



CITY OF WINTER GARDEN

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 25, 2009

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Winter Garden City Commission was called to order by Mayor Rees at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 300 West Plant Street, Winter Garden, Florida. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given.

Present: Mayor John Rees, Commissioners Harold L. Boulter, Bob Buchanan, and Colin Sharman

Absent: Commissioner H. Gerald Jowers

Also Present: City Manager Mike Bollhoefer, City Attorney Kurt Ardaman, City Clerk Kathy Golden, Police Chief George Brennan, Fire Chief John Williamson, Human Resources Director Frank Gilbert, Finance Director Robin Hayes, Public Services Director Don Cochran, Building Official Skip Lukert, City Planner Ed Williams, Community Development Director Tim Wilson, Recreation Director Jay Conn, Assistant Public Services Director Mike Kelley, Information Technology Director Bob Reilly, Economic Development Director Dolores Key and West Orange Times Report Michael Laval

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Boulter to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 11, 2009 as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Buchanan and carried unanimously 4-0.

2. **PRESENTATION**

A. **Census 2010 presentation by Beverly Willis, Orange County Complete Count Committee**

Beverly Willis stated that she is with the Orange County Supervisor of Elections Office and every ten years is involved in the Orange County Complete County Committee to help get information out about the importance of the Census. Ms. Willis thanked the City Commission for allowing her to give her presentation (*see attached Exhibit A*). Ms. Willis described the Census efforts and asked for the City's help in getting the word out.

City Manager Bollhoefer stated that if the City Commission has no objection staff will move forward with assisting in the Census efforts to get the word out. *No objections were noted.*

3. **FIRST READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

A. **Ordinance 09-23:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA, REZONING APPROXIMATELY 40.9 ACRES OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED SOUTH AND WEST OF SIPLIN ROAD AND EAST OF CR 545 FROM ORANGE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL TO CITY R-2; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Sessions Property)

City Attorney Ardaman read Ordinance 09-23 by title only. Community Development Director Wilson stated that this property is on Siplin Road and will eventually have access to Avalon Road/CR 545. This site is for future public schools which will be a middle school and an elementary school. Rezoning this property is being addressed tonight while the land use has already been designated as a public facilities educational land use.

Mayor Rees clarified that the land use has already been done but if the school moves forward, it does not necessarily mean that it will remain an R-2 zoning. Mr. Wilson replied that they would have to change the land use because it is specific to a public facilities use.

Mayor Rees opened the public hearing; hearing and seeing none, he closed the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Buchanan to approve Ordinance 09-23 with the second reading and public hearing being scheduled for July 23, 2009. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried unanimously 4-0.

4. **SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

- A. **Ordinance 09-08:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY CHANGING THE DESIGNATION FROM ORANGE COUNTY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO CITY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR PROPERTY GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS 0.459 ± ACRES LOCATED AT 778 SOUTH STREET; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Attorney Ardaman read Ordinance 09-08 by title only. Community Development Director Wilson stated that this ordinance and the next ordinance are for land use and rezoning of property located at 778 South Street. He displayed the area map and stated that this will establish it as low density residential; staff recommends approval.

Mayor Rees opened the public hearing; hearing and seeing none, he closed the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Boulter to adopt Ordinance 09-08. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried unanimously 4-0.

- B. **Ordinance 09-09:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA, REZONING APPROXIMATELY 0.796 ± ACRES OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 778 SOUTH STREET AND PARCEL ID# 25-22-27-0000-00-070 FROM ORANGE COUNTY CITRUS RURAL AND CITY PUD TO CITY R-1; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Attorney Ardaman read Ordinance 09-09 by title only. Community Development Director Wilson stated that this is for R-1 zoning of the same property.

Mayor Rees opened the public hearing; hearing and seeing none, he closed the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Boulter to adopt Ordinance 09-09. Seconded by Commissioner Buchanan and carried unanimously 4-0.

- C. **Ordinance 09-13:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY CHANGING THE DESIGNATION FROM ORANGE COUNTY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO CITY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR PROPERTY GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS 0.15 ± ACRES LOCATED AT 629 BETHUNE AVENUE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Attorney Ardaman read Ordinance 09-13 by title only. Community Development Director Wilson stated that the next two requests are for property located on the east side of Bethune Avenue south of East Bay Street. The City is taking this property in for land use designation and rezoning; staff recommends approval.

Mayor Rees opened the public hearing; hearing and seeing none, he closed the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Buchanan to adopt Ordinance 09-13. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried unanimously 4-0.

- D. **Ordinance 09-14:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA, REZONING APPROXIMATELY 0.15 ± ACRES OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 629 BETHUNE AVENUE FROM ORANGE COUNTY R-2 TO CITY R-4; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Attorney Ardaman read Ordinance 09-14 by title only. Community Development Director Wilson stated this ordinance establishes an R-4 City zoning.

Mayor Rees opened the public hearing; hearing and seeing none, he closed the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Boulter to adopt Ordinance 09-14. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried unanimously 4-0.

- E. **Ordinance 09-16:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY CHANGING THE DESIGNATION FROM ORANGE COUNTY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO CITY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR PROPERTY GENERALLY

DESCRIBED AS 0.34 ± ACRES LOCATED AT 1261 EAST BAY STREET;
PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Attorney Ardaman read Ordinance 09-16 by title only. Community Development Director Wilson stated that the next two items addresses a property located in the east side of Winter Garden on the north side of East Bay Street. Mr. Wilson displayed the location map and stated that this ordinance establishes a low density land use, and the next hearing is to establish a City R-4 zoning.

Mayor Rees opened the public hearing; hearing and seeing none, he closed the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Boulter to adopt Ordinance 09-16. Seconded by Commissioner Buchanan and carried unanimously 4-0.

- F. **Ordinance 09-17:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA, REZONING APPROXIMATELY 0.34 ± ACRES OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1261 EAST BAY STREET FROM ORANGE COUNTY R-2 TO CITY R-4; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Attorney Ardaman read Ordinance 09-17 by title only.

Commissioner Sharman asked what was being done that is bringing the County enclaves into the City. Mr. Wilson replied that letters have been sent out and an effort has been made to collect as many as possible from those that are interested. In addition, staff is working with Orange County to enter into an enclave agreement.

Commissioner Sharman asked what is the benefit of annexing into the City. Mr. Wilson replied that in many cases there is a lower tax rate as well as access to our utilities. City Manager Bollhoefer added the City has better police and code enforcement services.

Mayor Rees opened the public hearing; hearing and seeing none, he closed the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Boulter to adopt Ordinance 09-17. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried unanimously 4-0.

- G. **Ordinance 09-20:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL LANDS GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS 0.17 ± ACRES LOCATED AT 11 BROAD STREET, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN INTO THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN FLORIDA; REDEFINING THE CITY BOUNDARIES TO GIVE THE CITY JURISDICTION OVER SAID PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Attorney Ardaman read Ordinance 09-20 by title only. Community Development Director Wilson stated that this annexation is for property located east of Vineland Road and on the north side of Broad Street. Staff plans on bringing the land use and rezoning for this property back to the City Commission on July 23, 2009. The hearing on this property was split due to the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) adoption schedule.

Mayor Rees opened the public hearing; hearing and seeing none, he closed the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Sharman to adopt Ordinance 09-20. Seconded by Commissioner Boulter and carried unanimously 4-0.

5. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

A. **Recommendation to approve a one year lawn maintenance contract with Aristocuts Lawn and Garden Services with the option to renew a second and third year contract extension**

Recreation Director Conn stated that the City recently released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a mowing services contract of approximately 250 acres of parks, certain right-of-ways, and other City-owned areas. There were 14 companies that attended the mandatory site walk through. Out of the seven submitting bids, the highest point package was from Aristocuts Lawn and Garden Services; staff recommends approval of a one year contract with the option to renew.

City Manager Bollhoefer asked Recreation Director Conn if this bid was significantly less than last year's bid. Mr. Conn replied yes, he anticipates the City will save \$40,000 to \$50,000 as compared to last year's contract.

Commissioner Sharman asked who provided the services last year. Mr. Conn replied Bon Terre, a group out of Seminole County.

Mayor Rees stated that he spoke with City Manager Bollhoefer and he feels there is a 15 to 20 percent savings in outsourcing the services as opposed to performing them in-house. Mr. Conn noted that a quick analysis leads staff to believe the savings really comes from what the contractor pays in salaries. Also, staff believes the City will get better quality based on the equipment costs. Companies that have a lot of resources with equipment and staff they can pull from other areas is a real benefit.

Motion by Commissioner Buchanan to approve a one year lawn maintenance contract with Aristocuts Lawn and Garden Services with the option to renew a second and third year contract extension. Seconded by Commissioner Boulter and carried unanimously 4-0.

B. **Recommend approval of a license agreement with Florida Central Railroad Company, Inc., for Public Road Crossing and Private Grade Crossing to include reimbursing the railroad \$384,319.00 for replacing the crossing and other improvements as part of the E. Plant Street widening project**

Public Services Director Cochran stated that with the widening of East Plant Street, it is necessary to enter into an agreement with the Florida Central Railroad. The railroad crossing is just east of the intersection of East Plant Street and West Crown Point Springs. Signalization and controls for the crossing have to be relocated. The City is requesting this for the widening of the road as well as extending utilities under the railroad tracks and stormwater drainage. The City's responsibilities will also include reimbursing the railroad \$384,319.00 for replacement of the tracks, rail beds, railroad signals, and other improvements. In addition, the City will be responsible for ongoing maintenance of the railroad's controls and signalization. That cost is estimated to be approximately \$3,000 per year.

Mayor Rees questioned if this can be used as a temporary track and does it really cost \$384,000.

Mr. Cochran replied that it is not a good deal but it is the only deal we have. City Manager Bollhoefer shared that in the late 1800's the Federal government gave the railroads a lot of power. Normally, if you are going to cross their existing line to widen a road, you have to pay in order to cross it with your improvements. The theory is that if the railroad line was there before the road, then you have to pay the railroad. If the road was there before the railroad, then the railroad pays you. In this case, the road was in first but as part of a deal to move the railroad tracks from downtown, was to give this particular crossing the status of being there first. There are not a lot of great options when dealing with the railroad.

Mayor Rees asked if the railroad would continue to actively use these tracks. City Attorney Ardaman stated that it is a spur that currently serves one property so the cost is not something you can get around because the City wants to widen the road. City Manager Bollhoefer stated that the railroad is not actually used anymore because it was for use by the auto auction that now transports vehicles using trucks. However, because it is still an active line the railroad wants to be sure it stays active.

Commissioner Buchanan asked if the Diamond R Fertilizer Company or the plastic pipe company uses the railroad. City Manager Bollhoefer replied yes, but it is on the other side of the road and this crossing is only used as a spur to go to the auto auction.

City Attorney Ardaman stated that the City has explored other options which would probably include litigation at a tremendous expense and long term delay of projects. The railroad is the only one that can do the work and it is their price.

Commissioner Sharman asked if this item was above what was approved for the road project to date. Mr. Cochran replied no, it has been included in the original project. Commissioner Sharman asked if the City was just negotiating the best deal that they can. Mr. Cochran replied that it is the railroad's figure and there is no negotiation on the price of the reimbursement.

City Attorney Ardaman noted that the railroad typically uses an indemnification clause that is burdensome to local governments. The railroad did agree to modify that particular clause when the City said that the original provision actually opened the City up to tremendous potential liability. They agreed to limit the indemnification in paragraph 9 of page 4.

Motion by Commissioner Sharman to approve the license agreement as submitted, with Florida Central Railroad Company, Inc., for public road crossing and private grade crossing to include reimbursing the railroad \$384,319.00 for replacing the crossing and other improvements as part of the East Plant Street widening project. Seconded by Commissioner Boulter and carried unanimously 4-0.

- C. **Resolution 09-09:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF THE ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, "COMPLETE COUNT" COMMITTEE FOR THE 2010 CENSUS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Attorney Ardaman read Resolution 09-09 by title only. Community Development Director Wilson stated that staff offers this resolution for consideration based on Ms. Willis' presentation earlier.

Motion by Commissioner Sharman to approve Resolution 09-09. Seconded by Commissioner Buchanan and carried unanimously 4-0.

- D. **Recommendation to approve an acquisition of right-of-way agreement for Plant Street from Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and Clear Channel Outdoors, Inc.**

Planning Director Williams stated that the City has the acquisition agreement with the VFW and Clear Channel and recommends approval. The VFW is actually in unincorporated Orange County but since the City Commission has leveled the playing field with the alcohol rules, they have now applied to annex into the City. They have given the City what staff considers to be a favorable agreement for acquisition of the land. It works out to be a little over \$6.00 dollars per foot for the land and the City is forgiving fees they owed on sewer and water. The property in the same area is selling for much higher. Therefore, staff recommends approval of this agreement, which is necessary for the widening of the road.

Motion by Commissioner Buchanan to approve the acquisition agreement of right-of-way for Plant Street from Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and Clear Channel Outdoors, Inc. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried unanimously 4-0.

- E. **Recommendation to approve acquisition of right-of-way agreement for Plant Street from Winter Garden Property, LLC**

Planning Director Williams requested that agenda items E and F be postponed until the next City Commission meeting. The reason for postponing is because the City doesn't

have some of the related paperwork. Both are owned by Strates under two different corporations.

F. **Recommendation to approve acquisition of right-of-way agreement for Plant Street from Strates Property LTD**

Motion by Commissioner Sharman to postpone agenda items E and F until the next City Commission meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Buchanan.

City Manager Bollhoefer stated that several staff members have been working on this for a long period of time and have probably saved the City millions of dollars in right-of-way acquisitions.

Commissioner Boulter asked if the City has everything it needs. Mr. Williams replied yes, for the first phase of the project. The second segment of the project is starting and there will only be one or two problem parcels in that whole stretch or road. A lot of the right-of-way has already been acquired by the City, especially on the north side of the road.

Commissioner Boulter asked Mr. Williams if he was at liberty to say where the problems would be. Mr. Williams replied that the convenience store, with the new billboard, will be a lot of heartache. He doesn't know why the County approved the billboard at the same time the City is starting to acquire property. The City had acquired land ahead of time on the north side that has allowed flexibility for trading for a piece that is needed for a piece that is not needed. This has helped the property owner to agree to the deal. The largest piece was one the City had in the first phase, which was the Gil property. The City has traded properties and given him the option to purchase some of the properties back. This easily has saved the City millions of dollars on the Gil properties alone.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

6. **MATTERS FROM CITIZENS**

Matthew Falconer, one of the founders of the Orange County Taxpayer Budget Review Board stated that the City Clerk was distributing the Taxpayer Budget Review Board Final Report. He thanked the City Commission for the opportunity to speak and present the report, which is the result of their six month study of all 14 local governments in Orange County. He noted that their study group is not out to blame any elected officials. The problems within local governments have evolved over the past five decades and we now have to deal with them in our budget constraints. Their study found that \$7 billion is spent in 14 local governments in Orange County and that figure has doubled in the last seven years. The most wasteful issue is the duplication of government services. They propose that Apopka, Ocoee, Oakland and Winter Garden consolidate certain departments eliminate duplication of services and improve efficiency. He stated that they are not suggesting the consolidation of governments, but consolidation of services the governments provide. They are proposing regionalizing services such as the fire departments. The key component is for Orange County to give up some of their power and control in the areas between these cities and let the local entities protect and service themselves. Mr. Falconer stated that they have

estimated the total savings to taxpayers to be \$1.126 billion per year, once all of their recommendations are implemented. He stated that the current model of government is not sustainable.

Commissioner Sharman asked Mr. Falconer if he has run across communities who are willing to pay more for services because they see a value or are they are afraid of consolidating because they will lose their quality of service. Mr. Falconer responded that he has heard there are some in government labor unions saying levels of services will decline. His response to this statement is that the report shows they can cut cost by 20 percent and improve services at the same time. It is just a function of efficiency and he gave an example whereby everyday Orange County drives all the way through Winter Garden to get to the enclaves and those dollars and resources could be better spent elsewhere. He would like to help the City implement the ideas in the report.

City Attorney Ardaman asked who prepared the book. Mr. Falconer responded that the committee of 30 volunteers as listed in the booklet and it did not cost the taxpayers anything. He stated that this report was done in response to a consolidation study done by Orange County in 2006. He added that the report is an unbiased, critical assessment of some of the waste and inefficiency.

City Manager Bollhoefer noted that Mr. Falconer claims the report submitted is unbiased; he has come forth with a bias given the committee member names listed with close ties to Doug Guetzloe. Mr. Falconer stated he comes with a bias that small business will become extinct, like the automotive industry, if government continues as usual.

7. **MATTERS FROM CITY ATTORNEY** – There were no items.

8. **MATTERS FROM CITY MANAGER**

A. **Discussion on open-air vendors and solicitors**

Community Development Director Wilson stated that information was provided at the last meeting regarding the open-air vendor ordinance and requested the City Commission's input.

Commissioner Buchanan stated that he has noticed with the revitalization of downtown that flyers are starting to be placed on vehicles and it is starting to become unattractive. Mr. Wilson stated that Code doesn't really address this issue. City Manager Bollhoefer stated that staff can take look at this and have a legal review to see what can be done.

Mayor Rees stated that it appears the City Commission would like staff to continue its current direction.

B. **Presentation of proposed criteria for golf cart usage on City streets**

City Manager Bollhoefer stated that staff would like to delay this presentation and bring it back to the next meeting.

C. **Summary of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 - Strengthening Communities Grant as proposed by the East Winter Garden Economic Development Corporation at the June 11, 2009 meeting**

City Manager Bollhoefer stated that at the last meeting this grant was discussed and he has gone through it and doesn't see any issues with the grant. It does not deter any other organizations from applying for any grants. It does require a contribution from the City but it's an in-kind contribution. The City's current affordable housing project for \$200,000 will count as the City's contribution for this grant. Therefore, it will not cost the City any extra money because it was money already budgeted. The grant provides funds primarily to help this not-for-profit corporation work with other not-not-profits to increase their ability of communicating with people and expanding their services. He found no downside to this grant and noted no one else has applied for it. It does not create any hardships for other not-for-profit organizations and staff thinks it is a win-win grant. Mr. Bollhoefer advised that the City Commission would need to approve moving forward in with working the East Winter Garden Economic Development Corporation on the grant.

Motion by Commissioner Sharman to approve the City partnering with the not-for-profit East Winter Garden Economic Development Corporation for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 – Strengthening Communities Grant. Seconded by Commissioner Boulter.

Commissioner Buchanan stated that he just wanted to be sure that this was open to everyone. Commissioner Boulter and City Manager Bollhoefer stated it is. Mayor Rees agreed that it has to be for everyone and called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously 4-0.**

City Manager Bollhoefer stated that staff is working on other grants related to the stimulus and other funding. There are two TIGER grants that the City is applying for which are for road funding. Staff is looking at applying for Story Road and widening CR 545. Staff is also currently working on a grant for the new fire station on Hennis Road that would have 80 percent of the construction costs.

• **Road behind the Church of Christ**

City Manager Bollhoefer stated that he believes a news report will air on Fox 35 tonight regarding the road opening behind the Church of Christ. It has been completed and is open to traffic Monday through Saturday from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This should help the area shopping centers and take the strain off of the Dillard and State Road 50 intersection.

• **Update on Dillard and Daniels intersection on State Road 50**

Announced the City has received the approval for restriping of Dillard Street and Daniels Road to change the right only to a straight and right. Mr. Cochran is working with a contractor to get it accomplished.

- **Outsourcing of Services**

City Manager Bollhoefer stated that as the City goes through these tough economic times, staff is looking at all of the services provided that can possibly be outsourced at a savings. He can see in the long term that a lot of the lawn mowing will be outsourced and City crews will be trained to handle more of the road paving and sidewalk repair.

- **West Orange County Alliance**

City Manager Bollhoefer stated staff is working closely with the cities of Ocoee, Windermere and Oakland to form a West Orange County Alliance where we all work together to look at consolidating and sharing certain services to reduce our costs in these tough economic times.

9. **MATTERS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Buchanan shared that consolidating services with too many cities could result in one of them pulling out and leaving the other cities to suffer until the contract expires. He sees real complications whenever trying to combine too many together. That is why we are separate cities so we can have our own regulations that work for the City of Winter Garden that might not work for Oakland or Windermere. Something like this would have to be closely scrutinized.

City Manager Bollhoefer stated that there are some things that will work and there are many things that won't work out as well such as police and code enforcement because people have different ideas of where they want to focus their services. Once you consolidate, you lose a lot of that control.

Commissioner Buchanan stated that for the last six years the Rotary Club has held the Orlando Philharmonic event known as the Pops Concert at Tanner Hall. He believes it has benefited a large majority of the people in this area. While they have had some trials and tribulations on whether or not to sell tickets; the Rotary will be addressing the loss in attendance. In order to have the event this year, they need extra help from the City of Winter Garden. The Philharmonic's fee is \$22,000 and The Bond Foundation, Inc. has put up \$10,000 to help make this happen. He asked the City Commission, as a Rotarian, for help by donating \$5,000 to put this concert on this year.

Mayor Rees stated that he thinks it is a great event that brings a lot of people to Winter Garden.

Commissioner Sharman stated that he is in favor of it and the people look forward to it.

Commissioner Boulter stated that he has no problem with it and in the spirit of these economic times it is good to help each other out because we never know when we might need help from someone.

Motion by Commissioner Buchanan to approve a \$5,000 contribution to the Rotary Club to host the Philharmonic event in the City of Winter Garden. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried unanimously 4-0.

Commissioner Boulter stated that at the last meeting a presentation was made by the East Winter Garden Development Corporation (EWGDC) that has been working hard to revamp how they do business. He announced that they will be having a fundraiser fish fry Saturday near the VFW on Plant Street. They are a non-profit organization working hard to improve the quality of life for not only those in that area, but as they grow they hope to expand to the entire City and possibly farther.

Commissioner Boulter stated that a City is only as good as its response to its citizen's complaints and he commended staff on being exceptionally good at responding to citizen complaints. He described a problem with a hole on Maxey and Bay Street and how fast they responded. City Manager Bollhoefer recognized Public Services Director Don Cochran and his staff for the quick response.

Commissioner Sharman stated that some ideas shared for doing more with less may make sense, at the same time what Winter Garden wants and what other cities want will be different. Also, if services were consolidated we may not get as quick of a response time as we are accustomed. There may be a few things the City Manager can look at consolidating. He stated that he and many of his constituents are willing to pay for quality services.

Mayor Rees asked the Police Chief for an update on where we are with running red light cameras. Police Chief Brennan stated that staff has provided the City Attorney with example ordinances and a standard vendor contract for review.

City Manager Bollhoefer added that since there is still some uncertainty about what will happen with the State if these ever go to court, he wants to make sure the contracts do not create any future liability for the City to have to pay back the fines. City Attorney Ardaman stated that it is his understanding that the City Commission wants to move forward with this matter. It was the **consensus** of the City Commission that staff should move forward with red light cameras.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

APPROVED:

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MAYOR JOHN REES

ATTEST:

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City Clerk Kathy Golden, CMC