

Orlando City Council - Workshop  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
400 South Orange Avenue  
November 14, 2011

In attendance:

Mayor Buddy Dyer  
Commissioner Phil Diamond, 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  
Officer Kevlon Kirkpatrick, Sergeant at Arms

Mayor Dyer called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. The subject of the workshop was "City of Orlando Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force Report". Mayor Dyer introduced Orlando Police Chief Paul Rooney who gave an introduction as to the seriousness and prevalence of this issue. The Chief then introduced Kim Laskoff, City Prosecutor, who chaired the Task Force.

Ms. Laskoff began with some statistics about deaths from the misuse of prescription drugs and their distribution in Florida. She presented maps showing the locations of pain management clinics in Orlando. She indicated that OPD has shut down four of the 21 clinics. Ms. Laskoff presented current laws and Department of Health regulations that try to address this problem. She then spoke about House Bill 7095 which attempts to crack down on physicians and to regulate wholesale distributors. The new law will become effective, January 1, 2012 and will require physicians to maintain a log of all prescriptions written and to make it available to law enforcement and sets up new standards of care when prescribing controlled substances. Ms. Laskoff also talked about a new prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) called "EFORCSE". It was implemented in September, 2011 and requires all physicians and pharmacies to report all transactions within 7 days.

She discussed the following City of Orlando Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force Recommendations including 1) Supporting public awareness of the issue; 2) Adopting an ordinance prohibiting pain management clinics from dispensing on site and requiring physicians and pharmacists to check the PDMP before dispensing; 3) Proposing certain operational regulations such as zoning, hours and parking; and 4) Proposing certain accountability and reporting requirements. Ms. Laskoff presented a timeline as to adoption of a proposed ordinance. She indicated that staff would like to extend the moratorium an extra 30 days to February 1, 2012.

At 10:42 a.m. the workshop was opened up for questions from the Mayor and Commissioners.

At 11:04 a.m. Ms. Carol Burkett, Director, Office for a Drug Free Community, Orange County was introduced. Ms. Burkett reviewed Orange County Mayor Jacob's Prescription Drug Force Task Force. She gave the background and proposed recommendations from its Healthcare and Pharmacy Subcommittee.

At 11:13 a.m. Ms. Dana Crosby Collier, attorney with Orange County government, presented County Task Force's Enforcement Subcommittee recommendations. Ms. Collier gave background and explained some loopholes in laws. She then outlined the specific recommendations of the subcommittee and outlined a timeline for Orange County Board of County Commissioner's consideration.

The workshop was then opened up for questions by the Commissioners. The Mayor thanked the Orange County staff and then adjourned the Workshop at 11:51 a.m.

Alana C. Brenner  
City Clerk