



City Commission Work Session Minutes

July 14, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

City Hall, Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue | Winter Park, Florida

Present

Mayor Phil Anderson
Commissioner Marty Sullivan
Commissioner Sheila DeCiccio
Commissioner Carolyn Cooper
Commissioner Todd Weaver

City Manager Randy Knight
City Clerk Rene Cranis

1) Call to Order

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2) Discussion Item(s)

a. Strategic Planning - Initial Discussion of Project Priorities

Mayor Anderson presented a worksheet on major projects separated by 5-year and 6-25-year projects and potential project costs and funding with intent to discuss projects without assigning them to a specific year. He summarized committed funding and estimated costs for non-recurring projects for the next five years (Central Park, Progress Point, MLK, other parks and land, old library) and options for closing the funding gap. He spoke on 6-25-year projects that include traffic, parking, Fairbanks, small project programs and operations, internet and broadband, other capital and new library, and city hall.

Commissioner Sullivan said he would like to these to be dovetailed with the city's vision plan and feels a strategy is needed on how to manage traffic without increasing capacity of state roads.

The following topics were discussed:

- ARPA funding for infrastructure projects and public facility improvements.
- Funding for the Post Office.
Commissioner Cooper said she does not want the CIP to show debt as the funding source to purchase the property and it is not necessary as the CRA currently has unallocated funding. Mayor Anderson noted that this worksheet does not show the potential sale of the tree farm or the old library which could be a funding source, but needs further discussion.
- Progress Point – realignment of Palmetto Avenue, park, budget, and funding.

Commissioner DeCiccio said she feels some projects on this list need be moved up on the schedule. Mayor Anderson commented on the need to identify a funding source in order to move projects forward.

- Parks acquisition fund.

Mayor Anderson noted that \$1M is for the post office and \$1M is for Progress Point. Mr. Knight responded to questions advising that he is not aware of any pending revenue to the parks acquisition fund. Commissioner Cooper suggested that the city consider a parks usage fee for commercial development as recommended by a consultant.

- MLK Park

Discussion focused on the purchase of Fairbanks Avenue properties for expansion of the park.

- Old library (maintenance and potential future uses)

To be discussed in a work session on August 12

Mayor Anderson continued reviewed the list of projects including traffic improvements and smart-city. He responded to questions and discussion followed on street and intersection improvements. He spoke on ARPA project funding and asked that staff provide guidance on eligible uses. He suggested that the commission identify projects for a 5-year plan and 6-25-year plan, address cost/budget for specific projects, and then identify strategy to address funding deficit to discuss at next work session.

After additional discussion, consensus was to extend the scheduled budget work session to continue discussion of a 5-year and 6-25-year plan and potential funding.

3) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Mayor Phillip M. Anderson

ATTEST:

City Clerk Rene Cranis