

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION**  
**June 23, 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

Also present:

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

Member absent:

Commissioner Karen Diebel

**Mayor's Report:**

a) Proclamation-Parks Month.

Mayor Strong read a proclamation proclaiming July 2008 as National Recreation and Parks Month. Parks and Recreation Director John Holland thanked staff for their hard work. Commissioner Dillaha expressed her appreciation to the department for organizing the Board Appreciation dinner.

b) Appointment of Alternates - Various Boards

Mayor Strong stated that Marnie Spence and Bob Cadle resigned from the Utilities Advisory Board. He nominated Linda Lindsey and Dan Swanson to replace them on the board.

**Motion made by Commissioner Dillaha to approve the two appointments to the Utilities Advisory Board; seconded by Commissioner Bridges and carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote. Commissioner Diebel was absent.**

Mayor Strong asked for an alternate for the Metroplan meetings when he is unavailable to attend. Commissioner Anderson volunteered. There was consensus from the Commission.

Commissioner Bridges asked if another Commissioner would be interested in serving on the Community Action Board and the Tri County League of Cities in her absence. Commissioner Dillaha volunteered to do both as an alternate.

Mayor Strong asked that an updated board list be provided to the Commission. Commissioner Bridges asked that phone numbers for board members be cross checked for accuracy.

**Action Items:**

- a) Approve the minutes of 6/9/08.
- b) Extend for one additional year the initial three year commitment that the City's retail rates would automatically adjust to and be effective as of the date of any changes in Progress Energy Florida, Inc. rates.
- c) Approval to withdraw the Water Supply Plan comprehensive plan amendment with the understanding that it will be incorporated into the new 2008 Comprehensive Plan.
- d) Adoption of the Comprehensive Plan Public Participation Plan (WITHDRAWN).
- e) Central Park West Meadow Rules and Standards for Use (Lot B).
- f) Decide on the 2008 Resident Survey.

The following action items were pulled for discussion: Items a, b, c, e and f.

Planning Director Jeff Briggs stated that they were withdrawing item d) to work out details on some questions that were asked.

Action Item a: Approve the minutes of 6/9/08.

Commissioner Anderson asked that on page 6, public hearings, regarding the bricking of streets, that the minutes reflect there was a brief discussion about how the funding of those bricking projects lead to putting off other City projects and whether we should pursue financing of those bricking projects. He also added on page 8, the last paragraph, item f, Resolution No. 2001-08 regarding bond financing, "liquidity support at a slightly higher fee per year" and insert "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."

Commissioner Dillaha commented that Deputy City Clerk Nancy McLean mentioned a correction to the minutes on page 9, last paragraph, Non-Action Item b), Status update on the Denning project where it reflected that Mr. Wiggins stated they were close to a resolution regarding the fee issues. It was corrected to show that Ms. April Kirsheman made that comment; not Mr. Wiggins.

**Motion made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the June 9, 2008 minutes as amended and revised; seconded by Commissioner Bridges and carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote. Commissioner Diebel was absent.**

Action Item b: Extend for one additional year the initial three year commitment that the City's retail rates would automatically adjust to and be effective as of the date of any changes in Progress Energy Florida, Inc. rates.

Joe Terranova, 700 Melrose Avenue, agreed with staff's recommendation and expressed that this was the prudent thing to do considering the circumstances regarding fuel cost. He also believed this should be tied in with item f) because it was important to have something in the survey regarding the citizen's interest for undergrounding.

Electric Director Jerry Warren gave a presentation on the electric retail rates. He stated the request was to extend the initial 3 year commitment for one additional year that the City's retail rates would automatically adjust to and be effective as of the date of any changes in Progress Energy Florida, Inc. (PEF) rates. Mr. Warren commented that on May 30, 2008 PEF filed a

petition with the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) for a mid-year fuel cost recovery. He stated that since our electric rates are set exactly equal to PEF's rates, the City's fuel adjustment rate is also under recovering wholesale eclectic fuel costs. He expressed that PEF were seeking a \$12.07 per 1,000 kWh increase in its fuel cost recovery factor and they will discontinue its hurricane damage recovery fee of \$3.61 per 1,000 kWh. The changes will take effect with the first billing cycle in August 2008.

Mr. Warren also spoke about PEF and Winter Park's electric mid-year correction. He explained that the original commitment was implemented for three primary reasons: 1) to insure citizens that rates would not rise as a result of the City takeover of PEF's Winter Park electric system; 2) setting rates equal to PEF's retail rates provides a hedge against increase in cost of generation since PEF retail customers have the same cost of generated power as the City; and 3) to avoid setting rates with an insufficient history of Winter Park electric costs. He gave further background information and talked about short and long term solutions and other alternatives. Mr. Warren answered questions. Commissioner Anderson commented they should keep their commitment to Progress Energy for the next year since it is probably consistent with our purchase agreement.

**Motion made by Commissioner Anderson to approve staff's recommendation of a one year extension subject to a reversal by the Utilities Advisory Board if they choose not to; seconded by Commissioner Dillaha.** Mayor Strong commented that the Utilities Advisory Board could advise the Commission to reverse it but they could not reverse it on their own.

Mr. Warren stated that he spoke with Utilities Advisory Board Chairman Mike Whiting and he believed that staff's recommendation was appropriate. Mayor Strong supported the motion but stated if the Utilities Advisory Board feels differently they need to report back to the Commission.

Commissioner Anderson simplified the motion **to approve staff's recommendation; seconded by Commissioner Dillaha and carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote. Commissioner Diebel was absent.**

Action Item c: Approval to withdraw the Water Supply Plan comprehensive plan amendment with the understanding that it will be incorporated into the new 2008 Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Briggs explained this is being withdrawn because it does not fit the 1991 document as it was written to fit policy numbers and all the text of the new 2008 Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Briggs answered questions and gave updates on all the elements.

**Motion made by Commissioner Anderson to approve staff's recommendation; seconded by Commissioner Bridges and carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote. Commissioner Diebel was absent.**

Action Item e: Central Park West Meadow Rules and Standards for Use (Lot B).

Joe Terranova, 700 Melrose Avenue, wanted to ensure that grassing the park would be temporary because they still need to deal with the traffic issue, the replacement of parking and the increase in parking. He also had concerns about the rates for the use of the park.

Parks and Recreation Director John Holland commented that the fees proposed for the rental of the Central Park West Meadow are identical to the fee for Central Park. The only stipulation was

if they control access to the property, the rates are doubled and the highest amount that could be charged would be \$5,000 for a large event. He explained that the rates were recommended by the Parks Board and if they need to adjust the rates they can always bring it before the City Commission.

Commissioner Anderson addressed the residential units abutting the park and that maybe they should reexamine the starting (weekends) and ending hours (weekdays) for amplified music. Commissioner Bridges agreed and voiced concerns about the controlled access, the size of events, the need to be careful about the park use because of its proximity to the residences and our liability as a City. Mr. Holland answered questions.

Commissioner Dillaha wanted to make sure they have guidelines to avoid future problems. She expressed concerns about what is allowed/not allowed; the amplification of music (decibels); and if the fencing is adequate around the area. Mr. Holland expressed that he would take these issues back to the Parks and Recreation Board to address.

Melixa Carbonell, 339 Park Avenue South, business owner and resident stated that active space is crucial for the Winter Park business district and presently they do not have that space. She addressed the noise ordinance that allows music until 11:00 p.m. at Casa Feliz that is in close proximity to residents off Webster Avenue. She commented that the fees are fair but did not agree with doubling the base user fee; and crowd control issues should be the responsibility of the person running the event. She suggested to have a certain number of police officers for the event depending on the number of people attending.

Vickie Krueger, 200 Carolina Avenue, thanked the Commission for mentioning the amplified music and taking another look at the hours and the decibel levels permitted.

Sandy Womble, 940 Old England Avenue, commented that Casa Feliz allows acoustical music inside but it is not allowed outside and she believed it ended at 10:30 p.m.

Police Chief Doug Ball commented that our current ordinance prohibits amplified music after 11:00 p.m. and there is no decibel level set by ordinance. He added that it also states that noise from any event cannot cross over the adjacent neighbor's property line to a point that it is disturbing them. He stated they respond to noise complaints and ask for voluntary compliance or they issue citations. Chief Ball answered further questions. Attorney Cheek explained there were several different types of prohibitions that generally run from 11:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., the hours within the Central Business District, and the decibel standard.

Mayor Strong stated that he did not have a problem with these standards but would not hesitate taking some of these concerns to the Parks Board and ask them to revisit amplified sound, liability, access and double fees. He addressed that perhaps they need to revisit our ordinance City-wide. Commissioner Dillaha asked that they look at the frequency of use and agreed that the fees seem to be the standard.

Commissioner Bridges expressed concerns that they could be creating a detrimental situation to the residences by allowing the amplified music past 10:00 p.m. She hoped that the Parks Board would let the surrounding neighborhoods know when they discuss amplified music so they can attend.

**Motion made by Commissioner Anderson to defer action until a revised proposal comes back from the Parks and Recreation Board; seconded by Commissioner Bridges and carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote. Commissioner Diebel was absent.**

Action Item f: Decide on the 2008 Resident Survey.

Director of Communications Clarissa Howard stated they need a decision on whether or not to conduct a survey this year and to decide on the survey method to use. She stated if they want to have this as part of next year's budgeting process they would need to start this survey. She explained the 2006 resident mail and telephone survey and the costs that included printing, postage and the marketing company that was hired. She commented that there were a few decisions that were impacted and made by the residence 2006 survey and addressed the advantages and disadvantages to different types of surveys, i.e., face to face, telephone, mail and on-line surveys. Ms. Howard stated that staff recommends the Commission consider two options; either a mail and telephone survey or a telephone only survey. She stated the survey professionals recommended the telephone survey. She explained that this is the only method that is statistically representative of the population without combining with other methods of surveying.

Mayor Strong commented that it was probably not necessary to do a survey every year but would be comfortable (subject to budgetary constraints) every two years. Commissioner Dillaha agreed. Commissioner Bridges also agreed and inquired about doing on-line surveys. She stated that Representative Dean Cannon's survey was very easy to respond to and believed that way could save money. Ms. Howard explained that the professionals discouraged using on-line surveys as a primary method because someone can do the survey repeatedly and there is no control over preventing that. She further elaborated on Representative Cannon's survey process including the postcard they sent to households.

Commissioner Dillaha commented that many people are on computers today and it would be cheaper to do this on-line. She also had concerns with the telephone method because of the subjectivity and bias of it and that they do not have the luxury of time to think about their answers. She stated she liked the postcard which saves on postage, going to a computer to tally the results quickly and if someone wants a hard copy of the survey they can contact the City.

Ms. Howard reiterated that survey professionals do not encourage on-line surveys as the primary method of surveying. She explained that with a mail survey they have to fill out the information whether they have access to a computer or not and the response rate will be higher; on-line survey responses would be lower and may not be statistically valid.

Commissioner Bridges commented that she would be willing to experiment with an on-line survey. Ms. Howard addressed that on-line surveys will be less costly but she will still incur printing and postage costs for the postcards. City Manager Knight explained they would return to the Commission with the on-line and postcard survey costs.

Commissioner Anderson commented that he was struggling with the online and postcard survey because the experts say it is not statistically sound. He commented that they should spend the extra funds if the difference is low enough to get a statistically sound survey and not have to worry about who does or does not have a computer. Mayor Strong agreed but wanted to know the dollar amount. He commented that there may be a statistically valid way to do online

surveying. It was concluded that they want a statically valid survey but were not certain of the survey method to use. This will be on the next agenda.

**Public Hearings:**

- a) RESOLUTION NO. 2003-08: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA WITH RESPECT TO THE CENTRAL FLORIDA COMMUTER RAIL PROJECT.

Attorney Cheek read the resolution by title. He stated that this does not impact their contractual agreement.

Commissioner Anderson commented that the subcommittee appointed which consisted of himself and Commissioner Dillaha still has some difference in opinion regarding the language in the resolution such as the last WHEREAS statement. He stated they did not have an agreement whether to include anything about liability. He believed this was not an area of expertise that the City should be drawn into and would strike that entire paragraph (last WHEREAS) and he modified the 5<sup>th</sup> WHEREAS.

Commissioner Anderson also addressed that the subcommittee created a number of questions that have a bearing on what Winter Park's long term obligations are. He suggested they receive a staff report on these questions prior to the approval of the resolution. Commissioner Dillaha stated that this was a great opportunity to address concerns and things that have changed since they signed the agreements in August 2007 and wanted to move forward with voting on the resolution. Commissioner Bridges asked questions regarding the changes to the contracts that have been signed and had fiscal concerns with the indemnification of CSX. Attorney Cheek responded to her questions.

Commissioner Anderson commented that if this resolution happens they need to verify that the WHEREAS statements are accurate. He stated that having a debate on our cost impact is something staff can study and report back; however, he believed that determining the right way for commuter rail to be insured was not Winter Park's issue unless there was a cost impact that they can clearly identify.

Kenneth Murrah, 1601 Legion Drive, commended the Commission for looking at the financial interests for the City and voiced concerns with the liability issue.

Lynne Eberly, 1790 Goodrich Avenue, stated that there should be further study to the resolution because she believed there were inaccuracies. She asked the Commission to consider deferring this until it can be worded correctly.

Sandy Womble, 940 Old England Avenue, believed they should investigate more alternative mass transit systems and did a comparison between lynx and commuter rail.

Kim Allen, 271 Virginia Drive, advocated mass transit but wanted to make sure it was right for us. She spoke about freight trains and having quiet zones that limit the amount of sound. She commented that they need to budget for that if they are going to embrace commuter rail. She also had concerns that Lynx (Central Florida Regional Transportation) is being cut and if they want to spend this money it has to be an overall comprehensive plan or it will not work.

Julie Von Weller, President of the Park Avenue Association (PAA), 356 South Park Avenue, expressed that a commuter rail stop in downtown Winter Park is critical to their business. She spoke about funding by the State for the first 7 years of commuter rail and after that the local community will be responsible for 25%. She believed it would be wise to begin a dedicated funding source now that would prepare for these costs. She stated the PAA strongly supports the voter approved initiative and look forward to the commuter rail stop in downtown Winter Park.

Carolyn Cooper, 1047 McKean Circle, expressed that Orange County is the only County that is requiring municipalities to take this cost and believed this was an irresponsible use of our tax dollars. She did not see this as mass transportation and believed they were creating suburban sprawl.

Joe Terranova, 700 Melrose Avenue, stated they have a resolution that was presented and has been ratified by most cities. He believed that they should approve the resolution as written because it was not controversial, it was simple and not binding. He addressed the "opt out" provision that deals with the cost.

Mayor Strong commented that they should make sure that what the resolution says is accurate and not subject to some sort of interpretation. He commented that the reservation in this resolution expresses legitimate concerns about the fiscal aspects going forward. He stated he would support the resolution and take out things he viewed as subjective or unknown.

Commissioner Dillaha stated this resolution was to express their concerns from a financial point of view. She stated that the indemnification with CSX is a major issue because it allows CSX to not take on liability for accidents it may cause. She commented that this was the only thing standing in the way of CSX and FDOT going forward with commuter rail. She added that she wanted to show support to the Senate for their determination that this was not in the best interest of the taxpayers and commented that State Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Alex Sinc agreed. She read a letter sent from Congress to the CEO and President of CSX. She also spoke about a letter that was written to the U.S. Government Accountability Office requesting a study to look at letting CSX off the hook for liability. She stated that they were requesting this study be conducted by the end of this year and that the Comptroller General consult with Federal, State and local agencies. She did not support placing this burden on Winter Park citizens or the taxpayers of Florida. She also spoke about the dedicated funding source in 7 years and the ramifications if they do not have it.

Discussion ensued regarding the potential changes to the resolution. As per Mayor Strong, the revised 5<sup>th</sup> WHEREAS would read: "**WHEREAS**, fiscal changes of substantial consequence have occurred since the Commuter Rail Interlocal Agreements were signed on August 27th of 2007; including escalating projected Operating and Maintenance costs (up 32% in less than one year); passage of Amendment 1 Property Tax Reform; and potential exposure to taxpayers from unforeseen costs relating to insurance and or indemnification issues." Mayor Strong also stated that the last WHEREAS would be deleted.

Commissioner Anderson commented that commuter rail is a great opportunity and it is their job to figure out what it means to Winter Park and how much they should pay for it. Mayor Strong agreed and stated that the real essence of this resolution is Section 1 and even though they expressed concerns with how they would pay for it they were in favor of it.

**Motion made by Commissioner Dillaha to adopt the resolution as amended by Mayor Strong; seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Upon a roll call Mayor Strong and**

**Commissioners Anderson and Dillaha voted yes. Commissioner Bridges voted no. The vote carried 3-1. Commissioner Diebel was absent.**

Commissioner Dillaha commented that she and Commissioner Anderson created a list of questions and requested a staff meeting to address these questions as they move forward. City Manager Knight explained that they will get the answers, ask the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for their assistance and provide the best explanation. Mayor Strong stated they could have a work session with Tawney Olore (FDOT) or someone else, if necessary. Mr. Knight agreed.

- b) RESOLUTION NO. 2002-08: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA RELATING TO CONTROL OF MOTORIZED WATERCRAFT AND SWIMMING ON LAKE BELL; REQUESTING ORANGE COUNTY TO FOLLOW THE CITY OF WINTER PARK'S REQUESTS ON SUCH MATTERS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Cheek read the resolution by title. He commented that he interacted with Public Works Directory Troy Attaway and the County. Mr. Attaway explained that this issue came to their attention from the residents around Lake Bell and relates to a piece of property which was deeded from the Orange County School board to the Town of Eatonville approximately 10 years ago. The deed contained a restriction whereby no motorized boats could be launched from this land except as approved by the Orange County Board of County Commissioners. At the time the deed was granted, approximately 85 % of the lake was in unincorporated Orange County. Now that 85% of the lake and residents are now in the City of Winter Park, Winter Park should be given this approval authority as outlined in the deed. He added that they spoke to Orange County Commissioner Brummer and he recommended writing a resolution formalizing their request. Mr. Attaway stated that the resolution is saying that Winter Park is the appropriate party to make the decision regarding whether there should be motorized access or swimming from that parcel.

Scott Bodie, 1033 Lake Bell Dive, supported the resolution and spoke about the passion and dedication Lake Bell residents have for the lake.

Jackie Becker, 300 Fountain Lane, Lakes and Waterways Board member, commented that the residents of Lake Bell saved the lake and voiced concerns about excessive motorized boats being added to Lake Bell. She supported the resolution.

**Motion made by Commissioner Dillaha to adopt the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Bridges. Upon a roll call vote, Mayor Strong and Commissioners Bridges, Anderson and Dillaha voted yes. The motion carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote. Commissioner Diebel was absent.** Mr. Attaway stated he would forward the resolution to Commissioner Brummer's office.

#### **City Attorney's Report:**

1. Attorney Cheek asked the Commission to authorize him to negotiate a settlement that will result in the dismissal of the last remaining count of the Trismen litigation. There was consensus for him to move forward on the matter.
2. Attorney Cheek also commented that there was agreement on the sale of the water plant contract and they were in the process of closing this summer.

**Non-Action Items:**

No items.

**New Business (Public):**

No items.

**New Business (City Commission):**

1. Commissioner Bridges commented that when they give direction or ask for additional information she would like follow up in the public realm and have this on the City Manager's report. Commissioner Anderson commented that this was a good idea and perhaps it could be written in a letter to the Commission. Mr. Knight stated that after staff meeting they have an update on issues and an information summary is sent out to the Commission each week. However, he can give this same update in the Commission meeting so that members of the public can receive an update on those items. Mayor Strong suggested it might easier to list it under Non-Action Items and pull it off for discussion if they need to be. Commissioner Bridges agreed.

2. City Manager Knight gave an update on the Parks Master Plan, the Way Finding Program, the Health Center bid, greening of lot B, the landscape code, the Ellis property, and Jack Rogers Firm on green initiatives.

Mr. Knight explained that Mr. Ellis has made a good faith effort to clean up the property but is taking some time since he is elderly. Mayor Strong suggested they get others to help clean up Mr. Ellis's yard but Attorney Cheek commented that Mr. Ellis might not allow that. Mayor Strong stated he wanted to look into this issue personally.

3. Commissioner Bridges spoke about looking at foreclosure opportunities for future annexation. Commissioner Anderson had concerns that they did not have the financial resources at our disposal for that right now. Mayor Strong suggested they give that task to the Parks Acquisition Task Force; City Manager Knight will follow up with that. Mayor Strong commented that he was concerned about the City buying foreclosures. Commissioner Bridges clarified she thought that the Housing Authority could take this under their umbrella, hold that property and the City at some point in the future could turn it into park space.

4. Commissioner Bridges suggested not using bottled water at the staff level. She stated a number of communities are looking at that; not only will there be cost savings but there is the recycling aspect as well. Mayor Strong suggested the Environmental Review Board (ERB) give them some suggestions on how they can take the lead in setting examples. Mr. Knight also announced that they have eliminated using styrofoam cups in the break room. Commissioner Bridges encouraged these initiatives and commented that they should give the ERB direction and support them to look at any and all avenues.

5. Commissioner Bridges asked that they look at having work sessions on a regular basis. Commissioner Dillaha agreed and spoke about having bi-weekly work sessions to talk about topics/issues/goals. Commissioner Anderson agreed. He suggested having focused work sessions that allow them to transition into other miscellaneous things. Mr. Knight agreed.

Mr. Knight reminded the Commission of the follow-up to the Planning the Possibilities meeting on July 14 and the Fire Department special meeting on July 21. He hoped to deliver the budget to the Commission on July 7 and the budget work session was scheduled for July 21 at 12:00 p.m.

6. Commissioner Bridges asked about the Ethics Board. Chairman Barry Greenstein stated they will be meeting on July 25 and the two items of priority were campaign finance reform and conflicts of interest. There was consensus from the Commission on these issues. He also added that the new board unanimously rejected free lunches at all board meetings so they could put those monies into their budget.

7. Commissioner Anderson wanted to discuss scheduling the Commission/Planning and Zoning (P&Z) work sessions regarding the comprehensive plan adoption. He suggested a schedule to follow regarding public hearings and work sessions. Mr. Knight explained that he spoke with Mr. Briggs and was informed that it goes to P&Z on July 15 and if not postponed it is scheduled to come before the Commission on August 11 and 25. He suggested a work session in between those two meetings. Commissioner Anderson agreed with a work session sometime between the two meetings and wanted it with P&Z.

8. Commissioner Anderson inquired about the next steps for the Planning the Possibilities and the Swoope Avenue property. Mayor Strong commented that ZHA President Rick Mellin was going to explore possibilities and return on July 14 and that he wanted to hear his comments then the Commission can take control of that.

9. Commissioner Anderson mentioned that as they are looking to finalize the comprehensive plan they had spoken briefly about a baseline study. He asked if it was something they should do and how long it would take. Public Works Director Troy Attaway explained they had baseline data on traffic, there was a 1996 study and they spoke with a few consultants and Metroplan. Commissioner Anderson suggested that he and Mr. Attaway meet and if there was something to bring back to the Commission he would do that. Mr. Attaway agreed.

10. Commissioner Dillaha asked about developing criteria they can use for allocating discretionary funds to charitable organizations. Mr. Knight agreed to look into this.

11. Commissioner Dillaha spoke about the discussion from the last Commission meeting on the Tri County League of Cities wanting us to support their initiative on pursuing The Sunshine Law at the State level. Commissioner Bridges commented that it was her request that they support this as a community. Attorney Cheek clarified that they are attempting to get the overall Florida League of Cities to take a position in favor of such a resolution and that he could prepare a resolution for the Commission to adopt.

12. Commissioner Dillaha addressed the resolutions to brick streets and if they should continue that program or revamp it due to the budget. Mr. Knight explained that as part of the budget process they will come back to the Commission with some suggestions from staff because having to front the money for these projects is a budgetary strain. He stated they will also look at modifications to the street bricking program.

13. Mayor Strong asked if there was follow-up to the electric bond and/or water sewer bond. Finance Director Wes Hamil stated they have a meeting tomorrow to talk about the Standby Bond Purchase agreement for the electric bonds and they are still considering options on the water and sewer bonds. He stated they have taken all the action necessary on the electric but they still

need to bring the Commission a resolution on the water and sewer. Mr. Knight commented that he will try to have it on the next agenda or the following meeting after that.

14. Mayor Strong asked about the Fire Department Union Impasse Hearing. Mr. Knight explained that he cannot go into details because impasse has been declared and he cannot lobby in any way towards this. He stated that they will hear from both sides on the 11 Articles that they did not agree on and as a Commission they will impose a contract based upon what they hear. Mayor Strong asked if there was any way they could prepare prior to that meeting. Mr. Knight commented that he would need to check with the Labor Attorney but usually Labor Council will not agree to a brief ahead of time. Mayor Strong expressed that he would like to have any preparation materials that no one objects to ahead of time.

15. Mayor Strong commented that he had a meeting with John Anderson about parking. He stated he looked at the Parking Study done a few years ago with Mr. Briggs. He addressed that they have a 90 day window to decide whether they want to have the ability to expand the hotel parking lot to accommodate the library. He spoke about a new Parking Study and asked Mr. Briggs to get a proposal from companies. Mayor Strong commented that the scope is a function of the Planning the Possibilities plan that they are close to pursuing such as what they will have and how that relates to the parking lot issues in the City as a whole. He suggested focusing on the hotel/library which may not be a large amount of money.

Commissioner Bridges agreed and supported getting outside help to get this right. Mayor Strong stated that Mr. Anderson is receptive to accommodating the City at the City's expense but it might be to his benefit as well. Mayor Strong reiterated that Mr. Briggs look at those two elements and see if they can get a relatively inexpensive plan for those facilities and move on from there.

  
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Mayor David C. Strong

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk Cynthia Bonham