

TOWN OF WINDERMERE

Town Council Workshop Minutes

September 23, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

Present were Mayor Jim O'Brien, Council Members Bill Martini, Bob McKinley, Andy Williams, Chris Sapp, and Liz Andert. Town Manager Robert Smith, Chief Dave Ogden, and Public Works Director Scott Brown were also present. Town Clerk Dorothy Burkhalter was absent.

Mayor O'Brien called the workshop to order at 6:05pm.

1. OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT:

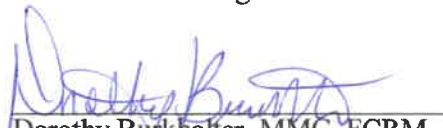
Public speakers deferred their comments until after the presentation.

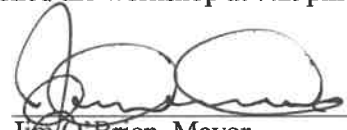
2. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

- a. **Cut-Thru Traffic Regulatory Signage Proposal**
- b. **1 Cent Orange County Sales Tax Update**

Mayor O'Brien turned the floor over to Manager Smith. Manager Smith commented on past meeting discussions regarding cut-thru traffic. He then stated that this discussion is on the regulatory signage. Manager Smith gave a presentation on road closure, traffic diverting plans. He then commented that the favored plan is to have Ridgewood one-way. Manager Smith stated that once a road is closed off, it will most likely affect other areas. He explained how a Phase one and a Phase two could be used. Manager Smith stated that the cost of the signs will be approximately \$300.00 each. He then suggested renting two message boards as well. Manager Smith stated that feed back after implementation will aid in determining a plan. He then concluded his presentation. Mayor O'Brien then opened the floor to the public. First to speak was Mr. David Sharpe of 1027 Oakdale Street. Mr. Sharpe commented on the plans that would not work. He then stated that he is glad that something is going to be tried. Mr. Sharpe commented that enforcement is going to be needed for any plan that is selected. Mayor O'Brien stated that enforcement will take place. He further stated that challenges will be had as well. Discussion followed regarding line of vision in right of ways, challenges, and proposed plans. Manager Smith stated that he has heard back from Mr. Byron Brooks from Orange County. He stated that Mr. Brooks acknowledged receiving the letter from the West Orange Chamber regarding the proposed 1 cent sales tax. Manager Smith commented that the County will take a large portion off the top for mass regional transportation improvements. He further commented on other projects the County would like to do. Manager Smith then stated that the remaining funds will then go to the Infrastructure Surtax program, which the amounts are unknown. Discussion followed. The discussion regarding cut-thru traffic resumed. Ms. Brandi Haines of 835 Oakdale Street stated agrees with the plan for Ridgewood Drive. She then stated that she agrees with the comments that Mr. Shape has made. Ms. Haines stated her concern is the afternoon time. She then stated that she likes the "pocket park" idea. Discussion followed regarding additional stops signs, right turn only signage, morning traffic vs afternoon/evening traffic, additional one-way roads, pocket parks, barriers, trail timing, traffic trackers, traffic flow and cut thru areas, independent reviews of Ridgewood Drive and Oakdale Street, and surveying of residents affected. Ms. Haines suggested having not only traffic counters on the roads being tested, but the others as well which would show if traffic increases in other locations. Further discussion followed regarding one-way of Ridgewood Drive, signage/notification, immediate impacted residents' comments, moving traffic issues to other areas, blocking off/barricading roads, long-term discussions that have been on this item, the areas are two separate areas and need separate discussions, plans needed for each area, caution of the using traffic calming devices, Lake Street to Lee Street one-way and/or a stop sign, and local residents impact. Mayor O'Brien suggested getting estimates for additional counters. Comments were made regarding the Projects Meeting report regarding the water master plan in town. Mayor O'Brien commented on upcoming events.

There being no further comments, Mayor O'Brien adjourned the workshop at 7:29pm.


Dorothy Burkhalter, MMC, FCRM
Town Clerk


Jim O'Brien, Mayor