

COMMISSION WORK SESSION
October 26, 2009

The meeting of the Winter Park City Commission was called to order by Mayor Kenneth Bradley at 2:38 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, 401 Park Avenue South, Winter Park, Florida.

Members present:

Mayor Kenneth Bradley
Commissioner Phil Anderson
Commissioner Beth Dillaha
Commissioner Karen Diebel
Commissioner Margie Bridges (arrived at 3:05 p.m.)

Also present:

City Manager Randy Knight
City Clerk Cynthia Bonham
Deputy City Clerk Nancy McLean

90 Day plan

Mayor Bradley stated that the 90 day plan needs to work closely with what City Manager Knight wants to accomplish as well as with staff. He suggested that Mr. Knight bring forward items from staff that they want the Commission to focus on. He addressed the 90 day plan continuing into the two meetings in January 2010.

The Mayor and each Commissioner listed their priorities as follows:

Commissioner Anderson:

- 1) Planning the Possibilities. He addressed the park expansion and the library square footage. He stated they need to form an opinion on the library because it will directly affect how they view the State Office Building parcel.
- 2) Charter Review. He commented that they may have referendums coming up and that there may be something that comes from the Charter review.
- 3) Economic Development. He stated there is a lot of work around that and there need to be some kind of milestone that should take place.
- 4) The Power Company (Electric). He addressed that they have a bulk purchase agreement and wanted to know when that will happen.

Commissioner Diebel:

- 1) Economic Development. She wanted to ensure that they are following up with the short term issues they were speaking about at the last meeting regarding supporting Commissioner Anderson on the Hannibal Square Economic Development
- 2) Library. She commented that as they continue to discuss the library she believes they should be able to support a separate millage rate. She wanted to make sure they have a long term commitment to the operating budget that they seek from the Commission every year.

Mayor Bradley listed the outstanding 90 day carryovers.

Commissioner Dillaha:

- 1) Hiring a new CRA Director. She asked about the status of hiring a new CRA director. Mr. Knight stated that he received 12 applications and is in the process of going through those.
- 2) Board Appointments. Completing the board appointments that are vacant. Mayor Bradley added they also have the Civil Service coming up in December.
- 3) Alternates. She wanted to follow up on their policy regarding alternates after the legal opinion was rendered.
- 4) Initiatives. She spoke about maintaining and improving the quality of lakes initiative and wanted to follow up on the health of our lakes.
- 5) Procedures for Commission meetings. She commented that there things to improve upon and wanted to bring this to closure.

Mayor Bradley:

- 1) Recommendations from Charter Review. He spoke about addressing the recommendations that come from the Charter Review by December.
- 2) Economic Development. He concurred with the Economic Development and stated part of that is hiring a CRA Director. He wanted to rename that position and suggested it be named development which would include Park Avenue in addition to what they are doing to Fairbanks and Denning.
- 3) Resolution 1978-07 and the conduct of meetings. He also wanted to bring this to closure.
- 4) Planning the Possibilities. He commented that the discussion of Planning the Possibilities will be important including the post office and that the library's Municipal Service Tax Unit needs to come forward.

Mayor Bradley scheduled a joint meeting with the Charter Review Committee on November 4 at 7:15 p.m. Commissioner Diebel commented that this would be tentative for her. Mayor Bradley stated that they will receive an interim report from this group so they can get on the March ballot.

Commissioner Bridges arrived.

City Manager Knight explained that ZHA Director Rick Mellon has put together viable options for the library. Mayor Bradley suggested having a work session on the library soon. He also questioned the funding for City Hall and the library and stated this needs to be discussed as well. Commissioner Dillaha commented that it is important to prioritize these issues.

Commissioner Anderson spoke about the alternates and whether they should advance to the first open position on the quasi-judicial City boards. He stated that he would create something for the November 9 Commission meeting.

City Manager Knight commented that the City Attorney will be requesting that a shade meeting be scheduled soon.

Mayor Bradley stated that the electric power conversation is important. City Manager Knight stated that there will be a presentation from staff soon. Mayor Bradley hoped they send this out for an RFP to see what multiple organizations will provide.

Mayor Bradley commented that he would like to have a discussion if the CRA should be extended in terms of its boundary as well as its lifespan.

City Manager Knight addressed the City board's meeting with the Commission. Commissioner Dillaha suggested having a presentation (at Commission meetings) from each board to update the Commission on what they are looking into. Mayor Bradley commented that they could try it and see what happens.

Mayor Bradley scheduled a work session regarding Resolution 1978-07 on November 23 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. and Planning the Possibilities work session that encompasses the library and everything else at 2:00 p.m. on December 14. He stated that if for whatever reason something requires them to move more quickly on the post office they will switch the topics for agendas.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.



City Clerk Cynthia Bonham