



CITY OF WINTER GARDEN

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 22, 2015

A **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. An Opening Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given.

Present: Mayor John Rees, Commissioners Bob Buchanan, Kent Makin, Robert Olszewski and Colin Sharman

Also Present: City Manager Mike Bollhoefer, City Attorney Kurt Ardaman, City Clerk Kathy Golden, Assistant City Manager of Public Services Don Cochran, Economic Development Director Tanja Gerhartz, Finance Director Laura Zielonka, Fire Chief Matt McGrew, Deputy Police Chief Bill Sullivan, and Community Development Manager Stephen Pash

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Buchanan to approve regular meeting minutes of October 8, 2015 as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Makin and carried unanimously 5-0.

2. **PRESENTATION**

Proclamation 15-08 declaring November 8-14, 2015 as the “Week of the Family” was read and presented by Mayor Rees and Commissioners. The proclamation was accepted by Elizabeth Rahter, who came forward and expressed her gratitude for the continued support of the City and made a presentation that encouraged family efforts.

3. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

A. **Recommendation to approve purchasing two 2016 solid waste automated side load trucks from Nextran Truck Center under the Florida Sheriff Association State Contract for a total purchase price of \$533,937.80**

City Manager Bollhoefer stated that this item is being pulled from the agenda until staff has had an opportunity to do further analysis to justify purchasing these trucks.

B. **Recommendation to approve bids and award contract for Project #11-008 Woodlark Water Treatment Plant Ground Storage Tank Addition to Crom Corporation, Inc., for \$1,401,851.00, which includes a 10% contingency**

Assistant City Manager of Public Services Cochran stated that on October 1, 2015 the City received bids from three contractors for a one million gallon ground storage tank. This is an additional tank to one currently at this location. This plant will provide redundancy for the system in case of a problem with the existing well and the current tank. It will provide additional water storage for the southern and southwest part of the

City. Crom Corporation was the lowest responsive bidder at \$1,401,851.00, which includes the recommended 10 percent contingency.

Commissioner Buchanan asked if this tank will be big enough to handle the City's build out to the south. Mr. Cochran responded that it will for now and there is another million gallon tank planned for the north side of Marsh Road off Williams Road, as well as a two million gallon reuse tank, which will not be built until the growth justifies it.

Motion by Commissioner Buchanan to approve bids and award contract for Project #11-008 Woodlark Water Treatment Plant Ground Storage Tank Addition to Crom Corporation, Inc., for \$1,401,851.00, which includes a 10% contingency. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried unanimously 5-0.

C. Recommendation to approve Final Plat for Oakland Park Phase 3 with conditions as stated in the staff report

Community Development Manager Pash stated that this is the Final Plat for Phase 3 of Oakland Park located on the south side of the West Orange Trail, just east of Lake Brim and contains 16 single family lots. It has been reviewed by the Development Review Committee and staff; both recommend approval.

There was discussion on the sidewalk for Tildenville School Road that is being designed. Staff is working with the County on short-term and long-term plans. Short-term would be to use a temporary sign with a barricade to slow the traffic. The final design will probably come back to the Commission because there will probably be a raised table to force cars to slow down at the trail crossing, as recommended by our transportation engineer.

Motion by Commissioner Buchanan to approve the Final Plat for Oakland Park Phase 3 with conditions as stated in the staff report. Seconded by Commissioner Makin and carried unanimously 5-0.

4. MATTERS FROM PUBLIC

David Williamson, of the Central Florida Free Thought Community, P.O. Box 621128 Oviedo, Florida, expressed gratitude that the fastest growing religious demographic claiming no religion were not welcomed at these meetings, until today. He addressed his remaining concern about the policy being followed whereby invocation speakers are being selected from the database. Secondly, that the City Commission does not get to decide who does and does not give the invocations at these meetings. If anyone gets skipped, they will be sure to let the Commission know.

Joseph Richardson, 220 N. Highland Avenue, Winter Garden, Florida, shared Commissioner comments made at the March 12, 2015 City Commission meeting when the policy on invocations being made by the public was reinstated. He addressed diversity statistics for the City of Winter Garden and noted that the word diversity was mentioned no less than seven times in the Resolution. Mr. Richardson read various statistics in relationship to those giving

the invocations. Diversity and following the law will require many more choices like tonight without any religious content. He encouraged the Commissioners to choose everyone who is on the list in a non-discriminatory way. The law is on his side.

5. **MATTERS FROM CITY ATTORNEY** – There were no items.

6. **MATTERS FROM CITY MANAGER**

• **Car Show**

City Manager Bollhoefer stated that staff is still working on options for a car show event and have found that the best options seem to be a quarterly car show. He noted that the downtown merchants have also voiced that they want some kind of event every third Saturday or at least once a month.

A. **Presentation on special events**

Mr. Bollhoefer noted that at the last meeting he distributed information on criteria for special events and asked the City Commission if they had anything they wanted to add or subtract.

Commissioner Olszewski stated he was recently approached at the Winter Garden MusicFest by the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation. He said they expressed that this event was a little more difficult than years past with the restrictions on the vendors. He requested that the City's proposed policy be shared with all the groups and past vendors for their input. He did not want to surprise those who have helped the City get where we are today.

City Manager Bollhoefer stated that staff did receive input; these issues were mentioned seven years ago and for many years in a row. He stated that establishing a certain quality of events requires certain standards.

There was discussion on a food truck at the MusicFest and how they are not allowed out of consideration of the merchants and because we do not have the electrical power to support them.

• **Ambulance Service**

Mr. Bollhoefer stated that Rural Metro agreed to extend their contract with the City so we are not in any danger of losing their service. An analysis was done and was narrowed down to two vendors, who were considered the best in the country. Although the City chose the one vendor, we would like to hire the second (non-selected) vendor to independently review the data and give their opinion of what they thought of the assumptions and conclusions drawn from the first study.

Commissioner Makin asked what the cost was for the second analysis. Mr. Bollhoefer stated that it would be approximately \$10,000 to \$20,000 and expressed that the cost for making the wrong decision could cost hundreds of thousands and affect coverage.

Motion by Commissioner Makin to approve the ambulance service peer review as recommended by the City Manager. Seconded by Commissioner Buchanan and carried unanimously 5-0.

There was discussion that it would take approximately two months to complete the analysis.

- **Development of Downtown Property (109 South Boyd Street)**

City Manager Bollhoefer stated that several people have wanted to develop property in the downtown area, which has been put on hold pending the construction of the parking garage. He noted that there is one piece of land that is in high demand for developing. He requested sending out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for developers to submit what they would like to build there. He noted that it would stipulate that nothing can happen until after the parking garage has been completed. He asked that the City Commission review this item and he will bring it back to the next meeting should the City Commission desire to put out the RFP. Mr. Bollhoefer clarified that this is City owned land adjacent to the water tower, which will be across from the new parking garage.

There was discussion on building height restrictions within the downtown area.

7. **MATTERS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Buchanan stated that MusicFest was great but he had one complaint that there was no kid zone. City Manager Bollhoefer noted that staff will work/partner with the organizers to be sure that there is a kid zone for next year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Mayor John Rees

ATTEST:

_____/S/_____
City Clerk Kathy Golden, CMC