

Sanford City Manager's Report
August 4th, 2015

Computer Recovery:

The City lost central Server #4 last night during the heavy lightning storm. The Server contains the files of all office equipment. Administration has no access to records until such time as the Central Server has been restored and the data array and contents are also restored. A secondary tape drive of all data is available should the data arrays not be able to be recovered.

Pursuant to the Information Systems Disaster Recovery Program, I have activated the Disaster Recovery Team for 8:00Am on Wednesday morning to secure temporary operational status, reaffirm recovery operations, and mitigate the impacts upon current operations. After recovery and restoration of normal operations, the Team will debrief and make recommendations to prevent any similar occurrence in the future.

Administration apologizes for the inconvenience that this has caused the Public today and is working to restore full operations by mid-morning on Wednesday August 5th, 2015.

Mayor's Coalition Meeting:

Deputy Mayor Herlihy and Manager Buck attended the Mayor's Coalition Meeting in Hallowell on July 24th, 2015. The Coalition reviewed the platform of work from the last Legislative Session as well as the outcome of the most important pieces of legislation.

Several Members have dropped membership for the coming year, predominantly due to budget constraints. Those dropping membership are South Portland, Waterville, and Gardner. Auburn did not pay their dues and is not expected to do so in the future. The remaining eight Members (Westbrook, Augusta, Bangor, Biddeford, Lewiston, Portland, Saco, and Sanford) will be seeking other interested municipalities being a reconsideration of Gardner and first time membership with Belfast and Rockland. The next meeting will review anticipated scope for the pending Short Session of the Legislature, establish a budget for the scope of work, and allow for the membership to assess their continued participation.

Several Platform elements were discussed as being;

1. Substance Abuse and seeking to pursue a number of pilot programs in Maine similar to some other States
2. Workforce Development to improve educational opportunities for Maine residents and to attract skilled workers from elsewhere to our regions

3. Broadband development to foster high quality, affordable broadband services to compete globally for information based companies and for our existing companies

4. Immigration reform working with the State and Federal governments to take responsibility for immigrants it has allowed to enter the Country but are not allowed to work

Medical Botanical Production:

Leadership from both the City Council and Planning Board met on July 28th, 2015 to discuss issues surrounding the cultivation of medical marijuana under the State's current Medical Marijuana Act or Title 22 Chapter 558-C Maine Use of Marijuana Act. The consensus was that further additions are need to Sanford's City Codes and Land Use Tables to fully account for the impacts that the commercial cultivation of medicinal marijuana produces.

The City Manager consulted with Legal Counsel and has advertised a Public Hearing and First Read of a Moratorium for August 18th, 2015 to stop any future application for the siting of a growing facility until such time as the Code amendments can be made.

The State of Maine has established the laws that allow for the cultivation and use of medicinal marijuana. The City recognizes the cultivation of the same under the NAICS Codes as Medical & Botanical Manufacturing NAICS#325411 and is making all such production subject to current and amended Conditional Use Standards pursuant to Code Chapter 280-66 et.al.

Airport Solar:

Administration met with Ranger Solar to further discuss the use of Airport Property for a potential Solar Photo Voltaic Farm to generate clean electricity. There is the potential for nearly 250 acres of potentially developable space on the Airport. Ranger has committed to providing contractual agreements to the City as the initial discussions and potential now dictate. If the documents are to the concurrence of the City, Ranger will be engaged to start the Glare Glint Analysis required by the Federal Aviation Administration during which time the City will continue to negotiate mutually beneficial terms with the Company.