The 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. The invocation was offered by Bill Swartz, Recreation Department, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Mayor Kenneth “Kip” Marchman, Commissioners Douglas Storer, John Eckbert, Douglas Metcalf and Barbara DeVane; City Manager James Williams; City Attorney Brent McCaghren and City Clerk Cynthia Bonham.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

a) Mayor Marchman proclaimed Christopher Stephens, Public Works Department, as April 2004 Outstanding Employee of the Month.

b) Mayor Marchman nominated George Herbst and Rick Swisher to fill the two remaining City Hall RFQ/RFP Review Board at-large positions. Seconded by Commissioner DeVane and carried unanimously.

c) Fire Department Chief Jim White recognized Mark Koschny for volunteering to work on a detailed project to collect data and establish the department’s new Rick Hazard Assessment Program.

d) Commissioner Eckbert nominated Commissioner Douglas Metcalf for the appointment of Vice-Mayor for the upcoming year. Mayor Marchman seconded the nomination. Upon a roll call vote, the nomination carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT:


Attorney McCaghren read the resolution by title. No public comments were made.

Motion made by Commissioner Eckbert to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Upon a roll call vote, Mayor Marchman and Commissioners Storer, Eckbert, Metcalf and DeVane voted yes. The motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

b) Discussion of HPC designation of 121 Garfield Avenue.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 58 “LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE”, ARTICLE VIII, “HISTORIC PRESERVATION” SO AS TO AMEND SUBSECTION 58-442, DESIGNATION CRITERIA. First Reading

Attorney McCaghren read the ordinance by title. He stated that the resolution for 121 Garfield Avenue was tabled at the last meeting. He also explained the ordinance being presented that would add, as additional consideration for the historic preservation designations, that it be reviewed in light of any City plans contemplating redevelopment with this property or the area. He commented that staff recommends to defer the designation of the Garfield Avenue property until
the draft ordinance is considered for adoption. No public comments were made.

Commissioner DeVane addressed her concerns with the proposed ordinance not being reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission and asked that this be done before the Commission takes any action. She also stated that the property owners followed the existing historic ordinance and she felt it inappropriate not to adopt the resolution because of potential development opportunities. Commissioner Eckbert commented he was not focused on possible redevelopment of the area when he tabled the resolution at the last meeting but was concerned with the lack of an obvious historical significance and that staff could not explain why the property should become a historic resource.

Commissioner DeVane encouraged the presence of either staff or a Historic Preservation Commission representative at the meetings to answer questions. Commissioner Metcalf spoke about the current historical preservation ordinance being incomplete and recommended that alternatives be reviewed. He addressed the need to revise the standards for a building to become historical because he felt buildings were being saved that would not contribute a future benefit to the City. Commissioner Storer clarified that the ordinance does not prohibit the demolition or sale of the property. Commissioner DeVane commented that the ordinance does not inhibit the owner from doing anything to their property and that the current ordinance was modeled after the Department of Interior and is used across the country and other municipalities. She suggested that the Historical Preservation Commission review areas needing to be addressed as well as the proposed ordinance. Attorney McCaghren further clarified the current ordinance.

Motion made by Commissioner DeVane to table the ordinance to allow the Historical Preservation Commission to review it and to request them to speak to the Commission regarding the ordinance before further steps are taken, seconded by Commissioner Storer. Upon a roll call vote, Mayor Marchman and Commissioners Storer, Eckbert, Metcalf and DeVane voted yes. The motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

c) Special Assessments for decorative street lighting:

Attorney McCaghren read all three resolutions by title. No public comments were made. There was discussion regarding the method of payment for this year and how they will be collected since the deadline was missed for the Tax Assessor to collect the assessment.

RESOLUTION NO. 1861-04: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 170, FLORIDA STATUTES, DECLARING THAT THE CITY IS TO FUND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES IN AND FOR THE CITY, TO-WIT: PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING ENHANCED AND DECORATIVE STREET LIGHTING WITHIN THE TIMBERLANE SUBDIVISION, LIGHTING DISTRICT #L-45A; FURTHER DECLARING THAT THE COST OF SAID IMPROVEMENTS AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES SHALL BE PAID IN WHOLE BY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS LEVIED AGAINST REAL PROPERTY SPECIALLY BENEFITTED BY SAID IMPROVEMENTS AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES; SPECIFYING THE MANNER OF AND TIME FOR PAYING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; AND INVITING THE PUBLIC TO REVIEW THE PROJECT PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND THE ASSESSMENT PLAT, ALL OF WHICH ARE ON FILE AT THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner DeVane to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner
Storer. Upon a roll call vote, Mayor Marchman and Commissioners Storer, Eckbert, Metcalf and DeVane voted yes. The motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 1862-04: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 170, FLORIDA STATUTES, DECLARING THAT THE CITY IS TO FUND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES IN AND FOR THE CITY, TO-WIT: PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING ENHANCED AND DECORATIVE STREET LIGHTING WITHIN THE GOLFVIEW TERRACE NEIGHBORHOOD, LIGHTING DISTRICT #L-19; FURTHER DECLARING THAT THE COST OF SAID IMPROVEMENTS AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES SHALL BE PAID IN WHOLE BY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS LEVIED AGAINST REAL PROPERTY SPECIAL BENEFITED BY SAID IMPROVEMENTS AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES; SPECIFYING THE MANNER OF AND TIME FOR PAYING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; AND INVITING THE PUBLIC TO REVIEW THE PROJECT PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND THE ASSESSMENT PLAT, ALL OF WHICH ARE ON FILE AT THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner DeVane to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Storer. Upon a roll call vote, Mayor Marchman and Commissioners Storer, Eckbert, Metcalf and DeVane voted yes. The motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 1863-04: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 170, FLORIDA STATUTES, DECLARING THAT THE CITY IS TO FUND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES IN AND FOR THE CITY, TO-WIT: PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING ENHANCED AND DECORATIVE STREET LIGHTING WITHIN THE FAIRBANKS AND OAK CREST SUBDIVISIONS, LIGHTING DISTRICT #L-59A; FURTHER DECLARING THAT THE COST OF SAID IMPROVEMENTS AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES SHALL BE PAID IN WHOLE BY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS LEVIED AGAINST REAL PROPERTY SPECIAL BENEFITED BY SAID IMPROVEMENTS AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES; SPECIFYING THE MANNER OF AND TIME FOR PAYING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; AND INVITING THE PUBLIC TO REVIEW THE PROJECT PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND THE ASSESSMENT PLAT, ALL OF WHICH ARE ON FILE AT THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner DeVane to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Storer. Upon a roll call vote, Mayor Marchman and Commissioners Storer, Eckbert, Metcalf and DeVane voted yes. The motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

CONSENT AGENDA:

a) Approve minutes of 3/22/04.

b) Approve bids and purchases as follows: PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION. SEE BELOW.

1) Extension of Bid WP-6-2002, Street Brick Pavers Installation with U.S. Brick & Block Systems. No change in price, terms or conditions. (Budget: Using Departments).

2) Bid WP-2-2004, North Park Avenue Exfiltration to Cloud 9 Services, Inc.; $127,545.84 (Budget: Utilities CIP).

3) Extension of WP-5-2002, Purchase of Concrete Street Brick Pavers with Paversystems. No change in pricing, terms or conditions. (Budget: Using Departments).

4) Extension of Bid WP-8-2002, Opening and Closing Burial Spaces to Quality Vaults. No change in pricing, terms or conditions. (Budget: Cemeteries).

c) Approve budget adjustments as follows:

1) Carry forward $4,816 in General Fund balance for the remaining balance on the
Building Maintenance project for the Azalea Lane Recreation Center.

2) Transfer $800 from Forestry to a Building Maintenance project account to cover the Forestry Division’s share of improvements to their building at the Public Works Complex.

3) Transfer $500 from Landscaping to purchase a pallet truck and dolly for the warehouse.

d) Review calendar and update with upcoming events.

e) Deny request to hear an ordinance mandating photos of buildings prior to demolition, remodeling or prior to final inspection of new buildings.

f) Approve the amended agreement with the Winter Park YMCA regarding the operation of the Cady Way pool (expiration of April 18, 2007). **PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION. SEE BELOW.**

Robert Mitchell, 550 Satel Drive, Orlando, spoke about item ‘e’ where he proposed that the Commission consider the requirement that buildings be photographed for archival purposes before being demolished. He stated he realizes the other previous request he made to photograph buildings prior to remodeling or when constructed is unrealistic. There was Commission discussion regarding this request and staff’s recommendation not to approve the request. No other public comments were provided.

Items ‘b’ and ‘f’ were pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion purposes.

**Motion made by Commissioner Storer to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of items ‘b’ and ‘f’, seconded by Commissioner Eckbert and carried unanimously.**

Consent Agenda Item ‘b’

Commissioner Metcalf asked about this item as related to bricks and citizens being concerned with the type of bricking on Pennsylvania Avenue and the proposed bricks for Lake Sue Avenue. It was clarified by Assistant Public Director Troy Attaway that this item was not related to the bricks to be used for the Lake Sue Avenue project. Discussion ensued regarding the type of bricks that could be used for that project. Mr. Attaway explained this item will be further discussed under the City Manager’s Report.

**Motion made by Commissioner Metcalf to approve Consent Agenda item ‘b’, seconded by Commissioner Eckbert and carried unanimously.**

Consent Agenda Item ‘f’

Commissioner DeVane introduced the YMCA representative who thanked the Commission for allowing the YMCA to operate Cady Way. He summarized the pool usage as far as total number of visitors, resident versus non-resident usage, and use of the pool by YMCA members versus non-member participation.

**Motion made by Commissioner Storer to approve Consent Agenda item ‘f’, seconded by Commissioner DeVane and carried unanimously.**
PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a) Request of Leeds Holdings Southeast Inc.:

ORDINANCE NO. 2577-04: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 58, "LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE", ARTICLE III, "ZONING" AND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP SO AS TO CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION OF MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-3) DISTRICT TO PARKING LOT (PL) DISTRICT ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 920 MINNESOTA AVENUE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN. Second Reading

Attorney McCaghren read the ordinance by title. No public comments were made.

Motion made by Commissioner Storer to adopt the ordinance with the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendations, seconded by Commissioner Eckbert. Upon a roll call vote, Mayor Marchman and Commissioners Storer, Eckbert, Metcalf and DeVane voted yes. The motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

b) ORDINANCE NO. 2578-04: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 58, "LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE", ARTICLE III, "ZONING" SO AS TO AMEND SUBSECTION 58-82 "GENERAL PROVISIONS" SO AS TO ESTABLISH NEW REGULATIONS FOR COLUMNS AND POSTS IN THE SIDE AND REAR PORTIONS OF PROPERTIES. Second Reading

Attorney McCaghren read the ordinance by title. Francis Daniely, 721 Northwood Circle, expressed concerns with the Hamilton Place subdivision and the location of the fence being constructed on the east side of Capen Avenue which is adjacent to her property. She was asked to speak with Mr. Briggs since this was not related to the agenda item. No other public comments were made.

Motion made by Commissioner Storer to adopt the ordinance with the Planning and Zoning Commission condition, seconded by Commissioner Eckbert. Upon a roll call vote, Mayor Marchman and Commissioners Storer, Eckbert, Metcalf and DeVane voted yes. The motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.
c) ORDNANCE NO. 2579-04: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, RELATING TO RAILROADS; PROHIBITING THE SOUNDING OF RAILROAD TRAIN HORNES AND WHISTLES WITHIN THE CITY DURING THE HOURS OF 10:00 P.M. AND 6:00 A.M. AT ALL PUBLIC RAILROAD-HIGHWAY GRADE CROSSINGS WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR SIGNAGE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A TRAFFIC OPERATIONS SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL AND VERIFICATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Second Reading

Attorney McCaghren read the ordinance by title. No public comments were made.

Motion made by Commissioner DeVane to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Upon a roll call vote, Mayor Marchman and Commissioners Storer, Eckbert, Metcalf and DeVane voted yes. The motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

d) Request of Rollins College for site and building plan approval for renovations and additions to the Keene Music Building at the corner of Chase and Holt Avenues, 1000 Holt Avenue.

Planner Jeff Briggs explained the request of Rollins College to renovate and expand the Keene Music Building from 15,000 up to 25,000 square feet to include a new 400 seat recital hall. He explained the conditional use approval necessary for Rollins and the unanimous approval of the Planning and Zoning Commission. He summarized the parking in the area.

Rollins College Vice President/Treasurer George Herbst spoke in favor of the request and was available for questions.

Motion made by Commissioner Storer to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Eckbert and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

e) Discussion of locking in interest rates for the water and sewer bonds and the electric bonds.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONS, EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING $45,000,000 WATER AND SEWER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2004, OF THE CITY TO BE APPLIED TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF, INCLUDING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF RELATED INTEREST RATE SWAPS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SUCH BONDS FROM THE NET REVENUES DERIVED FROM SUCH WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. First Reading

Attorney McCaghren read the ordinance by title. Assistant City Manager Randy Knight explained the ordinance authorizes the issuance of the water and sewer bond and that they also want to discuss the option of locking in interest rates for these bonds and also the electric bonds for the acquisition of the electric distribution system. He summarized the steps that need to be taken. He stated that the Commission needs to make the final decision to move forward with the acquisition of the system before the action to lock in the rates is done per the ordinance before them. Mr. Knight addressed the presence of Jerry Warren (First Southwest) and Bill Herrington (WHH Enterprises).

Craig Dunlap, Dunlap and Associates, summarized interest rate swaps and locking in interest rates. Mr. Dunlap introduced the underwriting team members: John Eichelberger (J. P. Morgan); Tony
Grey (Gardner Michael); Mitch Owens (RBC Dean Rouscher (formerly W. Hough & Co.)); and Dominic Piccalo, Coleman Cordel and Ron Williams (Morgan Stanley). Mr. Dunlap responded to questions by the Commission. Mr. Dunlap concluded his presentation by addressing the need and importance of finalizing the interest rate swap documents, and to adopt the ordinance on April 26, 2004, which will put the City in the position of implementing the swap on the water and sewer bonds after that meeting.

Mr. Dunlap then addressed the electric issue and the steps that need to be followed to move forward. He stated the bulk power negotiations are moving along, the Commission must approve the power purchase contract in the final form, must approve the hedging document, and formally authorize the purchase of the electric system to put the City in the position to implement the hedge.

Mr. Knight stated that he wants to have all the information ready for the Commission so they can finalize the authorization to purchase the electric system on April 26. He asked the Commission to inform him of any information they need beforehand to aid them in their decision. Commissioner Storer addressed his desire to have ample time to review the information before he makes a decision. Commissioner Metcalf inquired about the bulk power negotiation contracts. Mr. Knight responded that they have the initial ranking with Progress Energy being the lowest bid, are currently holding discussions with them, and have an initial draft contract with them which is currently being reviewed. Upon questioning by Commissioner Eckbert, Mr. Knight stated that the ordinance was already adopted to authorize the electric bonds and that only one reading is necessary on April 26 to be able to move forward with the electric issue.

No public comments were made.

Motion made by Commissioner Metcalf to accept the ordinance on first reading, seconded by Commissioner Eckbert. Upon a roll call vote, Mayor Marchman and Commissioners Storer, Eckbert, Metcalf and DeVane voted yes. The motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Regarding the electric issue and moving forward with locking the interest rates for the electric, a consensus was reached.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

a) Effects of various traffic calming measures performed within Winter Park.

Assistant Public Works Director Troy Attaway summarized the types of traffic calming efforts made within the City and the positive and negative results. He specifically addressed the Pennsylvania/Lake Sue corridor traffic impacts from Baldwin Park and the attempts to mitigate these impacts. He spoke about the type of road base utilized for the construction of Pennsylvania Avenue and the shifting sand that was used that caused areas to be uneven and rougher. He stated they are currently utilizing a different type of sand and do not anticipate this problem in the future. Mr. Attaway also commented about opening the east-west road in Baldwin Park to help reduce traffic volumes. He addressed the ineffectiveness of the island on Palmer Avenue. He recommended the continuance of using uneven brick but possibly using ones not as uneven as previously used. Commissioner DeVane addressed the need to make adjustments to the base
because of the road not settling the way it should have before changing the type of bricks.

Several residents as follows opposed and addressed concerns with rough and uneven bricks on the Pennsylvania/Lake Sue corridor:

Charles Anderson, 1815 Jill Court
Lisa Tellechea, 316 Salvador Square
Nancy Shutts, 2010 Brandywine Drive (petition provided opposing rough bricks)
Lurline Fletcher, 790 Lyman Avenue
Rick Frazee, 1921 Englewood Road (agreed with brick streets, but not too rough)
Carol Swain, 1525 Glencoe Road
Garland Vance, 1740 Winter Park Road
Elaine Welborn, 1660 Winchester Drive
Melva Akens, 1770 Winter Park Road

Those speaking in favor of brick streets for traffic calming purposes included:

Cindy Smith, 2909 Parkland Drive (provided copies of research)
Dan Bellows, 971 Georgia Avenue

No further public comments were made.

Mayor Marchman spoke about the comments made regarding the need to use brick that would be more even and less rougher. Commissioner DeVane stated that no other complaints have been received regarding Temple or N. Park Avenue, only from limited residents from this particular area. She stated the data indicates that people are slowing down their speed and the number of people on the road has decreased due to the bricking. She also addressed the residents on Holt Avenue desiring brick roads. She asked that Public Works determine which improvements they can do on that corridor.

Mayor Marchman indicated complaints were made to him regarding Temple Avenue and that the City could work toward a smoother ride but should continue to brick streets. Commissioner Storer addressed the failure of the sub-surface in that area and agreed that the same brick should be used to continue the project. He addressed the necessity to effectively traffic calm that area because of increased traffic impacts with Baldwin Park. Commissioner Metcalf stated the benefits outweigh the negatives and that he is in favor of trying different bricks to see if a slightly smoother brick could be used that will be the most effective and require less maintenance. Commissioner Eckbert addressed the need to balance traffic calming and citizens needing to get to their destinations. He stated it appears that the traffic objectives on Winter Park Road are being met and he is open to a slightly less rough road here but only without affecting traffic calming. Commissioner DeVane stated if modifications are done, to not make any modifications around the Ninth Grade Center. Consensus that staff look at ways for the roadway to be somewhat smoother which could include the continuance of the same type of brick or a 1/8 variation, whatever the staff believed would work the best and to leave the Ninth Grade Center area as it currently is. Mr. Attaway stated the height elevation can be lowered and that he will come back with a recommendation after speaking with the brick manufacturers. He suggested that the Ninth Grade Center area continue with what is currently being used. Mayor Marchman spoke about the positive responses he received from residents in this area regarding the Pennsylvania/Lake Sue bricking so far.
Commissioner Metcalf left the meeting at this time.  6:20 p.m.

A recess was taken from 6:20-6:28 p.m.

b)  Presentation by the South Seminole & North Orange County Wastewater Transmission Authority.

Steve Miller, Executive Director, SSNOCWTA, provided their history, their existing facilities and the amended and restated interlocal agreement with the City and other municipalities. Mr. Miller responded to questions.

Lowery Rockett, Rockett and Associates, consulting engineers, addressed the pipeline, pump station locations, wastewater transmission system and the capital improvement program because of needed improvements. He spoke about the necessary sanitary sewer replacement and the financing options. City Manager Williams stated that the funding is a part of the earlier bond issue discussed by the Commission.

c)  Central Park Native Garden Phase 2 planting project approval.

Postponed until the April 26, 2004, meeting.

d)  City of Winter Park tree farm property proposal.

Greg Wood, Lee Chira & Associates, presented a proposal to purchase the City’s tree farm located north of Lee Road adjacent to the Margaret Square Winter Park Housing Authority. Mr. Wood offered a selling price of the 14 acres for $1,200,000 to be used for the construction of affordable elderly apartments.

Motion made by Commissioner DeVane to reject the offer as according to the Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Storer and carried unanimously.

e)  Presentation of new City seal proposals.

Communications Director Clarissa Howard presented options for a new City seal. She summarized the significance of each seal as well as the outcome of the survey taken from the residents. No public comments were made. After discussion and comments regarding the proposed seals, there was a consensus to adopt the Peacock image with the tagline “Established 1882” and to utilize the additional tagline on the bottom of the seal reflecting “City of Culture and Heritage” as often as possible. Ms. Howard stated that the artist will now fine tune this image and a black and white image will be presented to the Commission with ideas how it can be used. She stated the seal will be implemented in June. Commissioner DeVane stated that the excedra logo would be ideal for Kraft Azalea Gardens to adopt.

f)  Citizen survey to help with the upcoming budgeting process.
Communications Director Clarissa Howard presented a proposal from Market Soundings to conduct the citizen survey with the results to be returned at the beginning of June to assist staff in the budget process. Examples of the type of questions to be presented were related to power outages, tree trimming, the new Update, current communications tools and what the citizens utilize, and the police and fire departments and response times. Commissioner Eckbert suggested that open ended questions be included.

After other questions were answered by Ms. Howard, there was consensus to approve Market Soundings to conduct the survey.

g) Proposed defined benefit pension plan.

City Manager Williams presented this item because of inquiries of City employees asking about other retirement plan options. He stated that staff has been working with the actuarial firm of Gabriel, Roeder, Smith and Company to review options for providing a defined benefit pension plan for general employees. Mr. Williams summarized the pros and cons of this plan.

Mayor Marchman expressed concerns with the upcoming budget year. Commissioner Eckbert expressed concerns with the tight annual budget and the unfunded pension liability affecting credit ratings. Commissioner DeVane stated she would like to provide staff with all possible benefits but she is not a proponent of defined benefits. She addressed the shortages experienced with the police and fire pensions where the City budget had to provide funding during a time where the City had shortfalls in revenue. She stated she would like to address increasing the City’s contribution in the future when the City is more financially stable. Commissioner Storer expressed the importance of remaining competitive as being the best City to work for and to retain the highest quality employees. No public comments were made.

Motion made by Commissioner Eckbert that we retain our current defined contribution plan, seconded by Commissioner DeVane and carried with a 3-1 vote with Commissioner Storer voting nay. Commissioner Metcalf was absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lurline Fletcher, 790 Lyman Avenue, commented about the street sweeper depositing leaves from the back onto the streets. She also asked that construction workers keep the areas clean from rocks.
2. Commissioner Storer reminded staff about working on the process for the Glenridge property as to whether it becomes a park or residential property and any necessary steps. City Manager Williams stated that staff has been working on this.
3. Commissioner Eckbert spoke about his conversations regarding the Morse Foundation and the planned Canton/Park Avenue building. He stated there is a Vegas retail show to consider which projects will move forward and that between the 250 Park Avenue, Morse property, post office, City Hall redevelopment and existing vacant properties on Park Avenue, Winter Park could be presented as a unified outdoor shopping district and to solicit directly from retailers so they look as Winter Park as a whole. He stated that if a group of retailers commit to come to Winter Park into different projects, the City may be able to obtain retailers the City may be interested in. He stated he asked
Chip Weston, Gordon Blitch, the Chamber, and property owners/property owner representatives about this. He stated the City should be more pro-active and facilitate the business environment. Commissioner DeVane requested that Sam Stark from the Chamber help to head this up. There was a consensus to move forward with this.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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Mayor Kenneth R. Marchman

ATTEST:

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City Clerk Cynthia Bonham