

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CITY COMMISSION

July 11, 2002

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Winter Garden City Commission was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem John Rees at 6:35 p.m. in City Hall Commission Chambers. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given.

Present: Mayor Pro Tem John Rees, Commissioners Mildred Dixon and John Harriman; City Manager Hollis Holden, City Attorney Dykes Everett, Deputy City Clerk Nancy Williams, Assistant to the City Manager Marshall Robertson, Utilities Director Charlie Tinch, Planning Director Mark Cechman, Human Resources Director Victoria Ward, Finance Director Mike Bollhoefer, Trailer City Manager Hughlan Martin, Recreation Director Larry Caskey, Police Chief Jimmie Yawn, Public Works Director Bob Smith, Fire Chief John Williamson, and Centennial Celebration Coordinator Ed DeAguilera

Absent: Mayor Jack Quesinberry and Commissioner Theo Graham

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2002. **Motion by Commissioner Dixon to approve the minutes as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Harriman and carried 3-0.**

PRESENTATION:

Centennial Celebration Coordinator Ed DeAguilera gave a PowerPoint presentation showing the celebration plans he has developed to date. City Manager Holden added that these are proposed events and budget figures will be provided in the budget process.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 02-06: Authorizing eminent domain proceedings to acquire property for the right-of-way on Daniels Road**

City Attorney Everett read Resolution 02-06 by title only. City Manager Holden gave the history of the plans, developments, and construction leading to the current need for authority

to progress with right-of-way acquisition. Assistant to the City Manager Robertson explained that appraisals started last year and several good-faith offers have been made to parcel owners. The Resolution will allow him to negotiate and, if necessary, start condemnation proceedings, to acquire those parcels still needed to complete the Daniels Road Project. City Attorney Everett thanked associates Rob Simon and Teresa Battestin for their assistance and eminent domain expertise in this matter. Commissioner Harriman asked if there would be two C.R. 535 roads. City Manager Holden said that C.R. 535 will be four-laned to S.R. 50 to be a major thoroughfare and connect with Dillard Street, while the existing Vineland Road will remain a rural "collector" road. **Motion by Commissioner Harriman to approve Resolution 02-06. Seconded by Commissioner Dixon. Motion carried 3-0.**

2. **Resolution 02-07: Authorizing a loan from the Wastewater Impact Fees to Utility Fund to repay the outstanding bond**

City Attorney Everett read Resolution 02-07 by title only. Finance Director Bollhoefer stated that the Resolution would authorize a loan in the amount of \$535,766 to pay the principal owed on 1981 sewer and water revenue bonds. **Motion by Commissioner Harriman to approve Resolution 02-07. Seconded by Commissioner Dixon and carried 3-0.**

3. **Recommendation to approval interlocal agreement with Orange County Property Appraiser to update GIS maps**

City Manager Holden stated that cooperation with the Orange County Property Appraiser is vital to the City for accurate functioning of the Planning and Zoning and Utilities Departments. The Property Appraiser's terms for providing their geographical information to the City are outlined in the agreement. **Motion by Commissioner Dixon to approve the GIS agreement with Orange County. Seconded by Commissioner Harriman and carried 3-0.**

4. **Recommendation to approve Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan**

City Planner Cechman stated the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan is the result of a Department of Transportation grant and a design provided by consultants Wilbur Smith. **Motion by Commissioner Dixon to approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Seconded by Commissioner Harriman and carried 3-0.**

5. **MATTERS OF CONCERN FROM CITIZENS**

Ms. Shirley Smith, owner of Shirley's Antiques, 12 W. Plant Street, stated that she believes the parking lot area at Downtown Brown's could be better utilized as a marketplace. City Manager Holden said that an appraisal has been done and it is not possible for the City to purchase the property at its current asking price. The owner intends to keep the property in its current state until his price is met.

6. MATTERS FROM CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Everett stated that the Executive Closed Door Session previously scheduled for 6:00 p.m. was cancelled, but may be rescheduled for the evening of the July 25, 2002 Commission Meeting. Prior notification will be given should that rescheduling become definite.

7. MATTERS FROM CITY MANAGER

A. The City of Ocoee has again asked for support of its Founders' Day Festival via an ad in their festival program. In the past, a full-page ad has been purchased. **Motion by Commissioner Harriman to approve the expenditure for a full-page ad. Seconded by Commissioner Dixon and carried 3-0.**

B. The Florida League of Cities has asked the City to serve as a party in litigation challenging the constitutionality of SB 108. **Motion by Commissioner Harriman to approve the City joining as a party in the litigation. Seconded by Commissioner Dixon and carried 3-0.**

8. MATTERS FROM MAYOR PRO TEM AND COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Dixon:

Asked for the City's contribution to the salary of Sugar Ray Greer as a counselor at the seniors' center. City Manager Holden stated that Commissioner Dixon and Mr. Greer should discuss the particulars with Recreation Director Caskey.

Mayor Pro Tem Rees:

Thanked the Recreation Department for a great July 4th celebration.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.