



City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2026 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

2. Invocation – Dr. Harold Briscoe, Dean of Religious Life, Rollins College

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Community Partner Presentation

Jeff Flowers presented the current and upcoming plans for Blue Bamboo, including revenue and leasing options, and honored Mr. Cortez following his passing.

5. Approval of Agenda

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

6. Mayor's Report

a. Proclamation – National Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week

Mayor DeCiccio read and presented the proclamation recognizing National Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week.

Case Sparks, on behalf of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists and Student Registered Nurse Anesthetists, highlighted the profession's commitment to quality patient care and thanked the city for the proclamation.

Mayor DeCiccio thanked the Police Department and senior staff for providing a strong presence, which helped the community feel safe during the event.

Mayor DeCiccio thanked Mr. Knight for monitoring pending property tax reform. Mr. Knight shared the different reform measures. He explained the legal limits on advocacy using public funds, noted that only factual information may be shared, and referenced a proposal that would phase in a homestead exemption over 10 years, ultimately eliminating property taxes on homesteaded properties. Mayor DeCiccio asked Mr. Knight to share information from FAQs he had reviewed with her regarding proposed tax reform

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7. City Manager's Report

a. FY 26 Q2 Commission Meeting and Work Session Schedule

Mr. Knight shared the meeting schedule for the upcoming quarter, noting a work session on February 26th about recodification of the city code and a tentative budget work session on March 12th. He asked the commission to notify city management of any work session topics.

In response to comments on the ability to discuss proposed property tax legislation, Attorney Ardaman explained the current limitations and said additional guidance would be provided as the matter progresses.

Mr. Knight gave updates on the fire training facility, Fire Engine 61, and repairs at the Events Center. In addition, he noted that staff has proposed a full-day strategic planning session for April 29th.

8. City Attorney's Report

Attorney Ardaman reminded the Commission that it previously denied the request to waive substantial fines for the property at 2661 Via Tuscany and advised that the Code Compliance Board issued an order authorizing foreclosure. He noted that additional research is needed to determine existing liens and mortgages and suggested placing this on the next agenda for commission direction. Approved by consensus.

9. Non-Action Items

10. Public Comments | Heard after Item 11c

Pete Gottfried, 1841 Carollee Lane, gave an update on the proposed Heritage Trail project and proposed funding sources. He suggested the city form a committee to oversee progress on the trail, possibly the Transportation Advisory Board or members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

11. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting, December 10, 2025.
- b. Approve the minutes of the work session, December 11, 2025.
- c. Approve the following award recommendation:
 1. RFP5-25 - Design, Install, Configure & Maintain Audio Visual Systems; Following negotiations, Procurement and staff recommend awarding a contract to Teer Audio Visual. Contract Term: 1-year initial term with four 1-year renewal options; Not to Exceed: \$200,000
- d. Approve the following piggyback contracts:
 1. Duval Ford, LLC – Florida Sheriff's Association #FSA25VEH-23.0
- Heavy Trucks and Buses; For the purchase of vehicle replacements to support City operations. Contract Term: Through September 30, 2027; Not to Exceed:\$300,000
 2. Environmental Products Group, LLC - Sourcewell #101221-VTR

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- Sewer Vacuum; For the purchase of a vehicle replacement to support City operations. Contract Term: Through November 29, 2026; Not to Exceed: \$600,000
- 3. Duval Ford, LLC - Florida Sheriffs Association #FSA25VEL-33.0 Pursuit, Administrative & Other Vehicles; Request for additional funding for the purchase of vehicle replacements to support City operations. Contract Term: Through September 30, 2027; Not to Exceed \$200,000
- e. Approve the following contracts:
 - 1. Sensus USA, Inc. - Sensus Metering Software Agreement; For Software-as-a-Service to support the operation, maintenance, and management of the City's water metering system. Contract Term: Through August 1, 2029; Not to Exceed: \$275,000
 - 2. IFB24-24 - Modern Plumbing Industries, Inc. - Plumbing Services; For services provided on an as-needed basis throughout City facilities. Contract Term: Through November 14, 2026; Not to Exceed: \$550,000
- f. Approve the following purchases:
 - 1. CDW Government, LLC - Microsoft Enterprise License Agreement (ELA); Not to Exceed: \$692,833.08

Commissioner Lindsey asked about the cost-effectiveness of vehicles under item 11.d.3 and plumbing services under 11.e.2. Mr. Knight responded that vehicles are purchased through a state contract at a discounted rate and explained the practice for replacing aging vehicles. Minor plumbing is handled in-house, while major work is contracted as a more cost-effective measure

There were no public comments. **Motion made by Commissioner Lindsey to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Russell. The motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.**

12. Action Items Requiring Discussion

- a. Civil Service Board Appointment

Motion made by Mayor DeCiccio to appoint Dwayne Bryant to the Civil Service Board, seconded by Commissioner Russell. The motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

- b. Five-year review of Advisory Boards

City Clerk Rene Cranis presented staff's recommendations for the five-year review of advisory boards, noting that no boards are proposed to be sunset.

Motion made by Commissioner Lindsey to revise the Winter Pines Golf Course Advisory Board to include the Winter Park Golf Course (WP9), seconded by Commissioner Russell.

Discussion was held regarding non-resident membership requirements, the roles of the Lakes and Waterway and Lake Killarney Advisory Boards, coordination with other municipalities, and attendance issues. Director of Natural Resources Gloria Eby clarified

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that the addition of seawall and revetment review reflects existing board responsibilities. Mr. Knight provided historical context for the creation of the Lake Killarney Advisory Board

There were no public comments.

Motion made by Commissioner Lindse to approve the proposed amendments, including renaming of the Winter Pines Golf Course Advisory Board to Golf Course Advisory Board and adding responsibilities for the Winter Park Public Course (WP9), seconded by Mayor DeCiccio. The motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

13. Public Hearings: Quasi-Judicial Matters

14. Public Hearings: Non-Quasi-Judicial Matters

15. City Commission Reports

Commissioner Sullivan

- Suggested reversing the commission's decision on the ordinance restricting events on the public property around the Library and Events Center and establishing permitting procedures for activities addressed in the ordinance.

After discussion on the intent of the ordinance, Mr. Knight advised that the city code provides that a commissioner on the minority side of a vote cannot request reconsideration of an action until six months have passed; however, a commissioner on the majority side can request reconsideration at any time.

Commissioner Russell -

- Reported Harris Foundation device drive is underway. Green boxes for collection are located around the city (WP High, City Hall lobby, Cogent Bank, and Commissioner Russell's driveway) for refurbished devices to be distributed to graduating seniors.
- Thanked Parks and Recreation staff for the ribbon cutting for the new beach volleyball courts. Tryouts are scheduled for February.
- Highlighted the WP High School digital production team and the Wildcat Network, which produced documentaries on historical sites around Winter Park, including Rollins College, Morse Museum, and Mead Garden.
- Recognized the girls' volleyball team, which won a state championship.
- Recognized the choral students for receiving Allstate honors and performing at the Candlelight Service at Epcot, Bach Festival, and Knowles Memorial Chapel.
- Acknowledged the service of former Eatonville Mayor Eddie Cole.
- Invited everyone to attend the community informational meeting on e-scooters and e-bikes on February 17.

Commissioner Cruzada -

- Reported the "Love Your Library" "Books and Boots" event will be held at the Winter Park Library on February 7th.
- Thanked Public Works for Gulfside Fairway neighborhood improvements.

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Commissioner Lindsey -

- Reported the Park Avenue District held its State of the Park event, highlighting its growth since 2019 and recognized Mayor DeCiccio for her role in its creation.
- Chart Art Magazine released a special edition honoring contributors to Winter Park's arts and culture, recognizing Director of Communications Clarissa Howard.

Mayor DeCiccio

- Shared a positive email praising the city for the new Central Park restrooms.
- Announced a CLE ethics session being held at the Farmer's Market on February 19th.
- Noted recognition from the Miami Herald, naming Winter Park the top small city and a desirable winter escape.

16. Summary of Meeting Actions

- Received update on Blue Bamboo from Jeff Flowers.
- Recognized Police Chief Volkerson and Mr. Knight. public safety at Christmas Parade.
- Scheduled action regarding foreclosure proceedings on 2661 Via Tuscany for the January 28 meeting.
- Approved Consent Agenda
- Appointed Dwayne Bryant to the Civil Service Board
- Approved advisory board review with changes
- Received update from Peter Gottfried on Heritage Trail
- Received positive commission comments on community activity

17. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

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ATTEST:

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Rene Cranis

City Clerk Rene Cranis

Signed by:

Sheila DeCiccio

Mayor Sheila DeCiccio