

CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
May 24, 2004

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 Parks and Recreation Director John Holland, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

a) Winter Park High School Girls' Soccer Team recognition.

Mayor Marchman recognized the WPHS Girls' Soccer team and their Athletic Director Michael Brown for completing one their most successful seasons. He congratulated the team for their outstanding record of 22 wins and only 5 losses and presented the team with a certificate of recognition for their accomplishments.

b) Winter Park Christmas Boat Parade Festival of Lights

City Lobbyist Bob Hartnett presented this item. He introduced Janet Pino who advised the City on the proposed plans and procedures for the event. Ms. Pino said the proposed date for the parade is December 12, 2004, and that it should be combined with the other traditional holiday events held at the City. She said the event will start at Lake Virginia and end in Lake Osceola with viewing areas at the Polasek Museum and Dinky Dock. Ms. Pino stated that Rollins College has agreed to accommodate any overflow parking that may occur. Noting that funding from the City is not part of the request, Ms. Pino formally requested the use of Dinky Dock from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. along with the use of two barges, one in front of the Polasek Museum and one in the Dinky Dock area. Commissioners provided their comments in support of the proposed event.

c) Presentation from Robert Caran Productions on holiday events in the Central Business District.

Robert Caran, Robert Caran Productions, provided a powerpoint presentation on his company and the proposed Festival of the Holidays event for the Central Business District. He explained that the funds for the event will be generated from sponsorships. Mr. Caran noted that the request is for the Commission to approve a letter drafted by his organization which indicates the Commission's support for the event which will enable him to obtain the needed sponsorships.

Mayor Marchman noted that he discussed this event with Mr. Caran and Ms. Debi Rodi from the Park Avenue Area Association. He expressed his concern with the timeframes and whether the City would be burdened by having to provide staff time and labor. Mr. Caran explained that any service provided by his production company that the City does not wish to fund would be funded and underwritten by sponsorships. Mayor Marchman suggested that staff review the agreement and the services that the City is being asked to provide.

Commissioner DeVane expressed her concern with the number of times the City is being requested to close down Park Avenue during the busiest shopping season of the year and that she would not support the closing of Park Avenue for 8 days during that period. She spoke of the numerous holiday events that are already planned by the City and questioned whether an additional event is necessary. She spoke of the possibility of the promoter not being able to raise the needed sponsorships and whether the City would be liable for the amount indicated on the agreement. She said she would reconsider this event if the promoter returns with 75% of the merchants on Park Avenue supportive of the event and the road closure.

Park Avenue Area Association Representative Debi Rodi spoke in support of the proposed event and how the road closure would not be burdensome for the Park Avenue merchants. She explained that she will be proposing the event to the merchants but noted that she believes they will support the event. Commissioner DeVane expressed that this event may not be appropriate for the City of Winter Park without merchant support and early funding commitments. Ms. Rodi explained they are requesting the Commission's support so the promoter can raise the needed sponsorships to fund the event and that the program is not fixed and could be edited.

Mayor Marchman expressed concerns with working out the logistics so the event is not counter productive to any of the Park Avenue businesses. Commissioner Eckbert, amenable to bringing vitality to the avenue for the holiday season, expressed his concern on whether the merchants will support the event, the quality of the event, sponsorships, and if the event is appropriate for Winter Park.

Commission consensus was for Mr. Caran and Ms. Rodi to conduct a poll of the merchants on the avenue and return to the next Commission meeting with a report. Commissioner DeVane asked for information on the anticipated increased manpower on the affected City Departments. Commissioner Eckbert asked that the presentation be provided to Commissioners Metcalf and Storer for their review. City Attorney McCaghren expressed concern over the road closures and suggested discussing the details with the Public Works and Public Safety Departments prior to the next meeting.

- d) Presentation of appreciation to Representative Jim Kallinger for the introduction and passage of House Bill 213 relating to the State Office Building.

Mayor Marchman presented Representative Jim Kallinger with a certificate of appreciation for his outstanding support, contribution and dedication to the City at the legislative level. Mayor Marchman recognized him for the introduction and passage of House Bill 213 which allows the City to reacquire the State Office Building on Morse Boulevard and Denning Drive. Representative Kallinger thanked the Mayor and commended City Lobbyist Bob Hartnett and Senator Lee Constantine for their assistance with this House Bill. City Lobbyist Bob Hartnett provided a report on the activities of the last legislative session.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

- a) Resolution-Designating 121 Garfield Avenue as a historic resource.

RESOLUTION NO. 1868-04: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 121 GARFIELD AVENUE, WINTER PARK, FLORIDA KNOWN AS THE KUMMER-KILBOURNE HOUSE, AS A HISTORIC RESOURCE IN THE WINTER PARK REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.

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

Commissioner DeVane provided comments in support of the proposed resolution and why the property should receive the designation.

Motion made by Commissioner DeVane to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mayor Marchman. Upon a roll call vote, Mayor Marchman and Commissioner DeVane voted yes. Commissioner Eckbert voted no. The motion failed due to a Charter requirement that calls for an affirmative vote of three Commissioners to pass an ordinance or resolution.

The resolution will be reconsidered at the June 14 Commission meeting.

- b) Resolution-Calling for a public hearing to levy a special assessment for the installation of decorative street lighting within the Fairbanks and Oak Crest Subdivisions.

RESOLUTION NO. 1869-04: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 170.03, FLORIDA STATUTES, CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS ALL ASPECTS OF THE INSTALLATION OF AND FUNDING OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES CONSISTING OF ENHANCED AND DECORATIVE STREET LIGHTING AND FIXTURES WITHIN THE FAIRBANKS AND OAK CREST SUBDIVISIONS, LIGHTING DISTRICT #L-59A; WHICH IMPROVEMENTS AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES WILL BE PAID FOR IN TOTAL BY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS LEVIED AGAINST ALL PROPERTIES WITHIN THE FAIRBANKS AND OAK CREST SUBDIVISIONS, LIGHTING DISTRICT #L-59A; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney McCaghren read the resolution by title. Mr. McCaghren explained that the purpose of the three resolutions is to schedule public hearings for the residents in the specified lighting districts.

Mayor Marchman asked for public comments. No public comments were made.

Motion made by Commissioner Eckbert to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner DeVane. Upon a roll call vote, Mayor Marchman and Commissioners Eckbert and DeVane voted yes. The motion carried unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

- c) Resolution-Calling for a public hearing to levy a special assessment for the installation of decorative street lighting within the Golfview Terrace Neighborhood.

RESOLUTION NO. 1870-04 : A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 170.03, FLORIDA STATUTES, CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS ALL ASPECTS OF THE INSTALLATION OF AND FUNDING OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES CONSISTING OF ENHANCED AND DECORATIVE STREET LIGHTING AND FIXTURES WITHIN THE GOLFOVIEW TERRACE NEIGHBORHOOD, LIGHTING DISTRICT #L-19; WHICH IMPROVEMENTS AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES WILL BE PAID FOR IN TOTAL BY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS LEVIED AGAINST ALL PROPERTIES WITHIN THE GOLFOVIEW TERRACE NEIGHBORHOOD, LIGHTING DISTRICT #L-19; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Eckbert to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner DeVane. Upon a roll call vote, Mayor Marchman and Commissioners Eckbert and DeVane voted yes. The motion carried unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

- d) Resolution-Calling for a public hearing to levy a special assessment for the installation of decorative street lighting within the Timberlane Subdivision.

RESOLUTION NO. 1871-04: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 170.03, FLORIDA STATUTES, CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS ALL ASPECTS OF THE INSTALLATION OF AND FUNDING OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES CONSISTING OF ENHANCED AND DECORATIVE STREET LIGHTING AND FIXTURES WITHIN THE TIMBERLANE SUBDIVISION, LIGHTING DISTRICT #L-45A; WHICH IMPROVEMENTS AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES WILL BE PAID FOR IN TOTAL BY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS LEVIED AGAINST ALL PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TIMBERLANE SUBDIVISION, LIGHTING DISTRICT #L-45A; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Eckbert to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner DeVane. Upon a roll call vote, Mayor Marchman and Commissioners Eckbert and DeVane voted yes. The motion carried unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approve minutes of May 10, 2004, Commission Meeting; May 10, 2004, Town Meeting; and May 17, 2004, Special Meeting.
- b) Review calendar and update with upcoming events.
- c) Confirm the appointment of Mike Clifford to the Winter Park Fire Fighter Pension Trust Fund Board.
- d) Authorize the Mayor to execute the encroachment agreement between the City and Mr. Dan Bellows whereby steps and columns encroached approximately 3' into the right-of-way along W. Welbourne Avenue and Virginia Avenue (402 Welbourne Avenue)

- e) Authorize the Mayor to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Winter Park and the Florida Department of Transportation regarding the implementation of the 17-92 corridor plan.

Mayor Marchman asked for public comments. None were provided.

Motion made by Commissioner Eckbert to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of items 'd' and 'e'; seconded by Commissioner DeVane and carried unanimously.

Consent agenda item 'd': Commissioner DeVane inquired whether this item was previously presented to the Commission as part of the original plan for the building or as an add-on item. CRA Manager Albert Vargas explained that the plans have not changed but noted that the drawings were originally presented for staff review.

Motion made by Commissioner Eckbert to approve the Consent Agenda item 'd', seconded by Mayor Marchman. Motion carried with a 2-1 vote. Mayor Marchman and Commissioner Eckbert voted yes. Commissioner DeVane voted no.

Consent agenda item 'e': Commissioner DeVane spoke about the 17-92 corridor plan and the concerns from the community with the loss of signalization on Webster Avenue. She expressed her concern with the previously agreed upon plan and whether it eliminated the stop light entirely. Planning Director Don Martin confirmed that it was previously agreed upon with DOT to eliminate the stop light and that removing it from the project would stop this plan from moving forward.

Discussion ensued about eliminating the traffic light and the cumbersome route remaining to the Kmart Shopping Plaza, working on a possible solution with DOT, and DOT's justification for the project to improve mobility within the corridor. Mr. Martin elaborated on DOT's preference of eliminating the traffic signal. Commissioner Eckbert expressed his support of accomplishing the proposed plan. Commissioner DeVane stated she was supportive of the plan with the exception of the traffic signal elimination. She asked that staff move forward with DOT and the plan, continue to work on ways to keep the light on Webster, if only as a street crossing and no turning lanes, and to relocate the pedestrian crossing currently on Lee Road and 17-92.

Motion made by Commissioner DeVane to approve the Consent Agenda item 'e', seconded by Commissioner Eckbert and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a) ORDINANCE NO. 2583-04: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF THE CITY PARKING LOT BETWEEN CANTON AND GARFIELD AVENUES WITHIN BLOCK 20, REVISED MAP OF THE TOWN OF WINTER PARK, SUBJECT TO MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS AS SET FORTH HEREIN. Second Reading

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

Commissioner DeVane requested that if the property is ever sold that the City has the right of first refusal which she stated should have been included in the contract. City Attorney McCaghren explained that the ordinance authorizes the conveyance in order to meet the Charter requirement. He said the City is publishing a notice to invite proposals from anyone interested in acquiring the property. He continued that any individual selected to acquire the property would be advised at the time of any conditions imposed by the City.

Motion made by Commissioner DeVane to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Eckbert. Upon a roll call vote, Mayor Marchman and Commissioners Eckbert and DeVane voted yes. The motion carried unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

- b) ORDINANCE NO. 2584-04: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 58 "LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE" ARTICLE VIII, "HISTORIC PRESERVATION" SO AS TO AMEND THE TITLE OF SUBSECTION 58-456, GUIDELINES FOR ISSUANCE, DEMOLITION, AND CONSTRUCTION, EXCAVATION OR OTHER DISTURBANCE IN ARCHAEOLOGICAL ZONES. 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 Eckbert. Upon a roll call vote, Mayor Marchman and Commissioners Eckbert and DeVane voted yes. The motion carried unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

- c) ORDINANCE NO. 2585-04: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA RELATING TO CITY BOARDS; TRANSFERRING THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE NUISANCE ABATEMENT BOARD TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD; TRANSFERRING THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE STORMWATER BOARD OF APPEALS TO THE LAKES AND WATERWAYS ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING FOR THE DUTIES OF THE INDEPENDENT PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD TO BE PERFORMED BY THE CITIZEN MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD; 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 Eckbert. Upon a roll call vote, Mayor Marchman and Commissioners Eckbert and DeVane voted yes. The motion carried unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

- d) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 58 "LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE" ARTICLE III, "ZONING" SO AS TO AMEND SECTION 58-86 "CONDITIONAL USES" TO PROVIDE FOR EXPIRATIONS OF CONDITIONAL USE APPROVALS AND PROCEDURES FOR EXTENSIONS OF CONDITIONAL USE APPROVALS. First Reading

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

City Planner Jeff Briggs provided the staff report. He explained the ordinance reinserts into the code an expiration of two years (formerly one year until 1998) for conditional uses. He spoke of the

cumbersome nature of the one year approval and that it would expire midway through various projects. Mr. Briggs stated that various developers in the area and the Planning and Zoning Commission concur with the two year expiration timeframe. He said that any applicant is able to extend the expiration by providing a development agreement which indicates the specified extension date. He explained that the ordinance should also include language which provides for phased projects to be completed within five years. Additionally, he stated that applicants should be advised by the City when their expirations are fast approaching in order to provide the applicant the opportunity to address the Commission with any special conditions prior to expiration.

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

- e) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 58 "LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE" ARTICLE III, "ZONING" SO AS TO AMEND SECTION 58-68, "MEDIUM DENSITY MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-3) DISTRICT" TO PROVIDE FOR DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-2) DISTRICT STANDARDS. First Reading

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

Planner Briggs presented the staff report. He explained the proposed ordinance allows an R-3 property owner that wishes to build a two unit townhouse, to build according to R-2 zoning. He spoke of the flexibilities that have been incorporated into the code that would allow the applicant to build to the lesser rule which is normally not permitted. Mayor Marchman asked whether staff recommended the approval of the ordinance. Mr. Briggs responded affirmatively.

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

- f) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 58 "LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE" ARTICLE V, "ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION REGULATIONS" DIVISION 6, "TREE PROTECTION" SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT TREE REMOVALS AUTHORIZED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OR CITY COMMISSION DO NOT REQUIRE SUBMISSION TO THE TREE PRESERVATION BOARD. First Reading

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

Planner Briggs provided the staff report. He said applicants that have received an approval by the P&Z regarding tree removal for new residential lakefront construction do not need to appeal any decision made by City Forester Lee Mackin to the Tree Preservation Board. He explained how the same applies to conditional uses. Mr. Briggs stated that this would require the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Commission to function as the Tree Preservation Board when a tree issue arises between the developer and the Forestry Division.

He continued that P&Z was emphatic about not proceeding on plan approvals unless a report or recommendation is obtained from the Parks and Recreation Department that outlines any pending issues. He said the ordinance guarantees that procedure is included in the plan review process.

Commissioner DeVane inquired whether the Parks and Recreation Department procedural review step was identified in the proposed ordinance. She asked that the ordinance specifically indicate that before the project goes to P&Z or the City Commission, that the City Forester has reviewed and issued a report or recommendation. She asked that staff incorporate that requirement into the proposed ordinance. Mr. Briggs stated staff would amend the ordinance for second reading.

Motion made by Commissioner DeVane to accept the ordinance with the following amendment: that the City Forester review and issue a report or recommendation on new residential lakefront construction prior to the project going before the P&Z or the City Commission for approval, seconded by Commissioner Eckbert. Upon a roll call vote, Mayor Marchman and Commissioners Eckbert and DeVane voted yes. The motion carried unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- a) Request for an ordinance to revise the City code which prohibits seaplanes on City lakes.

City Manager Williams presented this item. He explained this issue was presented to the Commission in April and staff was instructed to present it again for further discussion at this meeting to see if there is interest in moving forward with a public hearing. He said if the decision is to move forward with a public hearing, staff recommends contacting the homeowners to advise them of the date, time and place of the meeting.

Homer Whittaker, 1501 Magnolia Avenue, spoke in opposition to revising the City code for the use of seaplanes in the City's chain of lakes.

Peter Gottfried, 1841 Carol Lee Lane, as the new Chairman of the Lakes and Waterways Board, explained that the board thoroughly reviewed and recommended the use of seaplanes within the City. He suggested that the Commission view the video, schedule a workshop or a flight demonstration for the public. He explained how a citizen survey may be ineffective.

Commissioner Eckbert elaborated on the use of the citizen survey and the need for consensus building among the lakefront owners and users. He suggested that the parties behind this initiative build community support for it.

Jim Thomas, 716 Balmoral Road, stated he presented this issue to the Lakes and Waterways Board. He explained that the biggest issue with sea planes is the noise; specifically upon take off. Mr. Thomas suggested a demonstration flight for the general public.

Jim Saurman, 1041 Osceola Avenue, discussed the demonstration flight that he participated in and how he believes the noise factor would be minimal.

Discussion ensued as to whether a need exists in the City for this type of transportation, the benefits versus the risks, the noise factor and safety issues. Additional comments included whether surrounding municipalities were supportive of this and how it may impact existing interlocal agreements and the due diligence process exhibited by the citizens that serve on advisory boards.

The consensus decision was that at this time the Commission is not prepared to consider an amendment to the code as it exists today but would welcome continued education on the subject.

b) Public Art Program guidelines and recommendations.

City Manager Williams presented this item. Economic and Cultural Development Director Chip Weston provided comments of the various cultural amenities and public art collections located in the City.

Public Art Advisory Board Chairperson Anne Grey presented the Public Art Program Guidelines. She explained the proposed guidelines enable the board to move forward and address the issues they were tasked with.

Commissioner DeVane commended the board for their efforts. She expressed her support for the inclusion of perpetual care funds in the guidelines. Mayor Marchman, supportive of the guidelines, spoke of possible impact fees or assessments related to proposals that need to be addressed sometime in the future. He said a report from staff needs to be obtained before a decision can be made regarding expenditures for inventory. Commissioner DeVane inquired if the board would be prepared to implement what is proposed if the funds are available before the end of the fiscal year. Ms. Grey responded affirmatively. Attorney McCaghren advised that any monies gifted to the City need to be accepted by the City rather than an advisory board because conditions may be attached to the gift that the City may not accept. Ms. Grey explained that the addendums to the guidelines are merely items that the board needs to address.

Consensus was to accept the Public Art Advisory Board's proposed Public Art Program Guidelines as a conceptual working document for further implementation with the amendment to the Appropriations and Donations section as recommended by the City Attorney, and to accept the board's request to commence a program to display art for public viewing in the City Hall Chambers and the lobby of the Public Safety Building with the funding being subject to staff's advice as to availability. Mayor Marchman suggested a review of the City of Lakeland's website and their new piece of public art entitled Volunteerism.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Homer Whittaker, 1501 Magnolia Avenue, asked why citizens within the city limits are unable to obtain DSL service. Mayor Marchman asked that the City Manager look into this.
2. Finance Director Wes Hamil discussed the issue of funding for the Community Land Trust construction and the funding options available for the construction of the Canton Park project. Mr. Hamil noted that the best option is to borrow the funds internally, half from the Water and Sewer

Fund and the other half from the General Insurance Fund. He continued that the funds would be repaid upon the sale of the homes.

City Attorney McCaghren stated that in the event of resistance from the community with this project moving forward, he has been assured by the City Manager and the Finance Director that there are sufficient funds in the water portion of the water and sewer fund and that this action does not violate the Charter.

Mayor Marchman asked for public comments and none were provided.

Motion made by Commissioner DeVane to fund the Community Land Trust Corporation and the construction of the Canton Park Redevelopment project from the Water and Sewer Fund and the General Insurance Fund; with the repayment to come from the sale of the homes, seconded by Commissioner Eckbert. Upon a roll call vote, Mayor Marchman and Commissioners Eckbert and DeVane voted yes. The motion carried unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

Planning Director Don Martin explained that a CRA Special Meeting needs to be scheduled to approve the contractors for the Canton Park Redevelopment Project because the schedule groundbreaking for June 14, 2004, and that staff wants construction to commence shortly after the groundbreaking. Consensus was for staff to poll the Commission to schedule a Special CRA Agency meeting prior to the groundbreaking date.

3. Commissioner Eckbert spoke of attempting to coordinate the Special CRA Agency meeting the same day as the meeting with the City of Coral Springs. He said he would try to schedule the City of Coral Springs meeting for June 8, 2004. Discussion ensued regarding the Commission's availability schedule for both meetings.

4. Commissioner Eckbert addressed the continuing problem with the Post Office issue and the mailboxes along the street. He asked that staff develop a plan that would exert our authority as a City against the Post Office. Attorney McCaghren explained the minimal authority the City has over the Post Office and how the City has been placed in the middle of this situation that is between the postal authorities and the homeowners. He reported that staff has twice corresponded to the attorney for this postal district regarding this matter and that a reply is pending. Mr. McCaghren stated this is a political issue that needs to have elected officials involved. He said a resolution of this may be possible if we involve Senators Graham and Nelson and Representatives Keller, Feeney and Mica. Discussion ensued on whether a letter from the City to elected officials would be effective.

Consensus was to send a letter from the Commission requesting assistance from the City's elected officials (Federal and State). Mr. McCaghren elaborated that the City's leverage would be with the City's federally elected officials putting pressure at a higher level than we can reach. Mayor Marchman asked that the City Attorney draft a letter as soon as possible that cites specific regulations and supports the Commission's position for the Commission to review.

5. Commissioner DeVane asked that the Fire Department revisit the issue of imposing fire impact and fire service fees, and to determine how other communities are handling these. She asked that staff return with a report.

Mayor Marchman adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Kenneth R. Marchman

ATTEST:

City Clerk Cynthia Bonham