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## **PRESS RELEASE**

## **City to host meeting to seek input on Winter Park's proposed smart city initiatives**

**WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies (May 15, 2023)** The City of Winter Park and its consultant, Magellan, will host a community meeting **Thursday, June 15,** from **5:30 to 7 p.m.,** at the **Winter Park Country Club** located at 761 Old England Ave. The meeting will be structured in an open-house style where attendees can easily stop by and talk with representatives about the new ways the city can become "smarter" through the use of new technologies and data analysis. With the proper infrastructure in place, connectivity of these technological advancements can allow the city to optimize transportation, deliver municipal services, and provide next-generation utilities, all while improving the quality of life for its residents, businesses and guests.

The city is asking for input related to the various types of smart city improvements that are being considered. In addition, the city will explore opportunities to improve high-speed internet access and connectivity to support these smart city initiatives. Whether it is the installation of fiber to homes/businesses, the addition of new electronic devices such as digital signage, the strategic placement of sensors and cameras, or the implementation of digital infrastructure improvements such as incident/outage management technology or 2-way citizen communications, the city is seeking feedback on the following four smart city pillars identified within its vision:

1. Intelligent Transportation

Measures, monitors and controls the flow of traffic through the city by reducing congestion, optimizing routes, detecting accidents, avoiding idling pollution, as well as detecting and communicating available parking.

2. Public Safety

Equips first responders with the tools, technology and training to plan for and respond to emergencies swiftly and effectively, while balancing the public good with individual privacy.

3. Utilities

Offers next-generation utility services that are reliable, efficient, secure and sustainable with exceptional customer service.

4. Quality of life

Fosters a welcoming environment that thrives on technical innovation and modern conveniences.

Please make plans to attend. More information and the opportunity to submit feedback online will be available beginning Thursday, June 1, by accessing cityofwinterpark.org/smart-city.

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