

**CITY OF WINTER PARK
CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 17, 2006**

The meeting of the Winter Park City Commission was called to order by Mayor David Strong at 11:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, 401 Park Avenue South, Winter Park, Florida.

Members present:

Mayor David Strong
Commissioner John Eckbert
Commissioner Douglas Metcalf
Commissioner Barbara DeVane
Commissioner Douglas Storer

Also present:

City Manager James Williams
City Clerk Cynthia Bonham
City Attorney Trippe Cheek

2006 Annual Board Appointments

Mayor Strong expressed his appreciation to the many volunteers who have served and continue to serve on City boards. He also clarified that there is no one leaving or that he has recommended for appointment to a board that has received special consideration because of political or personal reasons. He stated he tried to make his recommendations strictly based on resumes; many of the recommended appointees are people he has never met. He stressed the importance of finding the volunteers that are the most willing and qualified to serve. He also spoke about members that have served three years and the tradition that they serve an additional three years. He stated he appreciates that but if we want people to serve two terms that they should be appointed for six years. He stated he believed that more participation and rotation of participants is more valuable than losing possible expertise.

Mayor Strong resubmitted the appointments that he made and opened up the discussion. Commissioner Metcalf agreed to move forward with appointments. Commissioner Eckbert stated he reviewed the resumes and the Mayors appointments. He distributed names he wanted to see appointed to the various boards.

Commissioner Storer expressed concerns with the amount of service time that some volunteers have provided and members that have only served one year on the board that are going to be replaced that are very qualified. He agreed to review each board and make the necessary appointments.

Commissioner DeVane suggested making the appointments board by board instead of individual by individual and creating alternate positions for some boards. She also stated it is the Mayor's prerogative to make the appointments per the City Charter. Mayor Strong suggested expanding the membership on some boards. Commissioner Metcalf spoke about problems with obtaining a quorum and expressed the need to follow the policy and replace members whose attendance records is lacking (missed three meetings in a row). He stated he agreed if it is the Mayor's plan to replace these members. Attorney Cheek stated the boards should be expanded or alternates added by ordinance or resolution. Commissioner DeVane asked that any new appointments from expanding boards or adding alternates be done this evening, subject to the appointments being provisional upon the ordinance or resolution adoption.

Board of Adjustment:

Mayor Strong nominated Carlton Colley and Ann Higbie as new appointments.

Motion made by Commissioner Storer to approve the appointments, seconded by Commissioner Eckbert, and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Motion by Commissioner DeVane to appoint Jan Nichols as the alternate, seconded by Commissioner Storer for discussion. Commissioner Storer stated he is not inclined to vote for Ms. Nichols. **Motion failed with a 3-2 vote with Commissioners Storer, Eckbert and Metcalf voting no.**

Commissioner Metcalf nominated Kit Pepper as the alternate, seconded by Commissioner Storer. The Mayor reminded the Commission that he makes the appointments and the Commission needs to confirm or deny the appointments.

Code Enforcement Board

Mayor Strong nominated Rudolph Scott to fill the vacancy. **Motion made by Commissioner Storer to approve the appointment, seconded by Commissioner DeVane and carried unanimously.**

Mayor Strong addressed the two members that have served three years and nominated Terri Oster and Lee Strickland to replace Chad Walters and Lori Kifer.

Commissioner Eckbert spoke about his preference of reappointing the two members that have been on boards for three years and to defer to the Mayor's nomination as much as possible in any situation where there is a vacancy because of respect for their service. He stated he supports Mr. Walters and Ms. Kifer for reappointment. Commissioner DeVane stated that Mr. Walters did not submit an application for consideration of reappointment. Mayor Strong asked if there is opposition to expanding the CEB by two additional members. Commissioner Metcalf asked if this board has had quorum problems. Mr. Wiggins addressed the board and its membership. Commissioner DeVane suggested appointing an alternate to this board. **There was a consensus to change the ordinance to reflect an alternate.**

Commissioner DeVane suggested that the City Attorney attend all board meetings that deal with land use. Attorney Cheek reminded the Commission that there would be times that under the law he cannot present the City's case and also serve as counsel to the board.

Mayor Strong stated they are not looking to replace Mr. Walters at this time but to add an alternate member. The composition of the CEB members was discussed.

Mr. Walters reappointment was discussed because of a lack of an application submitted. Commissioner Storer spoke about the board members with applications already on file and because of past tradition of automatically being reappointed that maybe some did not respond because they believed it would be an automatic reappointment. He stated he was not sure that everyone was aware of the new policy of the Mayor for

reappointment and the need to submit an updated application. Mayor Strong indicated that Mr. Walters has done some work for him.

Mayor Strong recommended Lee Strickland as the provisional alternate, subject to the ordinance change, seconded by Commissioner Storer and carried unanimously.

Mayor Strong indicated he wanted to ascertain Mr. Walter's interest in serving another term before appointing someone to replace him at this time.

Motion made by Commissioner Eckbert to reappoint Lori Kifer, seconded by Commissioner Storer and carried unanimously.

CRA Advisory Board

Mayor Strong nominated Maxcie Roberts to replace Alan Parker. Commissioner DeVane stated that she would be an outstanding addition to the board whenever there is a vacancy. She stated she does not want to replace Mr. Parker because of being an outstanding member on the board but would like to see Ms. Roberts also appointed. Commissioner Metcalf announced that Mr. Parker has only been on the board for one year and has been very active with the Orange Avenue Decorator's Row project. Commissioner DeVane spoke about the misalignment of the staggered terms on this board and suggested to determine if this board had a quorum problem.

Commissioner DeVane recommended that Ms. Roberts serve as an alternate, seconded by Commissioner Storer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Storer to reappoint Alan Parker, seconded by Commissioner DeVane and carried unanimously.

Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB)

Commissioner Metcalf spoke favorably to reappoint Ruth Prather, Stephen Snively and Mike Winn. He spoke about the amount of time they have served on the board. He suggested to possibly expand the board members because of the activity in the City. Commissioner DeVane spoke about the lack of an application from Ms. Prather. She commented about some of the issues currently being discussed by the EDAB warranting the creation of task forces from within the EDAB that are project specific. EDAB staff liaison Chip Weston addressed the composition of the board and agreed with the creation of specific task forces. He stated he did not know whether Ms. Prather is interested in serving again. Commissioner Eckbert spoke about Chairman Barne's comments regarding his preference of reappointing the three members currently on the board. Commissioner Storer addressed the hard work of this board and expressed concerns with the disruption of taking the three current members off the board. Mayor Strong recommended the addition of three more members to the board; Bill Traylor, Guy Colado and Mike Harbison. Commissioner Storer asked that the quorum requirement be revisited so they receive more participation but not penalize the board in trying to do business.

Recommendation by Mayor Strong to reappoint Stephen Snively and Mike Winn and defer on Ms. Prather until her interest to serve is ascertained, seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Seconded by Commissioner Storer and carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the three potential appointees as recommended by the Mayor, the potential for conflict of interests on this board.

Recommendation made by Mayor Strong to expand the board membership by three members and to appoint Bill Traylor and Mike Harbison, subject to a future ordinance to expand the board, seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. There was discussion to amend the motion to add Mr. Colado. There was no consensus. **Motion carried by a 4-1 vote with Commissioner DeVane voting no because of her preference to appoint Mr. Colado.** A third member will be appointed at a later date.

Environmental Review Board

Mayor Strong addressed the need for this board to remain for now unless the members believe it should be dissolved after they meet. Commissioner Eckbert disclosed his preference of Gary Brewer and Katie Gill (Willard Wisler's term limit is up) and any other appointees made by Mayor Strong. There was a consensus to create an alternate position. **Mayor Strong nominated Ms. Gill for reappointment and to designate Joan Panchal as the alternate and to appoint Robert Bendick, James Ruth, Dale Thompson, Margie Wagner, and Farideh Paymani.** Seconded by Commissioner Storer and carried unanimously.

Historical Preservation

Mayor Strong stated that two members have served their maximum term; John Cunningham and Ann Stevens.

Motion made by Commissioner Eckbert to appoint Karen James and Jeffrey Blydenburgh, seconded by Commissioner DeVane. Commissioner Storer stated his preference of Mr. Blydenburgh serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission due to his expertise. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Housing Authority

Mayor Strong spoke about the current board members Julia Lemon and Michael Miller having the ability to serve another term. Commissioner Eckbert stated he is supportive of the two existing members and that Hal George would be a valuable member. Lynda Hinckley, Housing Authority, stated the size of their board is governed by statute and the board cannot be expanded. She stated that Hal George would be an asset to the board. Upon discussion regarding the amount of term certain members have served on the board and the need for diversity on the board because of state laws, it was suggested by Commissioner DeVane to postpone the appointments until their board meets and they provide their recommendations. There was a consensus to accept the recommendation to postpone appointments this evening.

Lakes and Waterways

Mayor Strong nominated alternate **Anne Saurman** to become a full time member, **Robert Trimble** to replace **Evelio DeHoyos**, and **Jesse Graham** to become the alternate. **Seconded by Commissioner DeVane** and carried unanimously.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Mayor Strong addressed the vacancy and one expiring member (Ann Higbie). He nominated **Beth Dillaha** and **Janet Atkins** to fill the vacancies of **Ms. Higbie** and **Robert Klettner**, reappoint **D. Reese**, and that **Ray Colado** become the alternate (provisional upon adoption of the ordinance to amend the membership). **Seconded by Commissioner Storer** and carried unanimously.

Pedestrian and Bicycle

Mayor Strong addressed one vacancy and two that are eligible to serve an additional term. Upon discussion, **Mayor Strong** recommended **Rebecca Furman** to fill the vacancy and **William Bostwick** to become the provisional alternate; and for **Cori Bowning** and **Marie Melaugh** to be reappointed. **Seconded by Commissioner Eckbert** and carried unanimously.

Planning and Zoning Commission

Mayor Strong stated that **Bill Roll** has served his term and **Patrick Doyle** has served a three year term. He recommended that alternate **R. Swisher** become a full member, that **Michael Dick** be designated the new alternate, and that **Drew Krecicki** replace **Patrick Doyle**. He stated he wanted to appoint Mr. Krecicki because of the many design issues coming before the board and that he is an architect. **Seconded by Commissioner DeVane**.

Commissioner Eckbert offered his preference of appointing **Michael Haynes** since Mr. Krecicki is already on the Comprehensive Plan Task Force. Upon discussion regarding various other preferences, **the motion failed with a 3-2 vote with Mayor Strong and Commissioner DeVane voting yes and Commissioners Storer, Eckbert and Metcalf voting no.**

Mayor Strong recommended **R. Swisher** as the permanent member, **Drew Krecicki** as the alternate and to retain **Patrick Doyle** for another term. Upon further discussion, and preferences being made known, Mayor Strong made the following nominations: **R. Swisher from alternate to full member, seconded by Commissioner Metcalf and carried unanimously. Replace Patrick Doyle with Drew Krecicki, and identify Michael Haynes as the alternate. Seconded by Commissioner DeVane. The motion failed with a 3-2 vote with Mayor Strong and Commissioner DeVane voting yes and Commissioners Storer, Eckbert and Metcalf voting no.**

Upon further discussion and preferences, **Mayor Strong** proposed the nomination to reappoint **Patrick Doyle**, designate **Drew Krecicki** as the alternate, **seconded by Commissioner DeVane. The motion failed with a 3-2 vote with Mayor Strong and**

Commissioner DeVane voting yes and Commissioners Storer, Eckbert and Metcalf voting no.

Mayor Strong asked Attorney Cheek, in the absence of a consensus, if it correct that Mr. Doyle will continue to serve until a successor is qualified. Attorney Cheek responded affirmatively.

It was clarified that R. Swisher has been appointed and Mr. Doyle will remain on the board until a decision is made at a later time. The other appointments were deferred until a future meeting.

Public Art Advisory Board

Mayor Strong nominated Sara Segal to fill the vacancy, seconded by Commissioner Metcalf and carried unanimously.

Mayor Strong recommended that the board be expanded two additional members; Nancy Daly and Patti Heidrich (upon adoption of ordinance expanding the board) and reappoint Ann Grey and Francine Newberg. Seconded by Commissioner Metcalf and carried unanimously.

Tree Preservation Board

Mayor Strong nominated Susan Higgins to the board, seconded by Commissioner Eckbert and carried unanimously.

Utilities Advisory Board

Mayor Strong addressed the three current members whose terms have expired: Stanley Wilson, John Melaugh, and John Weesner. **He nominated John Reker, Bob Cadle and Gregory Seidel as new appointments. Seconded by Commissioner Storer and carried unanimously.**

Firefighters Board of Trustees

Mayor Strong nominated Tony Gray as a reappointment, seconded by Commissioner DeVane and carried unanimously.

Police Board of Trustees

Mayor Strong nominated Larry Katz to replace retiring member Tony Gray. Seconded by Commissioner Metcalf and carried unanimously.

Mechanical Board

Mayor Strong nominated Charles Kulp as a reappointment. Seconded by Commissioner Metcalf and carried unanimously.

Plumbing Board

Mayor Strong nominated Charles Miller, Raymond Holloway and Dale Newton as reappointments. Seconded by Commissioner Metcalf and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Metcalf addressed whether the Mechanical and Plumbing Boards are still needed. Mr. Wiggins stated they are in the process of rescinding these boards because their functions are no longer needed due to a change in the State codes; and that they expanded the Construction Board to add representatives from those boards in the update of the Florida Building Code and Construction Board because they were no longer needed. Mr. Wiggins suggested deferring these appointments until the ordinance comes forward to reorganize the boards.

Motion by Commissioner DeVane to defer this action until the ordinances are adopted to reorganize the boards, seconded by Commissioner Storer and carried unanimously.

Mayor Strong summarized the four appointments not resolved with action to be deferred to a future meeting: 1) an alternate to the BOA; 2) Chad Walters and/or a replacement to the CEB; 3) a third provisional member to the EDAB; and 4) the alternate to the P&Z and/or replacement of Patrick Doyle and 5) resolution of the Housing Authority Board members.

Commissioner DeVane expressed her concern with the lack of an alternate member to the Planning and Zoning Commission because of the many projects coming before the board. She addressed the need for a resolution this evening. Mayor Strong asked that this be on the next agenda.

Mayor Strong adjourned the meeting at 12:20 pm.



Cynthia S. Bonham, City Clerk