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BUDGET HEARINGS AND CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 2008

A **BUDGET HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING** of the Winter Garden City Commission was called to order by Mayor Rees at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 300 West Plant Street, Winter Garden, Florida. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given.

Present: Mayor John Rees, Commissioners Harold L. Boulter, Bob Buchanan, H. Gerald Jowers, and Colin Sharman

Also Present: City Manager Mike Bollhoefer, City Attorney A. Kurt Ardaman, City Clerk Kathy Golden, Public Services Director Don Cochran, Director of Information Technology Bob Reilly, Planning Director Ed Williams, Human Resources Director Frank Gilbert, Fire Chief John Williamson, Assistant City Engineer Mike Kelley, Police Chief George Brennan, Finance Director Robin Hayes, Controller Brian Strobeck, Building Official Skip Lukert, Recreation Director Jay Conn, Economic Development Director Dolores Key, and Community Relations Manager Andrea Vaughn and West Orange Times reporter Michael Laval

BUDGET HEARINGS

1. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

- A. **Ordinance 08-47:** AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAX UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA, FOR THE TAX YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2008 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

City Attorney Ardaman read Ordinance 08-47 by title and the following excerpt from Section 1: The City Commission of the City of Winter Garden hereby adopts, establishes, and levies a millage rate for ad valorem taxation of real and tangible personal property within the City of Winter Garden for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2008 and ending on September 30, 2009, at the millage rate of 3.3866 mills (\$3.3866 for every \$1,000 of assessed valuation) upon the assessed valuation of property within the corporate limits of the City of the Winter Garden, Florida. This millage rate is less than the roll back rate of 3.6554 mills by 7.35 percent.

Mayor Rees opened the public hearing.

Thomas Gregory, 407 Inland Seas Boulevard, Winter Garden, Florida, asked what happens if you go over or under the budget. City Manager Bollhoefer replied that by Florida Statute it is only the general fund you are required to balance for the budget. If we foresee any issues that might take us over, we come back to the City Commission at

interim budget with an ordinance and make adjustments. If we go under the budget we congratulate everyone for a job well done and is a goal that we always try to achieve.

Mr. Gregory asked if the revenue is not what is predicted, is it the same process. Mr. Bollhoefer stated that in this case, we would have to make the adjustment at interim budget. He does not anticipate that will happen because we were extremely conservative in our estimates.

Mr. Gregory urged the City Commission to minimize the spending of our emergency fund.

Mayor Rees closed the public hearing. **Motion by Commissioner Sharman to adopt Ordinance 08-47. Seconded by Commissioner Buchanan and carried unanimously 5-0.**

B. Ordinance 08-48: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND ALLOCATING ALL REVENUE AND FUNDS OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA, FOR THE TAX YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2008 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

City Attorney Ardaman read Ordinance 08-48 by title and the following excerpt from Ordinance 08-48: Whereas, it is anticipated that there will be available for use and disbursement from the general funds of the City, revenue in the following amounts:

Collection of Ad Valorem	\$ 8,653,952
Revenue other than Ad Valorem	<u>16,787,208</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$25,441,160

Mayor Rees opened the public hearing, hearing and seeing none, he closed the public hearing. **Motion by Commissioner Boulter to adopt Ordinance 08-48. Seconded by Commissioner Buchanan and carried unanimously 5-0.**

C. Ordinance 08-49: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND ALLOCATING ALL REVENUE AND FUNDS OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA, FOR THE TAX YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2008 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

City Attorney Ardaman read Ordinance 08-49 by title and the following excerpt from Ordinance 08-49: Whereas, it is anticipated that there will be available for use and disbursement from the CRA funds of the City, revenue in the following amounts:

Collection of Ad Valorem	\$362,900
Revenue other than Ad Valorem	<u>501,649</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$864,549

Mayor Rees opened the public hearing, hearing and seeing none, he closed the public hearing. **Motion by Commissioner Boulter to adopt Ordinance 08-49. Seconded by Commissioner Buchanan and carried unanimously 5-0.**

D. Ordinance 08-50: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATIONS OF CITY FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3 SECTION 30 (5) OF THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA AND FLORIDA STATUTE 166.241 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FULFILLING THE FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY

City Attorney Ardaman read Ordinance 08-50 by title only. Mayor Rees opened the public hearing; hearing and seeing none, he closed the public hearing. **Motion by Commissioner Buchanan to adopt Ordinance 08-50. Seconded by Commissioner Boulter and carried unanimously 5-0.**

Mayor Rees closed the budget hearings and opened the regular meeting at 6:40 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting minutes of August 28, 2008, Budget Workshop minutes of August 28, 2008, Budget Workshop minutes of September 8, 2008, Budget Hearings and Regular Meeting minutes of September 10, 2008. City Clerk Golden stated that there was a correction to the minutes of September 10th on page 3 distributed for consideration. **Motion by Commissioner Jowers to approve minutes with the noted correction as stated. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried unanimously 5-0.**

3. FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance 08-38: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 78-57 (1) OF CHAPTER 78, UTILITIES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN BY AMENDING THE PROCEDURES AND FEES OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN WATER AND SEWER ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Attorney Ardaman read Ordinance 08-38 by title only.

Public Services Director Cochran stated that tonight two ordinances are being brought before the City Commission relating to water conservation. As the City Commission knows water conservation is a very important part of the City's overall water supply plan. The City's consumptive use with St. Johns Water Management District strongly encourages us to manage water conservation through user rates. For this reason the City has contracted with Public Resource Management Group's (PRMG) utility rate consultant to develop a new rate structure for water conservation of irrigation water and reclaimed water. The purpose is not to increase rates to offset the cost for operations or to increase revenues. The purpose of the new rates is to encourage people to conserve water when conservation is most needed. Mr. Cochran recognized Mr. Murray Hamilton with PRMG to give a presentation to explain the methodology and analysis that went into developing these two rates.

Mr. Murray Hamilton stated that the City historically does have a rate structure that does encourage the customers to use less water. What has happened most recently is that the increased demands in water use has really drained the supply of the City's water to the extent the City has had to blend its two resources; both potable water and reclaimed water. He explained that over the spring the City actually ran out of its water supply and there were a number of days and a number of areas that did not have access to irrigation. City Manager clarified that the City did not run out of its water supply, we put people on stricter rules for watering lawns. He also clarified that when Mr. Hamilton said blended, we were not mixing the two waters. Mr. Hamilton apologized for the misunderstanding and continued by stating that with their study they were able to summarize their results with a number of aids; the study report, the briefing document, and a series of comparisons that have been provided to the City Commission. He then went through some of the highlights of their analysis in the PowerPoint presentation as provided to the City Commission.

Mr. Hamilton stated the goal of this study is not to increase revenues for the City, instead they are attempting to encourage customer's behavior to use less water over the long term to meet their irrigating demands. The proposed rate is based upon the unified rate making strategy, which is based on the current domestic water rate structure and provides the same level of pricing for similar levels of irrigation service. It provides a pricing incentive for customers to conserve water and over time should reduce the demand on the City's current water resources.

Mr. Hamilton gave an example whereby a typical single family home that has one meter for both indoor and irrigation use should result in 99 percent of those customers, or almost 12,000 customers will see no rate impact on their bill. One percent of these customers use well over 25,000 gallons a month for irrigation, which is the customer class they are trying to encourage to conserve water. To not have their monthly bill increase all they would have to do is decrease their monthly usage by about 3,000 gallons for irrigation. With the City's four pronged approach they hope customers might actually see a reduction in their bill.

They looked specifically at the larger irrigation customers of Stone Crest and Stoneybrook. At the new proposed rates, their low irrigation months would see a rate reduction on their total net bill and they would see approximately a 3-4 percent increase in their monthly bill if they don't irrigate with less water. During peak months both customer classes would see about an 8 percent increase in their highest month of use. Mr. Bollhoefer asked for clarification that if these subdivisions were not to change their usage for the entire year they would see what type of increase. Mr. Hamilton responded that Stonecrest would see a 4 percent rate increase on average or about \$97 a month and for Stoneybrook would see an 8 percent or \$89 a month average increase. Mr. Cochran clarified that this discussion is on the common areas and not the individual customers.

Commissioner Buchanan asked if these subdivisions were already fitted with reclaimed water lines. Mr. Bollhoefer replied that all the new subdivisions are outfitted with

reclaimed and staff will look at the older subdivisions and perform a cost-benefit analysis to see if the City can afford to switch them over from potable to the reclaimed.

Mr. Hamilton explained that if a customer is on potable water and they do not have access to reclaimed water for irrigation, they typically can elect to have a separate irrigation meter that allows them to bypass the sewer portion of the charges for that water that is used for outdoor use. Every customer needs to do their own cost-benefit analysis to see if that would benefit you over the long term. There is a monthly base charge and may be other charges associated with that separate meter. So there is an option to avoid paying the sewer portion of the charge for water that is clearly used for irrigation. Commissioner Buchanan asked what the charge is to have a second meter.

Mr. Hamilton stated that his firm has made a recommendation regarding a new conservation rate being applied to the domestic water rate and it is his understanding that staff will come back to the City Commission to discuss the domestic water rates at a later time.

Motion by Commissioner Jowers to approve Ordinance 08-38 with the second reading and public hearing being held on October 9, 2008. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried unanimously 5-0.

- B. **Ordinance 08-39:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE WINTER GARDEN CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING SECTION 78-243 RECLAIMED WATER RATES AND CHARGES; PROVIDING FOR A WATER CONSERVATION RATE STRUCTURE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Attorney Ardaman read Ordinance 08-39 by title only. Mayor Rees clarified that Ordinance 08-39 is the reclaimed water with the same rates as that of Ordinance 08-38. Mayor Rees opened the public hearing; hearing and seeing none, he closed the public hearing. **Motion by Commissioner Jowers to approve Ordinance 08-39 with the second reading and public hearing being held on October 9, 2008. Seconded by Commissioner Boulter and carried unanimously 5-0.**

- C. **Ordinance 08-44:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL LANDS GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS 0.50 ACRES LOCATED AT 422 MAGNOLIA STREET, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN INTO THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA; REDEFINING THE CITY BOUNDARIES TO GIVE THE CITY JURISDICTION OVER SAID PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Attorney Ardaman read Ordinance 08-44 by title only.

Planning Director Williams stated that this a small parcel located south of State Road 50 being proposed for annexation, comprehensive plan designation, and rezoning. Staff recommends approval of the annexation. The existing structure will be renovated for an

office use which fits in with the character and plan the City has for that area. Staff thinks it will be an improvement to the area.

Mayor Rees opened the public hearing; hearing and seeing none, he closed the public hearing. **Motion by Commissioner Boulter to approve Ordinance 08-44 with the second reading and public hearing on October 23, 2008. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried 4-0-1; Commissioner Jowers abstained.**

- D. **Ordinance 08-45:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY CHANGING THE DESIGNATION FROM ORANGE COUNTY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL; TO CITY COMMERCIAL OF PROPERTY GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS 0.50 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED AT 422 MAGNOLIA STREET: PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (SSCPA)

City Attorney Ardaman read Ordinance 08-45 by title only.

Planning Director Williams stated that staff recommends approval as they feel that this is the most appropriate land use for the property and recognize what is happening in the surrounding area. **Motion by Commissioner Sharman to approve Ordinance 08-45 with the second reading and public hearing on October 23, 2008. Seconded by Commissioner Jowers and carried unanimously 5-0.**

**Note: Ordinance 08-45 was reconsidered later in the meeting.*

- E. **Ordinance 08-46:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA, REZONING A 0.50 ACRE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 422 MAGNOLIA STREET, MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN FROM ORANGE COUNTY RURAL TO CITY C-2; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Attorney Ardaman read Ordinance 08-46 by title only.

Planning Director Williams stated that the C-2 zoning allows for professional offices and professional services which staff feels is the most appropriate use of the property and would be consistent with the character of the area. Staff recommends approval.

Mayor Rees asked Commissioner Jowers if he needed to abstain. Commissioner Jowers responded yes he was recusing himself.

Motion by Commissioner Boulter to approve Ordinance 08-46 with the second reading and public hearing on October 23, 2008. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried unanimously 4-0-1; Commissioner Jowers abstained.

4. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

A. **Discussion regarding names for new park and recreation facilities as recommended by the facility naming committee**

Parks and Recreation Director Conn stated that the City directed him to utilize a citizen committee to recommend some possible names for our park and recreation facilities that will be opening in 2009. The committee has submitted their top three choices as follows:

The first facility is the former Dillard Street Elementary School that is being converted to a recreation center. The committee recommends it be named Jessie Brock Community Center. Jessie Brock was a long time educator in Winter Garden and was the principal of the Winter Garden Elementary School from 1926 to 1970.

The second facility is the park at Warrior Road. The proposed name is Warrior Road Park to coincide with the area which is in the proximity of West Orange High School.

The last facility, which is called Southside Park internally, the committee chose to open it up as a park naming contest to the community. This was primarily done to generate some interest in the park for the District 4 residents that are new to Winter Garden. They anticipate moving forward with this in the next few months and have the name in place prior to the dedication sometime in April of 2009.

Commissioner Sharman asked about the recommended name of Warrior Road Park because he had heard it as "Warrior Park" which he thinks has a stronger ring to it. Mr. Conn stated that they came up with Warrior Road as the name may make it easier for people to find. He doesn't believe there was much discussion otherwise. Commissioner Sharman and Mayor Rees stated that they prefer the name Warrior Park.

Motion by Commissioner Buchanan to accept the naming committee's first choice for the former Dillard Street Elementary School and new Recreation Center to Jessie Brock Recreation Center; the park at the corner of Warrior Road and Windermere Road to Warrior Park; and for the southern park allow the local residents to hold a park naming contest. Seconded by Commissioner Jowers and carried unanimously 5-0.

*City Attorney Ardaman stated that in order to be sure we were clear on a prior motion under agenda item 3.D he suggested that the City Commission reconsider Ordinance 08-45 to make sure procedurally that it was done properly. **Motion by Commissioner Sharman to reconsider Ordinance 08-45. Seconded by Commissioner Boulter and carried 4-0-1; Commissioner Jowers abstained.**

Motion by Commissioner Boulter to approve Ordinance 08-45 with the second reading and public hearing on October 23, 2008. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried 4-0-1; Commissioner Jowers abstained.

B. **Appointments to the Planning and Zoning Board for three expiring terms (Balderrama, Gentry and Snell)**

Mayor Rees stated that this item would be **postponed** until the next meeting when the terms are actually expiring.

City Attorney Ardaman advised that the City Clerk has suggested that the Developer Agreement under agenda item 4.D be considered before the Final Plat under agenda item 4.C.

C. **Recommendation to approve the Developer's Agreement for the Winter Garden Commerce Center**

Planning Director Williams stated that the developer's agreement is to memorialize certain requirements mitigating their impacts on the public road facilities and other infrastructure improvements in the development. This is an industrial commercial development generally located north of State Road 50 and south of Story Road. Staff recommends approval.

Mayor Rees asked if this has only a left turn lane or do they have to also put in a right turn lane. Mr. Williams replied that because the road is going to be four-lane they are only required to do the left turn lane.

Commissioner Sharman asked if a traffic study was done for this project. Mr. Williams answered yes. Commissioner Sharman asked about the trip generation and wondered if it was minor. Mr. Williams answered it was substantial but it could be accommodated on the road network. This project has been reviewed by the Development Review Committee (DRC) over the last year. There were issues on shifting a lift station in the area and providing those access points. The road network in the area could accommodate traffic without having to add any additional lanes or turn signals. It is a substantial project and there is interest in development with proposed site plan for portions of the property. He stated that staff feels that it will bring needed jobs and value to the community.

Motion by Commissioner Jowers to approve the developer's agreement submitted for the Winter Garden Commerce Center. Seconded by Commissioner Boulter and carried unanimously 5-0.

D. **Recommendation to approve the final plat for the Winter Garden Commerce Center located on Story Road**

Planning Director Williams stated that this is the final plat for property that is located north of State Road 50 and south of Story Road. Staff recommends approval subject to the conditions in the September 8th City Engineer's memo and the City Attorney's letter.

Motion by Commissioner Boulter to approve the final plat with conditions (*see attached Exhibit A*) for the Winter Garden Commerce Center. Seconded by Commissioner Buchanan and carried unanimously 5-0.

E. **Recommendation to approve an agreement for acquisition of right-of-way on Plant Street and West Crown Point Road**

Planning Director Williams stated that this location is at the southeast corner of Plant Street and West Crown Point Road. The West Orange Healthcare District is donating the property to the City in exchange for the City taking some of their storm water into the road system and treating it. The agreement also provides that they will get the signage that they are entitled to so that the road does not stop them from having a sign. It provides for access onto the road. Staff recommends approval subject to the agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Jowers to approve an agreement for acquisition of right-of-way on Plant Street and West Crown Point Road. Seconded by Commissioner Buchanan and carried unanimously 5-0.

F. **Recommendation to approve an Interlocal Agreement for Fire Dispatch Services between Orange County and the City of Winter Garden**

Fire Chief Williamson stated that this is an ongoing agreement that the City has with Orange County for dispatching our fire and rescue services that staff recommends approval.

Commissioner Buchanan asked if there are any changes to contract. Mr. Williamson replied that there is nothing significant; the pay of the dispatchers does go up a little bit with their union contract. **Motion by Commissioner Sharman to approve the Fire Dispatch Service Interlocal Agreement with Orange County as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Boulter and carried unanimously 5-0.**

5. **MATTERS FROM CITIZENS**

Derek Blakeslee, 230 N. Highland Avenue, Winter Garden, Florida, addressed the City Commission regarding the City's current prohibition on carry out sales of alcoholic beverages from grocery and convenience stores from when they close Saturday night, from midnight or 2:00 a.m., until opening Monday at 7 a.m. The County enclaves within the City can sell alcohol and it is no longer just about alcohol sales, it is about family's grocery shopping on Sundays and residents choosing between shopping at our local merchants or going elsewhere. He has heard that Publix believes our local law costs them \$10,000 each Sunday is lost sales. He thinks it is time to change our Code for our local merchants. He thinks it is ridiculous to penalize our local merchants for being in the City of Winter Garden. The County enclaves will not annex into the City as long as this is an issue. He asked the City Commission to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance amending City Code Section 6-4 to match Orange County's regulations on alcohol sales. The public hearing will allow the City Commission to hear from the residents on this issue.

Commissioner Jowers pointed out that about ten years ago he walked Winter Garden about a referendum that he believes passed by 68 percent of the voters that shows times are changing. He has also seen the numbers and throughout Winter Garden there is about a \$10,000 per week loss in sales that affects the tax revenues back to the City that we are losing. **Motion by Commissioner Jowers instructing the City Attorney to write an ordinance amending the prohibition on alcohol sales on Sunday. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman.** Commissioner Buchanan stated that when he walked his district before he was elected many

residents asked him his position on this subject and in essence told him that if they elected him they hoped he would vote in favor of the change. Commissioner Bouler stated that he agrees with the change because his district has County enclaves selling alcohol on Sunday and City merchants not being able to sell. He wants to see an even playing field. Mayor Rees called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

6. **MATTERS FROM CITY ATTORNEY**

Mr. Ardaman stated he would have the revised ordinance for alcohol sales on Sunday on the next agenda.

7. **MATTERS FROM CITY MANAGER**

• **Financial Statement**

City Manager Bollhoefer stated that financial statement has been distributed to the City Commission and staff is available to answer any questions they may have.

A. **New Utility Billing Hours**

City Manager Bollhoefer announced that beginning September 29, 2008, Utility Billing has new hours Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. He stated that this should help citizens who work all day.

• **Acquisition of the Pounds Property for Parking**

Mr. Bollhoefer stated that staff has been looking at purchasing the property adjacent to the Pounds Motor Company on Plant Street for additional parking in the downtown area. He distributed a photocopy of the zoning map to identify the available property. The purchase offer would be \$1.4 million, which is the price per square foot for prior properties purchased by the City in the area. He stated that it could be purchased with general funds which could be replenished with the parking fees collected from new development in that area. He gave some suggestions of possible future uses for the property.

Mayor Rees asked about the sale of the old Florida Power building (8 N. Highland) and the old car dealership (270 W. Plant Street) which in the future could help pay for this purchase. Mr. Bollhoefer responded absolutely and stated that staff would like to put the old utility building (8 N. Highland) on the market as soon as possible. He explained that the old Planning and Zoning building (270 W. Plant Street) is currently being used for records storage but once these records are digitally scanned, that building will also be put on the market.

Commissioner Buchanan asked about the status of the City owned old trucking property at the end of Ninth Street (848 E. Plant Street). Mr. Bollhoefer replied that the Department of Environmental Protection is the hold up on that project. Commissioner Jowers asked about the cost of the cleanup. Mr. Bollhoefer stated that originally it was approved for \$500,000 in the interim budget. The cost needs to be finalized and that amount is unknown. It is staff's goal to get it done for under \$100,000, but at this point it's very difficult to say.

Motion by Commissioner Buchanan to approve instructing the City Attorney to draw up a purchase contract for the Pounds property identified in the attached map (*Exhibit B*). Seconded by Commissioner Jowers.

Commissioner Jowers asked if there is any clean up involved with the Pounds property. Mr. Bollhoefer replied that he is almost certain the Pounds property is already in the Brownfield area and has already gone through the process but he will verify that when he brings back the contract. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

- **Tri-County League of Cities Luncheon**

Mr. Bollhoefer announced that the City of Winter Garden will be hosting the upcoming Tri-County League of Cities luncheon on Thursday, October 16, 2008. He stated that the league has asked for someone on the City Commission to give the invocation and someone to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Buchanan volunteered to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Boulter volunteered to give the invocation.

- **Awards**

Mr. Bollhoefer announced that the Fowler Groves Shopping Center recently won an award for the best new retail project in the Southeast United States from the Southern Construction Magazine.

Mr. Bollhoefer stated that internally the City has just won three awards for Economic Development. The International Economic Development Council has given the City an award for the Special Purpose website. The 3CMA has given the City an award for that same website, making the City one of top three award recipients. The 3CMA has also given the City an award for the Winter Garden Newsletter and recreation guide.

- **Tenth and Center Street Housing Project**

Mr. Bollhoefer stated that staff has been working on a project on Tenth and Center Streets to try and build tandem housing with four units to each house. He stated that it looks like with the City's contribution, it could be anywhere from \$100,000 up to \$200,000. The actual amount isn't known yet but most of the City's contribution would be to buy the land. The architecture will do the work for free and the contractor will do the work at a minimal profit. He stated that staff is looking to move forward with this project if the City Commission is willing to do so. The CRAB has stated that they are in favor of moving forward with this project. **Motion by Buchanan to approve moving forward with the City's contribution to the Tenth and Center Street Housing Project. Seconded by Commissioner Boulter and carried unanimously 5-0.**

8. **MATTERS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Buchanan thanked City Manager Bollhoefer and his staff for their efforts on the budget and it is great the citizens of Winter Garden are able to keep the same millage rate.

Commissioner Sharman shared that at one of the HOA meetings the utility department was given a big thank you for their help just before Tropical Storm Fay.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

APPROVED:

/S/
MAYOR JOHN REES

ATTEST:

/S/
City Clerk Kathy Golden, CMC