

CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION
February 7, 2011

The work session was called to order by Mayor Bradley at 5:02 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, 401 Park Avenue South, Winter Park, Florida.

Members present:

Mayor Kenneth Bradley
Commissioner Phil Anderson
Commissioner Tom McMacken
Commissioner Beth Dillaha
Commissioner Carolyn Cooper

Also present:

City Manager Randy Knight
Deputy City Clerk Michelle Bernstein

This meeting was a work session with no public input.

Transportation Plan

There was a discussion regarding the Transportation Plan. Public Works Director Troy Attaway and Traffic Manager Butch Margraf provided a Powerpoint presentation which addressed the overall transportation plan that was developed in July 2010. Mr. Attaway noted that a public forum was held in October 2010 and as a result from the feedback provided by the public and Commission they have added additional information regarding transit bus and SunRail. He also addressed the two projects that were removed - the narrowing of Denning Drive and North Lakemont Avenue.

Mr. Attaway spoke about the City's road network and how they are intended to work. He explained the difference between local roads, collector roads and arterial roads and that the Comprehensive Plan establishes those roads. He indicated that collector and arterial roads need to flow and that the City is limited in the selection of practical traffic flow improvements such as not being able to add additional travel lanes and the constraints associated with pre-timed traffic signals and fully actuated signals.

Mr. Attaway spoke briefly regarding the list of 17 proposed transportation projects and the list of 52 proposed pedestrian bicycle projects. He explained that the City is looking to provide multimodal opportunities and improvements such as traffic signal video detection, countdown pedestrian signals, marked crosswalks, multi-use sidewalks and bicycle lanes, and routes and trails. He spoke briefly about the sidewalk inventory statistics, estimated costs and road statistics. He said that the City currently has a 156 mile inventory of existing sidewalks which consists of 138 total miles of existing sidewalks on both sides and 18 total miles with sidewalks on only one side. Mr. Attaway also explained that there is 56 total miles of roads with no sidewalks and said they are proposing to put sidewalks on at least one side of the road. Mr. Attaway then provided a brief outline of the proposed Traffic Calming Policy they have been working on and the current Wayfinding Sign System Plan.

Mr. Attaway and Mr. Margraf answered questions of the Commission. Commissioner Dillaha asked if they considered roundabouts. Commissioner Anderson indicated that Palmer and Pennsylvania are the most traveled and he would like them to concentrate on those areas. Commissioner Cooper mentioned the Comprehensive Plan and asked if staff could look at the definition of collector roads as it pertains to Park Avenue and New England Avenue. She then mentioned Transportation Policy 2-3.1, Monitor Development and Service Level and said she

would like a better understanding on the formula for implementing concurrency in accordance with this policy. She also mentioned Transportation Policy 2-4.1, Regional Mobility Strategy and that she would like a better understanding on what the formula is and what the City's financial exposure is going to be. She asked if staff could look into the Lee Road alternative that was briefly mentioned to see if it is feasible.

Mayor Bradley said he is interested in obtaining a map of the arterials and collector roads. He asked staff to look into the grades of existing roads and failing roads and to provide a status since the Comprehensive Plan is 3 years old. Mayor Bradley inquired if they should adopt a policy to place sidewalks on all roads and on both sides. Mr. Attaway noted that the City's current policy addresses this need for all new developments. City Manager Knight said if that is the direction of the Commission they would add it as a strategic initiative, start the budgeting process and factor it into their priorities. Mayor Bradley suggested adopting 10 new sidewalks a year to be installed as part of their overall goal. He also mentioned the possible need to educate the public regarding pedestrian crossing safety measures to help citizens avoid accidents and increase safety awareness. He also mentioned that some pedestrian crossings need to be fixed and requested this to be done.

It was noted that this item is scheduled for the February 28, 2011 Commission meeting for further action and that it will include their comments and recommendations. Mr. Attaway noted that the revised plan will include an estimated dollar amount for every project. Mayor Bradley asked Mr. Attaway to email the Commission a copy of this plan along with the updated version. Mr. Attaway acknowledged the request.

A recess was taken from 6:09 p.m. to 6:17 p.m.

Ethics Board

Discussion ensued regarding four key issues raised by the Ethics Board. The Ethics Board members present were Vice Chairman Pitt Warner, Barry Greenstein, Patrice Dziire and Julie Zimmerman. The four points of interest discussed were:

- Campaign Mailers
 - Identifying sender of mailers/regulate anonymous mailers
 - Creating a process to register
 - Consider a penalty for non-disclosure
- Consider voluntary Adherence to Limitations in exchange for citizen information (ex: offset of fees for the use of public venue for a campaign forum/fee waivers or free advertisement, such as an insert in utility bills or a space of the city's website or city's newsletter with candidate's information attached)
- Reconsider campaign finance reform with emphasis on imposing limitations on contribution levels. This will be based on efforts by the City of Ft. Lauderdale and the City of Sarasota.
- Evaluate the City's procurement process and make recommendations.

Discussion ensued regarding campaign mailers and if they should implement a Citywide standard or not since it is already governed by state law, if there should be a limitation on

contribution levels, dollar amounts and the disclosure of pertinent information to address the transparency concerns. There was a suggestion of possibly adding one additional column to the campaign finance report for name disclosure of the registered agent or officer of the Corporation, Partnership or LLC who wrote the check or granted, approved or authorized the donation.

Attorney Brown provided legal counsel and noted that there is legal risk concerning the implementation of a municipal code violation and the need for an enforcement mechanism and penalties.

In summary, there was a consensus for the Ethics Board to provide recommendations for item 3, but only address the transparency/identification concern and item 4 concerning the City's procurement process and that it also will be applied to advisory boards.

It was noted that the transparency and procurement process will be addressed during the February 28, 2011 Commission meeting for further action.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.


Deputy City Clerk Michelle Bernstein