

ORDINANCE NO. O-25-40

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE ESTATE OF VELMA SEAWELL DANIELS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE DOLLARS AND SEVEN CENTS (\$258,879.07) TO THE WINTER HAVEN PUBLIC LIBRARY; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-25-29, ADOPTING THE CITY OF WINTER HAVEN BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2025, the City Commission passed Ordinance O-25-29 adopting the Budget of the City of Winter Haven, Florida, Fiscal Year Commencing October 1, 2025, as the Official Budget of the City of Winter Haven, Florida, Fiscal Year 2025-2026; and

WHEREAS, events occur during each fiscal year which were not anticipated by the beginning estimates, and

WHEREAS, the City of Winter Haven operates the Winter Haven Public Library to promote literacy, lifelong learning, and community enrichment; and

WHEREAS, the late Velma Seawell Daniels, a long-time resident and supporter of the Winter Haven Public Library, bequeathed the sum of Two Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars and Seven Cents (\$258,879.07) to the City of Winter Haven for the benefit of the Library; and

WHEREAS, the City of Winter Haven acknowledges the generosity of Velma Seawell Daniels and wishes to recognize her contribution as a lasting investment in the educational and cultural advancement of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to amend the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Budget to recognize the donation as revenue and to appropriate such funds for library-related purposes, including but not limited to programs, materials, technology, and facility enhancements.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City of Winter Haven hereby formally recognizes and accepts the bequest from the Estate of Velma Seawell Daniels in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars and Seven Cents (\$258,879.07) to support the Winter Haven Public Library

2. The City's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Revenue Account – Other Contributions 101-366201-000 \$258,879.07

Expenditure Account - Materials 101-07-728-5220

\$258,879.07

3. If any, word, sentence, clause, phrase or provision of this Ordinance, for any reason, is held to be unconstitutional, void, or invalid, the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

4. It is the intention of the City Commission that sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "chapter", "section", "article", or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions; and that sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered and the administrative correction of typographical and/or scrivener's errors which do not affect the intent may be authorized by the City Manager or his designee, without need of public hearing, by filing a corrected or re-codified copy of same with the City Clerk.

5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage

INTRODUCED on first reading this 24th day of November, 2025.

PASSED on second reading this 8th day of December, 2025.



CITY OF WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA

MAYOR-COMMISSIONER

Nathaniel J. Birdsong, Jr.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

Vanessa Castillo, MMC

Approved as to form:

CITY ATTORNEY

Frederick J. Murphy, Jr.