



# Sanford City Council

City Council Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2013

The Sanford City Council met at 7:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Sanford City Hall Annex on Tuesday, February 19, 2013. Those present were: **COUNCILORS:** Councilor Alan Walsh, Councilor Bradford J. Littlefield, Councilor Joseph Hanslip, Councilor Richard Wilkins, Councilor Ken Burgess, Councilor Maura Herlihy and Councilor Fred W. Smith. **CITY MANAGER:** Steven R. Buck **CITY STAFF:** Susan Cote, City Clerk, Lee Burnett, Grant Writer, James Gulnac, City Planner, Charles Andreson, Public works Director, Eugene Alley, Deputy Director of Public Works.

Mayor Herlihy called the meeting to order at 7:02 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, present; Councilor Wilkins, present; Councilor Walsh, present; Councilor Littlefield, present; Deputy Mayor Hanslip, present; Mayor Herlihy, present.

## Minutes

Executive Session: February 5, 2013; Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve.

Regular Meeting: February 5, 2013; Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. Mayor Herlihy had one change that Ruth Ham was Shapleigh (not Acton) Selectwoman. Deputy Mayor Hanslip added to amend title to "Selectman" not Selectwoman. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve with amendments.

## Mayor's Reports/City Council Sub-Committee Reports

Mayor Herlihy spoke of upcoming Public Hearing on School Department GAP financing and joint Budget Committee/City Council meeting to be held Thursday February 21, 2013. A schedule of Budget Committee meetings was given to all Councilors with important dates highlighted.

Councilor Walsh reported from the Property Sub-Committee on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Review of Curfew Ordinance, Dog Ordinance, and usage of the Roosevelt School & Emerson School property were some items that are still in progress but not ready for full Council review at this time.

Deputy Mayor Hanslip attended 12 Town Group Meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Highlighted items were the County Budget approved at Budget Committee meeting and will likely be adopted at next Commissioner meeting; proposed legislation in Augusta to give State Roads back to City's & Town's and that roads must meet a certain standard before transfer can take place. He will be traveling to Augusta tomorrow to testify on this bill.

## City Manager's Report

City Manager Buck gave an update on the new High School construction project and explained the upcoming Public Hearing, joint Budget Committee/City Council meeting on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Manager Buck also reported Sanford has been notified the application for SAFER program grant was denied. Will get report on details later so a stronger application can be submitted at a later date.

### **Communications/Presentations**

Mayor Herlihy welcomed Boy Scout Troop 324 to the meeting and introduced pack leaders and troop members. They are working on their Citizenship & Community Badge.

### **Public Participation**

Diane Connolly of Springvale – Thanked Councilor Burgess and fellow Springvale resident Charles Plante for their assistance in snow removal. Also had a question regarding the membership fees paid for Mayor's Coalition. Mayor Herlihy explained the benefits of membership to the coalition for the City.

### **Public Hearings**

The City Council will take public comment on the following:

1. To discuss an application being submitted to the State of Maine CDBG program for a Public Infrastructure grant. The purpose of the grant application is to help finance construction of a parking area on the so-called Aerofab lot adjacent to Sanford Mill. Mayor Herlihy declared the public hearing open at 7:29pm. Grant writer Lee Burnett gave a brief overview of the purpose of grant and what it would be used for. Joseph Doiron of Sanford spoke in favor of the grant. Councilor Walsh, Councilor Smith and Councilor Burgess had questions which were addressed by Public Works Director Charles Andreson and City Manager Steven Buck. The public hearing was closed at 7:49pm.
2. To discuss an application being submitted to the State of Maine CDBG program for a Workforce Development grant. The purpose of the grant is to develop a certified nurses assistant/medications training program. Mayor Herlihy declared the public hearing open at 7:49pm. Grant writer Lee Burnett gave a brief overview of the purpose of the grant. Kathy Fernberg from Goodall Hospital and Barbara Champagne from Varney Crossing Nursing Home both spoke in favor of the grant and how it would benefit their employees. Peter Cote who works with behavioral challenged children also spoke in favor of the grant. The public hearing was closed at 8:02pm.

### **Consent Agenda**

NONE

### **Old Business**

NONE

**New Business**

- 13-26.01      Ordered, to authorize the PTG at Margaret Chase Smith School to hold its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chase Your Future 5K walk/run fundraiser that will promote a healthier future for students on Saturday, April 20, 2013. Deputy Mayor Hanslip made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Littlefield. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 13-27.02      Ordered, to authorize and implement a Trash Metering and Waste Reduction Agreement with Waste Zero to provide for public education, program design, and implementation upon the passage of a Recycling Ordinance for Sanford. Motion to discuss made by Councilor Littlefield, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. Manager Steve Buck gave an overview of the agreement and re-enforced, if agreement is signed, does not mean the implementation of such program. Councilors made various comments and had a few questions for John Craig, Waste Zero representative who was present. Deputy Mayor Hanslip made a motion to sign contract, second by Councilor Littlefield. Discussion continued for several minutes longer; at 9:10pm Councilor Wilkins made motion to move the question, second by Deputy Mayor Hanslip. Council members voted 7-0 to move the question. City Council then voted on original motion to sign agreement 7-0.
- 13-28.03      Ordered, to discuss and take action if necessary on the conduct of all constituency meetings held within municipal facilities or at any other location. Deputy Mayor Hanslip made a motion to discuss, second by Councilor Walsh. Following discussion, Councilor Walsh withdrew his motion and no action was taken due to lack of second.
- 13-29.04      Ordered, to issue a Resolve declaring opposition to the Governor's proposed Biennial Budget due to fiscal impacts to the City of Sanford. Motion to approve made by Deputy Mayor Hanslip, seconded by Councilor Walsh. City Manager Buck pointed out a revision to paragraph eight made over the weekend after councilors received their packets, as follows. "WHEREAS, to replace the proposed State withdrawal of municipal revenue sharing and broad-based taxation the City of Sanford would need to increase property taxation by over \$2.39 per \$1,000 of valuation, representing an average property tax increase of \$529.96 on a \$160,000 home with Homestead, a 12.36% increase in FY 14 before consideration of any other budgetary constraints imposed by the continuing economic downturn and escalating costs of operations; and" City Council voted 7-0 to issue such resolve.
- 13-30.05      Ordered, to receive the introduction of a proposed Ordinance Chapter 105 Section 1-1 to provide for a Petition for Overrule of Action of the Council as set forth within Charter Section 214.1 and authorize the same to proceed to a First Read and Public Hearing. Motion to receive the introduction of proposed Ordinance Chapter 105 section1-1 to Sanford Town Code and

move to first reading & public hearing, made\_by Councilor Littlefield, seconded by Councilor Smith. City Council voted 7-0 to receive proposed Ordinance and move to a first reading and public hearing.

### **Council Member Comments**

Councilor Smith: None

Councilor Burgess: None

Councilor Wilkins: None

Councilor Walsh: None

Councilor Littlefield: Gave dates and locations for public education forums with Waste Zero.

Deputy Mayor Hanslip: Recognized Mike Hinz for his part in acquisition of new ladder truck from Terrytown, New York and the history of its involvement with "9-11". Also recognized boy scout troop 324 for their attendance at the meeting this evening.

Mayor Herlihy: Reminder of Budget Committee/City Council joint meeting Thursday following Public Hearing.

### **Future Agenda Items**

Councilor Burgess: School Department contract with Oceanside due to expire/Town join them for trash services for cost savings?

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Herlihy moved to adjourn at 9:41pm

Respectfully submitted by Susan H. Cote, City Clerk.