

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
March 17, 2014
7:00 PM**

Elected Officials Present

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor
Jonathan Davis, Vice Mayor, Commissioner-at-Large 1
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2
Charles Smith, Commissioner, Ward 1
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2
Brian Williams, Commissioner, Ward 3

Staff Present

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Rick Wells, Chief of Police
Amber Foley, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION: National Tartan Day
 April 6, 2014
 Accepting: Todd MacClinchy and Robert Greene representing:
 The St. Andrew Society of Sarasota, Inc.
 The Caledonian Club of Florida West
 The Scottish Heritage Society of Sarasota, Inc.
 The New World Celts, International

The Proclamation will be on the next agenda; the recipients were not in attendance at this meeting.

All persons intending to address the City Commission were duly sworn.

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Bryant informed Commission that item 3A2a, Slicks Garage April First Fridays Special Function Permit, will be removed from the agenda per the applicant's request.

Motion: Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the March 17, 2014 Agenda with the removal of item 3A2a.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Clerk's Office

1. Minutes: 2/3/14, 2/24/14 and 3/3/14
2. Special Function Permits:
 - a. Slicks Garage First Friday 4/4/14 (*Removed per applicant*)
 - b. St. Pete Bicycle Club Spring Classic 4/13/14
3. Resolution 2014-06 FY14 BB&T Lease Documents
4. Disposition of Surplus Property

Motion: Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the March 17, 2014 Consent Agenda.

4. PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2013-16 PERSONNEL POLICY

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH A NEW PERSONNEL POLICY; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PALMETTO CITY ORDINANCE 05-846 OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Bryant re-opened the public hearing from March 3, 2014.

Attorney Barnebey noted that a few changes were made to the drug free workplace section of the Policy since the last meeting.

There being no public comment, Mayor Bryant closed the public hearing.

Motion: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Ordinance 2013-16.

5. FEBRUARY CHECK REGISTER (Informational Only)

6. POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING UPDATE

Mayor Bryant deferred this item to the next meeting.

7. ASR WELL UPDATE

No update.

8 DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Mr. Tusing—informed Commission that he received the Veolia operating budget credit from last year totaling \$30,687.92. He requested approval to have that credit placed into the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to fund waste water treatment plant upgrades.

Motion: Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to move the \$30,687.92 credit from Veolia budget to the CIP for the waste water treatment plant.

Mr. Tusing will be attending a meeting with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) regarding the Edenfield Property. He plans on meeting with the adjacent property owners after the meeting with FDEP.

Mr. Freeman—thanked Commission for approving the Personnel Policy tonight.

He provided an email to Commission last week regarding the reduction in voting precincts and polling places in the City. He is working with the Supervisor of Elections to answer any further questions the Commission has. Mayor Bryant is drafting a letter to send to the Supervisor of Elections regarding the “super poll” location at the Civic Center. She opined that this may not be as accessible to some residents because of the distance and the parking at the Civic Center. Discussion ensued regarding the reduction of the polling places in the City.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bryant informed Commission that Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has completed their traffic study regarding the traffic congestion across the Green Bridge and Desoto Bridge into Bradenton. She contacted FDOT to question when a meeting would be scheduled and was told that they

will be meeting with the City of Bradenton first then meet with the City of Palmetto. Mayor Bryant and a few staff members will be in attendance at the meeting between FDOT and the City of Bradenton.

10. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Williams—questioned when smoke testing would be performed. Mr. Tusing stated he does not have a report on that at this time. He stated that Mr. Vargas will be scheduling a meeting with each Commissioner to discuss the rates and the schedule of events.

Commissioner Varnadore—would like to schedule a meeting with Mr. Tusing and Mr. Vargas.

Commissioner Davis—stated that based on the Longboat Key solid waste Request for Proposal (RFP), the City of Palmetto has the best prices for solid waste services through Waste Management.

Motion: Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Smith seconded the motion to extend the existing solid waste services contract with Waste Management for a term of 2 and ½ years with a City Commission approved extension for an additional 2 and ½ years to be brought back before this Board for a vote in approximately 2 years.

Attorney Barnebey recommended that Commission amend the agenda to add this item for discussion.

Motion: Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion failed 2-3 to amend the agenda to include the discussion of the extension of the current Waste Management contract.

Commissioner Varnadore and Commissioner Cornwell stated they would prefer to see this item placed on a future agenda to allow ample time for questions and discussion. Discussion ensued on the extension of the Waste Management contract and a future agenda. Commissioner Williams questioned if the Request for Proposal (RFP) for solid waste services will be prepared by the time this discussion comes forward in April. Mr. Tusing said he had submitted the RFP to the Purchasing Department and was given it back to make a few changes; he is modifying the RFP and will be re-submitting it soon. Attorney Barnebey questioned if Commissioner Davis is looking to extend the current expiration date of March 31, 2014 by 2 ½ years with Waste Management, or is he looking to extend the contract after the 10 month extension that was recently approved by Commission. Commissioner Davis clarified that he was asking to extend the current expiration date of the contract by 2 ½ years.

Commissioner Davis amended the motion on the floor to add this discussion to the Workshop and 7:00 p.m. Commission meeting on April 21, 2014. Commissioner Smith agreed to the amendment to the motion. The amended motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Smith—stated he read that the Manatee County Commissioner that represents the Lakewood Ranch district is negotiating approximately \$60 million dollars for roads and improvements in the Lakewood Ranch area over the next few years. He thinks that is great for that community but questioned where the dollars are for the City of Palmetto improvements.

Public Comment:

Jane Hunter, Slicks Garage, stated that she withdrew their First Fridays Special Function Permit for April due to the Seafood Festival. She expressed several concerns about the Festival and opined that there will need to be City staff present at the barricades located on 5th Street due to the narrow roadway not allowing people to turn around if they go the wrong way.

Brad Avery, representing WCA Solid Waste, thanked Commission for tabling the discussion on the solid waste contract with Waste Management until the April meeting. He stated that going out to bid for solid waste services will be in the best interest of the City and the residents.

Rose Quin-Bare, representing Waste Management, stated that the City needs to consider safety as well as price for solid waste services. She encouraged the City to not just go on price alone.

Jennifer Tuller, representing WCA, is looking forward to submitting a bid on the solid waste services for the City.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Minutes approved: April 7, 2014

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk