



# CITY OF WINTER GARDEN

## CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2020

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. An Opening Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance given.

**Present:** Mayor John Rees and Commissioners

Lisa L. Bennett – District 1

Bob Buchanan – District 2

Mark A. Maciel – District 3

Colin Sharman – District 4

**Also Present:** City Manager Mike Bollhoefer, City Attorney Dan Langley, City Clerk Angee Grimmage, Assistant City Manager of Administrative Services Frank Gilbert, Assistant City Manager of Public Services Jon Williams, Community Development Director Stephen Pash, Information Technology Director Chad Morrill, Finance Director Laura Zielonka, Fire Chief Matt McGrew and Police Chief Stephen Graham

### 1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Commissioner Buchanan to approve regular meeting minutes of May 28, 2020 as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Bennett and carried unanimously 5-0.**

### 2. **FIRST READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

- A. **Ordinance 19-26:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL LANDS GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY 8.95 ± ACRES LOCATED AT 12920 REAVES ROAD, ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF REAVES ROAD AND STONEYBROOK WEST PARKWAY, 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
- B. **Ordinance 19-27:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE WINTER GARDEN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY CHANGING THE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY 8.95 ± ACRES LOCATED AT 12920 REAVES ROAD, ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF REAVES ROAD AND STONEYBROOK WEST PARKWAY, FROM ORANGE COUNTY RURAL TO CITY MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE
- C. **Ordinance 19-28:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL LANDS GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY 1.80 ± ACRES LOCATED AT 12921 REAVES ROAD, ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF REAVES ROAD AND STONEYBROOK WEST PARKWAY, 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

- D. **Ordinance 19-29:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE WINTER GARDEN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY CHANGING THE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY 1.80 ± ACRES LOCATED AT 12921 REAVES ROAD, ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF REAVES ROAD AND STONEYBROOK WEST PARKWAY, FROM ORANGE COUNTY RURAL TO CITY MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE
- E. **Ordinance 19-30:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA, REZONING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY 10.75 +/- ACRES OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED AT 12920 & 12921 REAVES ROAD ON THE NORTHWEST AND NORTHEAST CORNERS OF REAVES ROAD AND STONEYBROOK WEST PARKWAY, FROM ORANGE COUNTY A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) AND R-CE-2 (RURAL RESIDENTIAL) TO CITY PUD (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT); PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN PUD REQUIREMENTS AND DESCRIBING THE DEVELOPMENT AS THE STONEYBROOK SENIOR LIVING PUD; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Staff requested postponement of these items to a date uncertain.

**Motion by Commissioner Sharman to POSTPONE Ordinances 19-26, 19-27, 19-28, 19-29 and 19-30 to a date uncertain. Seconded by Commissioner Maciel and carried unanimously 5-0.**

- F. **Ordinance 20-19:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA, REZONING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY 0.91 +/- ACRES OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED AT 30 N PARK AVENUE AND S PARK AVENUE, NORTH OF WEST PLANT STREET, WEST OF N/S PARK AVENUE, AND SOUTH OF W BAY STREET, FROM R-2 (RESIDENTIAL) AND NZ (NO ZONING) TO PUD (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT); PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN PUD REQUIREMENTS AND DESCRIBING THE DEVELOPMENT AS THE 30 NORTH PARK PUD; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Staff requested postponement of this item to a date uncertain.

**Motion by Commissioner Buchanan to POSTPONE Ordinance 20-19 to a date uncertain. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried unanimously 5-0.**

- G. **Ordinance 20-23:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA, AMENDING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE 18-09 GENERALLY KNOWN AS THE WEST MARKET PCD PERTAINING TO THE 18.25 +/- ACRE PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF WEST COLONIAL DRIVE, WEST OF SOUTH PARK AVENUE, AND NORTH OF SAND LIME ROAD; AMENDING THE WEST MARKET PCD TO ALLOW AN AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE CENTER AND BANK WITH DRIVE-THRU AS PERMITTED USES, AMENDING THE

DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT RESTRICTIONS; PROVIDING FOR NONSEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**City Attorney Langley** read Ordinance 20-23 by title only. Community Development Director Pash stated that this is a request to amend and replace Ordinance 18-09 for the West Market Planned Commercial Development (PCD). He noted that the proposed ordinance would allow an automotive center (Firestone) and one bank (Five Star Credit Union) which he indicated are within the permitted use. He further described the proposed improvements noting that the service center would be designed that all bays would be at the back of the building and not visible from State Road 50. All of the other design requirements are still in place on the PCD Ordinance. Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 20-23.

**Commissioner Maciel** disclosed that he would recuse himself from voting on this item due to conflict of interest.

**Mayor Rees** addressed cars serviced by the business and their proximity and locality to the building and there was discussion on the visibility of the cars.

**Mayor Rees** opened the public hearing; reading a dedicated phone number and instructions for the public's participation in this meeting.

**John A. Benoit III**, 461 Sand Lime Road, Winter Garden, Florida, shared history of his attending meetings regarding this property and spoke in opposition of this project noting that this is not a permitted use. He addressed the proximity of his property to the proposed project, lack of demand for another automotive center, blight in the area, potential harm to local businesses, and attention needed on State Road 50.

**Mayor Rees** noted that the City has spent a lot of time on the issue of State Road 50 in efforts to attract businesses.

**Mayor Rees** inquired about the back of the project and the buffers to protect the homes. **Community Development Director Pash** stated that there are additional buildings, noting that the proposed Firestone would be at the front of the property. There was discussion on the visibility of the other buildings to the homes in the area. **Commissioner Sharman** addressed the issue of future potential businesses that could go in the back portion of the development. **Mr. Pash** responded by noting that a Goodwill is under construction and there is nothing proposed for the other large lot. **Commissioner Bennett** inquired about the buffer between the facilities and the residential. **Mr. Pash** indicated that there would be large buffers and landscape.

**Mr. Pash** noted receiving a complaint regarding an unmaintained area near this project and staff is correcting the issue.

**Commissioner Bennett** noted the commercial zoning, future use of commercial and the required buffers. There was discussion on the buffers of fencing, landscaping, a pond and large distance between the homes and the project.

**Mayor Rees** closed the public hearing.

**Commissioner Sharman** addressed the current PCD and the options that the applicants now have with the current zoning. There was discussion on the current zoning not allowing a service center or a bank's drive-through. **Commissioner Sharman** noted that he was in favor of the bank with a drive-through but not the service center and wondered if the vote would be for the entire project.

**Motion by Commissioner Sharman to approve Ordinance 20-23 with a change of deleting the permitted use of the one automotive service center with bay doors facing internally and not towards State Road 50 with the second reading and public hearing June 25, 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Buchanan and carried 4-0-1; Commissioner Maciel abstained.**

### 3. **SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

- A. **Ordinance 19-47:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE WINTER GARDEN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY CHANGING THE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY 0.58 ± ACRES LOCATED AT S PARK AVENUE, NORTH OF W PLANT STREET, WEST OF S PARK AVENUE, AND SOUTH OF W BAY STREET, FROM NO FUTURE LAND USE TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE
- B. **Ordinance 19-48:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA, REZONING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY 6.01 ± ACRES LOCATED AT 1577 & 894 BEARD ROAD, WEST OF BEULAH ROAD, EAST OF 9TH STREET, AND SOUTH OF BEARD ROAD, FROM R-1 (RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO PCD (PLANNED COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT); PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN PCD REQUIREMENTS AND DESCRIBING THE DEVELOPMENT AS THE WINTER GARDEN SELF STORAGE PCD; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Attorney Langley read Ordinances 19-47 and 19-48 by title only. Community Development Director Pash stated that this is an application to change the future land use on an approximately 0.58 ± acre property, from no future land use to medium density residential. He noted also a request to rezone 0.91 acres to Planned Unit Development (PUD). He described proposed improvements and noted that the ordinance has design guidelines, including minimum square footage, changed to 2,000 square feet as requested at the first reading.

Mayor Rees addressed this project's buffer and requested staff review good buffering materials to address visibility issues. Mr. Pash assured these are considerations during the site plan process. City Manager Bollhoefer acknowledged that the landscapers, in the audience, heard the discussion on the size of the trees.

Mayor Rees opened the public hearing; reading a dedicated phone number and instructions for the public's participation in this meeting. After waiting several minutes and receiving no public calls or comments, he closed the public hearing.

**Motion by Commissioner Buchanan to adopt Ordinances 19-47 and 19-48. Seconded by Commissioner Maciel and Sharman simultaneously and carried unanimously 5-0.**

- C. **Ordinance 20-20:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE WINTER GARDEN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY 6.01 ± ACRES LOCATED AT 1577 & 894 BEARD ROAD, WEST OF BEULAH ROAD, EAST OF 9TH STREET, AND SOUTH OF BEARD ROAD FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO COMMERCIAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE
- D. **Ordinance 20-21:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA, REZONING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY 6.01 ± ACRES LOCATED AT 1577 & 894 BEARD ROAD, WEST OF BEULAH ROAD, EAST OF 9TH STREET, AND SOUTH OF BEARD ROAD, FROM R-1 (RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO PCD (PLANNED COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT); PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN PCD REQUIREMENTS AND DESCRIBING THE DEVELOPMENT AS THE WINTER GARDEN SELF STORAGE PCD; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Attorney Langley read Ordinances 20-20 and 20-21 by title only. Community Development Director Pash apologized for a misstatement he realized only after reading the Planning and Zoning Board minutes. He informed that the vote by the Planning and Zoning Board was not unanimous, as previously stated in answer to Commissioner Sharman at the last meeting; there was one vote in opposition. Mr. Pash stated that this application requests changing the future land use from low-density residential to commercial for the approximately 6.01± acres. He noted that the request is also to rezone the property from R-1 to Planned Commercial Development (PCD) for a self-storage facility. He described the proposed changes and improvements. He informed of community meetings and questions raised about environmental impact; noting that this property is not being built within the wetlands and the conservation areas are being maintained. Staff recommends approval Ordinances 20-20 and 20-21.

City Manager Bollhoefer addressed an item mentioned in a previous meeting regarding the use of this property. He explained the reasoning for recommending this proposed use, noting location, proximity of the turnpike, nearby school, current area traffic and safer use from an environmental impact viewpoint.

Mayor Rees opened the public hearing; reading a dedicated phone number and instructions for the public's participation in this meeting.

**Tom Hagen**, 720 Sunburst Cove Lane, Winter Garden, Florida, voiced concerns about the property going from residential to commercial; he shared past history of changes seen there since 1995. He stated that this is a watershed area for Johns Lake and the Black Lake area. He spoke of nearby flooding, proximity of the wetland area, runoff, wildlife, environmental concerns, and stormwater drainage. He expressed that the change from low-density to commercial is not consistent with the plan and he is extremely opposed to the rezoning. He understands that this is a good use of the property but questions the need for more storage units in the area.

**Allison Painter**, 393 N. Lakeview Avenue, Winter Garden, Florida, questioned why build anything on that property; noting it could be used for a park. Mayor Rees responded that it could, but someone would need to buy it. Ms. Painter suggested the City buy it. Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Denmark as owner, its current residential zoning, and its quality for a suitable park not meeting the City's standard.

**Phillip C. Hollis**, Flagship Company Group, LLC, noted self-storage as the lowest trip generator on the narrow road. He informed that the wetlands are within a half mile but not on their property; wanting to ensure conversations were regarding the actual property. He addressed the noisy turnpike as being a bad neighbor and efforts made by Mr. Denmark to get a use for his property after the turnpike installation damaged it. He explained the property design, buffering from the turnpike, and the highest and best use of the land having the lowest total impact.

Mayor Rees closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Maciel inquired of community meetings and any discussions regarding the pros and cons for use of the property. Mr. Pash noted that the subject of the meetings related only to this use of the property and he described the process. Commissioner Maciel asked about any objections at the community meetings. Mr. Pash replied that they presented the same items and addressed environmental impact. Commissioner Maciel expressed understanding resident concerns, but noted that people own property and have property rights; the City could not deny those rights. He surmised that the storage is a better use than residential and trusts staff's judgement.

Commissioner Bennett noted that having grown up on Beulah Road, the narrow road has always been a concern and she feels the biggest impact is traffic and this would be the least impact on traffic for the residents.

**Motion by Commissioner Maciel to adopt Ordinances 20-20 and 20-21, with staff recommendations. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried unanimously 5-0.**

#### 4. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

A. Recommendation to approve SITE PLAN for 1905 Avalon Road (Belle Meade Commercial Outparcel 2)

Community Development Director Pash noted that this is the site plan for the Belle Meade Commercial property located at 1905 Avalon Road. He noted multiple reviews and approvals of the same proposed site plan, in 2008 and 2017, with the site plan approvals expiring and the owner submitting the same package. He described the project and related improvements. He noted the plans review and approval by the Development Review Committee (DRC). Staff recommends approval, subject to the DRC conditions.

**Motion by Commissioner Buchanan to approve site plan for 1905 Avalon Road (Belle Meade Commercial Outparcel 2), subject to conditions. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried unanimously 5-0.**

B. Recommendation to approve Amendment No. 2 to Meter Replacement Services Agreement with Utility Solutions of America, Inc., through an existing piggy-back contract with the City of Callaway, Florida and authorize the issuance of purchase order to Core & Main for the purchase of the water meters, transmitters and lids for a total project cost of \$1,037,736.00 which includes a 5% contingency

Assistant City Manager of Public Services Williams noted that this project began back in 2016 replacing older radio-read water meters with automated Sensus Iperl water meters. Over 20,000 meters replaced to date leaving a balance of 6,903 to be completed. He shared that this phase of the project consists of replacing approximately 3,000 meters; the remaining balance in future years. Staff recommends approval of Amendment No.2 to the Meter Replacement Services Agreement with Utility Solutions of America, Inc. and authorize the issuance of a purchase order for meters, transmitters and lids. The total project cost is \$1,037,736.00, which includes a 5% contingency.

Commissioner Bennett inquired and affirmation noted that the replaced meters are paying for themselves.

Commissioner Sharman questioned the failure rate of the new meters. Mr. Williams responded that the failure rate is minimal as these meters come with a 20-year life expectancy. Commissioner Sharman asked about replacement under warranty. Mr.

Williams noted that the meters have no moving parts in them, which extends the life and accuracy of the meter. Commissioner Buchanan commented on some of the new meter reading system capabilities.

**Motion by Commissioner Buchanan to approve Amendment No. 2 to Meter Replacement Services Agreement with Utility Solutions of America, Inc., through an existing piggy-back contract with the City of Callaway, Florida and authorize the issuance of purchase order to Core & Main for the purchase of the water meters, transmitters and lids for a total project cost of \$1,037,736.00 which includes a 5% contingency. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried unanimously 5-0.**

- C. Recommendation to approve awarding contract to TD Thomson, Inc. for embankment stabilization along Teacup Springs drainage canal in the amount of \$27,039.10, which includes a 10% contingency

Assistant City Manager of Public Services Williams noted that this project is for embankment stabilization along the Teacup Springs drainage canal. He noted erosion and issues in resident's back yards. He described the project area. Staff recommends approval to award the contract to TD Thomson, Inc. for a total cost of \$27,039.10, which includes a 10 % contingency.

Commissioner Bennett commented on the damage that this erosion has caused for some of the residents.

**Motion by Commissioner Bennett to approve awarding contract to TD Thomson, Inc. for embankment stabilization along the Teacup Springs drainage canal, for an amount of \$27,039.10, which includes a 10% contingency. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried unanimously 5-0.**

- D. Discussion on Saturday's Event in front of City Hall

**City Manager Bollhoefer** spoke of tough and trying times, marking 2020 as a year no one will ever forget, and spoke of issues of divisiveness in our City and in our Country. He shared that staff has been meeting with the Pastors and other groups in East Winter Garden regarding these issues and informed of a rally outside of City Hall on Saturday morning, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The idea of the rally is for positive change and bringing people together and is the beginning of an ongoing process we are starting on a positive note. He shared conversations held with the community on their feelings toward the Police. Mr. Bollhoefer indicated that he and Police Chief Graham would meet periodically with the community to make substantive change. Mr. Bollhoefer noted efforts to follow, expanding into other government agencies, focusing primarily on Police relations at this time. He informed of meeting with other groups as well as those outside of East Winter Garden in an effort to be more inclusive.

Mr. Bollhoefer invited the City Commission to Saturday's rally; noting that he anticipates a peaceful rally, but cautioned that outsiders have tried infiltrating these kinds of meetings with ill intent. He reiterated that this is the first step to making positive change and recognized Pastor Xerxes Snell to address the City Commission on this topic.

**Pastor Xerxes Snell** introduced himself as Pastor of the Ninth Street Church of Christ in East Winter Garden, and noted Pastor Stephenson needed to leave for another engagement. Pastor Snell explained the intent of the rally as an effort to bring about peace and solidarity; this is a peace march, unifying and praying for our City and our nation. He spoke of making new friends and restoration of some relationships that may have been broken. He informed that T-shirts promoting #WinterGardenUnited were available.

**City Manager Bollhoefer** emphasized that this is not a one-time rally, because there is needed healing and needed change. This is the beginning of the process to make substantive change in the community.

**Marlene Jefferson**, 14750 Woodard Cove Court, Winter Garden, Florida, shared her history of being born and raised in Winter Garden, and her work experience with the Department of Corrections and Juvenile Justice after 34 years for the State of Florida. She expressed her anticipation of the rally and expressed that change is coming and she would like to be a part of it.

## 5. **MATTERS FROM PUBLIC**

Mayor Rees opened the public hearing; reading a dedicated phone number and instructions for the public's participation in this meeting.

**Joseph Richardson**, 220 N. Highland Avenue, Winter Garden, Florida, spoke of recent protest events after the murder of George Floyd, increased awareness of issues, and tangible steps to address racial injustice and inequity. He requested that Winter Garden take positive steps for a solution, quoted ethnic statistics, and noted details of a pledge from My Brother's Keeper Alliance.

**Adam Hartnett**, 341 E. Maple Street, Winter Garden, Florida, spoke in support of the My Brother's Keeper Alliance and Winter Garden taking that Pledge. He shared that he is a part of the Freedom for Florida Alliance and stands in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement. He addressed and read excerpts from a demand letter he indicated previously sending by e-mail to the City.

**Heather Gantt**, 10120 Fox Meadow Trail, Winter Garden, Florida, noted she also wished to address the My Brother's Keeper Alliance. She shared family history, spoke of their service to the Armed Forces, the Planning and Zoning Board, and a group called Rise Conversations on Race and Unity. She spoke historic racial segregation, the need to heal wounds of our

history and efforts to address the issues. She requested the City take the pledge to review Police use of force policies in Winter Garden.

**James L. Hall**, 375 Grove Court, Winter Garden, Florida, shared history of his attendance to City Commission meetings, 20+ years as a resident, and noted that in the last few years, under Police Chief Graham, a diversity of experience with newly hired Police Officers. He expressed that he believes the City has one of the best Police forces in the community and supports Police Chief Graham and all of the men and women on the force.

**Allison Painter**, 393 N. Lakeview Avenue, Winter Garden, Florida, spoke of Fourth of July fireworks, the need for something to bring our country together, and suggested controlling attendance by making it a ticketed event. Ms. Painter also requested repair of the road near her home and the need for addressing nearby traffic speed. She spoke in favor of the City's Police department, noting that she feels they are one of the best in the state. She expressed that all lives matter regardless of color, as all are the same in God's eyes.

Mayor Rees closed the public hearing.

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

7. **MATTERS FROM CITY MANAGER**

Fireworks

City Manager Bollhoefer addressed the issue of fireworks, surrounding communities having or cancelling events, crowding, related safety concerns and what would be in the best interest of the City. He indicated that staff feels it would be prudent to delay fireworks this year. He spoke of the cancellation of events like the kid's parade and the pancake breakfast; noting that the City possibly replace these functions with a parade and old fashion band for an old fashion Fourth of July. Discussed were ideas for events with smaller attendance in the downtown area. Mayor Rees voiced that it would be great to have fireworks just for Winter Garden residents, but there would be no way of controlling attendance. City Manager Bollhoefer stated that staff recommends cancellation.

**Motion by Commissioner Buchanan to cancel fireworks until further notice. Seconded by Commissioner Maciel and carried unanimously 5-0.**

Update on City Programs

City Manager Bollhoefer gave an update on City programs and indicated that the City is following the Governor's lead on reopening. He reported that the City is cautiously moving forward with reopening, but noted there have been reports of a spike in Coronavirus cases. He stated that the City is trying to do a very good job of managing it and keeping everything going.

