

SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2004

The special meeting of the Winter Park City Commission was called to order by Mayor Kenneth "Kip" Marchman at 3:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, 401 Park Avenue South, Winter Park, Florida.

PRESENT: Mayor Kenneth "Kip" Marchman, Commissioners Douglas Storer, John Eckbert (arrived at 4:05 p.m. during the Budget Discussion; City Manager James Williams; City Attorney Brent McCaghren and City Clerk Cynthia Bonham. Commissioners Douglas Metcalf and Barbara DeVane were absent.

1. Public Hearing:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$3,900,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2004, OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COST OF REFUNDING CERTAIN OUTSTANDING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE CITY; CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO SUCH REFUNDING BONDS, AUTHORIZING A NEGOTIATED SALE OF SUCH REFUNDING BONDS, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. First reading.

City Attorney McCaghren read the ordinance by title. Assistant City Manager Knight explained that this is a refunding process of the City's golf course bonds. He elaborated on the resulting savings to the City and how it reduces the tax burden on residents. He recommended proceeding with the ordinance. Discussion ensued regarding the actual savings amount this would represent. Mayor Marchman asked for public comments. No comments were provided.

Motion made by Commissioner Storer accept the ordinance on first reading, seconded by Commissioner Eckbert. Upon a roll call vote, Mayor Marchman and Commissioners Storer and Eckbert voted yes. The motion carried unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

2. Electric Issue:

a. Discussion of Bulk Power Bids.

Assistant City Manager Knight reported that bids have been received and pending final analysis. He identified the respondents as Progress Energy Florida, Orlando Utilities Commission, and the combined bid from Reliant Energy Services and Seminole Electric Cooperative.

First Southwest representative Jerry Warren explained that although three companies responded, four different proposals were submitted. He explained the evaluation process and the spread between the retail rates and wholesale power costs.

b. Authorize Gray Robinson to file the necessary pleadings with the courts to exercise the option to purchase and transition ownership of the system.

Assistant City Manager Knight explained the two approaches that the City can take to move into the next phase. Tracy Marshall, attorney with Gray Robinson, discussed the process of filing the necessary pleadings with the court to exercise the option to purchase and transition ownership of the system.

c. Discussion of Action Items.

Mr. Knight explained the next action steps in the process. He discussed the separation and reintegration agreement with Progress Energy, the Request For Proposal that will need to be issued for firms to prepare the Engineering Report and Feasibility Update, authorization sought to negotiate a bridge loan with J.P. Morgan, and the process needed to construct an east side substation.

Motion made by Commissioner Eckbert to authorize staff to proceed with 2(c) items 1-5, seconded by Commissioner Storer. Motion carried unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

d. Presentation of the Reliability Enhancement and Undergrounding Plan.

Mr. Warren presented this plan. The topics discussed included the purpose of the assignment, the approach to assignment, assignment shortcomings, initial capital projects, project summary, funding choices, and the next steps in the process. Mr. Knight stated that the Utility Advisory Board has not reviewed the report but that it will be presented to the board for review. He continued that the UAB will be dealing with several policy issues that will be brought to the Commission for approval. He identified the two issues under discussion at the UAB level as a General Fund Transfer Policy and the governance issue.

Mayor Marchman asked for public comments.

UAB member Stanley Wilson spoke that the undergrounding plan should place some emphasis for improvements for the Westside community.

Commissioner Storer said he would like to see a proforma that indicates the revenues and expenditures before authorizing major expenditures. Discussion ensued that clarified the action steps and what is being asked to authorize.

3. Budget Process Discussion:

Finance Director Wes Hamil presented this item. He spoke about the budget timeline, department presentations, their purpose and the suggested changes to the process. Commissioner Storer expressed his preference of increased public participation in the process. Consensus was to authorize the additional budget work sessions to the budget schedule.

4. Potential improvement of access to DFAS in Baldwin Park.

City Manager Williams presented this item. He said complaints have been received from the Lake Spier neighborhood concerning cut-through traffic from DFAS in Baldwin Park. He said staff has proposed to move the Lakemont Avenue gate to the south, passed the Gray Avenue intersection, and to provide a barricade on Gray Avenue that will allow the vehicles from DFAS to exit directly on to Lakemont Avenue. Mr. Williams said this plan should provide some relief to the neighborhood that surrounds Lake Spier. Discussion ensued regarding City boundaries and the status of the trigger mechanisms that are supposed to result in the opening of the Lakemont Avenue gate. City Engineer Troy Attaway and City Attorney McCaghren provided a brief status update on the east-

west connection.

Motion made by Commissioner Eckbert to approve the potential improvement of access to DFAS in Baldwin Park, seconded by Commissioner Storer. The motion carried unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Mayor Kenneth R. Marchman

ATTEST:

City Clerk Cynthia Bonham