

# **Orange County Government**

*Orange County Administration Center  
201 S Rosalind Ave.  
Orlando, FL 32802-1393*



## **Draft Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 3, 2023**

**9:00 AM**

**County Commission Chambers**

**Board of County Commissioners**

**Call to Order**

County Mayor Jerry L. Demings called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Jerry L. Demings, Commissioner Nicole Wilson, Commissioner Christine Moore, Commissioner Mayra Uribe, Commissioner Maribel Gomez Cordero, Commissioner Emily Bonilla, and Commissioner Michael Scott

Others present:

County Comptroller Phil Diamond as Clerk  
County Administrator Byron Brooks  
County Attorney Jeffrey J. Newton  
Minutes Supervisor Craig Stopyra  
Senior Minutes Coordinator Noelia Perez  
Minutes Coordinator Megan Fiocco

**Pledge of Allegiance****Public Comment**

The following persons addressed the Board during public comment:

- City of Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer
- Tim Giuliani
- Marc Reicher
- Gwen Covington
- Marc Hagle
- Ricardo Villar
- Steven Thill
- Maria Triscari
- James Williams
- Jordan Davis
- N. Y. Narthiri
- Pat Williams
- John Lux
- Nelson Betancourt
- Phil Caronia
- Luckner Ocsi
- Brian Small
- Michael Perkins
- Janét Buford-Johnson
- Marisel Jacobo
- Eugene Stoccardo
- Johanna Djoumbat
- Donna Jessee

- Mayra Escobar
- Kelly Semrad
- Maria Bolton-Joubert
- Mary Palmer

## I. DISCUSSION AGENDA

### COUNTY MAYOR

1. **23-1412** Presentation by Five Project Venues Seeking Tourist Development Tax Funding and Future Allocations.

Roseann Harrington, Chief of Staff, County Mayor's Office, outlined the Meeting Agenda and announced the order of presentations regarding the five projects/venues seeking TDT funding and future allocations as follows:

- Orange County Convention Center
- Florida Citrus Sports Camping World Stadium
- Amway Center
- Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts
- UCF Sports

The following persons addressed the Board:

- Mark Tester, Executive Director, Orange County Convention Center
- Steve Hogan, CEO Florida Citrus Sports Camping World Stadium
- Allen Johnson, Chief Venues Officer, Amway Center
- Sibille Pritchard, Vice Chair Board of Directors, and Kathy Ramsberger, President and CEO, Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts
- Alexander Cartwright, President, and Terry Mohair, Vice President and Director of Athletics, University of Central Florida Sports

Board discussion ensued. County Comptroller Diamond and County Administrator Brooks contributed to the discussion.

The motion by Commissioner Scott to approve the funding proposal increase for the Orange County Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Orange County Convention Center, died for a lack of a second.

Board discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Commissioner Uribe, seconded by Commissioner Moore to advance the Orange County Convention Center project forward. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Demings, Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Uribe, Commissioner Gomez Cordero and Commissioner Scott

**Nay: 2 - Commissioner Wilson, and Commissioner Bonilla**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Scott to approve the funding proposal increase for the Tourist Development Tax Application Review Committee to \$75M (\$15M for the next 5 years-FY2024-2028); and further, approve the funding proposal increase for the Orange County Arts and Cultural Affairs to 5% for the first 4 cents = \$11M and \$2.5M fixed funding (additional \$500,000 for venue subsidy fund) for the total of \$13.5M. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye: 7 - Mayor Demings, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Uribe, Commissioner Gomez Cordero, Commissioner Bonilla, and Commissioner Scott**

A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Scott to approve the funding proposal increase for the University of Central Florida Sports; and further, funded out of excessive revenues and not excessive reserve. The motion carried by the following vote:

County Comptroller Diamond contributed to discussion.

**Aye: 7 - Mayor Demings, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Uribe, Commissioner Gomez Cordero, Commissioner Bonilla, and Commissioner Scott**

A motion was made by Commissioner Uribe, seconded by Commissioner Moore to table the remaining items until the Board could have a discussion regarding Visit Orlando as proposed by Commissioner Bonilla. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye: 7 - Mayor Demings, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Uribe, Commissioner Gomez Cordero, Commissioner Bonilla, and Commissioner Scott**

√ **The notated public hearing is quasi-judicial in nature. As such, any verbal or written communication with a member of the Board of County Commissioners prior to today's quasi-judicial hearing should be disclosed on the record or made a part of the record during the public hearing by or on behalf of the party who communicated with the Board member to allow any interested party an opportunity to inquire about or respond to such communication. Failure to disclose any such communication may place the party who ultimately prevails at the quasi-judicial hearing at risk of having the Board's decision overturned in a court of law due to prejudice against the party who was not privy to the ex parte communication.**

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ADJOURNMENT: 2:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

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County Mayor Jerry L. Demings

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST SIGNATURE:

Phil Diamond  
County Comptroller as Clerk

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Deputy Clerk

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Any person wishing to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings. For that purpose, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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Para mayor información en español, por favor llame al (407) 836-3111.

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