearing, said hearing having at least 14 days notice in a newspaper of general circulation. The total revenue from bag sales may not exceed the total amount of the environmental services budget., seconded by Vice Chair Chabot. The Town Council voted 5-2 (Councilors Littlefield and Wilkins opposed.)

New Business

Councilor Littlefield asked due to time constraints if items 10-23.06 and 10-24.07 be moved to the top of new business. These items were moved without objection.

- 10-23.06 Ordered, to place the following question on the ballot for the June 8, 2010 election. "Shall a Charter Commission be established for the purpose of revising the Municipal Charter or establishing a New Municipal Charter?" Councilor Wilkins asked what the purpose of this was. It was explained that it is the duty of the Council to provide for charter review every ten years. The Town Council voted 6-1 to approve. (Councilor Wilkins opposed).
- 10-24.07 The Town Council of the Town of Sanford hereby ordains an emergency ordinance entitled "Emergency Ordinance Regarding Meetings of the Finance Committee" in conformance with section 213.1 of the Sanford Town Charter. (Adoption of this ordinance amendment requires five affirmative votes) Councilor Mastraccio moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Littlefield. The Town Council voted 6-1 to approve. (Councilor Wilkins opposed). (Ordinance Attached)

- 10-21.04 Ordered, to adopt a resolution entitled Resolve to Designate the Oak Street Center (John F. Kennedy Realty Trust) Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District and to adopt a Development Program for said District. Vice-Chair Chabot moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Mastraccio. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 10-22.05 Ordered, to submit an application for a CDBG Community Enterprise Grant to make improvements to the Mid-town Mall Stairway. Councilor Mastraccio moved to approve, seconded by Vice-Chair Chabot. Councilor Walsh made a motion to amend stating that no Town funds will be used for this project, seconded by Councilor Littlefield. Maura Herlihy President of the Downtown Legacy pointed out that the \$5,000. that needs to be spent will be funded through the Downtown Legacy. Councilor Walsh withdrew his motion. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 10-20.03 Ordered, to authorize Sanford Police Officers to exercise Optional Powers as allowed by MRSA Title 30-A, Section 2671,2-A within the guidelines established by the Standard Operating Procedures #10078 as approved by the Chief of Police. Police Chief Thomas Connolly explained to the Council the benefits of Optional Powers. (This item will be under old business at the March 23, 2010 meeting).

Vice-Chair Chabot moved to take a vote to meet beyond 10:00pm, seconded by Councilor Mastraccio. The Town Council voted 5-2. Since the motion to continue past 10:00pm requires a unanimous vote the Chair moved to adjourn at 10:00pm.

Council Member Comments

Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

Chairman Hanslip moved to adjourn at 10:00 pm.
Respectfully Submitted,
Sherry Lord