

**INFORMAL MEETING BETWEEN MAYOR LEARY AND
COMMISSIONER GREG SEIDEL**

June 9, 2015

The informal discussion was called to order by Mayor Steve Leary at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapman Room (Room 200), 401 Park Avenue South, Winter Park, Florida.

Present:

Mayor Steve Leary
Commissioner Greg Seidel
City Clerk Cindy Bonham
Assistant City Manager Michelle Neuner

Others present:

Meg Fitzgerald
Anne Mooney (Winter Park Voice)

Mayor Leary stated the reason for this meeting was to talk and get feedback as to what Commissioner Seidel wanted to accomplish.

Commissioner Seidel commended Mayor Leary about the way he handles the Commission meetings. He stated he is more interested in end results instead of how we got there. Mayor Leary spoke about the importance of protecting the citizens and handling things the correct way. He asked Commissioner Seidel to make sure he goes through the City Manager first before discussing issues with other entities or staff so he understands what staff may be doing. Commissioner Seidel stated he would discuss issues with staff first and always considers what is best for the taxpayers.

Commissioner Seidel addressed his main priorities: undergrounding, improving traffic and smart development. He provided a map indicating an undergrounding schedule that he prepared during his campaign. He wanted to accelerate getting the undergrounding completed and spoke about refocusing funding to complete the undergrounding. Mayor Leary stated we are ahead of the schedule with the electric utility.

Commissioner Seidel spoke about an upcoming meeting he will be attending with FDOT and staff in Deland with their main traffic engineer with the intent to talk about DOT roads and making sure we are coordinating efforts with them. He addressed the need for a traffic model and for a better management tool for traffic. This would be a parcel level based management tool to include such things as parking, pedestrian traffic, signalization, the train schedule which affects traffic and

what can be done to control the east-west traffic. He stated this can be used as a prototype for the surrounding areas and in the future can integrate data. He commented that the immediate need is 17-92 and I-4 going under construction and to lay out solutions and how to fund them. He stated the model would cost about \$500,000 to get the model started but hoped that half of the cost could be shared. He commented that eventually we would need someone to manage the model and to let FDOT take it over to determine how to accomplish this. He stated he will report at the next Commission meeting how the meeting with FDOT went.

Commissioner Seidel then spoke about smart development. He expressed the importance of maintaining the character of the City. Mayor Leary spoke that the Commission makes policies and should not be at the level of telling someone the color they can or cannot paint their house (for example). Commissioner Seidel spoke about historic preservation versus property rights. The ordinance being work by the Historic Preservation Board and the need to clarify what qualifies as a historic home was discussed.

Mayor Leary addressed the need to determine how to incentivize and get residents to put their homes on the historic register. He spoke about his disappointment with the Commission denying his appointments of the two individuals to the Historic Preservation Board and the great qualifications both individuals have. The need to complete the ordinance and to include in it what the Commission has directed the board to do was discussed. Other discussion included historic districts versus historic homes. He asked Commissioner Seidel to support his appointments.

Mayor Leary stated that parks will be a large item this budget year because they need to be reviewed and the fields need work. Commissioner Seidel stated he is open to discuss funding. Mayor Leary spoke about the importance of the tree canopy.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Cynthia S. Bonham, City Clerk