

CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION
July 27, 2010

The work session was called to order by Mayor Bradley at 5:03 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, 401 Park Avenue South, Winter Park, Florida.

Members present:

Mayor Kenneth Bradley
Commissioner Tom McMacken
Commissioner Beth Dillaha
Commissioner Carolyn Cooper

Also present:

City Manager Randy Knight
Deputy City Clerk Michelle Bernstein

Absent:

Commissioner Phil Anderson

This meeting was a work session with no public input.

Budget discussion:

City Manager Randy Knight handed out a draft copy of the Strategy Map based upon their last meeting, and asked the Commission to review the item and provide comments via email so he can adjust the item appropriately. He noted that they are still working on a couple of requested budget related items, the most significant being the status of capital projects since 2007.

Mayor Bradley asked the Commissioners if they think the budget that has been submitted with the exception of the long term pension plan is acceptable. He noted that now is the time to discuss any items that they would like to add or delete from the budget, if the reserves need to be increased or any other items of concerns so that City Manager Knight and staff could address these concerns.

There was a lengthy question and answer discussion regarding the budget items, to include the funding of reserves, debt services and the actuary report regarding the funding deficit of the police and fire pension plan. They also discussed in detail their concerns related to the electrical funds, water and sewer funds, general funds, franchise fee, and operating costs of utilities. Water and Wastewater Utility Director, Dave Zusi explained the budget fluctuations in the dollar amounts set aside for capital improvement projects and the transfer of funds that took place between the utility funds and general funds. He also addressed cost questions related to wastewater reductions and test and seal training, along with the Automatic Meter Reader (AMR) savings and gained revenue.

A request was made that park impact fees and revenue dollar amounts be shown in the budget. Discussion ensued regarding the overall budget reductions and how it impacts capital improvement projects and their schedules along with the operating budget which includes road paving, sidewalk and curb replacement/repairs. Other topics discussed were current and future bond issues, benefit plan review of the comprehensive benefit package for new employees and the percentage of City subsidy for the overall benefit package. Coverage area and level of service provided by police and fire and the possibility of sharing services with other cities and the upcoming pension study meetings were also addressed. It was suggested that an analysis be performed to increase and expand the programming study to include all of the facilities in the

City, in addition to the Community Center study. It was also noted that budget suggestions will be discussed during the August 9, 2010 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.


Deputy City Clerk Michelle Bernstein