



City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

February 26, 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 Dan Langley and City Clerk Rene Cranis.

1. Meeting Called to Order

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

2. Invocation - Pastor Ron Camblin, Aloma Church

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Cruzada. The motion carried unanimously by a 5-0 vote.

5. Mayor's Report

- a. Proclamation: Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week

Mayor DeCiccio read a proclamation for Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week, March 9-15, 2025.

- b. Proclamation: Irish American Heritage Month

Mayor DeCiccio read and presented a proclamation designating March 2005 as Irish American Heritage Month to Greg Sean Canning, Ancient Order of Hibernians, who gave a brief history of Irish American heritage and thanked the city for the proclamation.

6. City Manager's Report

- a. Strategic Plan Update

There were no questions or comments.

7. City Attorney's Report

8. Non-Action Items

9. Public Comments | Heard after Public Hearings.

Gigi Papa, 1440 Hibiscus Avenue, asked for better notice for community meetings, that meetings are at times more convenient for working residents and that public comment be allowed at all meetings.

10. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting, February 12, 2025.
- b. Approve the minutes of the work session, February 13, 2025.
- c. Approve the following piggyback contracts:
 1. SiteOne Landscape Supply, LLC - Lee County Contract #B240067AVR - Irrigation Parts and Related Items; for goods on an as-needed basis during the term of the agreement through March 18, 2027; Amount: \$250,000
 2. EPS International - FMPA Contract #ITB 2022-034 - Substation & Generating Station Maintenance - Renewal; for services on an as-needed basis during the term of the agreement through February 28, 2026; Amount: \$300,000
 3. BluSky Restoration Contractors, LLC - Orange County Public Schools Contract #ITB2004132 - Asbestos-Mold-Environmental Remediation Services; for services on an as-needed basis during the term of the agreement through August 25, 2025; Amount: \$200,000
 4. The Scarlett Group - TIPS Contract #23010401 - Trades, Labor, and Materials (NON-JOC); for fleet equipment purchases during the term of the agreement through April 30, 2028; Amount: \$100,000
- d. Approve the following contracts:
 1. SS25-2 - Data Flow System, Inc. - TAC II SCADA System; for services on an as-needed basis through September 30, 2025; Amount: \$300,000

Motion made by Commissioner Russell to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan. The motion carried unanimously by a 5-0 vote.

11. Action Items Requiring Discussion

- a. Park Avenue Refresh Project Update & Design Approval

Director of Communications Clarissa Howard provided the background of the project. Alex Stringfellow, Stringfellow Planning & Design, reviewed the project and Phase I components. The plan is to present the decorative light pole design for approval in April and the final budget in August. Discussion followed on design details.

Motion made by Commissioner Weaver to approve the overall design and recommendations for Phase I, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan. The motion carried unanimously by a 5-0 vote.

12. Public Hearings: Quasi-Judicial Matters

- a. Ordinance - Vacating and abandoning a portion of Cypress Avenue between the FDOT Sunrail right-of-way and Palmetto Avenue. (1st reading - Tabled from February 12, 2025)

Attorney Langley read the ordinance by title. Zane Williams, applicant, reviewed the site plan for the proposed development of the area. He noted that 14 on-street parking spaces are being added, allowing for two-way traffic, and reconstructing sidewalks. The vacated area will provide approximately 14 marked spaces. In response to questions, he said the intent is for this area to remain private parking, and he would like time to consider Commissioner Cruzada's request to allow public parking after regular business hours. He noted the 14 on-street parking spaces are for public use and are not used to meet parking requirements for the project.

Gigi Papa, 1440 Hibiscus Avenue, supported this request.

Motion made by Mayor DeCiccio to approve the 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.

- b. Request from Frank LoCascio for properties at 2137 Oglesby Avenue and 725 Formosa Avenue:
 - ORDINANCE 3329-25 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF APPROXIMATELY 1.07 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2137 OGLESBY AND 725 FORMOSA AVENUE, AS MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, INTO THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK; REDEFINING THE CITY BOUNDARIES TO GIVE THE CITY OF WINTER PARK JURISDICTION OVER SAID PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
 - ORDINANCE 3330-25 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 58, "LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE", ARTICLE I, "COMPREHENSIVE PLAN" FUTURE LAND USE MAP SO AS TO ESTABLISH COMMERCIAL FUTURE LAND USE ON THE ANNEXED PROPERTY AT 2137 OGLESBY AVENUE AND 725 FORMOSA AVENUE, AND TO INDICATE THE ANNEXATION ON THE OTHER MAPS WITHIN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
 - ORDINANCE 3331-25 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 58, "LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE", ARTICLE III, "ZONING" AND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP SO AS TO ESTABLISH COMMERCIAL (C-3) ZONING ON THE ANNEXED PROPERTIES AT 2137 OGLESBY AVENUE AND 725 FORMOSA AVENUE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (2nd Readings)

Attorney Langley read the ordinances by title. A simultaneous public hearing was held on these ordinances. There were no public comments.

Motion made by Commissioner Sullivan to adopt Ordinance 3329-25, 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 Sullivan to adopt Ordinance 3330-25, 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 Sullivan to adopt Ordinance 3331-25, 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.

13. Public Hearings: Non-Quasi-Judicial Matters

- a. ORDINANCE 3328-25 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III, SECTION 2-47 LISTING SUBSIDIARY BOARDS OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK; AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III, SECTION 2-48 DESCRIBING GENERAL RULES APPLICABLE TO SUBSIDIARY BOARDS; REPEALING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III, SECTION 2-68 REGARDING THE TREE PRESERVATION BOARD; AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III, SECTIONS 2-103 AND 2-106 REGARDING THE JURISDICTION AND POWERS OF THE CODE COMPLIANCE BOARD; AMENDING CHAPTER 58, ARTICLE V, DIVISION 6 GOVERNING TREE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (2nd reading)

Attorney Langley read the ordinance by title. Commissioner Sullivan said he feels this board is needed for the protection of the tree canopy and that lack of board member attendance is not a reason to disband. Parks Manager Josh Nye spoke about staff's efforts to obtain quorums for meetings and the expertise and dedication of city staff to protect the city's tree canopy. He responded to comments about the removal of oak trees which, in some cases, received a permit for removal for various reasons or after an inspection resulted in code violations.

Commissioner Weaver expressed reluctance to disband this board. Mayor DeCiccio said she feels the Code Compliance Board can manage appeals that were heard by the Tree Preservation Board. Mr. Nye expressed confidence in the Code Compliance Board to hear appeals and the Planning and Zoning Board to consider code changes and apply code to plan reviews.

There were no public comments.

Motion made by Mayor DeCiccio to adopt Ordinance 3328-25, seconded by Commissioner Russell. 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.

14. City Commission Reports

Commissioner Russell –

- Encouraged parents to speak with their children about the safety and use of e-scooters and e-bikes and urged drivers to be aware of those riders.

Commissioner Cruzada –

- Commended staff and the Public Arts Advisory Board on Arts Weekend.

Commissioner Weaver –

- Noted the St. Patrick's Day Parade is Saturday, March 1st.

Mayor DeCiccio –

- Thanked everyone who contributed to the success of Arts Weekend.
- Spoke about the loss of a plant vendor at the Saturday Farmers Market. Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Seeley spoke about efforts to recruit a new plant vendor, in addition to a revised layout of the Market.

15. Summary of Meeting Actions

- Presented proclamations for Multiple Sclerosis Week and Irish American Heritage Month.
- Approved the Consent Agenda.
- Approved Phase I of the Park Avenue Refresh project.
- Approved ordinance on first reading abandoning a portion of Cypress Avenue.
- Adopted ordinances relating to annexation, land use and zoning of 2137 Oglesby Avenue and 725 Formosa Avenue.
- Adopted ordinance disbanding the Tree Preservation Board and reassigning duties.

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Mayor Sheila DeCiccio

ATTEST:

City Clerk Rene Cranis