



Sanford City Council

City Council Meeting Minutes – May 7, 2013

The Sanford City Council met at 7:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Sanford City Hall Annex on Tuesday, May 7, 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, Paula Simpson, City Tax Collector/Treasurer, Thomas P Connolly, Jr., Chief of Police, James Q Gulnac, City Planner, James Nimon, Director of Growth Council.

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 dedicated to Lewiston Fire Fighters who worked tirelessly the past week.

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

Regular Meeting: April 30, 2013 Motion to approve made by Councilor Littlefield, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. City Council voted 6-0-1 to approve. Councilor Burgess abstained as he was absent with notice from that meeting.

Mayor's Reports/City Council Sub-Committee Reports

Mayor Herlihy spoke of the meeting held earlier in the day for Sanford Branding Logo and how local business will begin to use this in marketing in the future.

Councilor Littlefield reported from the Maine Municipal Legislative Policy Committee that he and Manager Buck will be attending a hearing May 9th in Augusta on LD 1496 and different issues that could affect the City.

City Manager's Report

Manager Steve Buck spoke briefly about Sanford Logo meeting, announced the Airport Manager position has been offered to Alison Rogers, highlighted different items in LD1496, and gave updates on new High School and several projects in progress across the City.

Communications/Presentations

Sanford Regional Economic Growth Council: Director James Nimon gave a quarterly update of activity and projects growth council is working on.

Trash Metering Presentation – City Manager, Steven Buck

Public Participation

Diane Connolly voiced concerns about City Charter’s current qualifications for Elected Officials.

Mr. Tom Cashin spoke about informational meeting to be held May 8th at Nasson Community Center and asked if Council may consider holding off the proposed Resolve on Energy policy to next meeting and have members attend information session.

Public Hearings

The City Council will hold public hearings on the following:

1. A public hearing to discuss an application for New liquor license for SANASY INC. D/B/A: Thai Koon Restaurant, 937 Main Street, Sanford, ME. Mayor Herlihy declared the public hearing open at 7:42pm. There was no one present to speak in favor or against the requested license. The public hearing was declared closed at 7:42pm.

Consent Agenda

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

- 13-71.01 Ordered, to approve an application for new liquor license for SANASY INC. D/B/A: Thai Koon Restaurant, 937 Main Street, Sanford, ME.

Old Business

- 13-54.02 Ordered, to appoint the Public Awareness Committee and the Community Advisory Committee as recommended by the School Building Committee. Mayor Herlihy read a list of names from School Building Committee stating they are interested in serving on the Community Advisory Committee: Becky Brink, Bruce Carlson, Sr., Robert DeZenzo, Gordon Grohloff, Lela Harrison, Lenny Horr, Donald Jamison, Mark Patterson, John Roux, Gary Samia, Amy Sevigny, and Paul Toth. Councilor Walsh made motion to appoint people as recommended by the School Building Committee to the Community Advisory Committee, seconded by Councilor Littlefield. The City Council voted 7-0. Next, Mayor Herlihy read the names of citizens who stated their interest in serving on the Public Awareness Committee: Joanne Livingston, Thea Murphy, Brett Williams, Darcy Dube, and Ethan Dube. Student members are Victoria and Jennifer (no surnames given). Councilor Walsh made motion to appoint people as recommended by the School Building Committee to the Public Awareness Committee, seconded by Councilor Littlefield. The City Council voted 7-0.

- 13-67.04 The City Council of the City of Sanford hereby ordain amendments to the

Sanford City Code, Chapter 2, Article 11 entitled Dog Control Ordinance. (This item must be read on two separate days. This is the second reading). Motion to table made by Councilor Littlefield, seconded by Councilor Burgess. City Council voted 4-3. (Councilor Smith, Councilor Walsh and Councilor Herlihy opposed) Citizen Bill Thomas spoke in favor of the item being tabled.

- 13-68.05 The City Council of the City of Sanford hereby ordain amendments to the Sanford City Code, Chapter 9 Solid Waste Ordinance, Article 5 to implement the More in Return Program. (This item must be read on two separate days. This is the second reading). Manager Buck shared an opinion received from MMA Legal service regarding enactment of the two proposed Ordinances. Motion to approve made by Councilor Walsh, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. City Council voted 5-2. Councilor Smith and Councilor Herlihy opposed.
- 13-69.06 The City Council of the City of Sanford hereby ordains amendments to the Sanford City Code, Chapter 9 Solid Waste Ordinance, Article 5 to implement the Pay as You Throw Program. (This item must be read on two separate days. This is the second reading). Motion to approve made by Councilor Littlefield, seconded by Councilor Walsh. City Council voted 7-0.

New Business

Note: New Business items 13-75.05 was discussed before old business at the request of Mayor Herlihy so the large group of students present to speak on the dog park would not need to stay through anticipated lengthy discussion for Old Business items.

- 13-72.02 The City Council of the City of Sanford hereby dedicates Saturday, June 8, 2013 as Gary Sullivan Day in support of Goodall Hospital's first Annual "Gary's Walk". Motion to approve made by Councilor Walsh, seconded by Councilor Littlefield. City Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 13-73.03 Ordered, to accept the resignation of David Mongeau from the Planning Board. Motion made by Councilor Littlefield, seconded by Councilor Hanslip to accept the resignation of David Mongeau from the Planning Board. City Council voted 7-0 to approve. Mayor Herlihy thanked David for serving.
- 13-74.04 Ordered, to make appointments to various boards and committees. Deputy Mayor Hanslip explained process appointment sub-committee recommended regarding applications received. Motion made by Councilor Hanslip, seconded by Councilor Walsh to appoint Joshua Howe to the Planning Board. City Council voted 7-0 in favor of the appointment. Motion made by Councilor Hanslip, seconded by Councilor Littlefield to appoint Alan Walsh to Sanford Housing Authority Board. City Council voted 7-0 in favor of the appointment.
- 13-75.05 Ordered, to approve a designated dog park location in the City of Sanford.

Councilor Walsh gave update from the property sub-committee. Manger Steve Buck shared additional information from CEO Sheesley regarding the parcel located on William Oscar Emery Drive. After much discussion, motion made by Councilor Walsh to table this item and have property sub-committee do more research before final decision made, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. City Council voted 7-0.

- 13-76.06 Ordered, to authorize the City Treasurer to sell back tax acquired property to the immediate prior owner of Tax Map R16 Lot 63A. Motion to approve made by Councilor Littlefield, seconded by Councilor Walsh. City Council voted 6-0-1 (Councilor Hanslip stepped out of room when vote took place).
- 13-77.07 Ordered, to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Land Purchase Installment Contract with the immediate prior owner of Tax Map R16 Lot 63A for the repurchase of tax acquired property. Motion made by Councilor Littlefield, seconded by Councilor Wilkins to approve. City Council voted 7-0.
- 13-78.08 Ordered, to adopt a resolution for the support of a sustainable Energy Policy. At the request of Mr. Cashin, Mayor Herlihy asked to table this item to May 21st meeting.
- 13-79.09 Ordered, to accept a bid for the demolition of 56 Washington Street & 11 Riverside Avenue from Levesque Excavation of Sanford, Maine in the amount of \$43,000.00. Councilor Littlefield made motion to accept the bid from Levesque Excavation, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. City Council voted 7-0.
- 13-80.10 Ordered, to accept a bid for surveyor services for the 56 Washington Street & 11 Riverside Avenue properties from Little River Land Surveying of Lisbon Falls, Maine in the amount of \$3,400.00. Motion made by Councilor Littlefield to accept bid from Little River Land Surveying, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. City Council voted 7-0.
- 13-81.11 Ordered, to authorize the City Manager to sign a quit claim deed without covenant for a property located at Tax Map K16 Lot 24 also known as 17 Butler Street in Springvale, Maine. Motion to approve made by Councilor Littlefield, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. City Council voted 6-0-1. (Councilor Walsh abstained).
- 13-82.12 Ordered, to authorize the City Manager to sign an Option to Purchase agreement with Central Maine Power. Motion to approve made by Councilor Walsh, seconded by Councilor Littlefield. City Council voted 7-0.
- 13-83.13 Ordered, to review and take action if necessary on amendments, if any to the June 11, 2013 referendum regarding trash metering. Motion to discuss made by Councilor Littlefield, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. No further motion made, no action taken.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Smith: Several questions from Springvale businesses regarding sidewalks being replaced in conjunction with Pleasant Street paving project. Mayor Herlihy said property sub-committee will be discussing this issue.

Councilor Burgess: none

Councilor Wilkins: none

Councilor Walsh: Has received citizens concerns with channel 26 audio and/or video still not working properly.

Councilor Littlefield: Expressed concerns that more citizens should be sitting on School Core Building Committee.

Deputy Mayor Hanslip: none

Mayor Herlihy: Suggested continuing public hearings (similar to Planning Board) when enacting ordinances in the future to allow more public comment after second reading. She had received concerns from citizens.

Future Agenda Items

10 year strategic plan/work with budget committee (suggestion by Councilor Littlefield)

Website improvements/Social Media page (suggestion by Councilor Littlefield)

Citizen survey regarding delivery of city services (suggestion by Councilor Littlefield)

Adjournment

Mayor Herlihy moved to adjourn at 9:15pm

Respectfully submitted by Susan Cote, City Clerk