Orlando City Council - Workshop Council Chambers, City Hall 400 South Orange Avenue January 27, 2014

In attendance:
Mayor Buddy Dyer
Commissioner Jim Gray, District 1
Commissioner Tony Ortiz, District 2
Commissioner Robert F. Stuart, District 3
Commissioner Patty Sheehan, District 4
Commissioner Samuel B. Ings, District 6
Mayanne Downs, City Attorney
Alana C. Brenner, City Clerk
Edgar Malave, Sergeant at Arms

Mayor Dyer called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. There were two subjects of today's workshop: Citrus Bowl Reconstruction Update and Contract Tourist Development Tax Bonds.

Mayor Dyer opened the workshop with comments about the Citrus Bowl. He said the City is now ready to embark on a new era for the Citrus Bowl after much discussion over several years about what to do with the Citrus Bowl. A lot of time has been spent imaging what the stadium could be, what it could host and how it could happen. To begin this exciting venture, there will be a demolition ceremony on Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Citrus Bowl to begin the reconstruction – and rebirth – of the Citrus Bowl. This reconstruction is much more than a renovation; the Citrus Bowl will be replaced with 90% new construction for a much improved fan experience. When the reconstruction is complete, the City will continue to host several annual events such as the Capital One Bowl, the Russell Athletic Bowl, the Florida Blue Florida Classic and Monster Jam, as well as be in a perfect position to draw new high profile events such as neutral-site college football games, NFL pre-season matchups and big name concerts. All of the planned enhancements and amenities will not only make the Citrus Bowl competitive in today's market, it will also make it a premier destination for memorable events and experiences.

The Mayor then called on Orlando Venues Executive Allen Johnson, and Brent Daubach of SC Advisors, to present an update and overview of the Citrus Bowl reconstruction project. A Power Point presentation was given which included preliminary discussion of repurposing Tinker Field.

Following the Citrus Bowl Reconstruction Update, the Mayor called on Chief Financial Officer Rebecca Sutton and BFS Treasurer Chris McCullion for the Contract Tourist Development Tax Bond workshop. A Power Point presentation was given.

The workshop was adjourned at 11:03 p.m.

Alana C. Brenner, City Clerk