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CITY COMMISSION

PRESENTATION BY ORANGE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER BILL DONEGAN February 13, 2007

Mayor Quesinberry called the special presentation to order at 9:00 a.m. in City Hall Chambers, 251 W. Plant Street, Winter Garden, Florida with the following in attendance:

Present: Mayor Jack Quesinberry, Commissioners Theo Graham, Charlie Mae Wilder, H. Gerald Jowers, and Colin Sharman with the following staff present: City Manager Mike Bollhoefer, City Clerk Kathy Golden, Assistant City Manager Marshall Robertson, Police Chief George Brennan, Finance Director Brian Strobeck, Fire Chief John Williamson, Human Resources Director Frank Gilbert, Recreation Director Jay Conn, Information Technology Director Bob Reilly, Planning Director Ed Williams, Assistant to the City Manager for Public Works Don Cochran

Mayor Quesinberry welcomed the Honorable Bill Donegan, Orange County Property Appraiser to Winter Garden, to give a presentation regarding "A plan for Save Our Homes portability and currently proposed legislation impact and analysis" (*see attached*).

Mr. Donegan's PowerPoint presentation on property tax reform included portability of the "Save Our Homes Benefit" that would provide a benefit to property owners with less impact to the taxing authorities and some of the points he made on the proposed formulas included:

HJR 23	Applies only to new purchase; 12 month limitation; new assessed value must equal or exceed that of prior homestead
JHR 75	LOSS of \$2.43 million in tax dollars
SB 220	LOSS of \$1.08 million in tax dollars
SJR 452 & SB 454	LOSS of \$595,118 tax dollars for the City and a LOSS of \$72,080 to the CRA
SB 532 & SJR 534	Would restrict the collection of impact fees & how proceeds are pledged Would require the poorest homeowners, who pay nothing now, to pay approximately \$500 a year

In addition, Mr. Donegan stated there are still many unanswered questions and encouraged everyone to lobby their state elected officials regarding the significant impacts the proposals would have on the City if passed.

The presentation concluded at 9:57 a.m.

/S/
Kathy Golden, City Clerk

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Jack Quesinberry, Mayor