



City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2025 at 3:30 PM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

Mayor Sheila DeCiccio, Commissioners Marty Sullivan, Craig Russell, Kris Cruzada and Todd Weaver; City Manager Randy Knight; Assistant City Manager Michelle del Valle; City Attorney Kurt Ardaman and City Clerk Rene Cranis.

1. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor DeCiccio called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. Invocation - Dr. Harold Dorrell Briscoe, Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life, Rollins College

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Cruzada to approve the agenda excluding Item 10.d.4 (removed at the request of staff) and Item 12.a. (postponed at the request of the applicant), seconded by Commissioner Weaver. The motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

5. Mayor's Report

a. Proclamation: Larry Adams

Mayor DeCiccio read a proclamation recognizing Larry Adams for his contributions to Winter Park and declaring February 12, 2025 as Larry Adams Day. Mr. Adams and his daughter, Jennifer, thanked the city for this recognition.

Mayor DeCiccio spoke about the increased use of electric scooters and bicycles and safety issues. Police Chief Tim Volkerson advised that riders must operate under same rules as a regular bicycle. Videos and brochures are being prepared to educate both children and parents and the department's traffic unit has increased its presence and contact with operators.

6. City Manager's Report

a. Presentation: Dr. Phillips Center

Kathy Ramsberger, President and CEO of Dr. Phillips Center, gave a presentation on the Dr. Phillips Center's programs and community impact and support and future plans.

7. City Attorney's Report

Mr. Ardaman advised of ethics complaints filed against individual Historic Preservation Board members and others for actions and statements made in their capacity as public officials. He recommended that, as provided for in State Statutes, the city provide and pay for a single attorney/law firm to represent those named in the complaint who do not have legal counsel.

Motion made by Mayor DeCiccio that the City Commission hereby finds that the ethics complaints by Ryan Phillips against certain Historic Preservation Board members, city staff, counsel, consultant, relate to actions and statements made in their capacity as public officials, and arose out of, or in connection with the performance of their official duties, serving a public purpose. Accordingly, the city manager is authorized to use public funds to provide for the defense of those individuals who do not have legal representation, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan. The motion carried unanimously by a 5-0 vote.

8. Non-Action Items

9. Public Comments | 5 p.m. or soon thereafter (Heard after Item 12c)

10. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting, January 22, 2025.
- b. Approve the minutes of the work session, January 23, 2025.
- c. Approve the following piggyback contracts:
 1. Duval Ford, LLC - Florida Sheriffs Association Contract #FSA24-VEL32.0 - Pursuit, Administrative, and Other Vehicles; for vehicle purchases during the term of the agreement through September 30, 2025; Amount: \$350,000
 2. Duval Ford, LLC - Florida Sheriffs Association Contract #FSA23-VEH-21.1 - Heavy Trucks and Buses; for vehicle purchases during the term of the agreement through September 30, 2025; Amount: \$100,000
 3. Duval Ford, LLC - Bradford County Sheriff's Office Contract #22-27-1.0 - Vehicle Purchasing Agreement; for vehicle purchases during the term of the agreement through September 12, 2027; Amount: \$200,000
 4. Southern Switches & Contacts - FMPA Contract #ITB 2022-034 - Substation and Generating Station Maintenance - Renewal; for services on an as-needed basis during the term of the agreement through February 28, 2026; Amount: \$150,000
 5. Vortex Services, LLC - TIPS Contract #20110401 - Pipe Bursting; for services on an as-needed basis during the term of the agreement through January 31, 2027; Amount: \$1,250,000
 6. Mansfield Oil Company of Gainesville, Inc. - Orange County Contract #Y23-105A - Motor Fuels Transport Deliveries - Renewal; for services on an as-needed basis during the term of the agreement through February 20, 2028; Amount: \$2,600,000

7. Sunbelt Rentals, Inc. - GSA Contract #GS-21F-0028T - Hardware Superstore; for goods on an as-needed basis during the term of the agreement through July 29, 2027; Amount \$150,000
8. Grainger, Inc. - NASPO Contract #31160000-25-NASPO-ACS - Facilities Maintenance Repair, and Operations (MOR) and Industrial Supplies; for goods on an as-needed basis during the term of the agreement through August 31, 2026; Amount: \$150,000
9. Hale Innovation, LLC - Seminole County Contract #RFP-604788-24/TLR - Grant Consultant Services; for services on an as-needed basis during the term of the agreement through November 11, 2027; Amount: \$150,000
10. SiteOne Landscape Supply - Brevard County Contract #B-8-24-10 - Agriculture & Aquatic Chemicals; for goods on an as-needed basis during the term of the agreement through December 1, 2026; Amount: \$225,000
- d. Approve the following contracts:
 1. RFP8-24 -The Davey Tree Expert Company - Tree Pruning and Removal Services; for services during the term of the agreement through July 7, 2025; Amount: \$475,000
 2. RFQ27-21 - Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. - Continuing Urban Design Services - Renewal; for services on an as-needed basis during the term of the agreement through January 20, 2026
 3. Orange County Sheriff's Office - Memorandum of Understanding - Amendment 1; approval to share radio channel encryption information with City of St. Cloud
 4. SS25-2 - Data Flow System, Inc. - TAC II SCADA System; for services on an as-needed basis through September 30, 2025; Amount: \$400,000
(Removed at staff's request.)
 5. FY23-2 - Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation (FWC) - Aquatic Vegetation Control for City Water Bodies - Renewal; the Work Plan for aquatic management reimbursements for public lakes
- e. FY25 Budget Amendment - City Hall Office Renovation & Reuse
- f. Accept change in polling location to YMCA from University Club

Motion made by Commissioner Weaver to approve the Consent Agenda, except Item d.4; seconded by Commissioner Cruzada. The motion carried unanimously by a 5-0 vote.

11. Action Items Requiring Discussion

12. Public Hearings: Quasi-Judicial Matters

- a. Tree Removal Permit Appeal - 1251 Woodmere Dr.

This appeal was postponed at request of applicant.

- b. Ordinance - Vacating and abandoning a portion of Cypress Avenue between the FDOT Sunrail right- of- way and Palmetto Avenue. (1st reading)

Attorney Ardaman read the ordinance by title. Mr. Knight reviewed the background of this right-of-way and Assistant Director of Public Works Don Marcotte responded to questions about the use of the property. Commissioner Sullivan expressed concern about vacating the right-of-way in the case the city could use it in the future. Mayor DeCiccio expressed concern about the lack of parking in the area. Commissioner Weaver agreed with Commissioner Sullivan.

Motion made by Mayor DeCiccio to table for one month. She would like more information on the plan to add more parking.

Zane Williams, applicant, explained the property was used exclusively for parking by the previous owner of the adjacent properties. He asked that, rather than deny this request, the commission visit the site and meet with him to review his plans and agreed about the need for parking.

Discussion followed on the original intent and use of the property. Commissioner Cruzada supported the abandonment for the benefit of future parking. Commissioner Weaver suggested a public private partnership for shared use of the parking area.

Upon questioning by Mayor DeCiccio, Mr. Williams said he will be prepared to address in two weeks. **Mayor DeCiccio revised her motion to table to the next meeting, February 26th, and seconded by Commissioner Weaver. Motion carried unanimously by a 5-0 vote.**

c. Ordinance - Eliminating Tree Preservation Board (1st reading)

Mr. Ardaman read the ordinance by title. Commissioner Sullivan spoke about the importance of the city's tree canopy and said this board is critical for proper oversight and management. He feels lack of attendance by board members is not a valid reason to disband the board and should be addressed by staff and the appointing member of the commission.

Parks Services Manager Josh Nye reviewed the attendance issues and the inability to obtain a physical quorum to hear appeals of tree removal permit denials. He explained that the Urban Forestry Division will review and issue tree removal permits and the Code Compliance Board would only hear appeals of denials of tree removal permits.

There were no public comments. **Motion made by Commissioner Russell to approve the ordinance on first reading, seconded by Commissioner Cruzada. Upon a roll call vote, Commissioners Russell and Cruzada and Mayor DeCiccio voted yes. Commissioners Sullivan and Weaver voted no. The motion carried by a 3-2 vote.**

9. Public Comments | 5 p.m. or soon thereafter (Heard after Item 12c)

Bob Barnett, Austin's Coffee employee, expressed concern about the future of Austin's Coffee with the proposed widening of Fairbanks Avenue and spoke about the benefits of arts and art venues in the community.

Mark Russell, 1237 Park Green Place, distributed copies of case studies on the impact of pickle ball courts such as noise, lighting and vibrations that will impact his home. The following also expressed concern: David Adhira, 1233 Park Green Place, Daniel Assael, 1140 and 1144 Park Green Place and Denise DeLuca Grasso, 1132 Park Green Place. It was suggested they developer erect a 12-foot wall, increased landscaping and limited operating hours. At the request of the commission, Director of Planning and Zoning Alison McGillis will meet with the residents.

Gigi Papa, 1440 Hibiscus Avenue, opposed the city paying for legal representation on an ethics complaint and spoke about upcoming elections and questions in a recent survey, which she found inappropriate.

Chris Messina, water utility customer, spoke about the adverse effects of fluoride and asked that the city eliminate fluoride from the water as many other cities have done.

d. Request of Frank LoCascio to:

- Annex the properties at 2137 Oglesby Avenue and 725 Formosa Avenue
- Establish Commercial Future Land Use
- Establish Commercial (C-3) Zoning (First Readings)

Attorney Ardaman read the ordinance by title. A simultaneous public hearing was held on these ordinances. Senior Planner John Harbilas gave a presentation on these requests for property located within the city's proposed annexation area. There were no public comments.

Motion made by Commissioner Cruzada to approve the annexation ordinance on first reading, seconded by Commissioner Russell. Upon a roll call vote, Commissioners Sullivan, Russell, Cruzada and Weaver and Mayor DeCiccio voted yes. The motion carried unanimously by a 5-0 vote.

Motion made by Commissioner Cruzada to approve the land use change ordinance on first reading, seconded by Commissioner Russell. Upon a roll call vote, Commissioners Sullivan, Russell, Cruzada and Weaver and Mayor DeCiccio voted yes. The motion carried unanimously by a 5-0 vote.

Motion made by Mayor DeCiccio to approve the zoning ordinance on first reading, seconded by Commissioner Cruzada. Upon a roll call vote, Commissioners Sullivan, Russell, Cruzada and Weaver and Mayor DeCiccio voted yes. The motion carried unanimously by a 5-0 vote.

13. Public Hearings: Non-Quasi-Judicial Matters

- a. RESOLUTION 2296-25 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, REPEALING RESOLUTION 2286-24, REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF S.R. 426/ALOMA AVENUE AND CORTLAND AVENUE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Ardaman read the resolution by title. Mr. Knight explained the background of discussions on improvements on Aloma Avenue and the proposed light at Cortland Avenue and the adoption of a resolution supporting the traffic light. However, in recent weeks, residents have raised opposition to the light, and as a result, this resolution will reverse the city's support. Director of Public Works and Transportation Charles Ramdatt stated raised intersections are proposed along Aloma, but the city has not received notification of FDOT's decision based on community input.

Commissioner Weaver opposed removal of the light until it is known whether the intersection will be raised.

Motion made by Mayor DeCiccio to adopt Resolution 2296-25, seconded by Commissioner Cruzada.

The following spoke in support of the light: Mark Sawruk, 1410 Alberta Drive and David Roark, 468 Lakewood Drive

The following opposed the light: Drew Bernstein, 150 Cortland Avenue; Blake Bernstein, 150 Cortland Avenue (canvassed the neighborhood and read the list of names opposing the light); Rhett Delaney, 1331 Aloma Avenue; Ann Higbie, 190 Ward Drive; Jon Arost, 1323 Aloma Avenue (showed map indicating support and opposition to the light); and David Albertson, 55 Trismen Terrace.

Mayor DeCiccio acknowledged the work of the Fix 426 group. She noted that the property owners withdrew their donation of the land for the light.

Motion made by Commissioner Weaver to table until response is received from FDOT about other solutions. Mr. Ramdatt clarified that the city is waiting on FDOT's position based on citizen comments received in last week's community meeting. **Motion withdrawn.**

Upon a roll call vote to adopt the resolution, Commissioners Sullivan, Russell, Cruzada and Weaver and Mayor DeCiccio voted yes.

14. City Commission Reports

Commissioner Sullivan –

- Commented on the Police Department's new program, Homeless Advocacy Response Team.
- Spoke about the Arts Weekend events from February 20-23.

Commissioner Russell –

- Urged residents to attend Black History Month and Arts Weekend events.
- Thanked Mr. Ramdatt and his staff that helped with issues near the bike trail.
- Looking forward to working with the Police Department on scooter safety videos.

Commissioner Cruzada –

- Thanked the Parks and Recreation Department and others for their work on the ribbon cutting of Seven Oaks Park.
- Commended Winter Park Youth Council on coordinating the candidate forum.

15. Summary of Meeting Actions

- Presented proclamation to Larry Adams.
- Received report on rules and communications for e-Scooters and e-bikes.
- Received presentation on the community impact of Dr. Phillips Center.
- Received report on ethics violations and authorized expenditure for legal representation.
- Approved the Consent Agenda excluding Item d.4.
- Postponed appeal of tree removal permit for 1251 Woodmere Drive.
- Tabled ordinance vacating a portion of Cypress Avenue until February 12th.
- Approved ordinance disbanding the Tree Preservation Board on first reading.
- Approved ordinances annexing and changing land use and zoning for 217 Oglesby and 725 Formosa.
- Adopted resolution repealing support of the traffic signal at Aloma and Cortland.
- Noted Arts Weekend events February 21-23.

16. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Mayor Sheila DeCiccio

ATTEST:

City Clerk Rene Cranis