

Orlando City Council - Workshop
Council Chambers, City Hall
400 South Orange Avenue
June 3, 2013

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 Daisy W. Lynum, District 5
Commissioner Samuel B. Ings, District 6
Mayanne Downs, City Attorney
Alana C. Brenner, City Clerk
Kevlon Kirkpatrick, Sergeant at Arms

Mayor Dyer called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. The subject of the workshop was “Destination Downtown. The Mayor called on Downtown Development Board Executive Director Thomas Chatmon who gave background and an introduction to the topic of the nighttime economy downtown. He discussed the original 2003 Downtown Strategic Transition Team and indicated that of 166 recommendations made by the team, 132 were completed or in process of being implemented. He then recounted milestones accomplished downtown in the last 10 years, some enhancements underway such as See Art Orlando and current downtown nightlife characteristics. He then outlined some new policies such as the Sidewalk Café Ordinance approved in April 2013 and then called on Code Enforcement Division Manager Mike Rhodes to discuss the Noise Task Force and proposed changes to the Noise Ordinance.

Mr. Chatmon then outlined a proposed Entertainment Ordinance in the CRA district which would create an afterhours permit to allow the service of alcohol after midnight. Other features would include requiring that patrons be 21 and over after 10 p.m., extending drinking hours to 3 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and would require the use of an ID scanner in certain sized facilities. He then discussed the Live Entertainment Venues permit, violations of the ordinance and penalties for such violations.

Mr. Chatmon then called on Orlando Police Chief Paul Rooney who discussed the proposed changes from a public safety perspective. He cited statistics from other jurisdictions which have adopted the 21+ requirements. Mr. Chatmon then called upon Doug Taylor, a member of the Downtown Development Board and downtown property owner, who discussed the direct and ancillary economic impact of the industry, the importance of the 3 a.m. changes and gave his thoughts on the 11- month process resulting in these proposals. Mr. Chatmon then outlined the membership of the Stakeholder Working Group, the Public Sector Working Group and the outreach to the 87 downtown establishments in April and May of 2013. Mr. Chatmon then concluded his presentation and Mayor Dyer thanked members of staff, DDB and the Stakeholder Group for their work.

At 10:55 a.m., the workshop was opened for questions and comments by the Mayor and Commissioners and discussion ensued.

The workshop was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Alana C. Brenner, City Clerk