

Judge makes city wait in firefighter's case

WINTER PARK — An Orange County Circuit judge Wednesday ordered Winter Park to delay taking further action to fire or discipline suspended firefighter Judy Manor.

However, the city's labor attorney said he hopes to have Circuit Judge Frederick T. Pfeiffer put aside his ruling and let the city conduct a hearing.

Pfeiffer issued an injunction after Manor and her attorney walked out of a 2 p.m. hearing to determine if there was enough reason to fire her. Manor was suspended July 8 after being accused of disobeying her commanding officers at the scene of a house fire.

James Moreland, Manor's attorney, said the two left before the hearing because city representatives would not allow a court reporter to take notes of the entire meeting. He said they also would not agree to limit the time those testifying against Manor could be in the room.

Assistant city manager-personnel director John Litton, who called the hearing, attended along with city labor attorney Robin Fawsett, the fire chief, public safety director and the officers whom Manor is accused of disobeying and being rude to.

Fawsett said he was preparing a motion to overturn the injunction but the city would take no actions against Manor until that was done.

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