City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

October 8, 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 Warren Lindsey; 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 - Pastor Mark Frenier, Encounter Christian Church

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Cultural Partner Presentation

a. Park Avenue District

Park Avenue District President Alan Chambers and Past President Sarah Grafton gave a presentation on the District's purpose and efforts to promote the district.

5. Approval of Agenda

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

6. Mayor's Report

7. City Manager's Report

8. City Attorney's Report

Attorney Ardaman reported the city received TDT grant reimbursement for the city's acquisition of the Winter Park Playhouse property.

9. Non-Action Items

10. Public Comments | Heard after City Commission Reports

Gigi Papa, 1440 Hibiscus Avenue, spoke about recent comments by a Public Art Advisory Board member who, she feels, did not support the America's 250 celebration for personal beliefs and should be removed from the board. She reiterated her opposition to changing Christmas on Park to Holiday on Park.

Ansley Mercier, 627 Dunblane Drive, expressed her concern about the coyote population that are killing neighborhood pets and the risk to residents, particularly children. She asked for assistance to remove them. Mr. Knight noted that control of wildlife is the responsibility of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission and that one problem is that coyotes seek food left outside. Discussion followed on solutions and the need to educate residents on securing food waste/trash. Staff will research further.

11. Consent Agenda

a. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting, September 24, 2025.
b. Approve the minutes of the executive session, September 25, 2025.
c. Approve the following piggyback contracts:
    1. Stuart C. Irby Company - City of Gainesville dba Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) #2021-005 - Annual Provision of Wire & Cable; For the purchases of wire and cable needed for the Electric Utilities Department. Contract Term: Through April 31, 2026; Not to Exceed: $1,500,000
d. Approve the following contracts:
    1. IFB23-22 - Allcrete, Inc. - Continuing Concrete Services; For contracted services to support City staff on projects requiring concrete work. Contract Term: Through October 6, 2026; Not to Exceed: $300,000

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

12. Action Items Requiring Discussion

13. Public Hearings: Quasi-Judicial Matters

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

Attorney Ardaman read the ordinance by title. Assistant Director of Public Works Don Marcotte presented the request for abandonment. Applicant Zane Williams stated that the right-of-way is being divided equally between the adjacent property owners. Attorney Ardaman confirmed that state law provides for the equal division of property. Mr. Wiliams gave a brief presentation on the redevelopment in the area. 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 Sullivan, Russell, Cruzada and Lindsey and Mayor DeCiccio voted yes. The motion carried unanimously by a 5-0 vote.

14. Public Hearings: Non-Quasi-Judicial Matters

a. RESOLUTION 2307-25 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING LOCALLY FUNDED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY REGARDING

STATE ROAD 426 (FAIRBANKS ROAD) FROM SOUTH PARK AVENUE TO NORTH LAKEMONT AVENUE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Ardaman read the resolution by title. Director of Public Works and Transportation Charles Ramdatt provided the background leading to the planned improvements of S.R. 426 and explained this resolution approves an agreement with FDOT to fund a portion of the costs and a third-party agreement. Mr. Ramdatt responded to questions about the project components and timeline. There were no public comments.

Motion made by Commissioner Sullivan to approve Resolution 2307-25, seconded by Commissioner Cruzada. Upon a roll call vote, Commissioners Sullivan, Russell, Cruzada and LIndey and Mayor DeCiccio voted yes. The motion carried unanimously by a 5-0 vote.

b. RESOLUTION 2308-25 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING AN UPDATED PROCUREMENT POLICY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF PRIOR POLICIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Ardaman read the ordinance by title. Procurement Manager Jennifer Maier highlighted the changes to the policy and responded to questions.

Motion made by Commissioner Cruzada to adopt Resolution 2308-25, seconded by Commissioner Russell. Upon a roll call vote, Commissioners Sullivan, Russell, Cruzada and Lindsey and Mayor DeCiccio voted yes. The motion carried unanimously by a 5-0 vote.

15. City Commission Reports

Commissioner Sullivan -
- An Orlando Sentinel article reported Austin's Coffee has a new location. Mr. Knight advised of their planned move to a West Fairbanks location by October 31st.
- WP Land Trust Tree Time at Mead Gardens is November 14th at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner Russell -
- Thanked staff for their assistance during last week's homecoming events. Encouraged collaboration between Park Avenue District and WPHS on events.
- Offered his assistance in addressing the coyote problem.

Commissioner Cruzada -
- Thanked staff for their work on stormwater improvements on Cady Way.
- Spoke about the different animals in neighborhoods and finding a solution to control the coyote population.

Commissioner Lindsey -
- Winter Park was named the number one small city in Florida and in the top 20 nationwide.
- Thanked staff for the Getting Hooked fishing event last weekend.

- Asked to invite Stephanie Vanos, District VI school board representative, to speak at the next Commission meeting about efforts to maintain a high level of education in the city. Commissioner Russell suggested inviting principals. Approved by consensus.
- Winter Park Historical Association honored Rick Baldwin for his contributions.

Mayor DeCiccio -

- Showed photos of survey flags being left by contractors and damaged conduit boxes. Mr. Ramdatt said staff is addressing those issues.
- Spoke about the city's recognition in several publications as a premier southern city to visit.

16. Summary of Meeting Actions

- Received a presentation from the Park Avenue District.
- Received report that the city received TDT funds for the purchase of WP Playhouse.
- Approved the Consent Agenda.
- Approved ordinance abandoning portion of Harmon Avenue.
- Adopted the resolution approving the local funding agreement and third-party agreement for S.R. 426 improvements.
- Adopted resolution approving the revised procurement policy.
- Receive reports on upcoming events/accolades.
- Staff to research possible solutions regarding the coyote population.
- Approved inviting Orange County School Board member Stephanie Vanos to give a presentation at the next meeting.
- Address clean-up by contractors working in the right-of-way.

17. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

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Mayor Sheila DeCiccio

ATTEST:

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City Clerk Rene Cranis