

CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION MINUTES
September 8, 2008

The meeting of the Winter Park City Commission was called to order by Mayor David Strong at 2:10 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, 401 Park Avenue South, Winter Park, Florida.

Members present:

Mayor David Strong (arrived 2:21 p.m.)
Commissioner Margie Bridges
Commissioner Phil Anderson
Commissioner Beth Dillaha
Commissioner Karen Diebel (arrived 2:34 p.m.)

Also present:

City Manager Randy Knight
City Attorney Trippe Cheek
City Clerk Cynthia Bonham
Deputy City Clerk Nancy McLean

Budget discussion

City Manager Knight addressed the agenda regarding the revised statement of scheduled funds available, allocating \$120,000 for outside organizations and the five year capital plan for all funds.

- 1) General Capital Projects: Commissioner Bridges asked for clarification and the status of the \$9,000 budget request for roof repairs at the Police Station. Mr. Knight and Public Works Director Troy Attaway responded. Commissioner Bridges commented that some things on the budget requests should have an appropriate source of money and there should be a schedule/timeline for replacements. Mr. Knight explained that the facility replacement account is for repairs such as this. Mr. Attaway commented that the roof would be taken care of.
- 2) Five Year Capital Plan: Mr. Knight explained the five year capital plan and how it relates to the revised 10 year pro forma.
 - a) Showalter/Mead Garden Maintenance Building. City Manager Knight explained that this would be completed in 2011. Commissioner Dillaha commented she understood from the last work session that the project should start in 2009. Mr. Knight explained they decided to wait and see if the Friends of Mead Garden would allocate some money towards that. Commissioner Bridges commented that she was surprised this would be completed in 2011 and spoke about creating a plan of action for Mead Garden. There was consensus to allocate \$300,000 toward the Showalter/Mead Garden combined maintenance facility for 2009.
 - b) North Park Avenue Park. Commissioner Dillaha suggested doing this project in phases and allocating \$50,000 instead of the original amount. She recommended they allocate \$100,000 of the \$200,000 towards the Cady Way Ward Park restroom facility. There was consensus.
 - c) New park benches, tables and grills. Mayor Strong commented that citizens like to fund park benches and tables and this was a logical place to expect charitable contributions. He added that there may be a willingness to do this if they publicize it

well. Mayor Strong suggested \$25,000 this year and encouraged willing citizens and institutions to fund this in the future. There was consensus to allocate \$25,000 (one year) to replace park benches.

d) Deputy Chief Bill McEachnie gave an informational update on the new 800 MHZ radio system and addressed the potential funding sources (for this system) that included using forfeiture funds and proceeds from the Nextel rebanding class action lawsuit.

e) Hazardous waste. Commissioner Dillaha addressed the hazardous waste facility and asked if there was something they could do to offset the cost to provide the service. Fire Chief White expressed if the consensus was to continue to operate this then he would return with several options for the Commission to review and decide on. Commissioner Diebel disagreed with continuing the service because this was brought to the Commission as a recommended reduction based on Chief White's recommendation that it was not efficient to run and they already pay Orange County for this service. Mayor Strong suggested they not budget this and have Chief White bring the Commission a proposal that is neutral and charges fees to cover the cost of the program that would not affect this budget.

f) Add backs. Commissioner Bridges suggested they add back the two police positions (community policing and traffic) that were cut at the beginning of the budget. Mr. Knight stated there is a vacant fire position. Fire Chief White explained this was an overtime issue. Mayor Strong suggested they add back the two policemen, reduce the outside organizational support from \$120,000 to \$60,000 and determine the millage rate required to reach that.

Commissioner Anderson asked about the bond discussion. Mayor Strong commented that would be discussed at the Commission meeting tonight.

The meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.



Cynthia S. Bonham, City Clerk