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JOINT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE TO STUDY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LEE AND CITY OF SANFORD

JUNE 10, 2013

The joint sub-committee appointed to study interlocal agreements between the County of Lee and the City of Sanford met for their first quarterly meeting at 11 a.m., June 10, 2013, in the Gordon Wicker Conference Room, First Floor, Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina, on said date. Commissioner appointed members present were Amy M. Dalrymple, Kirk D. Smith, and James K. Womack. City Council appointed members present were Poly Cohen, Sam Gaskins, and Rebecca Wyhof. Staff in attendance included County Manager John Crumpton, City Manager Hal Hegwer, Lee County Law Clerk Kerry Schmid, Sanford City Attorney Susan Patterson, and Clerk to the Board Gaynell Lee. Chairman Parks joined the group later in the meeting.

It was noted the purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues that haven't been reconciled in reference to the interlocal agreements. It was also noted that all interlocal agreements may not be ready by July 1st. The good faith working relationship between the County and City will continue until all agreements are completed and approved.

Mr. Hegwer stated the City was still working on the Planning/Inspection contract and they are waiting on the GIS and Tax collection contracts from the County. It was noted there will be an increase in inspection fees for the upcoming year since they are down two positions.

Mr. Crumpton stated the County will not charge rent on the Woodland Avenue office until a move to another location can take place. It is anticipated that Planning, Inspections, Community Development, and Environmental Health will merge into one larger location.

It was noted there were no proposals received for leaf and limb pickup when the County recently bid out solid waste services. The City stated they would be open to working with the County on leaf and limb services if at all possible. Commissioner Womack suggested the County submit a Request for Proposal for joint City-County leaf and limb service and see if a private citizen might be interested for a small fee.

Commissioner Dalrymple questioned recent rezoning petitions for Dalrymple Street and Dreamland Trailer Park by the City. She stated she had received several calls from citizens wanting to know what the City planned to do.

A short power-point presentation was shown in reference to a "bike skills area" the City would like to see located at Kiwanis Park and a splash pad at an undisclosed location. Discussion followed as to also locating a splash pad at Horton Park. It was noted that Parks and Recreation is looking into major upgrades for this Park.

Commissioner Charles Parks joined the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Commissioner Smith discussed a recent survey of fire hydrant errors in the County. It was noted there are more than 150 fire hydrants that are missing, defective or undocumented within Lee County. Each rural fire department assisted with the survey within their district. In order for homeowners to receive a low insurance rating, their property must be within 1,000 feet of a hydrant. The missing hydrants could mean several hundreds of dollars in savings to taxpayers. It was noted that it would cost between \$3,000-\$5,000 to install/replace each hydrant. Commissioner Smith stated he was going to share the information with the GIS Department and get updated information.

Commissioner Womack asked City Councilman Poly Cohen, who sits on the Parks and Recreation Commission, to ask that board to study a splash pad for future consideration.

It was agreed by all members present that quarterly meetings needed to be held but no date was set for another meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1 p.m.



Respectfully Submitted,
Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk
Lee County Board of Commissioners