

TOWN OF WINDERMERE

Town Council Pavilion Virtual Workshop Minutes

June 27, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

Present were Mayor Jim O'Brien, Council Members Tom Stroup, Andy Williams, Mandy David, Tony Davit, and Molly Rose. Also present were Town Manager Robert Smith, Attorney Heather Ramos, Town Clerk Dorothy Burkhalter, Public Works Director Tonya Elliott-Moore, and Mr. John Fitzgibbon

1. WORKSHOP CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor O'Brien called the workshop to order at 6:00pm. He then led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Other items for consideration

i. Rotary/Healthy West Orange Pavilion Presentation & Discussion

1. Current 45% Plans

2. Revised, Reduced Square Footage Plans

Mayor O'Brien reviewed the decorum for this workshop. He then turned the floor over to Manager Smith. Manager Smith gave a presentation regarding past discussion, meetings, and workshops regarding the pavilion. He explained that the Town Council has four options. One: proceed with approval of 45% construction documents. Two: proceed with revised reduced square footage design (cost impact minimal). Three: proceed with new concept (time concern with grant and larger cost impact). Four: do nothing and return the cost spent to date to HWO (cost impact approximately \$150,000.00). Manager Smith reviewed the revised design, which went down from 1900 sq ft to 1546 sq ft, site plan comparisons, and the complete redesign. After the presentation was complete Mayor O'Brien turned the floor over to the public. First to speak in favor of the smaller design was Mr. Frank Krens of 727 Forest Street. The following also spoke in favor of the proposed project: Mr. Byron Sutton of 505 W 2nd Avenue, Mrs. Norma Sutton 505 W 2nd Avenue, Mr. Jason Roland of 1 1st Court (with modification of moving the building more west), Mr. Jim Schuppert of 2959 Marquesas Court, and Mr. Louis Witherington of 2902 Marquesas Court. Mr. Valentin Mellstrom of 1127 Main Street commented that actual pro/con numbers were needed, and was not a good idea to build it. Mr. Chuck Hobbs of 110 W 7th Avenue stated that he was in favor of the smaller design. The following spoke in opposition to the pavilion. Mrs. Vicki Hearst of 10820 Bayshore Drive, Ms. Sue Ellen Doty of 328 Forest Street, Ms. Susan Carter of 106 Palm Street, Ms. Nora Brophy of 426 Magnolia Street, Ms. Debra Neill of 525 Oakdale Street, Mr. Doug Fay of 506 Butler Street, Ms. Annamae Clonts of 632 Butler Street, Ms. Zoe Villain of 2617 Carter Grove Circle, Mr. Philippe Villain of 2617 Carter Grove Circle, Ms. Bridgette Matthews of 420 Butler Street, Mr. Bob McKinley of 536 Magnolia Street, Ms. CT Allen of 611 W 2nd Avenue, Ms. Bonnie Elder of 3340 South Lake Butler Blvd., Ms. Kim Campbell of 611 Forest Street, and Ms. Kim Head of 817 Main Street.

Comments were made regarding saving the green space, cutting back events in town, a holistic review of the entire area, and possible bathrooms. Mayor O'Brien turned the floor over to the Council members and stated that the Council needed to voice which one of the four options they would possibly approve of. Member Stroup stated option number four "do nothing and return cost spent to date to HWO." He remarked that it isn't what residents want. Member Stroup further commented "yes" regarding restrooms but "no" to a pavilion. Member Davit commented that he would also choose number four "do nothing and return cost spent to date to HWO." He then questioned what the Town would owe. Manager Smith stated currently approximately \$97,000.00 plus a few unpaid invoices for an approximate total of and additional \$48,000.00 - \$49,000.00. He then stated that there is a three-year contract. Member Rose stated she agrees with number four "do nothing and return cost spent to date to HWO." Member Williams also agreed with option number four "do nothing and return cost spent to date to HWO," and commented on scaling back the food truck events. Member David also favored option number four, "do nothing and return cost spent to date to HWO." Mayor O'Brien reviewed the comments made. He stated that all have opted for option number four "do nothing and return cost spent to date to HWO," as well as a review of current events and their size. Manager Smith stated that this item will be placed on the July Town Council agenda. Member Davit stated that he would assist Manager Smith with deciphering the amount owed back to Rotary. Mayor O'Brien thanked all for their involvement. Member Stroup stated that he would be out of town for the

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Town Council meeting and questioned if he could vote. Mayor O'Brien stated no. Voting is in-person only.

3. MAYOR AND COUNIL LIAISON REPORTS


None

4. STAFF REPORTS


Manager Smith reminded all of the upcoming Pancake Breakfast on July 4th.

5. ADJOURN

Mayor O'Brien adjourned the workshop ay 8:20pm



Dorothy Burkhalter, MMC, FCRM
Town Clerk



Jim O'Brien, Mayor