

MINUTES
OCOEE CITY COMMISSION
JULY 18, 2023

WORKSHOP

• **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Johnson called the workshop to order at 3:03 PM in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. **City Clerk Sibbitt** called the roll and declared a quorum present.

Present: Mayor Johnson, Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner Wilsen, Commissioner Firstner, Commissioner Hart

Also Present: City Manager Frank, Assistant City Manager Shadrix, Development Services Director Rumer, Deputy Development Services Director/CRA Administrator Corless, Utilities Director Croteau, Public Works Director Krug, Urban Designer Feliciano, and City Clerk Sibbitt

• **DISCUSSION ON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT/RE-DEVELOPMENT**

Assistant City Manager Shadrix summarized the workshop agenda & purpose which covered:

- Overview of the Downtown Master Plan
- Downtown Projects Status & Discussion
- What are the Next Ventures

He explained the public input that inspired the vision for Downtown Ocoee and is embodied in the Ocoee Downtown Master Plan.

Further summary was provided on the completed projects and projects in the works as follows:

- Downtown Ocoee Utility Infrastructure Projects
- Maine Street Extension
- Ocoee Women's Club Rehabilitation
- Bluford Turn Lanes
- Silver Star Road Realignment
- Unity Park (Master Stormwater System)
- Taylor St./Kissimmee Ave.
- Downtown to Downtown Trail Connector
- Floral Street Water and Sewer Main
- Bill Breeze Park Restroom
- Lake Apopka Natural Gas Line
- W. Oakland Ave. Reconstruction

The floor was opened for each member of the City Commission to ask questions. **Assistant City Manager Shadrix** addressed all questions and further noted additional ongoing downtown initiatives and land acquisitions.

Assistant City Manager Shadrix opened the floor for discussions on the following:

- What Happens in the area of the Old City Hall?
- Parking
- What about Gettings Point?
- What about Bill Breeze Park – Between Road and the Lake?
- What about Completing Trail Connections?
- Any other Downtown Projects?

The City Commission began their discussions on current parking issues and purchasing/leasing land for future parking spaces. **Consensus of the City Commission was to direct City staff to look at parcels within the downtown area for potential parking to be presented at a Regular City Commission Meeting.** It was mentioned that eminent domain is also another option for acquiring land if necessary.

Discussion continued on the cost of the completed projects, comprehensive plan updates, and establishing a CRA for the downtown area.

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Assistant City Manager Shadrix asked Utilities Director Croteau to give an update on the Floral Street project and sewer connectivity in that area. **Assistant City Manager Shadrix** and **Development Services Director Rumer** explained an existing contract the City entered into that would allow a sewer line from Floral Street to the site requesting sewer; however, an addendum would need to be made to the contract.

The City Commission began discussions on the area of the Old City Hall and Gettings Point; and further, should a master developer be considered. **Deputy Development Services Director & CRA Administrator Corless** provided a brief PowerPoint which highlighted concepts for the area, and **Assistant City Manager Shadrix** asked for the City Commissions' feedback on what element types or uses they are seeking for that area. Discussion ensued and concept ideas were shared. The meeting concluded with a request for City staff to draft an agenda item to bring back before the City Commission which would summarize the topics the City Commission would like to proceed with as discussed during the meeting.

• **ADJOURNMENT**

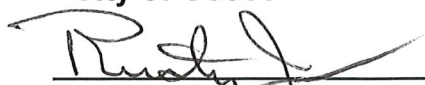
The meeting adjourned at 5:11 PM.

APPROVED:

Attest:



Melanie Sibbitt, City Clerk

City of Ocoee


Rusty Johnson, Mayor