



Sanford City Council

City Council Meeting Minutes – August 6, 2013

The Sanford City Council met at 7:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Sanford City Hall Annex on Tuesday, August 6, 2013. Those present were: **COUNCILORS:** Councilor Alan Walsh, Councilor Bradford J. Littlefield, Councilor Joseph Hanslip, Councilor Richard Wilkins, Councilor Maura Herlihy and Councilor Fred W. Smith. **CITY MANAGER:** Steven R. Buck **CITY STAFF:** Sherry Lord, Executive Assistant, Ronni Champlin, Finance Director and Jim Gulnac, Director of Planning.

Mayor Herlihy called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

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

Roll Call: Mayor Herlihy performs the Council Roll Call: Councilor Smith, present; Councilor Burgess, absent w/notice; Councilor Wilkins, present; Councilor Walsh, present; Councilor Littlefield, present; Deputy Mayor Hanslip, present; Mayor Herlihy, present.

Minutes

Regular Meeting: July 16, 2013; Deputy Chair moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Smith. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.

Mayor's Reports/City Council Sub-Committee Reports

Please see Mayor's Report Attached

Councilor Littlefield reported that the Zoning Sub Committee will meet on Thursday, August 22nd to continue discussions on the new Land Stewardship program.

City Manager's Report

Please see Manager's Report Attached

Communications/Presentations

Public Participation

Tom Cote – voiced his concerns regarding recent budget cuts and revenue.

Jim Drummey – spoke of moving the City fiscal year from June 30 to July 30.

Diane Connolly – voiced her concerns regarding taxes.

Bernard Normand – spoke in favor of parking enforcement.

Lionel Sevigny – spoke of the improvements on Main Street in Springvale. New LED lighting will be in place by October.

Lee Burnett – Introduced the Ameri-corp group. They will be here for 6 weeks. August 18th there is a work day at the Dog Park location.

Public Hearings

The City Council will hold public hearings on the following:

1. The proposed changes to the City of Sanford General Assistance Ordinance. Mayor Herlihy declared the public hearing open at 8:05pm. Randy White, General Assistance Director explained the changes. (outline GA Maximums). Bernard Normand asked if people can get state funds and City funds. There was no one to speak for or against. Mayor Herlihy declared the public hearing continued until Tuesday, August 20th at 7:00pm.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Herlihy sought comments or opposition on the following item. There was neither. The following item was approved.

- 13-129.01 Ordered, to approve a blanket letter application for a license to operate Games of Chance (5 Video Poker Games) for the AMVETS Post #3, 169 School Street, Sanford, ME.

Old Business

- 13-124.02 The City Council of the City of Sanford hereby ordains amendments to Chapter 245, Article XX, subsection 245-130 Schedule 8 One Hour Parking: by adding: "B. Washington Street, Sanford: on the southeasterly side from SB Emery Court to Pioneer Avenue". (This item must be read on two separate days. This is the second reading). Councilor Littlefield move to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. Bernard Normand spoke in favor. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.

New Business

- 13-130.02 Ordered, to authorize the 2013 Maine Jet Rally & Model Expo to be held at the Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport on September 5th - 8th, 2013. Councilor Littlefield moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Smith. Ray Labonte, event organizer addressed the Council and explained the event. Councilor Littlefield spoke in favor of the event. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 13-131.03 Ordered, to approve the sign design for the Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport as recommended by the Municipal Property Sub-Committee.

Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.

- 13-132.04 Ordered, to authorize the City of Sanford to act as the fiscal agent to the Springvale Improvement Committee. Councilor Littlefield moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Walsh. City Manager Buck explained. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 13-133.05 The City Council hereby ordains amendments to the City of Sanford General Assistance Ordinance. (This item must be read on two separate days. This is the first reading). No action taken
- 13-134.06 Ordered, to appoint one member for Maine Municipal Association Vice-President (1) year term and three members to the Maine Municipal Association Executive Committee (3) year terms. Councilor Littlefield moved to approve the recommended officers as presented by Maine Municipal Association, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hanslip. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 13-135.07 Ordered, to authorize funds not to exceed \$1,154.00 to assist the York County Budget Committee with Legal Fees. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. Deputy Mayor Hanslip explained the background of this. City Manager Buck expanded on this issue. Councilor Wilkins moved the question. The City Council voted 4-2 to move the question. The City Council voted 4-2. (Mayor Herlihy and Councilor Littlefield opposed).
- 13-136.08 Ordered, to authorize the proposed Municipal budget reductions for fiscal year 2013/2014. City Manager Buck gave a powerpoint presentation to the City Council explaining the Maine PERS shortfall. Jim Drummey urged City Councilors to read the information about spiking. There was much discussion regarding Maine PERS. City Manager Buck explained the reduction in appropriations for St. Thomas School. Mayor Herlihy read the following three motions:
1. Councilor Littlefield made a motion to appropriate \$100,000 Reciept of Ambulance Fees, \$125,000 of Excise Tax, \$3,300.00 in FEMA funds from the Airport, \$24,000 for Parking Violations, and \$199,855 of Carry Forward of unexpended resources from FY 12-13 of un-appropriated revenue to partially fund the liability under MEPRS for the Consolidated AC and 1C Plans for FY 13-14. (Pursuant to Charter 619.2 this Vote requires at least six (6) affirmative votes of the Council), seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.
 2. Councilor Littlefield made a Motion to reduce expenditures by \$301,986 across various Departments and Accounts as listed in a Memorandum to the City Council dated July 31st, 2013 "Post Budget Reductions to address MainePERS Retirement Funding," said Memorandum to be made part of

Public Record, pursuant to Charter Section 619.3 without delay to partially fund the liability under MEPRS for the Consolidated AC and 1C Plans for FY 13-14.(Pursuant to Charter 619.3 this Vote does not require a super majority, only a simple majority), seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.

3. Councilor Littlefield made a Motion to rescind the prior equivalent Motions made and approved on July 16th, 2013 addressing Budget Amendments as now amended on August 6th, 2013. (Simple Majority Vote), seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Smith: Asked that City employees be thankful for their benefit packages they receive from the City.

Councilor Burgess: Absent w/notice

Councilor Wilkins: Thanked Manager Buck for all the work he did with his staff working through a tough budget time.

Councilor Walsh: None

Councilor Littlefield: spoke of Taxes and he will be reading e-mails from citizens.

Deputy Mayor Hanslip: None

Mayor Herlihy: State did find an additional \$54million dollars.

Future Agenda Items

Property Maintenance Workshop – Public Safety Sub Committee

Adjournment

Mayor Herlihy moved to adjourn at 10:00pm

Respectfully submitted by

Sherry A. Lord, Executive Assistant