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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES CITY COMMISSION

February 8, 2007

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Winter Garden City Commission was called to order by Mayor Jack Quesinberry at 6:30 p.m. at Tanner Hall, 29 W. Garden Avenue, Winter Garden, Florida. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given.

Present: Mayor Jack Quesinberry, Commissioners Theo Graham, H. Gerald Jowers, Colin Sharman, and Charlie Mae Wilder

Also Present: City Manager Mike Bollhoefer, City Attorney A. Kurt Ardaman, Assistant City Manager Marshall Robertson, City Clerk Kathy Golden, Police Chief George Brennan, Trailer City Manager Johnny Clark, Building Official Willie Herbert, Finance Director Brian Strobeck, Human Resources Director Frank Gilbert, Recreation Director Jay Conn, Assistant City Engineer Mike Kelley, Information Technology Director Bob Reilly, Economic Development Director Shelly Weidenhamer, Planning Director Ed Williams, Assistant to the City Manager for Public Works Don Cochran, and West Orange Times reporter Michael Laval

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Charter Review Workshop, January 18, 2007 and Regular Meeting, January 25, 2007
Motion by Commissioner Wilder to approve the Charter Review Workshop minutes of January 18, 2007, and Regular Meeting minutes of January 25, 2007 as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Jowers and carried unanimously 5-0.

2. **FIRST READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

A. **Ordinance 07-03:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 06-43, THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 BUDGET TO CARRY FORWARD PRIOR YEAR APPROPRIATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Attorney Ardaman read Ordinance 07-03 by title and gave the revenue and expenses totaling \$17,050,294. Mayor Quesinberry opened the public hearing; hearing and seeing none, closed the public hearing. **Motion by Commissioner Jowers to approve Ordinance 07-03 with the second reading and public hearing being scheduled for February 22, 2007. Seconded by Commissioner Wilder.** Commissioner Graham expressed he has spoken with Mr. Bollhoefer regarding catching up on expenses, such as the paving of streets, so that the requirement of transferring funds would not be necessary. Commissioner Sharman noted that this would be hard to do with the costs of construction asphalt going up each year. Mr. Bollhoefer indicated

that with the hiring of the new Project Engineer, approved at the last meeting, road projects will be expedited. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

3. **SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

A. **Ordinance 06-55:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 06-06 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WINTER GARDEN VILLAGE AT FOWLER GROVES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; PROVIDING ADEQUATE DESCRIPTION AND BOUNDARIES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Attorney Ardaman read Ordinance 06-55 by title only. Mayor Quesinberry opened the public hearing; hearing and seeing none, closed the public hearing. **Motion by Commissioner Graham to adopt Ordinance 06-55. Seconded by Commissioner Jowers and carried unanimously 5-0.**

4. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

A. **Application for open-air sale of flowers February 13 and 14, 2007 by Publix in the parking lot on State Road 50**

Planning Director Williams stated that the City has received a request from Publix for open-air sales in the front parking lot location and stated that staff is required to bring this request to the City Commission. He stated that Publix is a good corporate member of the community and had this open-air cart for selling flowers last year. Staff has received several objections and concerns from other businesses in the area and the second issue is the precedent that the City Commission will set for future requests for open-air vending. He then asked that this issue be turned over to the public for comment.

Patrick Lassell, Assistant Store Manager for Publix, stated that on behalf of Mr. Brassell and Publix he was present to answer any questions. He stated that this event was held last year and spoke of the size constraints the Publix store has and their need for room to spread out to accommodate sales for this event.

Tina Aldrich, owner of Winter Garden Florist on Plant Street stated that one does not have to be in the Publix Shopping center to be affected by the sales that Publix generates for their flowers. She read statements from business owners JoAnn Lacey of Shaw's Flowers and Alex Ramos of Plantation Jewelers.

There was discussion on the items to be sold and the affect the sale would have on local businesses in the downtown area. Also discussed was the location for the sale and open-air sales held in the past. The Commission spoke of past open-air vendors that had been allowed in the City.

Commissioner Jowers suggested an ordinance accepting or denying any and all open-air sales in the City. **Commissioner Graham** stated that in changing the ordinance previously, the requests for open-air car sales stopped. **Commissioner Sharman** stated

that there are times when events, such as those held downtown, are wanted and an ordinance banning all open-air sales would be an extreme that says no to everyone.

Commissioner Sharman and **Commissioner Jowers** each made suggestions for the two downtown florist shops with reference to open-air sales.

City Attorney Ardaman stated that the ordinance does not address criteria and it would be best if there were criteria set by the City Commission which addresses the standards an applicant would be required to meet in order to get their approval. He stated that the City Commission will have to review this issue at a later date, but stated that tonight they will need to weigh in on the requests and arguments that have been presented and make the decision based on how the evidence moves them.

Commissioner Sharman stated that he would vote against it if there is obvious opposition, which there is.

There was discussion on a difference in the fees for open-air car sales and open-air vendor application. **Mr. Bollhoefer** indicated that car sales were under a different ordinance and confirmed that the fee for car sales is significantly higher.

Commissioner Graham questioned open-air sales on state or county right-of-way, asking if the City could enforce our code. **Mr. Bollhoefer** stated that the City has no jurisdiction in those areas but can enforce those types of sales if they are in the City limits.

Motion by Commissioner Jowers to approve the application for open-air sale of flowers February 13 and 14, 2007 by Publix in the parking lot on State Road 50. Seconded by Commissioner Graham and carried 3-2; opposed Commissioner Sharman and Commissioner Wilder.

Commissioner Graham stated that the City Manager needs to look further into this issue so that this will not discriminate against anyone.

Motion by Commissioner Jowers to instruct the City Attorney to draw up stricter, more stringent guidelines for vendors of open-air markets within the City limits of Winter Garden, which sets up specific criteria which they must meet. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman.

Mayor Quesinberry stated that he felt that the City has been following those guidelines and that this is a little more isolated case. **Commissioner Jowers** stated that we will cross this bridge over and over again. It puts the City Commission in a position they should not be in, because it pits the City Commission against their own merchants one way or the other. **Mr. Bollhoefer** stated that it will really be an issue when you have open-air vendors come into the downtown area and compete directly with downtown businesses. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

B. Recommendation to approve a right-of-way maintenance agreement for the Oaks at Brandy Lake

Planning Director Williams stated that this agreement addresses landscaping and maintenance in the right-of-way. There are special provisions for roadside landscaping and staff recommends approval. **Motion by Commissioner Sharman to approve a right-of-way maintenance agreement for the Oaks at Brandy Lake. Seconded by Commissioner Wilder.** Commissioner Graham stated that on page 3, item 4(d) states that all trees must be planted a minimum of four feet behind the back of the curb. There was discussion on planted trees causing future damage to the curb and roadway.

Jay Cox of Meritage Homes (formerly Greater Homes), stated that the trees are oak trees and he is not certain as to what variety oaks but stated that they will continue to work with the City on this issue. There was further discussion on including root barriers in the development in order to prevent damage to the curbside and roadway, with Mr. Cox of Meritage stating that they will do whatever is required by the City on this issue. City Manager stated they are required. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

C. Recommendation to approve a development agreement for the Oaks at Brandy Lake Subdivision

Planning Director Williams stated this is the second agreement that addresses public infrastructure, stormwater drainage, sanitary, sewer, potable water, roads, Police and Fire and staff does recommend approval. He stated that this has been reviewed by the Development Review Committee (DRC). **Motion by Commissioner Sharman to approve the development agreement for the Oaks at Brandy Lake Subdivision. Seconded by Commissioner Jowers.** Commissioner Graham asked why the City is paying 50 percent for a turn lane and 50 percent on the traffic light for this development. Assistant City Manager Robertson explained that the City is paying half for the signal that is to be installed there because it is warranted for this development. Castle & Cooke is paying 14 percent of it for their project in Oakland.

Mr. Bollhoefer stated that in past discussions regarding this traffic signal, the Castle & Cooke development was deemed to have a 14 percent responsibility for impact. This development was deemed to have a 50 percent impact on the road from existing traffic, so the City agreed to pick up the 36 percent. There was discussion on the Tildenville School being the reason for the required signal. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

D. Recommendation to approve Change Order #1 to the Engineering Services Agreement with GAI Consultants for a lump sum amount of \$9,850.00 for the design of West Newell Street and North Lakeview improvements

Public Services Director Cochran stated that this is change order number one on the engineering contract with GAI Consultants. The original engineering contract with GAI was for the improvements on West Newell Street and Lakeview Avenue. He stated that these improvements include underground utilities, stormwater and street resurfacing. As a result of rerouting the Trunkline "C" project through Newell Street, additional design work is now needed on the GAI project to accommodate Trunkline "C". He stated that change order number one is related to the additional design work. **Motion by**

Commissioner Wilder to approve Change Order #1 to the Engineering Services Agreement with GAI Consultants for a lump sum amount of \$9,850.00 for the design of West Newell Street and North Lakeview improvements. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried unanimously 5-0.

E. **Recommendation to authorize staff to negotiate the sale of 848 E. Plant Street with R. C. Stevens**

City Manager Bollhoefer stated that at a previous meeting, the City Commission gave staff permission to list 848 E. Plant Street for sale. He explained that through advertisements the City received two proposals: R. C. Stevens and New Providence. Staff put together a selection committee and reviewed both proposals. He explained that when looking into community redevelopment areas, you look for the best projects and those that bring in long term revenue to the City. It was clear that the R. C. Stevens project offered higher and better use by providing corporate office space for Winter Garden where there is currently none. In the City's economic development plan, we are trying to bring in larger corporations to generate jobs for our citizens. He further explained R. C. Stevens's use of the property and the benefits it would have to the City. He asked the City Commission for permission to go back and negotiate with R. C. Stevens and ask them to pay the higher amount of \$950,000, which was offered by the New Providence Company. He also stated that the City will request that any tax rebate credits be given back to the City if there is any cleanup needed from environmental concerns.

Mayor Quesinberry stated that the renderings show that R. C. Stevens has the best design for what the City is looking to see on that property.

Commissioner Jowers asked for clarification from the City Manager that the City would sell R. C. Stevens the property and then the City would clean it up. Mr. Bollhoefer replied yes and stated that the reason is because the City purchased the property based on the condition it was in. The values were established based on this property being already cleaned. There was discussion on the property being a brownfield property and possible available funding. Mr. Robertson explained that if the City cleans it up, a 50 percent tax credit would be available and this would be negotiated with R. C. Stevens that the rebate would come back to the City. Then there was further discussion on the cleanup of this property.

Commissioner Jowers asked about the building of the fire station, and stated that this property was mentioned in the past for that use. Mr. Bollhoefer explained that other sites would best suit the building of a fire station. This property would be the worse choice because it would be the best piece economically for development.

Commissioner Jowers asked about the appraisal for the property and Mr. Bollhoefer responded that one was done and it was a little bit older, so the Economic Development Department ran recent comparables on similar properties in the area. Mr. Robertson stated that the appraisal was done in November 2006 and is fairly new.

There was discussion on the prior uses of this property.

Motion by Commissioner Jowers to authorize the City Manager to negotiate with R. C. Stevens pending a current appraisal with appropriate comparables. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman. Commissioner Graham stated that he would like to include the motion requiring additional information on the cost of the cleanup. Mr. Bollhoefer suggested that the City not negotiate and table this issue because getting the cost of cleanup could take more time. Commissioner Jowers reiterated that the City Commission wants to know where we are on the cost of cleanup, what the value of the property is, and if this is best deal for all parties involved. **Motion and second withdrawn.**

Motion by Commissioner Jowers to table negotiations with R.C. Stevens indefinitely. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried unanimously 5-0.

F. **Recommendation to approve a standard agreement for police patrol services within gated communities**

City Manager Bollhoefer stated this standard agreement presented is generic throughout the state. He explained that the City Commission directed staff to draft an agreement which would allow our police officers to perform traffic patrols within gated communities. He stated that if the City Commission approves this standard agreement then in the future the agreements would be given to the Mayor to sign without bringing it back before the City Commission each time. **Motion by Commissioner Sharman to approve a standard agreement for police patrol services within gated communities. Seconded by Commissioner Wilder.** Mayor Quesinberry clarified that the use of the golf carts has been eliminated from this agreement. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

4. **MATTERS FROM CITIZENS**

Bob McPherson, 1035 S. Dillard Street, Winter Garden, Florida, stated that he is the owner of the Liberty Tax service at the corner of Dillard Street and State Road 50 where the Big Lots shopping center is located. He is requesting approval of temporary signage, which is a sign held by an individual wearing a Lady Liberty or Uncle Sam costume. He stated that it is a 2 foot by 3 foot cardboard sign. The person would be present approximately 6 ½ hours a day. These are not permanent signs and are not there in the evening. He as a business owner needs this signage in order to compete with the H & R Block and Jackson Hewitt's that have multiple outlets with media and television. He has been in this location for 3 ½ years and in the past has had the person out there advertising, but it has just come to his attention that he was in violation. He presented the City Commission with pictures of the person holding the sign. He stated that his sales have dropped almost 50 percent in the last week since the person has not been there. He stated that they will only be there for a short period of time from January to April 15th and then they are gone for the season. He stated that he has been working with Mr. Williams in the Planning Department and that it is his understanding that they were denied because of the amount of signage that is on State Road 50 already. He again reiterated that these signs are not there permanently.

Mr. Williams stated that the City has several of these signs and described them and the locations. He stated that we are getting a proliferation of them and they do not meet the City's sign code. The State Road 50 overlay prevents him from having this type of signage. He stated that the center that he is in has more than the allowable signage. There are 12 other businesses that can ask for the same approval. He stated that in his favor, he has had this type of signage in the last four years. It was approved when code enforcement was under the Police Department and they were not aware that there were other provisions in the sign code that prohibited this. The problems are when they are in the right-of-way, on the public sidewalk, interfering and distracting traffic. He stated that there are a dozen provisions in the code that prohibit this and stated that they are asking for relief on a temporary basis during tax season to address his particular needs and the fact that he has had them in the past. Mr. Williams stated that if the City Commission approves this, then the City will have the issue of the other such signs and have to deal with them.

Commissioner Sharman asked Mr. Williams if there was anyone opposed to this type of signage that we know of. Mr. Williams stated no, we have not had any individual or business object to it and have had many try to copy it.

Commissioner Jowers expressed that he was not an advocate of the overlay and in his opinion it was written and done in haste. He has seen the sign holder and thought to himself that he could get run over. He is not in favor of that, but expressed that he is in favor of giving the business owner something to bring his customers in.

Mr. McPherson stated that in the past the wavers were at the corner near Checkers but have been relocated behind the drainage ditch to a grassy area near the Tri-City entrance.

Mr. Williams stated that if this to be approved, staff asks that the City Commission require them to move off of public right-of-way, out of public property. Otherwise, every sign could be in that public right-of-way. He stated that this is a State provision to have no signs on public right-of-way.

There was discussion as to whether or not they would be on private property.

Mr. McPherson stated they are willing to work with Mr. Williams if they will tell them where these individuals can stand. **Motion by Commissioner Jowers to allow Liberty Tax Services to hold their signage as long as they are on private property. Seconded by Commissioner Wilder. City Attorney Ardaman clarified that this is still subject to proper procedures for permitting the sign. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

Harold L. Bouler, 813 East Bay Street, Winter Garden, Florida, stated that he is here on behalf of Minister Xerxes Snell and the East Winter Garden Community Development Corporation. He stated that they meet the first Thursday of each month and have tried to become a bridge of communication between the City of Winter Garden and residents of the historic community of East Winter Garden. At their meeting they have had some of the residents approach them with the concerns about the promise of reconstructing Zanders Park and also the demolition of the building that burned on the corner of Eleventh and

North Street. There were some comments and statements from the City officials that those things would be done. He understands that it is difficult to meet construction dates, but explained that it backs the board members against the wall when they tell them that a promised date will be a particular month and then it does not happen. He stated that what they have tried to do is say what they are going to do and then do what they say. He has been in contact with the City Manager and some other staff and understands some of the problems that have risen in the process of getting this park redone. He would like to take something back to the community at their next meeting as to when they can expect someone to start on these projects. We must remember that the children will be out of school in May, which means if construction starts at that time, then there will be no place for the children. He asked what the plans are for getting these projects underway.

Mr. Bollhoefer stated that he has provided the City Commission with the design of the park and a construction schedule of when this will start. He explained that the City is in a partnership with Orange County on this project and that slows the process down significantly.

Mr. Bouler expressed that there was a huge gap in communication in the prior administration of the City with his community. He stated that he has seen a conscientious effort with this administration in closing that gap and they appreciate the job that they are doing.

5. MATTERS FROM CITY ATTORNEY

Charter Review Amendment Process Modification

City Attorney Ardaman stated that there has been a suggestion made that the Charter Review Amendment process be modified so that the City Commission pick up with matters after the municipal elections to make sure that whoever is actually sitting on the City Commission at that point will be the ones who make the adoption. He has a schedule that would result in postponing the process until after the elections which will give an actual ballot date of September 25, 2007. It could be done in August but that would require that we have public input during the current election process. Rather than having public input when we do not know who the sitting Commission will be, it would be advantageous to accomplish the objective of having the schedule revised. The only problem we will have in either case will be the redistricting process that would occur after the adoption of the charter and may cause the redistricting to not become effective until after the 2008 election.

He stated that he would circulate the revised schedule that will accomplish a referendum in September.

6. MATTERS FROM CITY MANAGER

A. St. Johns River Water Management District Alternative Water Supply Projects

Public Services Director Cochran stated that the St. Johns Water Management District (SJWMD) has issued a notice to all water systems within Orange County of proposed changes to their rules concerning the issuance of consumptive use permits. The proposed changes provide for no additional water or groundwater withdrawals beyond the year 2013. The district has directed water systems to seek and evaluate alternative

water supplies and develop projects that will meet the future water needs of these water systems. There was a meeting on January 31, 2007 that was conducted by the SJWMD in Apopka. Their message to water managers and local government officials attending the meeting was that although water systems have made considerable efforts in reducing the demands on groundwater supplies through water conservation measures and through implementation and development of reclaimed water systems, these efforts would not be enough to offset the increased demands on the groundwater supplies in the future. He stated that it is our understanding from this meeting that communities are now notified that they should be seeking additional or alternative water supplies for their water demands beyond the year 2013. They have suggested that the City participate with other communities in these projects and form partnerships. We were again notified that if the water systems did not participate in these projects in the early stages, while the district has funding available, and were to come in at a later date, they would be funding their projects 100% on their own. He stated that within 45 days of the next meeting, they are requiring that the cities have their board of directors or commissioners adopt a resolution of intent, showing an interest in one of the projects to be turned in to the SJWMD.

He stated that staff is recommending to the City Commission that they evaluate the list of projects and determine on the surface what might be the most feasible for the City of Winter Garden and then adopt a resolution stating that the City is willing to further study the feasibility of the project and is willing to begin negotiations with neighboring communities. He reiterated that in this resolution the City's completion or involvement with this project would be contingent on the feasibility, the funding, and the development of the mutual agreements with our neighboring communities.

Commissioner Graham stated that he is in favor of what Mr. Cochran said and explained what he heard at the meeting with SJWMD. He stated that he was looking at the Yankee Lake project because we could use the 429 right-of-way. He further explained why the City needs to get in on the ground floor, stating that we will need to have a source.

Mr. Cochran stated that these projects are going to be very costly and the SJWMD recommended that we join some coalition or partnerships with our neighboring communities to assist in the funding. He stated that the pipeline Commissioner Graham mentioned may be 30 miles or more to get to Winter Garden.

Commissioner Graham stated that there are too many going in from State Road 50 already coming in from the coast. He stated that he received a 51-page e-mail showing the agreements with several cities. **Motion by Commissioner Graham to evaluate the list of projects and determine what is feasible for the City of Winter Garden and adopt a resolution of the City's involvement with this project, contingent upon the feasibility, the funding, and the development of the mutual agreements with our neighboring communities. Seconded by Commissioner Jowers.**

Mayor Quesinberry clarified that the City would be using reservoirs. Mr. Ardaman asked if all of the other water management districts are imposing the same rule. Mr.

Cochran stated that this information was not shared with us, but he is assuming from what he has learned, this is a statewide requirement that they look at surface water supplies. In South Florida there are some cities already taking water from surface water and not from ground water.

Mr. Cochran stated that staff would come back to the City Commission within 45 days and at that point staff will ask the City Commission to adopt the resolution.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

B. Presentation on Trunkline "C" Phase 3

Assistant City Manager Robertson stated that Trunkline "C" is a trunkline system to bring wastewater from the southern part of our City to the treatment plant. He described its location by referring to the map on the PowerPoint presentation (*see attached*). He gave a brief history of this project. There was discussion on the location of Trunkline "A".

• **Orange County Property Appraiser Bill Donegan presentation to the City Commissioners, February 13, 2007**

Mr. Bollhoefer stated that Bill Donegan will meet with the City Commission on February 13, 2007. He will make a presentation of the impact on all the proposed property tax changes to the City of Winter Garden revenues. He stated that if they passed all of these changes, the City of Winter Garden would be forced to make some very significant changes on how things are done in the future. This meeting will be a public meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday in the City Hall Commission chambers.

• **Cable Television Franchise Agreements**

Mr. Bollhoefer stated that he read the franchise agreement and the City ordinance. Per our ordinance, the City of Winter Garden has the right to regulate cable fees subject to any Federal and State laws. He stated that he contacted Assistant City Attorney Langley to see if there are any State or Federal rules that prevent the City from doing so.

Commissioner Graham stated that he learned at the Florida League of Cities meeting that municipalities may lose their revenues on right-of-ways, fees, etc. He stated that the City needs to contact our congressman to stop the FCC from doing this. Mr. Bollhoefer agreed and stated that the Florida League of Cities is fighting this because on an ongoing basis the municipalities are losing more and more home rule.

• **Zanders Park Design and Schedule**

He restated that the Zanders Park design has been handed out along with the project schedule.

7. MATTERS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Graham

Commissioner Graham stated that the City of Winter Garden has adopted a resolution to keep the City of Minneola and City of Apopka from withdrawing water from Lake Apopka.

He was in a meeting on Wednesday and stated that it looks like Apopka is pulling some strings somewhere in order to be able to pull 5 million gallons a day out of Lake Apopka. He stated that Clermont has withdrawn their request, but Minneola is still pursuing theirs. He suggested talking to our lobbyist and our legislators. He described how the lake has dropped in the past. We do not want to dry the lake up, we want to build it up.

Tornado Alerts

Commissioner Graham stated that Apopka was trying to find a way of signaling people when a tornado is coming. He stated that it would be wise if the City of Winter Garden would also look into something for alerts. He described the use of sirens in the past and stated that they may be a good idea for the present. Some alternative should be explored. He stated that Kissimmee made an effort to do something like this and received a grant.

Mr. Bollhoefer stated that in 1998 the City of Winter Garden applied for a grant for radios but did not receive it. This issue has become the talk of the town and the City has begun preliminary analysis. He stated that a combination of the radios and sirens may be the best defense. Staff will do some analysis and come back to the City Commission.

Mayor Quesinberry stated that Channel 6 has called him a couple of times and stated that they knew that the City of Winter Garden was doing something about this after the 1998 tornadoes. It was not the time or the money, but knowing that these methods really work when you need them. He stated that the perfecting of something should come from the State level and if they perfect something everyone can benefit and work from that. He described that there is little time to react to fast moving tornadoes.

Commissioner Graham stated that in this technology age there should be some type of signal that would turn the radio on or something that could wake you up. Mr. Bollhoefer stated that there are mute radios that do not make any sound until the warning. They sometimes over warn people and they get tired of them and turn them off.

Commissioner Jowers

Commissioner Jowers stated that he has had citizens ask why the 12 o'clock whistle downtown does not blow anymore. There was discussion on the Methodist church having chimes previously and there were complaints.

Commissioner Wilder Announcements

- The housing rehabilitation program has one family preparing to move out so that their house can be rehabilitated.
- The City is doing an assessment is being made of the old Masonic building on Tenth Street and more information will be available shortly.
- A cleanup will be held Saturday, at 1:30 p.m., starting from Zanders Park. She invited everyone to come.

- There will be a basketball game at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday for the young people in an effort to save our young people.
- Her District meeting will be held at the Bethlehem Fellowship Center, at 55 Center Street Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at 6:00 p.m.
- Non-perishable foods are being collected to replenish the food banks that are providing food for the tornado victims.

Commissioner Sharman

Commissioner Sharman thanked the Police Chief for making himself available for various community meetings.

He stated that he has spoken to City Manager Bollhoefer and the park on CR 535 has been redesigned. A softball field could be adjusted for adult or child and we are looking for a start date to give out to residents. He asked for a design and Mr. Bollhoefer stated that he will have a final design in a couple of days. Mr. Bollhoefer explained some of the recent developments with the parks.

Mayor Quesinberry

Reminded everyone of the meeting on Tuesday morning with Orange County Property Appraiser Bill Donegan and stated that if the representatives in Tallahassee pass this tax change, the city will lose tax revenue.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

APPROVED:

/S/
MAYOR JACK QUESINBERRY

ATTEST:

/S/
City Clerk Kathy Golden, CMC