

TOWN OF WINDERMERE

Town Council Workshop Minutes

November 16, 2015

CALL TO ORDER:

Present were Mayor Gary Bruhn, Council Members Jim O'Brien (arrived at 6:03), Molly Rose, Bob McKinley, Richard Gonzalez (arrived at 6:01) and John Armstrong. Town Manager Robert Smith and Town Clerk Dorothy Burkhalter were also present.

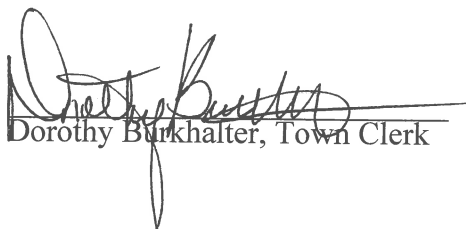
Mayor Bruhn called the workshop to order at 6:00pm.. He explained that this workshop is being held to discuss annexation.

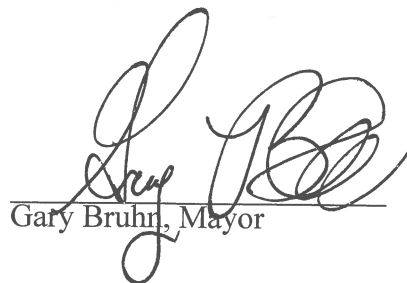
2. SPECIAL PRESENTATION/PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS:

a. Annexation Report Findings (presented by Brad Cornelius, Wade Trim)

Mr. Brad Cornelius, serving as the Town Planner, introduced himself. He then gave a presentation regarding annexation of the west Four Corners, Isleworth, Chaine Du Lac, Windermere Country Club, and Windermere Road. He reported on the size of each location, infrastructure, impacts to the Town, ad valorem taxes and assessments. Much discussion followed regarding which areas would be suitable for the Town. Member Rose commented on concerns regarding stormwater issues with the north-west corner of the four corners. After further discussion was made, Mayor Bruhn also gave a brief presentation regarding proposed annexation areas. He then stated that the Town Manager needed direction from the Council as to which areas the Council would like to pursue. Manager Smith explained the process that would need to take place to move forward. Mayor Bruhn questioned the Council as to their interest in which areas to annex. Consensus of agreement was Isleworth, the north-west and south west corners and Chaine Du Lac. Mayor Bruhn opened the floor to the public. Mrs. Terry Osborne of 228 W 7th Avenue introduced herself. She commented on her concerns of annexing subdivisions. Mrs. Osborne commented that the character of the Town is not being protected due to annexing subdivisions. She also stated that much discussion is needed with the town residents regarding annexation. Mrs. Osborne commented that traffic is a big concern. Mayor Bruhn also commented on the traffic and possible relief through the town. Mrs. Karen Fay of 28 Pine Street stated she is in favor of annexation if it protects the lakes. She then commented that a traffic solution could be to one lane Chase Road. Mrs. Fay stated she is not in favor of any annexation to the north of town. Mr. Ken Ward of 1004 Main Street stated he is in favor of Isleworth and Chaine Du Lac annexation. He then stated he is not in favor of the two corners. Mr. Frank Chase of 935 Oakdale Street stated he was in favor of all the proposed areas for annexation. He stated that the town needs vacant land. After some discussion was made, Manager Smith stated that the consensus of the Council is to move forward with Isleworth, Chaine Du Lac, and the two corners. General discussion was made.

Mayor Bruhn adjourned the workshop at 8:02pm.


Dorothy Burkhalter, Town Clerk


Gary Bruhn, Mayor