

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
June 9, 2008

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

The invocation was given by Director of Finance, Wes Hamil followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present:

Mayor David Strong
Commissioner Margie Bridges
Commissioner Phil Anderson
Commissioner Beth Dillaha
Commissioner Karen Diebel

Also present:

City Manager Randy Knight
City Attorney Trippe Cheek
City Clerk Cindy Bonham
Deputy City Clerk Nancy McLean

Mayor's Report:

- a) RESOLUTION NO. 1996-08: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 544 NORTH KNOWLES AVENUE, WINTER PARK, FLORIDA ORIGINALLY KNOWN AS THE BARBOUR APARTMENTS AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK ON THE WINTER PARK REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.

Attorney Cheek read the resolution by title.

Planning Director Jeff Briggs explained that this was the most important acquisition by the Historic Trust that the City has. He stated that Bickly Wilson (current owner) has done an incredible job with the restoration and preservation of this property. Planner Lindsey Hayes addressed the history of the property.

Frank Roark, resident of Winter Park, expressed that it was a privilege to be part of the team that worked on the Barbour apartments. On behalf of Ms. Wilson, he invited each of the Commissioners and staff to tour the Barbour apartments within the coming weeks.

Joe Terranova, 700 Melrose Avenue, commented that he was pleased there is an ordinance on the preservation of historical properties and that this property was going to be saved. He urged the Commission to approve the resolution.

Mayor Strong and Commissioner Bridges expressed their appreciation to Ms. Wilson and her team for their preservation effort.

Motion made by Commissioner Bridges to adopt the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Dillaha. Upon a roll call vote, Mayor Strong and Commissioners Bridges, Anderson, Dillaha and Diebel voted yes. The motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Non Agenda Item:

Mayor Strong reported on the last Metro Plan meeting and that it appears that the current Metroplan budget will be used almost in its entirety for I-4 improvements for the next 20 years. He also addressed that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has passed an air quality

revision and stated the new standard for acceptability. He added that this has major implications for the region's transportation system and if we are not in compliance as a region, transportation funds will probably be withheld as early as 2013.

Action Items:

- a) Approve the minutes of 5/27/08.
- b) Approve PR 137865 to Florida Highway Products for roadway micro-surfacing services, piggy-backing off St. John's County contract #06-123; \$140,000.00.
- c) Approve the budget adjustment transferring \$120,000 from the Information Technology Services Division (IT) to a new capital project budget and consolidating \$60,000 from a capital project account for computer servers to the new account that will encompass server replacement as well as business continuity concerns.
- d) Approval of the new fee for the Off-Park Avenue Business Signage Program.
- e) Approval to waive the fees for the Welbourne Avenue Nursery to utilize the Farmers' Market for their 2008 graduation exercises held on May 8, 2008.
- f) Health insurance negotiations.
- g) Adoption of the Strategic Plan and Strategy Map.
- h) Setting the scope of work for the Ethics Board.

Motion made by Commissioner Anderson to approve Action Items a and b; seconded by Commissioner Bridges and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

The following action items were pulled for discussion: Items c, d, e, f, g, and h.

Action Item c): Approve the budget adjustment transferring \$120,000 from the Information Technology Services Division (IT) to a new capital project budget and consolidating \$60,000 from a capital project account for computer servers to the new account that will encompass server replacement as well as business continuity concerns.

Commissioner Bridges asked if this will help residents listen to the Commission meetings online without problems. Director of Information Technology Parsram Rajaram stated that this project will not help with the audio server but it will help with the web server which is the interface to the audio server. He explained to have better reliability with the transmittal of Commission meetings online they would need a second server for \$3,500 and \$3,000 to move the connections to the server room.

City Manager Knight explained that the company they used to run the audio system in the Chamber was eliminated and in-house staff has been trained to run the equipment. Mr. Rajaram explained that they are thoroughly testing the system to ensure it is working properly before meetings begin. Mayor Strong suggested they see if the in-house capabilities are working and if not, consider spending the necessary funds. Commissioner Bridges agreed.

Motion made by Commissioner Bridges to approve action item c; seconded by Commissioner Anderson and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Action Item d): Approval of the new fee for the Off-Park Avenue Business Signage Program.

Commissioner Bridges recommended that a prorated portion of the cost be part of the program. She had concerns with over intensifying signage on Park Avenue and throughout the business district and asked if there was a signage plan that limits their intensity and where they go. Mayor Strong asked if they were planning to expand pole locations. Assistant CRA Director Peter Moore commented that there was no plan to expand those and they have refused ones in the past because of sign clutter. He stated that they did not have a sign policy for Park Avenue. Mr. Moore asked if the proration would be on the \$100 annual fee. Commissioner Bridges agreed.

Motion made by Commissioner Bridges to approve action item d to include the merchants paying a prorated share of the annual signage fee and that we not add any other signage posts other than those provided in this diagram; seconded by Commissioner Dillaha and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Action Item e): Approval to waive the fees for the Welbourne Avenue Nursery to utilize the Farmers' Market for their 2008 graduation exercises held on May 8, 2008.

Commissioner Dillaha expressed concerns with this being before the Commission after the event already took place. She commented that the Farmers' Market was in a break even situation and she was not in favor of granting the other 50% waiver.

Director of Parks and Recreation John Holland explained that the Parks Board waived the other 50% but any further fee waiver must be approved by the Commission. Commissioner Dillaha expressed concerns with the Farmers' Market not generating a profit. Commissioner Bridges agreed and expressed the need for the nursery to budget for this and to become part of their operating expense.

Motion made by Commissioner Dillaha to deny the additional 50% fee waiver request for the graduation exercises at the Farmers' Market on May 8, 2008; seconded by Commissioner Bridges.

Commissioner Diebel agreed that after the fact was not ideal but believed this was a cause worth supporting and that the nursery needs to request it in the regular budget approval ahead of time. Commissioner Anderson commented about it being problematic to do this after the fact and that he would support the motion. Mayor Strong also supported the motion and volunteered to sponsor it this year and recommended they find other sponsors for the future. Mayor Strong also shared concerns that the City is getting involved with too much charity business and that the City needs to focus on its essential needs, particularly when the budget is so tight. **The motion carried with a 4-1 vote. Commissioner Diebel voted no.**

Action Item f): Health insurance negotiations.

Mr. Knight addressed that the City is contracted with Brown and Brown Insurance to provide agent of record services for employee health insurance and other benefit related programs. He stated that Aetna confirmed that the FY 2009 renewal was an 18.5% increase over the 2008 premiums.

He stated that because of the substantial cost increase in health insurance, staff recommended considering an employee health center combined with a partially self funded insurance plan in FY

2009 as a possible alternative to our current fully funded insurance program. He added that they reviewed four different employee health center models and believed that the model presented by The Crowne Group and operated by Care Here is the best fit for our needs. Due to time constraints in getting a new health program in operation by October 1, staff was requesting that the Commission waive the formal bid process and allow them to negotiate directly with the Crowne Group and Care Here. He stated that once they have their final proposal it would be compared to the renewal proposal from our existing carrier and the most cost effective plan would be presented to the Commission for approval. Mr. Knight explained the benefits of opening a health center for employees.

Commissioner Dillaha commented that she wanted to see a presentation to include what the industry averages are, the available options through Aetna and voiced concerns about waiving a bid process. She stated that the health center on-site is a relatively new concept and suggested they wait and see how other cities do and to make sure it works before shifting how they handle health insurance. Mr. Knight clarified that employee health centers were not a new concept but it is for cities. Commissioner Bridges agreed with having this as a presentation and believed that they were not provided enough information. She voiced concerns about switching from Aetna right now and thought they should consider putting it out for bid again.

Assistant City Manager Michelle del Valle explained that they were trying to collect the data and it was difficult to bring forward a pro forma because the information is based on the utilization of their health plan, i.e., how frequently employees use it and the severity of illnesses. She stated that while they can look at broad numbers related to developing an employee health center they cannot look at how those numbers will relate to our City population until our health insurance history information is shared with the Care Here/Crowne Group. She addressed staff's recommendation that they need additional research and to bring the best solution back to the City. She commented that she was part of the committee that looked at the four models and two representatives were present from the Crown Group that was also willing to answer questions if necessary. Commissioner Dillaha commented that she wanted to see the four models instead of going with one company and negotiating with them directly. Ms. del Valle stated they can provide additional data such as a comparison to other cities and a matrix of the difference between the plans.

Commissioner Anderson commended the creativity of trying to find a different way to avert this kind of increase and still give all of our employee's access to good quality care. He agreed with looking at a comprehensive redesign of our program; one component could be self insurance and the other the health center. Mr. Knight and Ms. del Valle answered further questions.

Mr. Knight expressed staff's confidence of being in-depth with the models they reviewed, they reviewed the pros and cons and looked at the savings with each and selected the one that best fit Winter Park. He recommended they take the Aetna proposal and compare it against various health center alternatives and give Aetna the opportunity to propose a revised benefit type program that would help reduce the premiums.

Mayor Strong commented that Mr. Knight and staff have to deal with a lot of budget constraints and it is his job to find the best solution. He stated that he would like to give him the flexibility to identify what they think is best for the coming year. He suggested they not follow our normal bid process and return with a recommendation. Commissioner Diebel agreed.

Motion made by Commissioner Dillaha to do an analysis to compare ourselves to other municipalities in Central Florida and see how benefits compare, ask Aetna for pricing on different plan designs, and go forward with an invitation to bid to the companies that provide

the onsite clinics. Ms. del Valle explained they would ask them to bring forward a product and a quote which will be less formal than a bid process. **Seconded by Commissioner Bridges and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.** Mayor Strong asked Mr. Knight to obtain the comparison of benefits from other municipalities. Mr. Knight agreed.

Action Item g): Adoption of the Strategic Plan and Strategy Map.

Commissioner Dillaha asked about the timeline, cost and prioritizing these initiatives. Mr. Knight explained that he would bring the Commission an implementation plan based upon their adoption of this and it will come back as part of the budget process in July. Commissioner Dillaha added an editorial change under Facilities and Infrastructure. There was a consensus among the Commissioners that this reflected what they did.

Motion made by Commissioner Anderson to approve action item g; seconded by Commissioner Dillaha and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Action Item h): Setting the scope of work for the Ethics Board.

Barry Greenstein, 2348 Summerfield Road, stated their first meeting is June 11, 2008. He expressed concern about the absence of conflicts of interest on the title sheet. He asked for clarification of the staff recommendation, how the board will set the scope and how they can begin to set their procedures for functioning.

Mayor Strong believed that the Ethics Board should set its scope, decide what needs to be addressed and in what priority. Commissioner Dillaha agreed. Mr. Knight addressed the enabling resolution the Commission adopted and clarified the recommendation from staff.

Mr. Greenstein also asked about budget implications and legal counsel on the board. Mayor Strong suggested that they develop the priorities they think are important and the areas where they think legal counsel might be necessary in their organizational meeting. He suggested they return at the next meeting if possible and lay out the program they recommend and hopefully get the Commission's approval to proceed on that basis. Attorney Cheek commented that there will probably be some questions that he can assist with but it may be inappropriate to have the City Attorney be the attorney for the Ethics Board.

Mayor Strong summarized that the Commission is asking the Ethics Board to set its priorities, schedule and budget, if necessary and that they approve this at the next meeting if possible. There was a consensus on this approach.

Thaddeus Seymour, 1804 Summerfield Road, commented that at some point they can return with a progress report or recommendations.

There was a recess from 5:06 – 5:15 p.m.

Public Hearings:

- a) RESOLUTION NO. 1997-08: 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 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES CONSISTING OF STREET BRICK ON A PORTION OF FRENCH AVENUE, LAKEVIEW DRIVE AND ALFRED J. HANNAH WAY; WHICH IMPROVEMENTS AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES WILL BE PAID FOR BY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS LEVIED AGAINST ALL PROPERTIES ABUTTING FRENCH AVENUE, LAKEVIEW DRIVE AND ALFRED J. HANNAH WAY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Cheek read the resolution by title. City Manager Knight explained that the next three items were resolutions for street bricking projects. Assistant Public Works Director Don Marcotte stated that they will vote on French Avenue next week and this is the first step to place it on the tax roll for this year's taxes. He stated that this is to be approved in the 2009 budget.

Mayor Strong asked about the letter regarding bricking the streets and the parking lot study that resident Dave Miller provided. Mr. Marcotte commented that this was not relevant to the Commission's decision today and that Rollins College indicated (verbally) that they would improve the parking lot in conjunction with this bricking project. He added that Rollins endorsed this parking plan but he was uncertain if they were aware of the modification to the radiuses on Hanna Way. He commented that no one was here from Rollins College today. Mr. Marcotte and Engineering Technician Keith Moore answered questions. There was a brief discussion regarding how the funding of bricking projects lead to putting off other City projects and whether we should pursue financing of those bricking projects.

Larry Lokken, 719 French Avenue, voted for the bricking however, he was concerned that Rollins has not committed to this in writing.

Mr. Knight explained they have the verbal commitment from Rollins but nothing in writing. He stated that Rollins has been a good neighbor and a good partner with the City on many projects. Mr. Moore stated that he spoke with Rollins College Vice President/Treasurer George Herbst this morning and he indicated that they would do the parking lot in conjunction with the bricking project.

Stephen Coutant, 905 Lakeview Drive, had a problem that they tied the parking configuration with the bricking. He believed they should be separate issues.

Dave Miller, 767 French Avenue, (provided a packet to the Commission) requested they move forward and asked that the packet be placed in the City record. This is attached at the end of the minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner Bridges to adopt the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Dillaha. Upon a roll call vote, Mayor Strong and Commissioners Bridges, Anderson, Dillaha and Diebel voted yes. The motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

- c) RESOLUTION NO. 1998-08: 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 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND MUNICIPAL

SERVICES CONSISTING OF STREET BRICK ON TUSCANY PLACE; WHICH IMPROVEMENTS AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES WILL BE PAID FOR BY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS LEVIED AGAINST ALL PROPERTIES ABUTTING TUSCANY PLACE, EAST OF VIA TUSCANY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Cheek read the resolution by title. No public comments were made. City Manager Knight explained that this was similar to the last resolution except a vote had already taken place and it will be in the 2009 budget.

Motion made by Commissioner Bridges to adopt the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Dillaha. Upon a roll call vote, Mayor Strong and Commissioners Bridges, Anderson, Dillaha and Diebel voted yes. The motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

- d) RESOLUTION NO. 1999-08: 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 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES CONSISTING OF STREET BRICK ON HOLT AVENUE, FROM PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE TO PARK AVENUE; WHICH IMPROVEMENTS AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES WILL BE PAID FOR BY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS LEVIED AGAINST ALL PROPERTIES ABUTTING HOLT AVENUE , FROM PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE TO PARK AVENUE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Cheek read the resolution by title. No public comments were made. Mr. Knight explained that this was part of the 2008 budget and the vote was approved. This will be on this year's tax roll.

Motion made by Commissioner Bridges to adopt the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Dillaha. Upon a roll call vote, Mayor Strong and Commissioners Bridges, Anderson, Dillaha and Diebel voted yes. The motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

- e) RESOLUTION NO. 2000-08: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA REGARDING E-MAIL COMMUNICATIONS DURING COMMISSION MEETINGS AND OTHER BOARD MEETINGS; SUPPORTING THE ELIMINATION OF SUCH DEVICES DURING COMMISSION MEETINGS AND OTHER BOARD MEETINGS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Cheek read the resolution by title. No public comments were made. Mr. Knight explained that the resolution was requested by Commissioner Bridges and it was discussed at a Commission meeting a year ago but it failed.

Motion made by Commissioner Dillaha to adopt the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Bridges.

Commissioner Bridges restated her concerns and issues with our boards and Commission respecting our citizens and creating an appropriate level playing field regarding public discussion and input. She addressed modifications she wanted to make to the resolution. Commissioner Anderson agreed about modifying the resolution and suggested using portable devices during breaks and if there is an emergency. Mayor Strong commented that family should come first and they should have access to them for emergencies. Commissioner Dillaha stated that they should abstain from using blackberry's and iPhones and sending text messages. She supported the

resolution with additional changes. Commissioner Diebel advocated having a standard City laptop and Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) for all the Commission members so everything through these devices is a public record. She also suggested that the Ethics Board could monitor this and if anyone has questions they can provide a public record request.

Commissioner Dillaha believed that it was not necessary to have additional laptops and PDA's. Commissioner Bridges commented that she was not comfortable asking the City to provide these devices with the budget constraints. There was further discussion regarding the matter. Mayor Strong stated that they had a motion on the resolution as written. He commented that he did not have a problem with Commissioners using their electronic devices.

Commissioner Anderson asked Commissioner Dillaha to consider amending the resolution to add that the City Commissioners shall refrain from reading or sending electronic mail messages during City Commission meeting sessions, except during recesses and responding to personal family matters. Commissioner Dillaha accepted the amendment; seconded by Commissioner Bridges. Upon a roll call vote, Commissioners Bridges, Anderson, Dillaha voted yes. Mayor Strong and Commissioner Diebel voted no. The motion carried with a 3-2 vote.

- f) RESOLUTION NO. 2001-08: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING AND RESTATING RESOLUTION NO. 1992-08, DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION ON APRIL 28, 2008, THE TITLE OF WHICH IS SET FORTH HEREIN, IN ORDER TO REFLECT CHANGES TO THE LIQUIDITY FACILITY PROVIDER AND THE REMARKETING AGENT NAMED THEREIN, WITH RESPECT TO THE CHANGE IN INTEREST RATE MODE FOR THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING ELECTRIC REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2005A AND B; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Director of Finance Wes Hamil explained that this resolution was identical to one the Commission approved a few weeks ago. He stated there were changes with the Liquidity Facility from JP Morgan to Dexia Credit Local and the remarketing agent from JP Morgan to Morgan Keegan. He commented that during their negotiations the insurance company (FSA) and JP Morgan (underwriter) were unable to come to terms that were acceptable to the City. He stated that based on advice from their financial advisor they considered another proposal from Dexia Credit Local with a 3 year commitment for liquidity support at a higher fee each year. By doing this we are fixing our rate for the next 3 years at a relatively low rate that is close to what we originally bargained for. Mr. Knight and Mr. Hamil answered questions.

Motion made by Commissioner Anderson to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Diebel. Upon a roll call vote, Mayor Strong and Commissioners Bridges, Anderson, Dillaha and Diebel voted yes. The motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

City Attorney's Report:

No items.

Non-Action Items:

- a) Presentation of the projects and accomplishments of the Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Board.

Jamie Krezeminski, 942 Camellia Avenue, Bicycle and Pedestrian Board Chairman, made a brief presentation on the pedestrian and bicycle standards, bicycle parking, the bicycle and pedestrian master plan and other current/recent projects. He commented on things they should be striving towards as a City such as pursuing recognition as a bicycle friendly community and passing a street ordinance that pertains to any construction projects on our roadway.

Mayor Strong commented that he noticed that Winter Park was still on Metroplan's bike rack priority list. He suggested they revise their grant request and see if that will move them up the list for Metroplan to grant them the balance. Traffic Manager Butch Margraf explained that he has been in contact with Tom Moscoso with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the City will be resubmitting to the FDOT for the funding July 1, 2008 per Mr. Moscoso's direction. The grant has been approved and it is Butch Margraf's understanding in conversations with Mr. Moscoso it will be funded.

- b) Status update on the Denning project.

Building Director George Wiggins explained that this project was approved in 2006 as a conditional use by the City Commission for a 105 unit apartment building and garage. Plans were submitted and the parking garage only was permitted and completed last year in May. The remainder of the plans for the apartment building have been reviewed and approved by all departments; however, the permit has not been issued to begin all phases of the construction project under the scope of the original conditional use.

He stated their major concern is not having the site turn into an eyesore or an attractive nuisance. Currently the site is fenced and kept clean and has not been considered an active violation. The owner (Mr. Bellows) told them he had concerns over the amount of fees he must pay for the project as part of the reason that he has delayed in proceeding with the project. Mr. Wiggins and Director of Planning Jeff Briggs answered questions about phasing and permitting.

April Kirsheman, on behalf of Denning Partners, Ltd., explained where things stand from their perspective and addressed the code enforcement issues. She also stated they were close to a resolution regarding the fee issues. She commented on unanticipated costs and fees and their difficulty with securing financing since the market is so low. Mr. Wiggins answered further questions and stated staff was prepared to address the fee issues.

New Business (Public):

Lurline Fletcher, 790 Lyman Avenue, spoke against Mr. Bellows not developing the property and asked that they maintain the Denning property.

New Business – (City Commission):

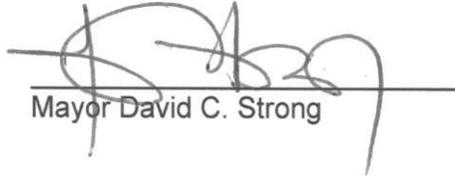
1. Mayor Strong asked the Commission if they would agree to change the scheduled meeting from October 13, 2008 to October 14, 2008. There was a consensus. He also reminded the Commission that on June 16, 2008 there is a work session on 'Plan the Possibilities.'
2. Commissioner Bridges suggested that if developers have a vacant lot and they are not going to build within 6 months that they put grass down and keep it mowed. Mr. Wiggins explained that there was no requirement that a vacant lot be provided sod or landscaping. He expressed that it raised questions regarding maintenance and code enforcement and the difficulties that may arise from that. She suggested they look at adopting an ordinance regarding this with something that is green and appropriate for a vacant lot. Commissioner Dillaha suggested they ask the group that is presently working on the landscape code to discuss this. Mr. Wiggins agreed and will also check with other cities.
3. Commissioner Bridges read a letter from Mayor Gary Bruhn and stated that the Florida League of Cities created a resolution and she wanted the City to support it. She explained that they will be generating a resolution to send to the State that they want the State Legislator to also follow Government In The Sunshine regulations. Mayor Strong suggested she give Attorney Cheek the information she has. Commissioner Anderson commented that he abides by the Sunshine Law but finds it to be an obstacle to get things done rather than an aid. Mayor Strong addressed that they invite Representative Cannon and other City representatives when they discuss this and hear their input.
4. Commissioner Dillaha announced that the National League of Congress of Cities is having an annual convention in Orlando, November 11-15, 2008 and asked if there was any interest in attending. City Manager Knight expressed that if they wanted to attend to let him know so they can process their paper work.
5. Commissioner Dillaha commented that the St. John's River Water Management District is proposing new irrigation rules and asked if they should start implementing some of their proposed rules. Commissioner Bridges addressed the need to speak with St. Johns River Water Management about what they might be doing as a City in terms of water conservation, being proactive, and educating our citizens on the matter. Utilities Director Dave Zusi explained that they already work with St. John's River Water Management very closely on many different levels related to water conservation and they will continue to do so.
6. Commissioner Dillaha stated she received a brochure from Jack Rogers' firm and that they are recycling, they are a green company and have offered their services to the City for free. Mayor Strong commented that they designated a representative from their firm and he asked Director of Public Works Troy Attaway to meet with her, put her in contact with the Environmental Review Board and figure out ways they can work together.
7. Commissioner Bridges commented that there are a number of foreclosures and a number of reductions in property values. She asked if there was someone on staff that is looking at potential opportunities to purchase these properties as a City, somewhere within the anticipated annexation areas. She explained that in their long term plans, these potential properties could become park space.

8. Commissioner Bridges asked about the status of the Way Finding Signage Program for the parking garages. City Manager Knight stated that he would get her that information.

9. Commissioner Bridges commented about having the City Manager's Report, on the agenda. Mr. Knight stated that they could change the format and have the City Manager's Report back on the agenda. Mayor Strong suggested it could be with Non-Action Items/City Manager's Report. There was no clear consensus. Commissioner Dillaha suggested having presentations on major items. Mr. Knight agreed.

10. Commissioner Bridges stated that she would appreciate when something has been taken care of that has come to the City Commission and the City Manager, that Mr. Knight advise the Commission of that either in the City Manager's Report or via email. Mr. Knight agreed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.


Mayor David C. Strong

ATTEST:


City Clerk Cynthia Bonham