

TOWN OF WINDERMERE

Virtual Public Workshop Chaine du Lac Annexation

October 19, 2023

PRESENT:

Mayor Jim O'Brien, Town Manager Robert Smith, Police Chief Dave Ogden, Public Works Director Tonya Elliott-Moore, Town Planner Brad Cornelius, and Town Clerk Dorothy Burkhalter were present.

1. THE WORKSHOP CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor O'Brien called the public information session to order at 6:05pm.

2. ANNEXATION OF CHAINE du LAC

- a. Presentation**
- b. Open Forum/Public Comment**

Mayor O'Brien gave an introduction for the workshop. He then turned the floor over to Manager Smith who gave a few comments regarding the annexation and then turned the floor over to Planner Mr. Brad Cornelius. Mr. Cornelius gave a presentation and information regarding annexation, types of annexations, the process, Florida Statutes regarding annexations, Comp Plan and Zoning changes, and a timeline for the annexation process. Manager Smith reported on the minimal effects on Administration if annexed. He commented on past annexation interests from Chaine du Lac, fire and police services, politics, and financial impacts. Chief Ogden gave a biography of his career in Law Enforcement that has led him to the Chief of Police in Windermere. He then commented on patrolling/coverage to the area, response times, and the benefits of being within the Towns limits for the first responders. Comments from the public were made regarding diluting of the original Town and voters, concerns with more use of tennis courts and boat launching, future workshops/meetings, and involvement of the proposed area.

3. ADJOURN:

The Public session adjourned at 6:56pm.

01:52:24 Cathy Tegeler: Tegelers here... this will increase the amount of people using tennis courts and boat ramp and they are already crowded. Also, the outlying residents always vote for changes to our downtown because they don't directly affect them. We find this NOT to be a win win

01:55:11 Vinny V: Thanks for hosting this session.