

CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION
April 4, 2011

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

Members present:

Commissioner Steven Leary
Commissioner Sarah Sprinkel
Commissioner Tom McMacken
Commissioner Carolyn Cooper

Also present:

City Manager Randy Knight
Deputy City Clerk Michelle Bernstein
Rick Mellin, ZHA Incorporated

Absent:

Mayor Kenneth Bradley

This meeting was a work session with no public input.

Planning the Possibilities

The purpose of this meeting was to bring the new Commissioners up to speed on the topic of 'Planning the Possibilities' and what had transpired over the past few years.

ZHA President Rick Mellin stated that in 2008 and 2009 he provided two different PowerPoint presentations to the Commission. To help provide background information, he presented both presentations and spoke briefly about each one.

Mr. Mellin noted that in June 2008 a meeting was held where they presented various concept plans for the State Office site, City Hall site, Library site and the Swoope site. He explained that they looked at each site for the capability and to address or enhance various types of uses. They discussed the State Office Building and the possible renovation or demolition along with the potential for a 2-story parking garage facility, the infrastructure of City Hall and the Library and the possibility of expanding each facility, the long term space needs, adding additional parking and the current or future location of each facility. He said they also spoke about the Post Office site and the Swoope site.

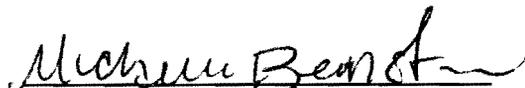
Mr. Mellin advised that the last meeting was held in June 2009 and was titled "Plan the Possibilities Meets Fund the Possibilities". At that time they discussed the current City budget/reserves, the bond structure for bond issue referendums, city assets and their values, city project costs, future planning goals for the next 10 years along with various recommended actions. He indicated that they also discussed project assumptions and the zoning and potential future uses of the Post Office property, the State Office Building, Library and City Hall site. He indicated that after the June 2009 meeting the Commission was to decide on the priorities of the next steps and the financial aspects.

City Manager Knight provided a brief summary regarding the potential projects and improvements to be considered. He advised that the 5 year capital plan (year 2015) they budgeted for the planning of the Library and City Hall. He then spoke briefly about the approved grant money which is to be used to improve the mechanical, air conditioning and lighting in City Hall and the Library, what the project would entail and the return on the investment. He mentioned that if we are going to build a new City Hall or Library in 5 years that it does not make

sense to do some of these improvements; however, if it is 10 years out then it would make sense to accept the grant and upgrade the energy efficiency items. He mentioned that they will address these items along with the State Office Building and the Post Office property at length in tomorrow's Strategic Planning meeting of April 5, 2011 to find out if these projects are still realistic or whether they should focus on other items.

The Commission requested to receive a copy of both presentations. Mr. Mellon provided City Manager Knight with the CD so that he can distribute the information to the Commissioners.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.


Deputy City Clerk Michelle Bernstein