

Orlando City Council - Workshop  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
400 South Orange Avenue  
May 23, 2016

In attendance:

Mayor Buddy Dyer  
Commissioner Jim Gray, District 1  
Commissioner Robert F. Stuart, District 3  
Commissioner Patty Sheehan, District 4  
Commissioner Regina I. Hill, District 5  
Commissioner Samuel B. Ings, District 6  
Kyle Shephard, Assistant City Attorney  
Laurie Nossair, Deputy City Clerk  
Police Officer, Edward Rosado, Sergeant at Arms  
Police Officer, Raul Zayas, Sergeant at Arms

\*Commissioner Ortiz, District 2, was absent from the meeting,

Mayor Buddy Dyer called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. Commissioner Sheehan arrived at 10:07 A.M. and Commissioner Hill arrived at 10:11 A.M.

Mayor Dyer greeted members of Osceola County's Commission and thanked them for coming to provide information for today's workshop, entitled Osceola County, The Farm and ICAMR (International Consortium for Advanced Manufacturing Research).

Osceola County Commission Chairperson, Ms. Viviana Janer thanked the Mayor and Council members for the opportunity to discuss Osceola County's regional expansion and economic innovation opportunities. She then introduced County Manager, Mr. Don Fisher, to deliver the presentation.

Mr. Fisher provided a PowerPoint revealing that Osceola County is currently the 18<sup>th</sup> fastest growing County in the United States and it is also one of Florida's most invested-in Counties from private capital funds. He provided some destination facts related to Osceola such as its reputation for tourism as well as "Cattle Country." The presentation indicated it is in the top 10 for tourist tax collections, is the vacation home capital of the world, as well as home of the largest (Desert Ranch) and 10<sup>th</sup> largest (Adams Ranch) cattle operations in the U.S. He discussed its strategic plan for 2011-2016, indicating its population is projected to grow 119% by the year 2040. Mr. Fisher discussed the Osceola Parkway Extension, the 50,000 acres of master planning areas of expansion. He then introduced Mr. Chester Kennedy, CEO of ICAMR to discuss plans for Osceola's high-tech facility.

Mr. Kennedy briefed the members of the current technology explosion regarding smart sensors. He discussed the goals of ICAMR, stating it is a world-class facility that supports state-of-the-art research and development. He indicated ICAMR will position Central Florida to be an early leader in the evolution of the global \$32.5 trillion per year sensor-driven economy. Mr. Kennedy

expects this industry to bring about a new era in international collaboration between industry, universities, government and suppliers. He explained the goal of ICAMR is to increase new designs by utilizing a campus with ample room for other businesses to build facilities. He believes smart sensor technology will create a powerful partnership with state universities as it continues to grow and expand into many industries, including healthcare.

At approximately 10:35 A.M. this portion of the workshop was opened to comments and questions and discussion ensued.

At 10:45 a.m. the Workshop was adjourned.

Laurie Nossair, Deputy City Clerk