Orlando City Council - Workshop Council Chambers, City Hall - 400 South Orange Avenue March 31, 2014

In attendance: Mayor Buddy Dyer Commissioner Jim Gray, District 1 Commissioner Robert F. Stuart, District 3 Commissioner Patty Sheehan, District 4 (arrived at 10:15 a.m.) Commissioner Daisy W. Lynum, District 5 Commissioner Samuel B. Ings, District 6 Mayanne Downs, City Attorney Alana C. Brenner, City Clerk Police Officer Karen Long, Sergeant at Arms

Mayor Dyer called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. There were three subjects of today's workshop: Orange County Tax Collector's Collection of Non Ad Valorem Taxes; Orlando's new website "cityoforlando.net,"; and Transportation and Mobility Plan for the Operation of the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

Mayor Dyer opened the workshop by introducing Orange County Tax Collector Scott Randolph who presented a Power Point focusing on three matters: Alternative Method of Collecting Non Ad Valorem Taxes, County Held Tax Certificates and the Tax Collector Task Force. If a property owner fails to pay ad valorem taxes on a property, a tax certificate is sold for the unpaid taxes. If there is no bid on the tax certificate, the county is then required to apply for a tax deed on any property valued above \$5,000. The tax collector's office is currently working with the county to clean up the tax rolls and improve efficiency in this area. Charities and churches are some of the properties that have not paid their non ad valorem taxes. Mr. Randolph also discussed the possibility of the elimination of an elected tax collector if the County absorbs the office, and discussed the inclusion of Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle functions by the tax collector's office. Questions were taken from Council members and Mr. Randolph's presentation concluded at 10:42 a.m.

The Mayor then called on Communications and Neighborhood Relations Director Michele Brennan and Chief Information Office Rosa Akhtarkhavari to present an update and overview of the City's new webpage. A Power Point presentation was given which included a timeline and objectives of the project. Questions were taken from Council members and the presentation concluded at 11:07 a.m.

Following the <u>www.cityoforlando.net</u> update, the Mayor called on Deputy Public Works Director Charles Ramdatt for a Power Point presentation entitled "Transportation and Mobility Plan for the Operation of the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts." Mr. Ramdatt began by introducing Ellery Brown, Vice President of Operations for the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, and Cindy Putnam, Vice President of Marketing. Several different topics were discussed, including, among others, wayfinding and signage, traffic control and parking, followed by questions from Council members. The presentation ended at 11:49 a.m.

The workshop was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Alana C. Brenner, City Clerk