

Orlando City Council - Workshop
Council Chambers, City Hall
400 South Orange Avenue
September 29, 2014

In attendance:

Mayor Buddy Dyer
Commissioner Jim Gray, District 1
Commissioner Tony Ortiz, District 2
Commissioner Robert F. Stuart, District 3
Commissioner Regina I. Hill, District 5
Commissioner Samuel B. Ings, District 6
Jody Litchford, Deputy City Attorney
Officer Edgar Malave, Sergeant at Arms
Officer Kevlon Kirkpatrick, Sergeant at Arms
Alana C. Brenner, City Clerk

Mayor Dyer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The subject of the workshop was “The Mayor’s Community Venues Oversight Committee Report to City Council”. The Mayor called on Gregory Lee, Chair of the Mayor’s Community Venues Oversight Committee, who began the presentation by reviewing the mission and scope of the Oversight Committee, the meeting schedule, the current membership of the subcommittees and past members. Mayor Dyer publicly thanked Don Engfer and Laura Guitar, who were present in the audience and who had previously served on the Committee, for their service. Mr. Lee then called on John McReynolds, Senior Vice President - External Affairs for Universal Theme Parks, who gave an update on the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. Mr. McReynolds indicated it is 17 days until receipt of the certificate of occupancy. He also outlined some key outcomes such as MWBE participation, the “Green” commitment and budget expended. At 10:26 a.m., the workshop was opened to comments and questions by the Commissioners and discussion ensued.

At 10:31 a.m., Katherine Ramsberger, President of the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, outlined all of the opening activities beginning in mid-October with a Meet Your Seat event for season ticketholders and continuing through mid-November with diverse events including a gala, a concert and movie on the plaza and a Community Open House. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place on November 6 from 10 a.m.-noon.

At 10:41 a.m., Allen Johnson, Venues Department Director, discussed the progress of the renovation of the Citrus Bowl. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place on November 19, 2014 at 10 a.m. He introduced Brent Daubach, Project Director with SC Advisors, who outlined key milestones in the Citrus Bowl re-construction including MWBE participation, the budget expended, and the construction schedule. The Citrus Bowl will be substantially complete in the second quarter of 2015. At approximately 10:55 a.m., the workshop was opened to questions from the Commissioners and discussion ensued. At 10:58 a.m. Mr. Johnson discussed the soccer stadium and indicated that a groundbreaking will take place on Oct. 16, 2014 and the stadium will be completed in the Spring of 2016 for the soccer season.

The workshop concluded at 11:03 a.m.

Alana C. Brenner
City Clerk