

**City of Sansom Park City Council Minutes**

**Regular Session – 7:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, July 16, 2015**

**City Council Present:**

Jim Barnett, Jr., Mayor  
Crystal Harris, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Jerry Sewall, Place 2  
Jim Barnett, Sr., Place 3  
Tanya Gregory, Place 4

**City Council Absent:**

Willie Roach, Place 1

**City Staff Present:**

Greg Hutson, City Administrator  
Lee Thomas, City Attorney  
Ron Douglas, Community Development Director  
Chris O’Brian, Police Captain  
Allen Richards, Fire Chief  
Rachel Martinez, Office Manager

**I. SPECIAL SESSION (sitting as the Building Board of Appeals) – 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Barnett, Jr. called the Special Session to order at 7:01 p.m.

- A. Conduct A Public Hearing In A Substandard Enforcement Action to Obtain Public Input Regarding Whether The Structure(s) Located At Lot 7, Block 51, Robertson Hunter Addition, More Commonly Known As 5603 Cowden, Sansom Park, Texas Constitutes A Substandard Building Under Chapter 3, Entitled “Building Regulations,” Of The Code Of Ordinances, City Of Sansom Park, Texas (“City Code”).**

A public hearing was convened at 7:03pm.

Staff presentation was made by Building Official Nader Jeri.

Owner’s presentation was made by John & Elisa Baldasti. House was boarded up by owners to keep kids out.

Owners keep yard mowed. Structure is not livable. Owners will evaluate cost of bringing structure up to code.

Will have structure demolished if it’s not feasible for them to make the necessary repairs.

All Council members were in favor of some form of Enforcement Action

Owner’s rebuttal was made by John & Elisa Baldasti

The public hearing was closed at 7:25pm.

- B. Discuss, Consider And Act Regarding A Substandard Enforcement Action for Structure(s) Located At Lot 7, Block 51, Robertson Hunter Addition More Commonly Known As 5603 Cowden, Sansom Park, Texas. Possible Action May Include, But Is Not Limited To, Requiring The Structure(s) To Be Secured, Vacated, Repaired, Removed Or Demolished, And The Occupants Thereof Relocated.**

Council discussed the different options of enforcement in the council packet for this property.

Motion made by Council Member Barnett Sr. giving owners 90 days to repair the substandard structure.

Motion was seconded by Council Member Tanya Gregory.

Motions to Repair or Demolish “If the property owner is to be given an opportunity to repair” was read by Mayor Barnett.

**Motion Carried - 4-0.**

***Absent: Council Member Roach***

- C. Conduct A Public Hearing In A Substandard Enforcement Action to Obtain Public Input Regarding Whether The Structure(s) Located At West 50 Feet of Lot 2, Block 10, Sansom Park Addition, More Commonly Known As 5537 Terrace Trail, Sansom Park, Texas Constitutes A Substandard Building Under Chapter 3, Entitled “Building Regulations,” Of The City Code.**

A public hearing was convened at 7:42pm.

Staff presentation was made by Building Official Nader Jeri.

No Owner’s presentation

All Council Members were in favor of some form of Enforcement Action

No Owner’s rebuttal

The public hearing was closed at 7:46pm.

- D. Discuss, Consider And Act Regarding A Substandard Enforcement Action for Structure(s) Located At West 50 Feet of Lot 2, Block 10, Sansom Park Addition, More Commonly Known As 5537 Terrace Trail, Sansom Park, Texas. Possible Action May Include, But Is Not Limited To, Requiring The Structure(s) To Be Secured, Vacated, Repaired, Removed, Or Demolished And The Occupants Thereof Relocated.**

Council discussed the different options of enforcement in the council packet for this property.

Motion made by Council Member Barnett Sr. ordering building and accessory building to be demolished in 90 days without opportunity to repair because repairs are infeasible. Motion was seconded by Council Member Crystal Harris.

Motions to Repair or Demolish “If building is to be ordered demolished without opportunity to repair because repairs are infeasible” was read by Mayor Barnett.

**Motion Carried - 4-0**

***Absent: Council Member Roach***

- E. Conduct A Public Hearing In A Substandard Enforcement Action to Obtain Public Input Regarding Whether The Structure(s) Located At Lot 10, Block 16, Robertson Hunter Addition, More Commonly Known As 5220 Cowden, Sansom Park, Texas Constitutes A Substandard Building Under Chapter 3, Entitled “Building Regulations,” Of The City Code.**

A public hearing was convened at 7:49pm.

Staff presentation was made by Building Official Nader Jeri.

No Owner’s presentation

All Council members were in favor of some form of Enforcement Action

No Owner’s rebuttal

The public hearing was closed at 7:51pm.

- F. Discuss, Consider And Act Regarding A Substandard Enforcement Action for Structure(s) Located At Lot 10, Block 16, Robertson Hunter Addition More Commonly Known As 5220 Cowden, Sansom Park, Texas. Possible Action May Include, But Is Not Limited To, Requiring The Structure(s) To Be Secured, Vacated, Repaired, Removed, Or Demolished And The Occupants Thereof Relocated.**

Council discussed the different options of enforcement in the council packet for this property.

Motion made by Council Member Tanya Gregory ordering structure to be demolished in 90 days without opportunity to repair because repairs are infeasible. Motion was seconded by Council Member Crystal Harris.

Motions to Repair or Demolish “If Building is to be ordered demolished without opportunity to Repair because repairs are infeasible” was read by Mayor Barnett.

**Motion Carried - 4-0.**

***Absent: Council Member Roach***

- G. Conduct A Public Hearing In A Substandard Enforcement Action to Obtain Public Input Regarding Whether The Structure(s) Located At Lot 13, Block 49, Robertson Hunter Addition, More Commonly Known As 5618 Yeary, Sansom Park, Texas Constitutes A Substandard Building Under Chapter 3, Entitled "Building Regulations," Of The City Code.**

A public hearing was convened at 7:54pm.

Staff presentation was made by Building Official Nader Jeri.

Owner's presentation made by Ollin Collins. Fire damaged over 80% of house. Property foreclosure on Connie Jo Persons by Mr. Collins. Mr. Collins wants 90 days to begin rebuild of house.

All council members were in favor of some form of Enforcement Action

No Owner's rebuttal

The public hearing was closed at 8:04pm.

- H. Discuss, Consider And Act Regarding A Substandard Enforcement Action for Structure(s) Located At Lot 13, Block 49, Robertson Hunter Addition More Commonly Known As 5618 Yeary, Sansom Park, Texas. Possible Action May Include, But Is Not Limited To, Requiring The Structure(s) To Be Secured, Vacated, Repaired, Removed, Or Demolished And The Occupants Thereof Relocated.**

Council discussed the different options of enforcement in the council packet for this property.

Motion made by Council Member Crystal Harris ordering structure be repaired or demolished in 90 days.

Motion was seconded by Council Member Jim Barnett Sr.

Motions to Repair or Demolish "If the property owner is to be given an opportunity to Repair" was read by Mayor Barnett.

**Motion Carried - 4-0.**

***Absent: Council Member Roach***

- I. Conduct A Public Hearing In A Substandard Enforcement Action to Obtain Public Input Regarding Whether The Structure(s) Located At Lot 2, Block 32, Sansom Park Addition, More Commonly Known As 5554 Andover, Sansom Park, Texas Constitutes A Substandard Building Under Chapter 3, Entitled "Building Regulations," Of The City Code.**

A public hearing was convened at 8:08pm.

Staff presentation was made by Building Official Nader Jeri.

No Owner's presentation

All council members were in favor of some form of Enforcement Action

No Owner's rebuttal

The public hearing was closed at 8:11pm.

- J. Discuss, Consider And Act Regarding A Substandard Enforcement Action for Structure(s) Located At Lot 2, Block 32, Sansom Park Addition More Commonly Known As 5554 Andover, Sansom Park, Texas. Possible Action May Include, But Is Not Limited To, Requiring The Structure(s) To Be Secured, Vacated, Repaired, Removed, Or Demolished And The Occupants Thereof Relocated.**

Council discussed the different options of enforcement in the council packet for this property.

Motion made by Council Member Tanya Gregory ordering attached carport to be demolished in 90 days.

Motion was seconded by Council Member Crystal Harris.

Motions to Repair or Demolish attached carport "If building is to be ordered demolished without opportunity to repair because repairs are infeasible" was read by Mayor Barnett.

**Motion Carried - 4-0.**

***Absent: Council Member Roach***

- K. ADJOURN SPECIAL SESSION**

Special session was adjourned at 8:15pm

**II. CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

Regular session was convened at 8:15pm

***City Council Present:***

Jim Barnett, Jr., Mayor  
Crystal Harris, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Jerry Sewall, Place 2  
Jim Barnett, Sr., Place 3  
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**III. INVOCATION**

Council Member Jimmy Barnett Sr. gave the invocation.

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge were both recited.

**V. PUBLIC INPUT**

No one spoke.

**VI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

There were none.

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **Approval Of Minutes Of City Council Regular Session Held On June 18, 2015.**
- b. **Approve resolution authorizing City Administrator to file application for USDA grant funds for water project phase 2.**
- c. **Approve resolution authorizing City Administrator to file application for Assistance to Firefighters Grants.**

Council Member Barnett, Sr., made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tonya Gregory.

**Motion Carried – 4-0.**

***Absent: Council Member Roach***

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

**IX. STAFF REPORTS**

- a. City Administrator Greg Hutson presented his report.
- b. Community Development Director Ron Douglas presented his report.
- c. Police Captain Chris O'Brian presented the Police report.
- d. Fire Chief Allen Richards presented his report and a presentation of equipment needed with AFG grants.

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

City Council did not convene into executive session.

Mayor Barnett informed the Council that City Secretary Mary Beth Thomas submitted her letter of resignation.

Motion was made by Council Member Barnett Sr. to accept her letter of resignation. Motion was seconded by Council Member Sewall. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Gregory requested an update from staff regarding the Christmas Parade. City Administrator Greg Hutson informed her planning had begun beginning with this week's staff meeting. Coordination with the City of River Oaks was necessary to schedule the date of the Sansom Park Christmas parade.

Mayor Barnett updated the staff regarding the sell and future of the 40+ acres of undeveloped land on the city's east side.

**XII. ADJOURN**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Jim Barnett, Jr.  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Mary Beth Thomas  
Interim City Secretary