

TOWN OF WINDERMERE

Town Council Workshop Minutes (Virtual Meeting)

May 26, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

Present were Mayor Jim O'Brien (6:09pm), Council Members Andy Williams, Bill Martini, Mandy David, Tony Davit, and Molly Rose. Town Manager Robert Smith, Chief Dave Ogden, Public Works Director Tonya Elliott-Moore and Town Clerk Dorothy Burkhalter were also present.

Mayor ProTem Andy Williams opened the workshop at 6:00pm, led everyone into the pledge and gave the innovation.

1. OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public speakers deferred until later in the workshop.

2. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

a. FY 21/22 Mid-Year Report

Mayor O'Brien introduced this item. He then turned the floor over to Manager Smith. Manager Smith briefly explained the budget process. He then gave a presentation regarding the Revenues and Expenditures. Discussion ensued regarding FEMA Disasters Reimbursements, Departmental Expenses, and Contingencies/Reserves.

3. TIMED ITEMS & PUBLIC HEARING

4. CONSENT AGENDA

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Minutes**
- b. Resolutions/Ordinances for Approval/First Reading**
- c. Appointments**
- d. Contracts & Agreements**
- e. Financial**
- f. Other Items for Consideration**
 - i. Oakdale Cut Through Presentation**
 - ii. Traffic Data**
 - iii. Long Range Planning Committee Recommendations**

Mayor O'Brien introduced this item. He turned the floor over to Manager Smith. Manager Smith gave a presentation regarding average daily trips vs. time and days of the week, speeds, existing signage, possible solutions that have been discussed, and the recommendations from workshops and the Long-Range Planning Committee. The recommendation of blocking off access to Oakdale, Magnolia, Bessie, and 7th Avenue was made along with split rail fencing. Discussion was made regarding 12th Avenue and Chase Road. Manager Smith concluded his presentation. Mayor O'Brien opened the floor for public comments. Manager Smith read comments from David and Lori Hinshaw of 825 Oakdale Street, and Bill and Nancy Bardoe 225 East 9th Avenue, who are in favor of the Long-Range Planning recommendation. Ms. Brandi Haines of 835 Magnolia Street spoke on behalf of other neighbors who are in favor of the closures. Ms. Melissa Lavigne of 419 E 7th Avenue stated that she and her husband are in favor of the closures. Mayor O'Brien turned the floor over to the Town Council members. He then commented on concerns with delivery trucks, garbage, mail, etc. Member David questioned if the crosswalk on Main Street would be enhanced for safety. Manager Smith commented on upcoming renovations for crosswalks. Member Rose commented on the Long-Range Planning meeting in which everyone was in support. Member Davit stated that he received an email regarding having opposing one-way traffic. Chief Ogden stated that this proposal would make issues more difficult, and an enforcement nightmare. Member Martini agreed with the closures. He then commented on speeders and speed limits. Member Martini commented on the Ridgewood "No Right-Hand Turn" signs. Discussion followed. Member Rose stated that she has not had any comments regarding closing of 12th Avenue. Mr. John

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Fitzgibbon reviewed discussion made at the last Long-Range Planning workshop. He then stated that proper notice/level service needed to be key for this project to be successful. Member Williams stated he was interested in knowing the signage plan for notification. Manager Smith stated that the signage layout will be available by the June 14th Council meeting. Mayor O'Brien reiterated the conversation as: signage layout needed, detour methodology, temporary closure strategy, notice, and closure costs. Consensus was that all were in agreement with Mayor O'Brien. Mr. Roger Gatlin, Long-Range Planning Committee Chair, thanked all for working on this. He then stated that closure of single roads was reviewed, but would cause other issues. Mr. Gatlin stated that signage needs to state "No Access to 6th Avenue." Some discussion followed regarding including 12th Avenue. (Chat box comments attached) Mayor O'Brien thanked all for their comments and input.

6. Mayor & Council Liaison Reports

Mayor O'Brien reported that the Boat Exclusion Zone Ordinance had been passed by the Orange County Board of County Commissioners. Member Davit reminded everyone of the Rotary Memorial event on Monday at noon.


- a. Mayor O'Brien
- b. Council Member Williams
- c. Council Member Martini
- d. Council Member David
- e. Council Member Davit
- f. Council Member Rose


7. STAFF REPORTS

- a. **Town Manager Robert Smith** – Manager Smith reported on the Eagle Scout event he attended and upcoming workshops.
- b. **Town Attorney Heather Ramos** – Not Present.
- c. **Police Chief Dave Ogden** – Chief Ogden reported on the Sea Cadet program, and the Windermere Police Foundation Summer Bash.
- d. **Public Works Director Tonya Elliott-Moore** – Director Elliott-Moore reported on upcoming road projects, the Little League parking lot project, and the Horizon Circle project. She then reported on sidewalk repair inventory. Director Elliott-Moore stated that it is Public Works Week and the guys were acknowledged.
- e. **Town Clerk Dorothy Burkhalter** – No report.

8. ADJOURN:

There being no further comments, Mayor O'Brien adjourned the workshop at 7:44pm.


Dorothy Burkhalter, MMC, FCRM
Town Clerk


Jim O'Brien, Mayor
Loren Williams

Dorothy Burkhalter

From: Robert Smith
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 5:26 PM
To: Dorothy Burkhalter
Subject: FW: Taking back our beautiful streets

Regards,

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From: hinsh100 <hinsh100@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 5:25 PM
To: Robert Smith <rsmith@town.windermere.fl.us>
Subject: Taking back our beautiful streets

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device
Mr. Smith

We own 825 Oakdale St.
We bought on this beautiful sand street because of its quiet nature.
We are in support of closing it to through traffic to make it safe again for all of us, especially our children.

Respectfully yours,

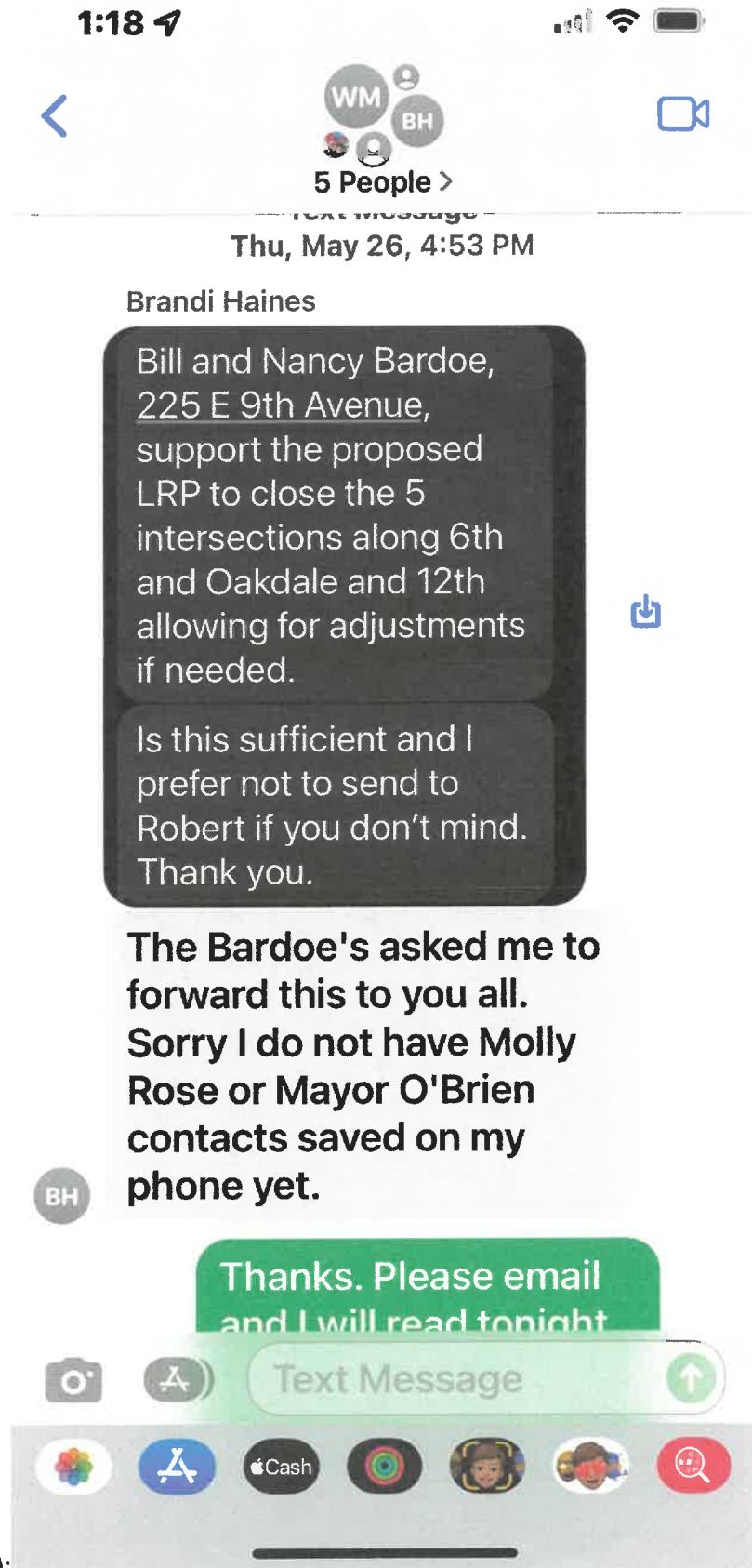
David and Laurie Hinshaw

From: Robert Smith <rsmitty796@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2022 1:18 PM

To: Robert Smith <rsmith@town.windermere.fl.us>

Subject: EXTERNAL EMAIL (Verify)Screenshot 2022-06-07 at 1.18.12 PM



EXTERNAL EMAIL (Verify Spoofing):

00:19:15 Brandi: oops I think people forgot that they needed to do that
01:02:50 Tonya Elliott Moore tmoore@town.windermere.fl.us: Share your
screen
01:17:27 kerrysharpe: Also block 12th and main was part of the plan
01:49:59 Nancy Nix: This is Nancy Nix. Just sent an email to Robert. I
am in agreement with closing off the roads on 6th. Is it necessary to block 12th
and Main? Cut thru drivers would not have access to 6th Ave if they cross over
amain to Oakdale or the others. Right?
01:50:29 GebbenB: I'm in favor of closing 12th at Main. Brad Gebben.
1135 Oakdale Street at corner of Oakdale and 12th Ave