

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES**February 22, 2010****WORK SESSION**

The City Commission of the City of Sanford, Florida, met in Work Session on Monday, February 22, 2010 at 4:00 PM, in the Railroad Depot Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 300 North Park Avenue, Sanford, Florida.

Present: Mayor Linda Kuhn
 Vice Mayor Art Woodruff
 Commissioner Velma Williams (Arrived at 4:25 P.M.)
 Commissioner Jack T. Bridges
 Interim City Manager Tom George
 Acting City Attorney Lonnie Groot
 City Clerk Janet Dougherty
 Administrative Specialist Pat Lee

Absent: Commissioner Randy Jones

Mayor Linda Kuhn called the Work Session to order at 4:04 PM.

- 1) **Public Safety Complex Project Status Report** - information. [Commission Memo 10-047]

Nicholas Mcray, Senior Project Manager, provided an update on the construction project noting the walls are 99% complete. The contractor has not been able to make up time from delays due to cold weather and rain.

- 2) **Report on City Investment Portfolio** – information.[Commission Memo 10-044]

Jim Poulalion, Finance Director, and John Grady and Tom Tight from MBIA, gave an updated report on the City's investments.

- 3) **City Financial Report** – 1st Quarter Ended December 31, 2009. [Commission Memo 10-045]

Jim Poulalion, Finance Director, presented the financial report for the period ended December 31, 2009. [Commissioner Williams arrived]. The Seminole County Tax Appraiser's Office has notified the City that next fiscal year, at the current

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ad valorem tax rate of 6.325%, the City's general fund revenue will be reduced by \$1.6 million, and together with other anticipated expenditures in Police and Fire pensions and raises, he estimated the City will be "short" approximately \$4 million (about 10% of the General Fund budget) unless the City goes to the ad valorem roll up rate of 7.02%. Mr. George stated that he has already asked staff to reduce their current budgets by 5% to lessen the shortfall in October and he has instilled a hiring freeze on vacant positions.

Mayor Kuhn noted this was the Finance Director's last meeting and thanked Mr. Poulalion for his services.

4) Wayfinding Signage Program – discussion.[Commission Memo 10-046]

Christine Dalton, Community Planner/Historic Preservation Officer, gave a powerpoint presentation and reviewed specifics regarding the potential partnership with Amtrak/Auto Train that would allow for installation of Wayfinding signs along Hwy. 17-92, State Road 46, and other locations but is contingent upon selection of a new logo. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission for staff to move forward with the potential partnership.

5) Draft Charter Referendum Ordinance – discussion. [Commission Memo 10-035]

Assistant City Attorney Lonnie Groot stated that this is the first step to make the Charter language more concise noting there will be multiple questions to be presented to the voters. City Clerk Janet Dougherty explained the timelines needed to get the questions on the General election ballot and noted no funds were budgeted for this

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Referendum. Commissioner Woodruff asked about placing the questions on the Primary Election ballot and Ms. Dougherty stated that she would recalculate the dates. It was the consensus of the Commission to keep this item on the Work Session agenda until the item/issues are resolved. Mr. Groot will look into possibly “splitting” the questions and placing half on the Primary and the other half on the General election ballot in hopes of alleviating voter fatigue.

6) Agenda Items – additional information and/or questions.

Mr. Groot distributed additional information regarding safety issues with the red light camera ordinance and how the \$150 fine is distributed.

Mayor Kuhn read a letter into the record from Alan Harris, Emergency Manager, Seminole County, thanking the City for its support of Operation Haiti Relief.

Mr. George stated a contract with DCF for 100% reimbursement for Operation Haiti Relief was not received in time for this agenda and it will be brought back on the next agenda; and asked that Item 7.A: second reading of Ordinance No. 4205 – FPL Franchise Agreement, be continued to March 8, 2010.

7) End the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 P.M.

Mayor Linda Kuhn

Attest:

City Clerk

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