

CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION
June 10, 2019

The work session was called to order by Mayor Steve Leary at 2:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, 401 Park Avenue South, Winter Park, Florida.

Members present:

Mayor Steve Leary
Commissioner Greg Seidel
Commissioner Sarah Sprinkel
Commissioner Carolyn Cooper
Commissioner Todd Weaver

Also present:

City Manager Randy Knight
City Clerk Cynthia Bonham
Kurt Ardaman, City Attorney

Water/Wastewater Utility Director David Zusi presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding septic tanks per the request of Commissioner Weaver. He summarized how they work, provided a system map and a City limits map, provided projected costs for areas not currently on sewer, and environmental studies. He spoke about the grant process, the Lee Road corridor properties and the ones on sewer, and adding sewer to Fairbanks Avenue. Mr. Zusi answered questions of the Commission.

Mr. Zusi addressed his research on the sampling they do in Lake Killarney (water quality) and that the work they are doing has improved lake quality.

Commissioner Cooper expressed her preference to replace septic tanks with sewer and asked if there is a way to break up the list and set a long term commitment/policy to pursue grants and shows a commitment to the residents. She asked if they should encourage hookup where sewer is already provided. Mr. Zusi stated they encouraged residents targeted to Fairbanks Avenue and will bringing back another program without a sunset date on it to help encourage citizens to hook up to sewer. Mr. Zusi stated a lot of people do not want to get rid of their septic tanks because of the cost to connect to sewer. Commissioner Sprinkel asked that the priority be the City limits. There was further discussion as to regulation by the City of sewer and connection to the force main.

Further discussion ensued regarding sampling in the lakes. Commissioner Seidel commented that the City needs to know if there are problems that exist with the lakes with groundwater before moving forward with encouraging residents to hook up to sewer. He addressed the costs to connect to sewer.

After further comments, staff will look into the sampling the bay on the North side of Lake Killarney and additional samples in the lake area west of the bay. Staff will come back with recommendations for incentives and policy changes that will encourage conversion from septic tanks to municipal sewer.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

City Clerk Cynthia S. Bonham, MMC