

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

MARCH 8, 2010
REGULAR MEETING

The City Commission of the City of Sanford, Florida, met in Regular Meeting on Monday, March 8, 2010, at 7 PM, in the City Commission Chambers, City Hall, 300 North Park Avenue, Sanford, Florida.

Present: Mayor Linda Kuhn
Vice Mayor Art Woodruff
Commissioner Velma Williams
Commissioner Randy Jones
Commissioner Jack T. Bridges
Interim City Manager Tom George
Assistant City Attorney Lonnie Groot
City Clerk Janet Dougherty
Deputy City Clerk Cynthia Porter

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Mayor Kuhn at 7 PM.
- 2) Invocation by Pastor Tammy Abramson, Lion of Judah House of Worship and SPD Chaplain.
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4) Minutes.

February 22, 2010 Work Session & Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the Minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried by vote of the Commission as follows:

Mayor Kuhn	Aye
Vice Mayor Woodruff	Aye
Commissioner Williams	Aye
Commissioner Jones	Aye
Commissioner Bridges	Aye

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5) **PRESENTATIONS/COMMENDATIONS:**

- Support Services Supervisor Cleo Cohen

Mayor Kuhn said that Ms. Cohen was unable to be at tonight's meeting so the presentation will be made at the next meeting.

Sanford Police Officer Matt Walker and other members of the Sanford Police Department were present, and Officer Walker read a prepared statement to dispel statements and rumors made by the Fraternal Order of Police, and expressed gratefulness for their jobs and full support of Police Chief Tooley.

Assistant City Attorney Groot said that normally it would be inappropriate for any union type activity or comment to be brought ad hoc to the City Commission but it seems that everything that was said was a first amendment right under the United States Constitution and freedom of speech under the Florida Constitution and was not union based, but rather an exercise of free speech.

6) **CONSENT AGENDA:** [Commission Memo 10-048]

- A) **Approve Haitian Repatriation Contract** with Department of Children and Families.
- B) **Approve purchase order with IBM** in the amount of \$60,000 for a blade server, **and reduce the purchase order to e-Tech Services** to \$110,000.

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- C) **Approve request for a Law Enforcement Trust Fund donation** in the amount of \$1,000 to the 25th National Preventing Crime in the Black Community Conference.
- D) **Release of Condemnation and Demolition Orders** related to 2804 or 2808 French Avenue; George Russell and Helen Silva, owners.
- E) **Approve special event permit, alcohol permit and noise permit** for “New Year Celebration” at the Laotian Buddhist Temple.
- F) **Approve special event permit with street closures** for the “Seminole State College 5K Run/Walk”.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Vice Mayor Woodruff and carried by vote of the Commission as follows:

Mayor Kuhn	Aye
Vice Mayor Woodruff	Aye
Commissioner Williams	Aye
Commissioner Jones	Aye
Commissioner Bridges	Aye

7) **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A) **Continued from February 22, 2010: Second reading of Ordinance No. 4205**, a new franchise agreement with Florida Power & Light Company (FPL). Ad published February 7, 2010. [Commission Memo 10-049]

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Commissioner Bridges moved to continue this item to the meeting of April 12, 2010. Seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried by vote of the Commission as follows:

Mayor Kuhn	Aye
Vice Mayor Woodruff	Aye
Commissioner Williams	Aye
Commissioner Jones	Aye
Commissioner Bridges	Aye

- B) **810 Pecan Avenue – demolition of structure.** Notice sent to owner February 16, 2010; Jessie A. Anderson, owner. [Commission Memo 10-050]

Vice Mayor Woodruff moved to approve the Order of Demolition for the structure located at 810 Pecan Avenue. Seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried by vote of the Commission as follows:

Mayor Kuhn	Aye
Vice Mayor Woodruff	Aye
Commissioner Williams	Aye
Commissioner Jones	Aye
Commissioner Bridges	Aye

- C) **1614 Lake Avenue – demolition of structure.** Notice sent to owner February 16, 2010; Beatty Henry Heirs c/o Frederick Alexander, owner. [Commission Memo 10-051]

Vice Mayor Woodruff moved to approve the Order of Demolition for the structure located at 1614 Lake Avenue. Seconded by Commissioner Bridges and carried

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by vote of the Commission as follows:

Mayor Kuhn	Aye
Vice Mayor Woodruff	Aye
Commissioner Williams	Aye
Commissioner Jones	Aye
Commissioner Bridges	Aye

8) **OTHER ITEMS:**

- A) **Award DATA Cable bid** for the Public Safety Complex. [Commission Memo 10-054]

Vice Mayor Woodruff moved to award the Data & Structured Cable Installation Contract to Tri-City Electrical Contractors in the amount of \$71,869, subject to closure of the protest window and resolution of any protest received, and to authorize procurement of material and hardware in the amount of \$117,185. Seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried by vote of the Commission as follows:

Mayor Kuhn	Aye
Vice Mayor Woodruff	Aye
Commissioner Williams	Aye
Commissioner Jones	Aye
Commissioner Bridges	Aye

- B) **Development Order** extending the Development Plan approval for Lake Monroe Commerce Center-North, 1101 Monroe Road; Sid Vihlen, Jr., owner. [Commission Memo 10-052]

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Development Order extending the Development Plan approval for the Lake Monroe Commerce Center-North

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to March 26, 2012. Seconded by Vice Mayor Woodruff and carried by vote of the Commission as follows:

Mayor Kuhn	Aye
Vice Mayor Woodruff	Aye
Commissioner Williams	Aye
Commissioner Jones	Aye
Commissioner Bridges	Aye

- 9) **CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT.**
- 10) **CITY CLERK’S REPORT.**
- 11) **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT.**
- 12) **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION.**
- 13) **CITY COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS.**

Commissioner Williams read a memorandum dated March 3, 2010, addressed to her from a concerned citizens group asking for the City’s help regarding housing conditions at the Sanford Housing Authority including the lack of heat, mold, carbon monoxide poisoning, raw sewage pumped in their yards, and rodents. She provided a copy of the memorandum to the Commission and Interim City Manager George and asked what can be done.

Mayor Kuhn said that she and Mr. George met with HUD officials from Washington two weeks ago and expressed concerns about the Sanford Housing Authority. The properties in Sanford are currently being assessed and a report should be completed and back to them in no less than sixty days. In the meantime, she asked

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Assistant City Attorney Groot to prepare an ordinance for presentation at the next meeting regarding inspection and habitability of homes and a requirement that all rented property be inspected annually. There is no reason any citizen should reside in sub-standard housing, whether public housing or publicly owned. She has been assured by HUD representatives that people will not be displaced, and if homes are uninhabitable then vouchers will be issued. While the Commission doesn't have a legal obligation of running and operating the Sanford Housing Authority, the governing body has a moral obligation to make sure that the situation is rectified.

Mr. George said that conditions have been intolerable for a long while. HUD has been cooperative and is assessing not only the financial and living conditions but is looking into the Executive Director's management and competency. HUD called him last week after the mold incident to assure him that the residents were moved out of the dwelling and relocated, and more mold inspections were ordered. The assessment team has promised that the City will be part of the solution when the assessment is complete. They are close to getting results and making decisions.

Commissioner Bridges said that he understands Commissioner Williams' comments and concerns and suggested that the concerned citizens also direct their energy to the existing SHA Board, its management, and its staff.

Mayor Kuhn reiterated her concerns and said that she will attend the next SHA Board meeting to express concern and dissatisfaction. She asked Commissioner

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Williams to provide the City Clerk with the meeting information so it can be properly noticed.

14) **END THE MEETING.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Mayor Linda Kuhn

Attest:

City Clerk

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