

# TOWN OF WINDERMERE

## Virtual Public Workshop Chaine du Lac Annexation

July 22, 2024

### PRESENT:

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

### 1. THE WORKSHOP CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor O'Brien called the public information session to order at 6:05pm. He explained that due to the storms there is a downed tree blocking 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the power is out. A few extra minutes were given for attendees. Manager Smith explained that the workshop will be recorded and can be shared with anyone who would like to watch it.

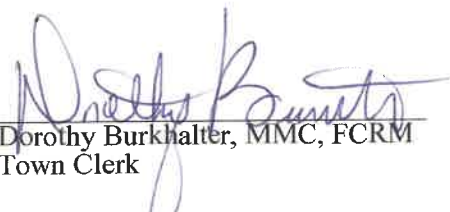
### 2. ANNEXATION OF CHAINE du LAC

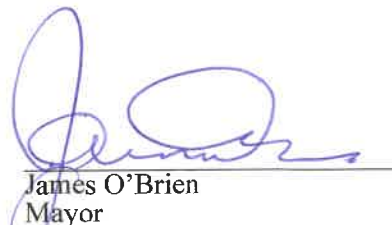
#### a. Presentation

Mayor O'Brien introduced this item and turned the floor over to Manager Smith. Manager Smith gave an introduction for the workshop. He then turned the floor over to Town Planner Mr. Brad Cornelius. Mr. Cornelius gave a presentation and information regarding annexation, types of annexations, the process, Florida Statutes regarding annexations, and a timeline for the annexation process. Manager Smith reported on the minimal effect on Administration with the annexation. He commented on the Town/HOA responsibilities, annexation agreements, solid waste/recycling, fire services/response times/EMS, politics, added benefits, and financial impacts. Manager Smith turned the floor over to Chief Ogden. Chief Ogden gave a brief review of his career in Law Enforcement, patrolling/coverage to the area, response times, and the benefits of being within the Towns limits for the first responders. Mayor O'Brien opened the floor to the public. Ms. Spector questioned if their property located at 12200 Park Avenue would be included with Chaine du Lac. Manager Smith stated yes. Another resident had questions regarding the schools and permitting processes. Manager Smith explained that the school boundaries are defined by the Orange County School Board. He also commented on the outsourced permitting process.

### 3. ADJOURN:

Mayor O'Brien adjourned at 6:54pm.

  
Dorothy Burkhalter, MMC, FCRM  
Town Clerk

  
James O'Brien  
Mayor