

# TOWN OF WINDERMERE

Town Council Workshop Minutes

January 28, 2020

## 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, and Public Works Director Scott Brown were also present. Town Clerk Dorothy Burkhalter was absent.

Mayor O'Brien called the workshop to order at 6:00pm.

## 1. OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Speakers signed in and deferred comments until agenda items are being heard.

## 2. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

### a. **Forest Street and First Avenue Technical Memorandum**

Mayor O'Brien introduced this item. He then turned the floor over to Mr. Hao Chau and Mr. Victor Gallo, representatives from Kimley Horn. Mr. Chau and Mr. Gallo gave a review of the Technical Memorandum of Forest Street and First Avenue and possible solutions. The review concluded at 6:14pm. Manager Smith commented on the proposed solutions, paved and dirt roads, costs and maintenance. Discussion was made regarding the past project in the area, dirt roads and silt issues, maintenance, paved roads, costs, and grants/funding. Mayor O'Brien opened the floor to the public. First to speak was Mr. Gary Bruhn of 108 Forest Street. He questioned where the additional ditches at First Avenue and Forest Street would be located. Mr. Chau explained that areas that have not been used would be considered. Mr. Bruhn stated that two previous attempts to fix the problem have been done with a lot of money and time has been used. He commented that if this project moved forward, it needs to be accurate. Mayor O'Brien questioned which option Mr. Bruhn would like to see. Mr. Bruhn commented that "for the long run, option B". Ms. Brandi Haines of 835 Oakdale Street introduced herself. She stated that she agrees with former Mayor Gary Bruhn comments except for the paving. Ms. Haines commented on past projects that had been done and then additional issues arose, causing additional work and funding. She then stated she and others are not in favor of paving the roads. Mr. Keith Carsten of 124 Forest Street introduced himself. He commented on the past project and issues he is currently having with flooding, well and septic. Mr. Richard Gonzalez of 103 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue introduced himself. He then commented his Swale and French drain system he implemented on his property. Mr. Gonzalez stated he would like to keep the sandy roads. He then commented on contaminated materials being used on the dirt roads. Comments continued. Ms. Sara Lopez of 110 Forest Street introduced herself. She then commented on past and current issues with water/flooding on her property. Ms. Lopez also stated she does not want the roads paved. There were no other public speakers. Mayor O'Brien turned the floor over to the Council members. Member McKinley commented on recommendations and the methodology from Kimley Horn. Mr. Chao stated that the recommendations were determined by the as built drawings from 2017/2018 project. He stated that the roads were higher than the inlets, and now the roads are lower than the inlets. Discussion regarding the inlets, silt build up, flooding, water tables/lake levels, roads, scope of work, maintenance, costs, and residents impacts on stormwater retention were made. Mr. Fitzgibbon commented on the projects and their issues. Mayor O'Brien reviewed the proposed options. Member McKinley stated he would like to see a topographical survey. Comments regarding pump-outs and costs were made. Mayor O'Brien thanked residents and staff for their input.

### b. **SE Quadrant LRP Recommendations: Cut Thru Traffic**

Mayor O'Brien introduced this item. Manager Smith commented on the past Long-Range Planning meeting. He then stated that the LRP would like to try the same system as Ridgewood Drive. Manager Smith commented increasing the flow of traffic, choke points, roundabouts, widening the bridge, and widening a few roads to maintain the asphalt roads better. He then commented on the organization of the West Orange Transportation Alliance. Discussion ensued regarding traffic and traffic patterns. Mayor O'Brien recognized Mr. David Sharpe. Mr. Sharpe of 1027 Oakdale Street introduced himself. He stated that other traffic calming devices should be considered should the signage not work. Mr. Sharpe commented that the town should implement a compensation program to aid in stormwater compliance with the homeowners. He then stated that a roundabout at 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Chase Road would not be beneficial. Ms. Haines questioned the timeline. Director Brown commented approximately two-three months after approval from Town Council.

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**3. Mayor & Council Liaison Reports**

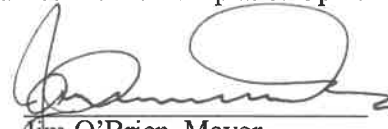
**4. Staff Reports**

Manager Smith stated that he sent letters to Senators Torres and Representative Thompson regarding Department of Emergency Management collecting debts without due process. He then stated that he will initiate a records request to DEM as well.

**5. Adjourn**

There being no further comments, Mayor O'Brien adjourned the workshop at 8:13pm.

  
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Dorothy Burkhalter, MMC, FCRM  
Town Clerk

  
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Jim O'Brien, Mayor