

CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION
April 15, 2013

The work session was called to order by Mayor Kenneth Bradley 9:07 a.m. in the Commission Chambers, 401 Park Avenue South, Winter Park, Florida.

Members present:

Mayor Kenneth Bradley
Commissioner Steven Leary
Commissioner Sarah Sprinkel
Commissioner Carolyn Cooper
Commissioner Tom McMacken

Also present:

City Manager Randy Knight
City Clerk Cynthia Bonham
Deputy City Clerk Michelle Bernstein
Congressman John Mica

This meeting was a work session with no public input.

Post Office Discussion

The purpose of this meeting was for Congressman John Mica and the Commission to discuss strategies for the possible acquisition of the post office.

City Manager Knight provided a brief history. He noted that over the last several years the City conducted a "Plan the Possibilities" process and discussed various options for relocation or reuse of the USPS function and property. At one point the City had a contract that would have allowed the City to relocate or rebuild on site a new post office. The City was unable to raise the funds necessary to accomplish the move and that agreement expired.

On January 25, 2010, the City adopted Resolution No. 2043-10 in an effort to support the acquisition of the post office. During the past two years the City has pursued a First Right of Refusal on the property whereby our Congressional Delegation through the assistance of our lobbyist sent a letter dated July 15, 2011 urging the USPS to work with the City. At the direction of the City Commission, staff and Commissioner Cooper met with representatives of the USPS to discuss the issue. On August 6, 2012, the City received a letter rejecting our request for a First Right of Refusal.

Throughout the process the USPS has maintained that it is satisfied with its current location and has no plans to move. They also prefer to keep the retail and distribution functions together at the current location.

City Manager Knight advised that the USPS property was rezoned on May 10, 2010 from C-2 to PR on the south half and to PQP on the north half of the property. The Future Land Use Designation of CBD was changed to Open Space and Recreation on the south half and to Institutional on the north half of the property.

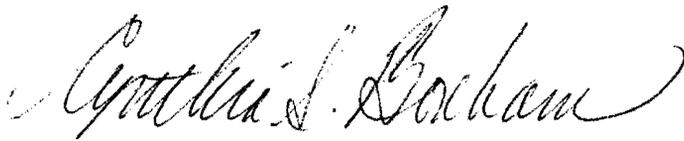
Congressman John Mica said the USPS is under great financial constraints and possibly facing bankruptcy due to the decline in the economy. Since the USPS is in a totally different situation they are now taking/entertaining proposals which can

save them money or be revenue/cost neutral. He felt that now is the time for the City to come up with a sensible financial proposal and offered his assistance. He said first we need to come up with a good solid plan and everyone has to be on board. He said at this time he has no plan; however, he would like to see the park expanded if we can do that, or maybe there is room for other development that would help underwrite the cost of expanding the park.

Congressman Mica advised that he is going to follow up this meeting by speaking to the post office officials to see if they have changed their position on the distribution and retail functions being housed in one location. He said he will report back to the City with their response. Depending on their response, our plan that is to be presented might have to change. Congressman Mica answered questions and then departed.

Mayor Bradley felt that we should embrace this new endeavor and see what common good can come from it. He said previous Commission discussions transpired around the possibility of making this location a park. He suggested having another brainstorming session to discuss other concepts such as a library or some other regional good.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cynthia S. Bonham". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

City Clerk Cynthia S. Bonham