

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

### CITY COMMISSION

August 9, 2001

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Winter Garden City Commission was called to order by Mayor Jack Quesinberry at 6:30 p.m. and the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Jack Quesinberry, Commissioners John Rees and John Harriman; City Manager Hollis Holden, Assistant City Attorney Lionel Rubio, City Clerk Kathy Montoya, Utilities Director Charlie Tinch, Planning Director Mark Cechman, Finance Director Mike Bollhoefer, Recreation Director Larry Caskey, Human Resources Director Victoria Ward, Public Works Director Marshall Robertson, Deputy Police Chief Jon Johnson and John Maloney of The West Orange Times

**ABSENT:** Commissioners Theo Graham and Mildred Dixon

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of July 26, 2001

**Motion** by Commissioner Harriman to approve the minutes of July 26, 2001 as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Rees and **carried 3-0**.

#### **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

1. **Approval of Stoneybrook Unit 4, Phase III, Parcel 9 Final Plat**

City Planner Cechman stated this project is for 166 units. The Planning and Zoning Board and staff are recommending approval of the Final Plat, with the comments provided in the agenda package back-up material. **Motion by Commissioner Rees to approve the Final Plat, subject to staff's recommendations (see attached). Seconded by Commissioner Harriman and carried 3-0.**

2. **Recommendation of pre-qualified contractors for the Downtown Renovation Project**

City Manager Holden stated that a committee met with six contractors and reviewed their qualifications. Of the six, two were outstanding. Gomez, who has worked on a project in Winter Park, and Burkhardt who is located in South Florida and worked with the City of Kissimmee. If the top three contractors are approved, all three would participate with the design team to take the project from 68% to 100% for the next phase scheduled for next year. All three would then bid the project. **Motion by Commissioner Rees to approve the pre-qualified contractors of**

**Burkhardt Construction, Inc., Gomez Construction Company, and Valley Crest. Seconded by Commissioner Harriman. Motion carried 3-0.**

**3. Request for approval to revise Trailer City rates**

Finance Director Bollhoefer stated that the Orange County Property Appraiser has denied Trailer City's property tax exemption, which will result in an increase in the property tax assessment. Staff recommends passing this additional cost onto the residents, which is estimated to be an additional \$15 per lot, per month. Commissioner Rees asked why the trailer park exemption became an issue. City Manager Holden stated that in essence, if the City is operating in a business-like manner, it is subject to property taxation and believes it may have come out of the Orlando International Airport issue of a year ago. Even with the proposed increase, the trailer park remains with the lowest comparable rent in the area. Commissioner Harriman stated that Hyde Park residents pay the pass-through tax based on a predetermined formula, which is added to their rent each year. Commissioner Rees asked if the increase would be reflected as a separately charged amount. Mr. Bollhoefer stated that part of the implementation plan is to conduct meetings with the residents before implementation and would not be a separately billed amount. **Motion by Commissioner Harriman to approve increasing the Trailer City rates by \$15 a month. Seconded by Commissioner Rees.** Mr. Bollhoefer stated the increase would probably be in effect in November. The tax bills are being sent out in September and if there is a difference in the estimated additional tax, those changes will be submitted to the City Commission for approval. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**4. Request from West Orange High School for an advertisement in their yearbook**

City Clerk Montoya stated that she received this request on behalf of the City Commission. City Manager Holden stated that to the best of his knowledge this is the first request for an advertisement in the yearbook that he recalls. **Motion by Commissioner Harriman to approve placing a full-page color advertisement in the West Orange High School Yearbook. Seconded by Commissioner Rees and carried 3-0.**

**5. MATTERS OF CONCERN FROM CITIZENS - None**

**6. MATTERS FROM CITY ATTORNEY – None**

**7. MATTERS FROM CITY MANAGER**

- **Schedule Budget Workshop**

Mr. Holden stated that the staff's part of the budget process is complete and the City is in great shape. He recommended having the first budget workshop on Tuesday, August 21, 2001. The proposed budget books can be distributed next Monday. Commissioner Rees stated that he

would be out of town on August 21<sup>st</sup>, but that he would review the proposed budget book and contact staff with any of his questions. Mr. Holden stated that Commissioner Graham would also be out of town that date, but a workshop could still be held if the Commission desired. There was a consensus to conduct the budget workshop on August 21, 2001, at 6:30 p.m. at Tanner Hall.

- Stated that the City applied for and has been awarded a Fire Department vehicle grant of \$53,000. City matching funds will be \$5,300, which is included in the proposed budget to replace the Woods truck. The City has also applied for a FEMA equipment grant.
- Stated that the final selection has been made for the Assistant Fire Chief position. Mr. John Williamson is coming from Casselberry and will begin in mid-September.
- Stated that he distributed a health plan policy comparison sheet that reflects an improvement over last year's provider premium proposal. There were four providers, including AETNA, who submitted proposals. It appears that United Health Care is the top choice. If there are no objections, staff will proceed in this direction. Commissioner Rees asked if United Health Care negotiates hospital rates? Human Resource Director Ward stated that United does not do capitated rates for the doctors. They have contracts with local hospitals, which allows employees to have all their medical needs provided in one location, if the doctor can provide it in his office, at one co-pay amount. By consensus, the City Commission agreed to continue negotiations with United Health Care.
- Stated staff is interested in reducing the enclave areas within the City and would like direction from the Commission about proceeding with possible annexations of Magnolia Woods, Teacup Springs and Temple Grove. At this point, staff is looking at either a referendum election during the next regular election or a mail ballot election. In either case, it will take 4-6 months to complete the process. Mayor Quesinberry stated that the residents in these three subdivisions would need to have the tax bill differences explained to them and the advantages of having City services. The consensus of the Commission was to move forward with the annexation process.

## 8. MATTERS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS

**Commissioner Rees:** None

**Commissioner Harriman:**

- Announced that tickets are available for the West Orange Chamber of Commerce art auction on August 25, 2001, from 7-8 p.m. at the Peabody Hotel for \$30 a person or \$50 a couple. **Motion by Commissioner Harriman to purchase event tickets for the Mayor/Commissioners and Department Heads attending. Seconded by Commissioner Rees and carried 3-0.**

**Mayor Quesinberry:**

- Asked Commissioner Rees how his father was doing. Commissioner Rees stated that his father is doing a lot better and should be released from the hospital on Monday. He thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers.

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