



# CITY OF WINTER GARDEN

## City Commission REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 12, 2023

**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  
Commissioner District 1 - Lisa L. Bennett  
Commissioner District 2 - Ron Mueller  
Commissioner District 3 - Mark A. Maciel  
Commissioner District 4 - Colin Sharman

**Also Present:**

City Manager Jon C. Williams  
City Attorney A. Kurt Ardaman  
City Clerk Angee Grimmage

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Commissioner Mueller to approve Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Bennett and carried unanimously 4-0.**

2. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

A. **Recommendation to approve Piggyback Agreement with Fausnight Stripe and Line, Inc. for pavement marking services**

City Engineer Monahan stated that Seminole County, Florida recently entered into an agreement with Fausnight Stripe and Line, Inc. on August 29, 2023. He noted the agreement is for a period of three years with two successive periods not to exceed one year each. Furthermore, he described Fausnight's services as including roadway markings, striping and brick texture surfacing. Staff recommended approval.

There was discussion on having used them in the past, being satisfied with their services, and them currently doing all City stripe work.

**Motion by Commissioner Maciel to approve Piggyback Agreement with Fausnight Stripe and Line, Inc. for pavement marking services. Seconded by Commissioner Bennett and carried unanimously 4-0.**

B. **Recommendation to approve Amendment No. 2 of the EMS Billing Agreement, which is a City of Tamarac piggyback for PEMT/MCO Billing Services**

Fire Chief Jose Gainza noted that this item is a request for amendment No. 2 to the medical billing services contract. He shared that the Winter Garden Rescue Department annually transports over 3,600 patients, including Medicaid recipients to local hospital emergency rooms. Furthermore, he spoke of Florida's Medicaid payment rates falling short of the

actual cost. To bridge this gap, he shared information about the Public Emergency Medical Transportation (PEMT) program, the Medicaid Managed Care Organization Supplemental Payment program (known as MCO). He noted that these supplemental payments offer government-owned ambulance providers the opportunity to receive supplemental payments for transporting Medicaid Managed Care patients. Staff recommends approval.

Commissioner Mueller commended the Fire and Rescue Department on their outstanding transportation services.

*Commissioner Sharman arrived during the presentation of this item at 6:34 p.m.*

**Motion by Commissioner Mueller to approve Amendment No. 2 of the EMS Billing Agreement, which is a City of Tamarac piggyback for PEMT/MCO Billing Services. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried unanimously 5-0.**

C. Recommendation to approve the 2024 Vote Processing Equipment Use Agreement and Elections Services Contract for Municipal Elections with Orange County Supervisor of Elections

City Clerk Grimmage stated that this contract is in line with our standard agreements for election services with Orange County. She noted that it is specifically for the piggyback of the Presidential Preference Primary and for cities that have run-off elections. She noted that there was an update to some of their equipment and a scrivener's error was found on page 2, in the related Section 3. She informed that Orange County was able to provide the corrected page, which had been provided to Mayor Rees for signature, if approved.

Ms. Grimmage stated that per the City's Charter and Ordinance 23-16, Orange County Supervisor of Elections would be given the authority to canvass all ballots for the 2024 General Election. The question on page 9 will be marked "yes."

**Motion by Commissioner Bennett to approve the 2024 Vote Processing Equipment Use Agreement and Elections Services Contract for Municipal Elections with Orange County Supervisor of Elections. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried unanimously 5-0.**

D. Recommendation to approve SPECIAL EVENT – American Legion Post 63, Challenge 22 Ruck Walk and Veterans Day Celebration located at 8 N. Highland Avenue & 271 W. Plant Street - Saturday, November 11, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., subject to conditions

Planning Director Kelly Carson stated that the American Legion is requesting to hold their annual event Challenge 22 Ruck Walk and Veterans Day Celebration. She noted the

event dates, times, road closures and activities. Staff recommended approval, subject to conditions.

Kurt Gies, of the American Legion Post 63, shared about this program and spoke of Veteran suicide due to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). He shared of programs to get the Veterans and families the help that they need. He thanked the City for the approval and shared about fundraising and how the fund is a dramatic impact. Furthermore, he spoke of establishing a 501(3)c status with the creation of Challenge 22. He invited everyone to the event, which is actually on Veteran's Day.

**Motion by Commissioner Sharman to approve SPECIAL EVENT – American Legion Post 63, Challenge 22 Ruck Walk and Veterans Day Celebration located at 8 N. Highland Avenue & 271 W. Plant Street - Saturday, November 11, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., subject to conditions. Seconded by Commissioner Maciel and carried unanimously 5-0.**

- E. Recommendation to approve SPECIAL EVENT – Annual Spring Fever in the Garden by Bloom 'N Grow Garden Society, April 6 - 7, 2024, in Downtown Winter Garden  
Planning Director Kelly Carson stated that the Bloom & Grow Garden Society requests approval to hold their annual "Spring Fever in the Garden" event in Downtown Winter Garden on Saturday, April 6, 2024, and Sunday, April 7, 2024. She noted that the event setup and activities would be the same as previous years, with merchandise, food vendors, and amplified music throughout the downtown. Staff recommended approval.

**Motion by Commissioner Bennett to approve SPECIAL EVENT – Annual Spring Fever in the Garden by Bloom 'N Grow Garden Society, April 6 - 7, 2024, in Downtown Winter Garden. Seconded by Commissioner Mueller and carried unanimously 5-0.**

3. **MATTERS FROM PUBLIC** – There were no items.

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

5. **MATTERS FROM CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Jon C. Williams announced the opening of the new temporary Fire Station on Avalon Road. He also provided updates on some of the City's upcoming events.

6. **MATTERS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS**

**Commissioner Maciel** thanked Kurt Gries and the American Legion for their efforts. He also thanked residents from District 3 for their attendance and encouraged them to spread the word, noting that the more people that attend, the better.

