

**CITY OF WINTER PARK
EXECUTIVE SESSION AND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION**

October 10, 2007

The meeting of the Winter Park City Commission was called to order by Mayor David Strong at 3:07 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, 401 Park Avenue South, Winter Park, Florida.

Present:

Mayor David Strong
Commissioner Margie Bridges
Commissioner John Eckbert
Commissioner Douglas Metcalf
Commissioner Karen Diebel
Attorney Trippe Cheek
Interim City Manager Randy Knight
Court Reporter

Mayor Strong stated they were holding a shade meeting (executive session) with the City Attorney to discuss the litigation against the City regarding two separate lawsuits, one filed by Richard Trismen and the other filed by Jim Williams. He stated for the record that a court reporter is present and that they will move to room 200.

Attorney Cheek stated they will discuss Mr. Williams' case first because the City Labor Attorney Robin Fawsett will be there for that portion and once that is concluded, Mr. Fawsett will leave and they will discuss the Trismen case.

The meeting was adjourned in the Commission Chamber after the closed session ended at 5:30 p.m.

Discuss the Mayor's comments for the upcoming Winter Park Update.

Mayor Strong stated they have one other matter that needs to go on the record; the question of the Mayor's letter for the Winter Park Update. He wanted to be sure that everyone received his revised draft that he believed to be factual and he commented that he intended to send it to the Winter Park Update. He explained if there was any objection to this letter that he would send a personal letter at his expense and it would be something similar to what is seen in the draft. Mayor Strong's revised draft was edited according to Commissioner Metcalf's suggestion from the last meeting to exclude the bullet points. Mayor Strong said he was comfortable with Commissioner Metcalf's version.

Mayor Strong commented that he preferred not to publish a Mayor's Message if he cannot send out the message he would like. He stated that he tried to be factual and objective but was prepared to be corrected if he has not been.

Motion made by Commissioner Bridges to approve the letter in full with the bullet points; seconded by Mayor Strong for discussion.

There was further discussion regarding the original and revised draft and discussion on where the message should be placed. **Upon a roll call vote, Commissioners Eckbert, Metcalf and Diebel voted no. Mayor Strong and Commissioner Bridges voted yes. The motion failed with a 3-2 vote.** Mayor Strong stated that there would be no Mayor's Message this month and he would send a letter at his own personal expense.

Motion made by Commissioner Bridges to approve the Mayor's revised draft that does not include the bullet points to be entered into the City news as the first item in the update. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion made by Commissioner Eckbert to support the first paragraph by saying on September 24, 2007, the Winter Park City Commission voted to terminate the employment contract of City Manager Jim Williams and to delete the second sentence in the first paragraph and leave the second paragraph as is; seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Upon a roll call vote, Commissioners Eckbert, Metcalf and Diebel voted yes. Mayor Strong and Commissioner Bridges voted no. The motion carried with a 3-2 vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.



David C. Strong, Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk Cynthia Bonham