

**CITY OF WINTER PARK  
CITY COMMISSION SERVICE LEVEL REVIEW MEETING  
DECEMBER 18, 2006  
2:00 p.m.**

The meeting of the Winter Park City Commission was called to order by Mayor David Strong at 2:00 p.m. in Commission Chambers, 401 Park Avenue South, Winter Park, Florida.

Members present:

Mayor David Strong  
Commissioner Douglas Metcalf  
Commissioner Barbara DeVane  
Commissioner John Eckbert (arrived at 2:18 p.m.)

Also present:

City Manager James Williams  
Deputy City Clerk Nancy McLean

Members absent:

Commissioner Douglas Storer

Police Chief Doug Ball provided a power point presentation regarding the Fiscal 2008 Service Level Review for the Police Department. He spoke about their core values of professionalism, integrity, commitment, accountability and trust; their services being delivered through nine (9) units, each tailored to meet a specific service requirement, this being administration services, records, uniform patrol services, traffic enforcement, canine patrol, criminal investigations, special investigations, community service and emergency communications. He explained the funding required for staff and service levels; basic assumptions of the police department; and the budget summary. Chief Ball summarized the challenges the department faces with the increase in Central Florida crime; the reduction of funding (grants and budget), abandoned services, unfunded mandates, employee development, recruiting and retaining employees.

Commissioner Metcalf asked if the City receives the parking revenue. Chief Ball explained that the City receives 100% of the revenue for parking tickets or City code violations, unless an individual contests the citation and wants to go to court. He stated the City receives 33% of the fines assessed for a traffic violation for uniform traffic citations that are issued (violations of State statute). Chief Ball stated that the State of Florida and various other entities receive the remaining portion of revenue from traffic citations.

Commissioner DeVane asked if they had sufficient information on these parking citations to know how many times they have been repeated by an individual. Chief Ball stated they have that information. Commissioner DeVane stated she would like to speak to Chief Ball about doing more.

Mayor Strong asked if the City can set its own parking violation rates. Chief Ball concurred. Chief Ball explained about police security when police officers are at a private function versus a City sponsored event. Mayor Strong encouraged Chief Ball to look at the fee for an on-duty Winter Park police officer.

Commissioner DeVane stated she was concerned about why there was a significant change with the calls for service. Chief Ball stated they had a spike in 2004 when the annexations occurred but the department had tremendous success in reducing the crime that occurs in those areas as well as the calls for service.

Commissioner DeVane asked that they review increasing the number of Parking Enforcement Officers next year and look at having a staggered charge for people who are multiple abusers. Chief Ball stated they could do that and he explained that the Parking Enforcement Specialists are generating \$150,000 – \$170,000 in revenue to the City.

Chief Ball addressed the department's aggressive approach with traffic enforcement and their handling of more accidents. He stated the only other agency that issues more citations and handles more traffic accidents is Orlando. Commissioner DeVane stated when you look at the volume of traffic and the number of citations, they will need to speak with Metroplan and ask for help because the traffic in Winter Park is getting worse. Commissioner Metcalf agreed with Commissioner DeVane. Chief Ball stated they are actively supporting legislation to allow cameras at all red lights, both on State and local roadways.

Commissioner DeVane asked if the retirement plans/benefits are the same for other police departments across the state. Chief Ball stated that it was not the same; he explained the County and State agencies have a Florida Retirement System. He addressed the Florida Retirement System being completely separate from the municipal retirement plan and the Winter Park Police Department has the Municipal Retirement Plan. He briefly explained the difference between the two plans.

Commissioner DeVane asked what he saw as the biggest challenge. Chief Ball stated it was growth and as more people move into Winter Park, crime increases. He stated there are also drug problems and a number of violent crimes are being committed by young people.

Mayor Strong asked if the department made a practice of identifying where the most traffic violations and accidents occur. Chief Ball stated they list the top ten intersections in the City. He explained they have a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program where they respond to citizen complaints and send officers out to residential communities and work radar enforcement as well.

Commissioner DeVane addressed the need to make the roads safer and the State needs to implement devices such as stop signs, lights and pedestrian crossing lights. Chief Ball explained they have not been successful with the State in the past. He stated they will work with Public Works traffic section and approach the State about these issues.

Mayor Strong asked if there were any areas for volunteering within the Police Department. Chief Ball explained that volunteers are used everywhere in the department and they are not exposed to any danger. Mayor Strong stated that he was unaware there are volunteers this needs to be communicated for those that want to participate.

Mayor Strong asked Chief Ball if he could possibly rate the judges based on their duty. Chief Ball explained that there are bar polls that rate the judges. Mayor Strong asked for Chief Ball's opinion. Chief Ball stated that one of his frustrations was with the Juvenile Justice System. He explained that judges are limited as it relates to sanctions they can impose on a juvenile because they follow guidelines that comply with the Department of Juvenile Justice. He stated they are supporting the attempts from Florida Police Chiefs and the Florida Sheriff's Association to change the guidelines and to give the responsibility for sentencing juveniles back to the judges and not the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Commissioner Metcalf thanked Chief Ball and believed it was an effective presentation. He appreciated the personnel information because we need to make sure that the City continues to have quality employees.

Mayor Strong adjourned the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

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

Cynthia S. Bonham, City Clerk