

TOWN OF WINDERMERE

Town Council Workshop Minutes

March 25, 2015

CALL TO ORDER:

Present were Mayor Gary Bruhn, Council Members Jim O'Brien, Molly Rose, Robert McKinley, and John Armstrong. Town Manager Robert Smith and Town Clerk Dorothy Burkhalter were also present. Council Member Richard Gonzalez arrived at 6:14pm. Also present was John Fitzgibbon and Mike Galura.

Mayor Bruhn administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Jim O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien has been elected to his third two year term.

Mayor Bruhn then confirmed the liaison positions as Richard Gonzalez - Administration and Tree Board, Jim O'Brien - Police Department and Long Range Planning Committee, John Armstrong - Downtown Business Committee and Historical Board, Bob McKinley - Parks and Recreation, Public Works and Elder Committee, and Molly Rose Development Review Board and Budget. Everyone was agreeable.

1. OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public speakers.

2. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

a. Stormwater Assessment Presentation – Mike Galura

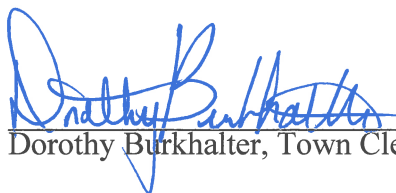
Mayor Bruhn introduced this item. Discussion was made regarding credits and deficiencies. Member Rose suggested removing Section 11-7 of the Ordinance. Further discussion followed regarding credits. Mr. Mike Galura gave a presentation regarding the Stormwater Capital Improvement Program. He reviewed past and proposed projects, costs, funding, grants, meeting NPDES guidelines, lake protection, current assessments, square footage/footprints, tiers and increases. Council discussed amounts of increases. After some discussion was made, everyone agreed to a \$5.00 a month increase in the stormwater assessment for projects. Mayor Bruhn suggested having signs placed when work is being done with the assessment money. Member O'Brien stated that the information in the gazette regarding the stormwater projects was great.

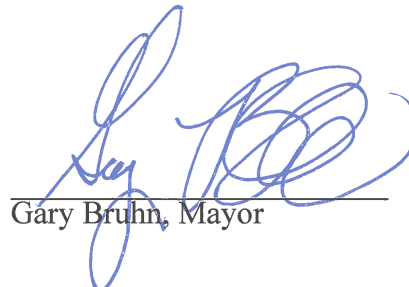
b. Fire Assessment Presentation – Manager Smith

Manager Smith commented on the City of Ocoee's fire coverage agreement and the cost increases. He then reviewed assessments that would assist in cost for fire protection. Manager Smith explained a flat rate, tiered assessment, millage increase and a MSTU (Municipal Service Taxing Unit). Member Armstrong stated he is not in favor of affecting the yearly taxes which are used by residents as a deduction on their yearly tax returns. Discussion continued. Flat rates and tiered assessment were eliminated. Everyone agreed to move forward with a MSTU.

Mayor Bruhn summarized the discussion as everyone agreed to the \$5.00 a month stormwater assessment and to have it tied to the CPI to cover inflation, and move forward with the MSTU for fire services. The millage rate will be lowered to offset the MSTU.

Mayor Bruhn adjourned the workshop at 8:12pm.


Dorothy Burkhalter, Town Clerk


Gary Bruhn, Mayor