

City Commission Informal Discussion
9:00 a.m., Saturday, April 4, 2009
Winter Park Welcome Center, Lyman Avenue, Winter Park

This was an informal discussion called by Commissioner Anderson for the stated purpose to discuss certain issues related to the city's finances, landscape ordinance, commissioner priorities and the parks strategic plan.

Commissioners Anderson, Dillaha and Bridges were in attendance. City Manager Knight was also in attendance. There were approximately 15 members of the public in attendance.

Commissioner Anderson opened the meeting with a discussion of the city's financial situation. He stated that it is his goal to see that the \$2.8 million that the Electric Utility owes the General Fund for system acquisition costs is paid back sooner rather than later. The commissioners also discussed the need to build some working capital in the electric utility.

The commissioners also discussed what how to build the General Fund reserves to an appropriate level.

Commissioner Dillaha stated that she wants to have a work session to set priorities for the upcoming budget.

Commissioners Dillaha and Bridges explained the rationale for wanting the landscape ordinance to require one canopy tree as opposed to "one canopy tree OR two understory trees". They explained that it is important to the character of Winter Park and it is good for the environment and for property values.

City Manager Knight explained that the purpose of the 1 hour work session on April 13th is for the commission to discuss their priorities for the next 90 days and agree on a calendar of when these items will be addressed by the commission. Commissioner Dillaha expressed the desire to have more time for that discussion than 1 hour.

The commissioners then briefly discussed the priorities that they have for the immediate future. These included the budget, wrapping up Plan the Possibilities, Parks strategic plan, Fleet Peoples Park, Ravaudage, Fairbanks redevelopment, and downtown Winter Park.

Commissioner Bridges discussed the desire for departments to discuss their future needs so things do not come as a surprise to the commission when they come forward.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.



Randy Knight, City Manager