

**PALMETTO CITY COMMISSION
APRIL 5, 2010 - 7:00 PM**

Elected Officials Present

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor
Tamara Cornwell, Vice Mayor, Commissioner-at-Large 2
Alan Zirkelbach, Commissioner-at-Large 1
Mary Lancaster, Commissioner, Ward 1
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2
Brian Williams, Commissioner, Ward 3

Staff Present

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Jeff Burton, CRA Interim Administrator
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Rex Hannaford, Deputy Chief of Police
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Diane Ponder, Deputy Clerk-Administration

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, followed by a Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION: National Tartan Day, April 6, 2010
Accepting: Robert Greene, Member New World Celts, South Bay Chapter and Scottish Heritage Society

Swearing-in of all persons intending to address City Commission or the CRA Board.

Public Comment (non-agenda items): Comments will be limited to two minutes.

Chris Hamm, 1015 12th St. W. Lot 1, stated his opinion that allowing a yard sale only two times a year too little, and suggested that the time period for yard sales should be changed to once a month, and if more often, the City could charge a fee.

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Bryant removed item #5 from the agenda, pursuant to Commission direction at the 4:30 workshop.

MOTION: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Varnadore seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve the April 5, 2010 7:00 PM Agenda with the deletion of item #5.

2. CITY COMMISSION CONSENT AGENDA

- A) Minutes: March 15, 2010
- B) Special Function Permit: Alvarez Mexican Restaurant-Cinco de Mayo Festival
- C) Noise Exception Permit: Alvarez Mexican Restaurant-Cinco de Mayo Festival 5/8/10
- D) Noise Exception Permit: Alvarez Mexican Restaurant- Cinco de Mayo Festival 5/5/10
- E) Noise Exception Permit: Kojaks Palmetto Ribhouse

MOTION: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Williams seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve the April 5, 2010 Consent Agenda.

3. PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 2010-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE PALMETTO CODE OF ORDINANCES; AMENDING THE QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR CITY ELECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Bryant opened the public hearing. Mayor Bryant closed the public hearing after public comment.

MOTION: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Lancaster seconded and motion carried 5-0 to adopt Ordinance No. 2010-04.

4. 1ST PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CDBG GRANT

Commission will accept public comment regarding the City's application for a CDBG grant up to \$750,000. If awarded, the grant will assist the City in funding the Ward I Phase II infrastructure improvement project.

Mayor Bryant opened the public hearing. After no public comment, Mayor Bryant closed the public hearing

Loren Clarke of Clarke Communities, Inc. read the published first public hearing notice that was published into the record. She reported she has been in the community with Commissioner Lancaster doing surveys and is working with Public Works on the plans. She reported she will be attending a workshop next week, where she will receive the grant application dates.

Mayor Bryant recessed the City Commission meeting at 7:15 pm to open the April 5, 2010 CRA Board meeting.

Mayor Bryant reconvened the City Commission meeting at 9:00 pm.

5. 23rd STREET REALIGNMENT UPDATE/BASEBALL FIELD UPDATE (A. Tusing)

Reported that the land swaps moving along, and staff is researching a possible rezoning of certain parcels in the area; two parcels on the west side of 10th Ave. that will be part of the ball fields and a piece of the School Board's property will need to be changed to PU zoning. Attorney Barnebey stated he is researching if it is a violation of the City's ordinances to have a park in the CG district. It is anticipated the 23rd Street RFP is published this week.

Mayor Bryant informed Commission the YMCA is establishing a community group to gather information on the YMCA that was initially discussed by Mr. Preston when the conceptual plan for the area was developed. No guarantee about the construction of the facility will occur. Mr. Tusing reported Manatee County is willing to reconfigure parking at the soccer fields, which may make the parcel larger for the YMCA.

6. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Mr. Freeman

Reported the City was not awarded the Energy Efficiency Conservation Grant. Mr. Clover requested the score sheet so the City can determine how the grants were ranked and scored.

Reported he has not received any response from the party awarded the RFP for the Green Bridge Bait Shop lease, therefore, he will send a formal letter of termination. He stated the City can pursue information on placing docks at the location or can issue a new RFP.

Mr. Tusing discussed the CRA plan for the area. Mr. Burton reported it will go to the CRA Advisory Board at its next meeting, after which the information will be brought to the Commission.

Reported the 23rd Street RFP will be going out this week.

The Code Enforcement software approved by Commission will be implemented before the end of month.

Reported Diane Ponder reached her 10 year anniversary with the City on April 1st.

Mr. Tusing

Updated Commission on the Estuary Park, stating his belief the deadline for grant funding will be met.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Reported the Project Status Report has been made available and to contact Mr. Woodard with any comments.

Reported the receipt of complaints from Tropic Isles about garage sales, which Code Enforcement has addressed.

Commented on the public records and ethics training Manatee County is providing on April 23. She requested that an email be sent to all board members to encourage attendance.

8. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Mrs. Lancaster

The Enterprise Zone met this morning at 9:30. There was no quorum but a workshop was held. A program is being looked at regarding community gardens to involve children and also a program where the CRA will furnish materials for home repairs, which will be done by sweat equity or by volunteers.

Referring to the Mayor's comments regarding the metal building not looking like a metal building, she commented on the metal building that P&Z allowed to be erected in a residential area.

Ms. Cornwell

Reported on the Jet Park meeting where she, Lt Tyler, Capt. Hannaford and Duane Kinn from Public Works attended. She requested that the questions be provided to the people that don't make the visits. Mayor Bryant reported the attendees have been submitting questions and answers that have been compiled into spreadsheet and can be emailed to Commission.

Reported the Palmetto Historic Commission Board met. The Board is moving forward with plans for summer and projects, and is looking at the property owned by the church. The Board has requested a clean up for the Historic Park and the Yellow Fever Cemetery. Mayor Bryant reported that both parties have requested to meet with her regarding the church property.

Recommended contacting the gentleman speaking to Commission regarding yard sales about his ability to bring items to the Palmetto High School sale at a minimum cost.

Reported receipt of calls regarding the dredging. Mr. Tusing reported the Department of Transportation is performing maintenance on the DeSoto Bridge. She requested that the press be informed there is community interest.

Mr. Williams

Mayor Bryant reported the job description for the Planner will be finalized and brought to Commission.

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Discussion ensued on the curbing proposed for the Ward 1 project. Mr. Tusing will report back the difference in cost between a two-foot drop curb and Miami curbing.

Mr. Freeman reported the Relay for Life Friday begins Friday evening at Palmetto High School.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Minutes approved: April 19, 2010

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk