

CITY OF WINTER PARK
CITY COMMISSION BUDGET WORK SESSION
July 21, 2008
12:00 p.m.

The meeting of the Winter Park City Commission was called to order by Mayor David Strong at 12:00 p.m. in Commission Chambers, 401 Park Avenue South, Winter Park, Florida.

Members present:

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

Also present:

City Manager Randy Knight
City Clerk Cynthia Bonham

City Manager Randy Knight provided a power point presentation that outlined the 2009 General Fund proposed budget. He summarized the items that were either reduced or eliminated.

There was a discussion regarding the elimination of the hazardous waste disposal facility manned by the Fire Department. Fire Chief White explained their request to close the site and the Orange County site available for Winter Park residents. Commissioner Dillaha spoke about her preference to retain the site because of environmental concerns and the benefit for the community. Commissioner Diebel agreed with its disposition. There was an overall consensus to review this further and determine if there are other ways the City could cut the cost to the City and retain the site, i.e., fee to residents for its use and negotiations with Waste Management.

City Manager Knight addressed the capital project of rebuilding the Community Center and the possibility of completing this project this year. He explained how this could be financed and holding a referendum.

Mr. Knight addressed the communications service tax, the revised street lighting estimate, the correction to the police clothing cost budget and the revised allocation between the CRA and the General Fund. He also addressed the available contingency and projects that used these funds such as the Mead Garden boardwalk grant, the bricking of French Avenue and Tuscany Place (City's share), an increase in library funding of 4.15%, funding of other organizations and funding of a firefighter position. Parks Director Holland spoke about the Mead Garden Boardwalk.

Mr. Knight then summarized the organizational support requests from United Arts, Welbourne Nursery, Winter Park Day Nursery, Bach Festival Society, Enzian Theater, Winter Park Historical Society Association and the Youth Advisory Board. He stated that Crealde is funded through the CRA. There was discussion regarding these organizations and the requests.

Mr. Knight provided information regarding the fund balance since 1999 of unreserved-general fund balance as a percentage of expenditures, potential funding of commuter rail, ways to increase the contingency and setting the tentative millage rate on July 28.

Another work session was scheduled at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, July 25 to discuss health insurance and at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, July 28 to discuss the budget.

The meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia Bonham". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Cynthia Bonham, City Clerk