

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
November 10, 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, Finance Director 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 Cynthia Bonham
Deputy City Clerk Nancy McLean

Mayor's Report:

- a) Selection Committee appointment-Health and Benefits Insurance Agent RFP.

City Manager Knight explained the Request For Proposal (RFP) for a Health Insurance Agent of Record and asked that a Commissioner serve on the committee to rank and select the firms. Mayor Strong nominated Commissioner Dillaha to serve in this capacity. Commissioner Bridges agreed. There was consensus among the Commission that Commissioner Dillaha would be the Commission appointee on this committee.

- b) Recognition of Adventist Health Systems Volunteers.

Mayor Strong recognized Senior Treasury Analyst Wendy Pham and the volunteers from Adventist Healthcare Systems. He presented a plaque to them for their commitment to maintaining and improving our parks and for their dedicated service to our City.

- c) Recognition of the Turkish delegation studying at UCF.

Mayor Strong recognized nine participants from the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Turkey in the University of Central Florida's Public Service and Leadership Development Program. He explained that upon completion of all components of the program, participants are awarded a Certificate of Public Service and Leadership Development. Mayor Strong wished the participants the best of luck and welcomed them to the City.

Action Items:

- a) Approve the minutes of 10/27/08.
b) Approve the following bids and purchases:
1) Award of IFB-30-2008 Alexander Place Suntree & Elizabeth Drive Baffle Boxes to Gregori Construction & Engineering, Inc.; \$191,900.00.
2) PR 139849 to Fisher Scientific Company, LLC. for the purchase of firefighter protective clothing, piggy-backing Orange County contract Y7-1080A; \$43,032.00.
c) Approve the Debris Management Plan for submission to the Federal Emergency Management Administration.

- d) Approve the renewal of the Farmers' Market Manager Agreement. **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION. SEE BELOW.**
- e) Approve the Bright House Pole Attachment agreement. **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION. SEE BELOW.**
- f) Discussion of renewing the contract with the Federal Lobbyist. **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION. SEE BELOW.**
- g) Discussion of possible contract amendments for commuter rail. **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION. SEE BELOW.**

Motion made by Commissioner Dillaha to approve Action Items a, b and c; seconded by Commissioner Bridges. The motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

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

Action Item d): Approve the renewal of the Farmers' Market Manager Agreement.

City Attorney Cheek explained that this is a proposed renewal of an existing contract and there have been revisions to the termination provision and the indemnification of City. He summarized the proposed changes as follows: 8) Termination. If the City in its sole discretion determines that termination of this Agreement is in the best interest of the City, the City may terminate this agreement on sixty (60) days' written notice to the Manager. 9) Indemnification of City. Manager must provide City with a certificate of insurance with terms and in a coverage amount acceptable to the City Manager; failure to keep an acceptable current certificate of insurance on file with the City will be valid good cause for termination of this agreement. Attorney Cheek recommended approval of the agreement subject to these changes.

Motion made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the agreement, subject to these changes; seconded by Commissioner Dillaha. The motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Action Item e): Approve the Bright House Pole Attachment agreement.

Commissioner Dillaha asked if the Bright House fee for the attachment was retroactive and how this will affect our undergrounding of the overhead wires and the plug-in program for the neighborhood. City Manager Knight responded and answered further questions. Mayor Strong asked when the agreement expires. City Attorney Cheek explained it is renewable for successive five year terms and can be terminated at either party's option.

Motion made by Commissioner Dillaha to approve the agreement; seconded by Commissioner Bridges. The motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Action Item f): Discussion of renewing the contract with the Federal Lobbyist.

Mayor Strong asked what transportation improvements the City might be considered for with the new transportation bill. Public Works Director Troy Attaway commented that they may be funded for the 17/92 Enhancement Project and possibly additional right-of-way on Fairbanks. Building Director George Wiggins stated there is an opportunity to obtain some funds towards the Community Center and other bricking projects relating to traffic calming. He added that the reauthorization of this bill is a dedicated funding source through gas revenue and is allocated

only for transportation funding requests. Mayor Strong commented that staff recommended reinstating the lobbyist but he was not enthusiastic about it.

Commissioner Bridges recognized they need someone to advocate for us but wanted to be convinced that we should continue with our Federal Lobbyist in order to see these dollars. Commissioner Anderson commented that he advocated placing this on the agenda because since the budgeting process a lot has changed and in addition to the transportation bill there is the economic stimulus package. He voiced concerns about not being represented and commented on having a priority list and seeing how the lobbyist can deliver and impact the City. Mayor Strong stated he received a letter about the transportation bill and the possible good it might do for Winter Park; however he was not sure how they could gain access to that money other than the ways that MetroPlan is already asking for it.

Mayor Strong agreed with Commissioner Anderson about staff identifying things they believe are worthy of Federal support and asking them if they think it is realistic to expect that from this economic stimulus package. Mayor Strong suggested that if staff, the Commissioners and/or the public has other ideas to send them to Mr. Wiggins for transmittal to our past lobbyist to see if he can do some good. Mayor Strong directed Mr. Wiggins to have a report for the next Commission meeting as to the projects worthy of their efforts so the Commission can make a decision at that time. There was consensus and Commissioner Anderson suggested asking Jane Hames from the Economic Development Advisory Board and possibly someone from the Chamber about their economic stimulus ideas. Mayor Strong agreed.

Motion made by Commissioner Anderson to table this item; seconded by Commissioner Bridges. The motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Action Item f): Discussion of possible contract amendments for commuter rail.

Carolyn Cooper, 1047 McKean Circle, expressed this not being the time to take on indefinable debt and urged the Commission to be fiscally responsible. She asked they be consistent with the other counties and insist that Orange County take the expenses at the County level where they belong.

Mayor Strong commented that they are not negating, voiding, or rescinding the agreement or filing litigation. He stated they are voicing their strong concerns to the Orange County Commission and seeing what kind of reaction they receive.

Dr. Pamela Roush, 733 Granville Drive, spoke in favor of renegotiating the contract with Orange County and believed they should consider that this will affect our ability to raise capital.

Sandy Womble, 940 Old England Avenue, spoke about her concerns with commuter rail and urged the Commission to submit their inquiries to Orange County. She hoped they would also walk away if Orange County is not willing to come to the table and work with the City.

Mayor Strong announced he will be attending the MetroPlan meeting on November 12 at 9:00 a.m. and a dedicated funding source will be discussed. He encouraged other Commissioners and citizens to attend as well.

Joe Terranova, 700 Melrose Avenue, commented that it appears that Orange County has no interest in renegotiating and urged the Commission to support a dedicated funding source for commuter rail.

Woody Woodall, 411 Shepherd Avenue, spoke in favor of commuter rail.

Frank Hamner, 1011 N. Wymore, expressed that 70% of the citizens in Winter Park wanted a small to medium commuter rail station in the 2006 resident survey. He stated there was an overwhelming response and we need to be a part of commuter rail because of the benefits.

Kathryn Grammer, 200 S. Interlachen Avenue, spoke about cost projections becoming higher and believed they should not burden future Commissioners and citizens with an impossible task in 2017.

John Dowd, 427 N. Phelps Avenue, spoke in favor of commuter rail and expressed that the downtown businesses would benefit from visitors. He urged the Commission to do everything possible to obtain a better deal but also be respectful to the people that voted in favor of the commuter rail stop.

Kenneth Murrah, 1601 Legion Drive, asked they go before the County Commission and state that the resolution adopted by the City Commission was to pay a portion of Orange County costs, but in the agreement they are paying a portion of the entire system; and there is no cap on any increase in the expenses for the City to pay. He asked the Commissioners to be diligent and bring forward other points that would be beneficial to the taxpayers of Winter Park.

Gene Randall, 1285 Richmond Road, commented that he voted for commuter rail but is not a good idea if they cannot afford it. He emphasized being fiscally responsible.

Peter Weldon, 700 Via Lombardy, believed they were trying to stop commuter rail and expressed there is fear that the rail system will impact the leverage and the pressure on development around Central Park.

Sally Flynn, 1400 Highland Road, urged the Commission to go to Orange County and try to get the best financial deal possible.

Mayor Strong commented that outlining their concerns to the Orange County Commission may be good and they may be willing to give some concessions if they were on the same team. He added that he was trying to move in a positive direction, not only for the City, but for the commuter rail project and the region.

Commissioner Dillaha commented that she did a lot of research on commuter rail and there is merit in revisiting agreements in terms and sometimes waiting. She provided a power point presentation titled "Terms for Renegotiation – Commuter Rail Agreement with Orange County." She gave an overview of the current information on the commuter rail deal; Winter Park/Orange County agreement; terms for Winter Park Commission consideration for renegotiation; and how to proceed. She stated this is a very expensive project and wants to make sure they do it right. She listed seven concerns that she wanted the County to answer or reconsider.

They were as follows: 1) Clarify that there is no city liability on the City's part for the capital cost of the railway station/stop should the promised federal funding not materialize (or limit the

liability to capital improvements outside of the rail right of way); 2) Eliminate the obligation for Winter Park to pay annual operating and maintenance costs should a dedicated funding source not be secured; 3) If not number 2 above, modify the opt out language to include an opt out if a dedicated funding source is secured and then goes away or is reduced at some future point; 4) Add an opt out provision in the event the stop creates an adverse condition for the City such as financial, traffic, crime, etc.; 5) Solidify the rights of the City to control its own land use surrounding the stop via its Land Development Code and Comprehensive Plan (i. e., land use decisions and power of eminent domain by Governance Board and FDOT does not apply to Winter Park); 6) Add a requirement for a 45 to 60 days written notice by Orange County to the City when the second capital installment payment is due FDOT; and 7) Obtain funding assistance for “quiet” crossings and get assurances related to night time freight traffic.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the seven items listed above and which ones are considered for clarification purposes versus renegotiation. Mayor Strong suggested Attorney Cheek draft a memorandum requesting clarification and/or modifications on some of the issues. Commissioner Anderson stated that he would be willing to provide Attorney Cheek with some language. There was also a consensus to eliminate item 7.

Motion made by Commissioner Dillaha to have Attorney Cheek draft a memorandum outlining the 6 items (item 7 was eliminated) for clarification regarding the commuter rail agreement between the City of Winter Park and Orange County that they will then deliver to Orange County for consideration; seconded by Commissioner Bridges. Commissioner Dillaha amended her motion to include the request of a revised interlocal agreement once FDOT has made those revisions and provide that to Orange County; seconded by Commissioner Bridges. Attorney Cheek commented that he would make the correction to Appendix C. Commissioner Dillaha agreed. The motion carried with a 4-1 vote. Commissioner Diebel voted no.

There was a recess taken from 5:42 – 5:50 p.m.

Public Hearings:

- a) ORDINANCE NO. 2754-08: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDING OF ALL THE OUTSTANDING WATER AND SEWER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2004, OF THE CITY, AND THE ACQUISITION AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONS, EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$57,000,000 REVENUE BONDS AND/OR LEASE-PURCHASE OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY TO BE APPLIED TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SUCH BONDS AND OBLIGATIONS FROM THE NET REVENUES DERIVED FROM THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Second Reading

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

City Manager Knight explained that the ordinance is creating the ability to do the bonds and set forth the general terms. He stated the resolution will come back and add specificity to the actual issue they are proposing. Mayor Strong commented that the ordinance does not commit

them to anything, but allows them to do something in the future. Mr. Knight answered questions.

Motion made by Commissioner Anderson to adopt the ordinance; 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.

- b) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA AMENDING WITHIN THE CHARTER LAWS OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, SECTION 1.02, "CORPORATE LIMITS DESCRIBED" SO AS TO ANNEX THE PROPERTIES AT 1802, 1812, 1911 STONEHURST ROAD, 528 E. LAKE SUE AVENUE, 441 EAST KINGS WAY AND THE STONEHURST ROAD RIGHT OF WAY THEREOF, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN. First Reading

Attorney Cheek read the ordinance by title. Planning Director Jeff Briggs stated this ordinance is to annex five properties for the Stonehurst enclave. He explained that staff undertook a postcard survey of the property owners months ago to determine their interest in annexation; the majority did not want to be annexed but there were a few that did. He addressed the Commission's position at the last Commission meeting regarding this matter that if people want to annex, the Commission would act on their individual requests. He stated they re-contacted people and five people were interested but if they change their minds before the second reading they can withdraw from the annexation request.

He spoke about the inclusion of the Stonehurst Road right-of-way and that they want to eliminate this enclave and Orange County would like that as well. He stated the neighbors have concerns about including the road because there is a State law that when there is an enclave under 10 acres, the County can pass a resolution that allows the City to annex without referendum. He expressed that the road and the 5 properties take it below 10 acres. He stated they have not had conversations with Orange County about pursuing a resolution or any kind of action to utilize that "under 10 acre rule."

Mr. Briggs submitted a letter from Orange County for the record. He stated it was regarding their concern about the piecemeal approach of doing this and believed it should be done all at once. Mr. Briggs answered questions. The Orange County letter is attached at the end of the minutes.

Howard Ball, 1850 Stonehurst Road, explained that his neighbors are more important than the tax base and whether or not they are annexed. He asked if they annex if they would be required to pave the street with bricks or be forced to put in sidewalks. He questioned the elevation of the sewer and commented that he was opposed to anything divisive in the neighborhood because the quality of life is more important.

John McCabe, 1914 Stonehurst Road, commented that the ordinance does not represent good governance and is a deliberate attempt to disenfranchise the County residents by circumventing the referendum. He asked the Commission not to pass this ordinance.

David Mallen, 1910 Stonehurst Road, believed this ordinance violates the letter and the spirit of the law. He handed Attorney Cheek a copy of the Statute that states you cannot create enclaves by annexing anyone voluntarily. He expressed that the residents do not want to be involuntarily annexed or be assessed.

Charley Rosenfelt, 1812 Stonehurst Road, encouraged the Commission to support the ordinance.

Carol Cavanaugh, 1911 Stonehurst Road, commented that her house was one of the properties listed as expressing an interest in being annexed. She explained her reservations and asked that her property not be annexed even though she and her husband are presently on the list.

Planning Director Jeff Briggs addressed the concerns raised by the residents. He commented that the Cavanaugh's rescinded their approval and he will subtract 1911 Stonehurst Road from the equation. He stated with that amendment in a motion they can still proceed with the four residents who are interested. Mr. Briggs answered questions. Attorney Cheek responded to Mr. Mallen's comments and stated that the City is not creating an enclave; the enclave already exists. Mayor Strong asked if they could consider this in conjunction with a resolution regarding some of their concerns at the next meeting. Attorney Cheek stated they could do that.

Howard Ball, 1850 Stonehurst Road, asked for clarification on the sewer. Utilities Director Dave Zusi gave additional information on the matter.

Commissioner Anderson commented if there are neighbors that value and want to be part of Winter Park that was fine but there was no real purpose to annexing the street unless the residents want it.

Motion made by Commissioner Anderson to adopt the ordinance but amend it to remove the Stonehurst Roadway. Commissioner Anderson amended the motion to include the withdrawal of 1911 Stonehurst Road and the right-of-way; seconded by Commissioner Dillaha.

Commissioner Diebel commented that she was not supportive of this because it could be divisive for the neighborhood and believed that is not what the neighbors want. Commissioner Bridges expressed that she respects the property rights of individuals who wish to be included in Winter Park and our Land Development Code allows for that. She agreed with Commissioner Anderson that they should not annex the roadway if that is not the wish of the greater majority of the residents. She commented that maybe the City could have another meeting that addresses further information on the sewer lines and have candid discussion on bricking, sewer lines and sidewalks. Mayor Strong stated he would support this ordinance, but would like to see a resolution at second reading that this Commission has no intention of requiring sewer, bricking, sidewalks, etc. Attorney Cheek agreed to prepare the resolution.

Carol Cavanaugh, 1911 Stonehurst Road, asked if it could be Orange County's intent to get rid of them. City Manager Knight explained it is possible, however, because it is presently over 10 acres, they could not do that without referendum.

Upon a roll call vote, Mayor Strong and Commissioners Bridges, Anderson, and Dillaha voted yes. Commissioner Diebel voted no. The motion carried with a 4-1 vote.

- c) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, ADOPTING AND SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES' RESOLUTION THAT OPPOSES AN AMENDMENT TO THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION REQUIRING THAT EVERY AMENDMENT TO A CITY'S OR

COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BE SUBJECT TO A VOTE OF THE
CITY'S OR COUNTY'S ELECTORATE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Cheek read the resolution by title. Commissioner Diebel explained that she supported this resolution and advocated they take a position like the Florida League of Cities did. Commissioner Dillaha voiced concern with the 5th 'Whereas' and asked for clarification. Attorney Cheek explained he took that from the Florida League of Cities resolution and was not able to speak as to what they meant and answered further questions.

Peter Weldon, 700 Via Lombardy, read a letter on Hometown Democracy and requested it be included in the record. The letter is attached at the end of the minutes.

Commissioner Dillaha addressed her preference not to take any action. **Motion made by Commissioner Diebel to support this resolution as written.** She stated that it specifically promotes local self government and does not support a provision where it would have to be in referendum form to be able to make changes. **Motion failed for lack of second.** Mayor Strong stated he was not supportive of the Hometown Democracy proponent and did not think they need to take action as a Commission. He added that he would be very receptive for any Commissioner to express their personal opinion of this amendment. The Commission agreed. Commissioner Diebel reiterated that it is very important that our local government have local control over our comprehensive plan and land use decision making. She stated this resolution does this and thanked the Commission for their consideration.

No further action was taken and the resolution was not adopted.

- d) RESOLUTION NO.2017-08: RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 2754-08 OF THE CITY WHICH AUTHORIZED THE REFUNDING OF THE OUTSTANDING WATER AND SEWER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2004, OF THE CITY, AND THE TERMINATION OF AN INTEREST RATE HEDGE RELATED TO SUCH BONDS, AND THE ACQUISITION AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONS, EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CONSOLIDATED WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY, AND PROVIDED FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$57,000,000 WATER AND SEWER REFUNDING AND IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2008, OF THE CITY TO BE APPLIED TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF, AND PROVIDED FOR THE PAYMENT OF SUCH BONDS FROM THE NET REVENUES DERIVED FROM SUCH SYSTEM; BY MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND AUTHORIZING A NEGOTIATED SALE OF SUCH BONDS, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Cheek read the resolution by title. Finance Director Wes Hamil explained that this resolution provides authorization to do a traditional bond issue to refund our water and sewer bonds, 2004 series that are auction rate securities. He stated it also provides enough capacity that if they want to include the funding for the Automated Meter Reading (AMR) program as part of the bond issue that could be done as well. He addressed that they selected quotes for the AMR financing and based on the information so far it looks like rolling it into the bond issue is the most economical cost of funds for that program.

Managing Director Jon Eichelberger, Morgan Keegan & Company provided a power point presentation titled "Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2004". He explained the financing structure; ARS trading history versus SIFMA swap receipt (October 2004–present); overview of restructuring activity; historical long term interest rates 1990-present; refunding summary statistics (compared to current bond/swap rate relationship); refunding summary statistics (compared to YTD bond/swap rate relationship); refunding cash flows (compared to YTD and current bond/swap rate relationship); and water and sewer revenue bonds, series 2008 new money cash flow comparison (current lease versus tax-exempt bond market).

Commissioner Anderson asked whether it would be beneficial to wait until tax exempt rates fell below U.S. Treasury rates in order to get a better deal or if the extra interest cost currently being incurred would offset the benefit. Mr. Eichelberger stated that the monthly cost of the spread between what we are paying on our auction rates securities and the SIFMA index rate we are receiving is about \$80,000. He added we do not know what will happen with rates in the future and the fixed rate deal is roughly break even with the current situation and eliminates the risk of greater interest costs and costs to unwind the interest rate swap agreements in the future.

Mayor Strong asked if rates increase between now and when we close the deal if the City will have an opportunity to call off the closing. Mr. Eichelberger stated that he would be working with Mr. Knight and Mr. Hamil on the pricing of the bonds and would recommend putting the deal on hold if rates were unfavorable. Mr. Eichelberger also invited interested Commissioners to participate in the pricing call. Attorney Cheek clarified the Commissioners can listen in on the call but could not speak.

Mr. Eichelberger, Mr. Hamil, Financial Advisor Craig Dunlap, First Vice President Tony Grey of Gardnyr Michael Capital and Mr. Knight answered further questions posed by the Commission. Commissioner Bridges disclosed that she met with Mr. Eichelberger and Mr. Grey regarding this matter.

Peter Weldon, 700 Via Lombardy, asked for clarification on what they recommend the City should do. Mr. Dunlap responded.

Motion made by Commissioner Anderson to adopt the resolution authorizing the refunding of the water and sewer revenue bonds providing for the issuance of not exceeding \$57,000,000; seconded by Commissioner Diebel. Upon further discussion, a roll call vote was taken with Mayor Strong and Commissioners Bridges, Anderson, Dillaha and Diebel voted yes. The motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

There was a recess taken from 7:47 – 7:53 p.m.

City Attorney's Report:

Attorney Cheek commented that they are actively engaged in trying to work on a number of contractual matters for the City, including Bright House negotiations. He stated they are also working on contractual matters for the Parks and Recreation Department and the Purchasing Department.

Non-Action Items:

- a) City Manager's Report.

City Manager Knight provided updates on Villa View Park, the comprehensive plan (ORC) and the Fairbanks project. Mr. Knight answered questions concerning the Parking Study, the JW Marriott and the landscape code revision. Planning Director Jeff Briggs also provided additional information on these issues.

- b) Discussion of Capital Projects: Automated Meter Reading (AMR), Fairbanks Avenue Improvements, Parks/Showalter Maintenance Facility and the Winter Park Community Center.

City Manager Knight explained that staff will be presenting the project drivers and project status of four previously approved capital improvement projects requested by the Commission. He commented that these projects are in various stages of approval and funding. Utilities Director David Zusi spoke about the Automated Meter Reading and Fairbanks Avenue Improvements; Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Chuck Trice discussed the Parks/Showalter Maintenance Facility and CRA Manager Sherry Gutch talked about the Winter Park Community Center. Staff answered questions posed by the Commission.

The Commission scheduled a CRA work session on December 1 at 3:30 p.m. Commissioner Bridges asked if possible cost saving measures can be discussed at that work session. Ms. Gutch explained they would present their bonding capacity through the term of the CRA on how it fits in with their goals, as well as the assumptions of the operational costs of the facility itself, including the pool. Commissioner Anderson asked that Parks and Recreation Director John Holland or one of the Parks Board members attend the work session. Ms. Gutch agreed.

Mayor Strong stated it is important that this be for the entire community because of the \$14 million price tag. He commented that it needs to be programmed appropriately and addressed the absence and importance of a Senior Program. Ms. Gutch agreed and stated they need to consider a dedicated Senior Program Coordinator. Commissioner Bridges agreed with Mayor Strong that they recognize this as a total Community Center which is important to its success.

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Ron Moore explained that they have a Senior Program and explained how it operates. Commissioner Bridges asked if a Senior Project Study may be appropriate. Ms. Gutch believed they may need to do an assessment on what exists for seniors in Winter Park and look at where there are missing links.

New Business (Public):

Planning Director Jeff Briggs provided the Commission with an Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) on the comprehensive plan. He stated that December 2 is the P&Z public hearing and December 8 is the City Commission public hearing. He did not believe it would be controversial because the conclusion was for a new comprehensive plan.

New Business (City Commission):

1. Commissioner Dillaha expressed that the Fashion show was a success on Saturday night. She also asked they consider the Champs Bowl "Parade of Bands" (December 26) in the West Meadow since it is a large area for two marching bands to face off.

2. Commissioner Dillaha commented that she and Commissioner Bridges attended the Ethics Board meeting on October 29 and they talked to the board members at length about campaign finance reform. She stated they all have differing opinions and believed they should provide some direction to that board if it is the consensus of the Commission. She explained that she suggested to a few of the board members that they look at campaign finance reform objectively. Commissioner Bridges believed this board may benefit from the Commission providing guidance. She understood that their directive to them was to evaluate the issues of campaign finance reform and defining conflicts of interest that will come back to the Commission with recommendations.

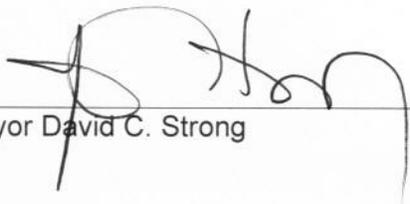
Mayor Strong disagreed and commented that he would prefer not to give them direction and would rather the Ethics Board give the Commission direction on what they think is important. He did not want to influence them on what needs to be done. Commissioner Dillaha commented that she wanted them to take an objective view of the topic. Mayor Strong suggested this be on the agenda as a discussion item at the next meeting.

3. Commissioner Bridges commented that she and a few Parks Board members have been meeting with the Friends of Fleet Peoples Board members and are working through the initial discussions of the Memorandum of Understanding. She also stated she would be meeting with the Garden Club members.

4. Mayor Strong asked if they would be discussing the Parks Fee Waiver Policy at the next Commission meeting. Mr. Knight stated that was correct.

5. Commissioner Anderson asked if there was any truth that the City is getting rid of sidewalk café dining. He was informed that was not the case.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.



Mayor David C. Strong

ATTEST:



Cynthia S. Bonham, City Clerk