

City of Winter Park

LAND PURCHASE

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■ DRIVER'S SEAT

FEELING HIS OATS. The Winter Park City Commission wants land. But commissioners don't want to spend a lot of money. Good thing Mayor David Johnston knows how to keep the price down. The land, near Winter Park High School's ninth-grade center, is in a prime location for building a pond to catch water from a large drainage pipe that now dumps straight into Lake Virginia. But with the school eventually moving, the land also is in a prime spot for smart developers looking to make a buck in Winter Park. Worried that the price may go up, some have suggested that the city move quickly to buy the acreage. But Johnston sees no reason to hurry. "We hold the trump card," he reminded his fellow commissioners at a recent city workshop. "The property is worth nothing unless we rezone it."

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