

TOWN OF WINDERMERE

Town Council Workshop Minutes
(Virtual)

July 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, Public Works Director Scott Brown, and Town Clerk Dorothy Burkhalter were also present.

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

1. OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor O'Brien opened the floor to the public. Ms. Nora Brophy of 426 Magnolia Street stated she would reserve her questions/comments until after the presentation.

2. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

None

3. NEW BUSINESS:

e. Other items for consideration

i. Town of Windermere Ward Trail Concept Plan

Mayor O'Brien introduced this item. He then turned the floor over to Manager Smith. Manager Smith gave a history of the railroad right of way and the purchase. He stated that there are a few areas to the south that still need to be worked out (6th Avenue to Chase Road). Manager Smith commented that Phase II would be 6th Avenue to the groves area. He then commented on the section from North Drive to Park Avenue. Manager Smith stated that the Long-Range Planning Committee has reviewed the study and has approved it. He then stated that the Tree Board has also reviewed the study. Manager Smith commented that the Tree Board agreed with the concept but wanted to be involved in the design phase. He stated that this concept does not include the design of the bridge. Manager Smith commented on a possible design that is currently located in the Town of Oakland. He further commented that the bridge will handle golf carts as well as pedestrians and bikes. Manager Smith stated that it would be a ten-foot (10') path with a swale system. Mr. Mike Woodard, representative from Kimley Horn, stated that there are areas for a "rain garden" which aids in water quality. Manager Smith then commented on the landscaping, tree species, West Orange Health Care District, funding, additional phases, additional comments from the committees, and use of concrete over asphalt. Mayor O'Brien turned the floor over to the public. First to speak was Nora Brophy of 426 Magnolia Street. She stated she would like to see a visualization of the entire project, commented on concerns with a ten foot (10') wide concrete through town, and she would like to see an alternate to concrete. Discussion followed regarding concrete/asphalt/brick pavers, landscaping, and invasive removals. Mayor O'Brien then opened the floor to the Council members. Member Martini commented on the proposed bridge design, prioritize bridge as number 1, and the concrete – possible bricks. Member Andert commented she agreed with the bridge being number 1, paving of a section of dirt Main Street, no paving of other sections, Sec 5.2 instead of "should" be "will" with a licensed Arborist and add that the Windermere Tree Board will have a representative review the survey and mitigation, options for protected species, water drainage improvements, questioned ditch blocks, having an overall document of the proposed project. Member McKinley questioned the thickness of the concrete base, concrete/asphalt, base and stabilization, expansion joints, cost differences and longevity, concerns with fungus on concrete, and seeing the overall concept. Member Sapp commented that he is favorable with the concept and the ten feet (10') path width and concentrate on landscaping. Member Williams stated he is in favor of the concept. Mayor O'Brien thanked everyone for their comments. He stated that the general consensus is to move forward with the proposed concept, more specific design, concept is sound – cost comparisons concrete vs asphalt, and width at least eight feet (8').

4. MAYOR & COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

None

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5. STAFF REPORTS

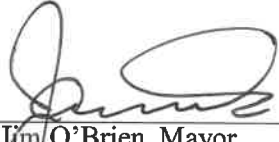
Manager Smith reminded everyone that the Budget Workshop will be August 3rd and that there is an upcoming WAYS Committee meeting. Mayor O'Brien reminded everyone of the activity in the tropics regarding weather. Manager Smith then gave an update on the existing and temporary facilities.

6. ADJOURN

There being no further comments, Mayor O'Brien adjourned the workshop at 7:01pm.



Dorothy Burkhalter, MMC, FCRM
Town Clerk



Jim O'Brien, Mayor