

ORANGE COUNTY/CITY OF ORLANDO CONSOLIDATION OF SERVICES STUDY COMMISSION



Regular Meeting and
Public Hearing
March 29th, 2006



- Commission empowered to:

1. Conduct comprehensive study of consolidation of City/County government services.

2. Provide report to the City and County with specific findings and recommendations regarding:

- Efficiencies in service delivery.
- Economies of scale.
- Opportunities for enhanced intergovernmental cooperation.



THE PROCESS

- Charter Review Commission placed charter amendment on November 2, 2004 ballot.
- 63% voted in favor of establishing the Study Commission.
- On January 11, 2005, Orange County Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance 2005-02 created the Orange County/City of Orlando Consolidation of Services Study Commission.



THE PROCESS CONTINUED

- Commission Members were appointed.



MEMBERS OF THE STUDY COMMISSION

- Eleven members (who are electors of Orange County).
- Commission is citizen based, having representation from organizations not otherwise directly affiliated with local governments.
- No elected officials.
- Members serve on a voluntary basis and are not compensated.



MEMBERS OF THE STUDY COMMISSION continued

• Five members were appointed by the Orange County Board of County Commissioners:

- Cesar Calvet
- Jimmy Goff
- Douglas Kelly
- Monty Knox
- Frances Pignone



MEMBERS OF THE STUDY COMMISSION continued

- Four members were appointed by the City of Orlando:
 - Don Ammerman
 - Scott Gabrielson
 - Kathy Putnam
 - Cari Coats



MEMBERS OF THE STUDY COMMISSION continued

- Two members were appointed by the Orange County Legislative Delegation:
 - Jim Kallinger
 - Carolyn Fennell



THE PROCESS CONTINUED

- First Commission Meeting held on April 26, 2005.
- Staff was hired by August 8, 2005.
- Commission appointed six committees to do research, hear expert witnesses, and prepare and present recommendations.



THE PROCESS CONTINUED

- The six committees are:
 1. Fire and Emergency Services
 2. Parks and Recreation
 3. Transportation
 4. Water Utilities
 5. Purchasing
 6. Planning



THE PROCESS CONTINUED

- Committees have met regularly.
- Five Committees (Parks and Recreation, Purchasing, Water Utilities, Transportation, and Planning) have presented recommendations.
- The Fire and Emergency Services Committee presents its recommendations today.



THE PROCESS CONTINUED

- Commission will hold 5 public hearings.
- Today = fourth public hearing.
- The Commission must complete its work by May 2, 2006.
- The Commission Report must be presented to the County and City no later than September 1, 2006.



THE PROCESS CONTINUED

Board of County Commissioners will:

1. Evaluate the impacts of the recommendations on County operations.
2. Hold public hearings to obtain citizen input.
3. Initiate discussions with the City of Orlando regarding implementation.