

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
AND CRA BOARD MEETING
January 5, 2015
7:00 PM**

Elected Officials Present

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor
Jonathan Davis, Vice Mayor, Commissioner-at-Large 1
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2
Harold 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.

All persons intending to address City Commission were duly sworn.

Mayor Bryant read a letter she received from Governor Rick Scott's office. This included a proclamation for Florida First Responder's Week, January 5th through January 9th. She asked staff to display the letter and the proclamation at City Hall and the Police Department for residents and officers to appreciate.

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the January 5, 2015 Agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

- A. Mayor's Office
 - 1. 2015 Board Appointments
- B. Clerk's Office
 - 1. Minutes: December 15, 2014
 - 2. Love of Christ 5K, 2/14/2015
 - 3. Surplus Items, Lot 26
- C. Police Department
 - 1. Budget Resolution 2014-31 Crash Implementation Software

Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the January 5, 2015 Consent Agenda.

4. SELECTION OF VICE MAYOR

Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to elect Commissioner Brian Williams as Vice Mayor.

5. SELECTION OF CRA BOARD CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Commissioner Brian Williams will also be the CRA Board Chair.

Motion: Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to elect Commissioner Tandra Varnadore as CRA Board Vice-Chair.

6. WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT EXTENSION

The current vendor for the City is Waste Management. Their contract expires on January 31, 2015.

Mr. Tusing explained that the City is requesting an extension with the current vendor, Waste Management, due to protests that have been received. The City now has to have time to respond to the protests adequately and allow for appeals. Due to the protest process, it would be in the best interest of the City to extend the current contract for another six months.

Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Williams seconded the motion to extend the current solid waste contract with Waste Management for six months, expiring on July 31, 2015, unless terminated with a 30 day notice.

Mr. Tusing clarified that the letter received from Waste Management for the extension did not include the termination with a 30-day notice.

Attorney Barnebey is unsure why there is not 30-day notice termination included; however, it will probably take close to six months to resolve the protests and have negotiation on the contract.

Bill Gresham, representing Waste Management, explained that he was not given the authority to put the 30-day cancellation in the extension letter. He believes it is because of planning purposes that it was not added. He went on to explain that with this extension giving a specific date, it allows Waste Management to have a time-frame and deadline to retrieve and deploy their assets from the City if they do not get awarded the new contract. If Waste Management is awarded the new contract, then it is not a problem.

Commissioner Varnadore withdrew the motion on the floor; the second agreed.

Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to extend the current solid waste contract with Waste Management for six months, expiring on July 31, 2015.

Mayor Bryant recessed the City Commission meeting at 7:19 p.m. to open the January 5, 2015 CRA Board meeting.

Mayor Bryant reconvened the City Commission meeting at 7:58 p.m.

7. REGATTA BOAT FESTIVAL 2015 UPDATE

Mr. Freeman provided an update to Commission regarding the festival:

- The City has received a Special Function Permit for the event along with the FDOT Permit for the closure of the Green Bridge. The Permit will be on the next agenda, 1/26/2015, for approval.
- The Green Bridge will be closed at 4:00 a.m. February 7th; reopening at 11:00 p.m.
- The event will be using Riverside Park West and the Green Bridge Fishing Pier.
- The parking lot located on the corner of Riverside Drive West and 8th Avenue will be utilized for the staging of the boats for the event and will be closed to the public.
- The F-2 boats will be arriving early Friday morning, February 6th.
- The event organizer will have their own security during the event.
- A 200 foot floating dock will be installed on the Bradenton Riverwalk side.

- Port-o-lets will be supplied for both sides of the River by the event organizers with locations to be determined.
- 4-6 vendors will be on Riverside West during the event.
- Vendors will be on the Green Bridge; no food, no glass bottles, no alcohol.
- There will be a 5K that will start at 8:00 a.m. in Bradenton and come across the Green Bridge through Palmetto. The City has received a Special Function Permit for the 5K; also to be on the next agenda for approval.
- No update on the concert at this time; still working with Peter Vandernoord on that.
- The Bradenton Police and Fire Department Command Center will be located at the Police Department and staged at Wells Fargo Bank.
- The next meeting with staff from both cities and the event committee will be on 1/20/2015 at 9:00 a.m.
- The press conference for the event will be on 1/20/2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Pier 22.

Commissioner Varnadore stated that she has had several business owners express concerns about the closure of the Green Bridge for an entire day. She said that there has been discussion from some about closing their stores that day.

Discussion ensued regarding the signage for detours and the notification of the closure of the Green Bridge. There has been a Mode of Transportation (MOT) done by the City regarding the detour routes and placement of signs for the detour. Commissioner Varnadore opined that an electronic sign be placed at the US 41/US 301 split to let travelers know. Mr. Freeman explained that there will be a notice placed in the utility bills advising residents and information will be placed on the City's website. Commissioner Williams opined that a map of the detours should be placed in the newspaper a week ahead of time to let the public know. Staff will reach out to the event provider and ask that the map be posted to allow the public as much notice as possible.

8. ASR WELL UPDATE

None.

9. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

No comments.

10. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bryant stated that the forms are now available for the Palmetto Living Tree Memorial Program. The Program allows for the purchase of a tree and memorial plaque to be placed along the trail at Sutton Park. The cost is \$300.00 for the tree and the engraved plaque.

Deanna has been working on the fair booth schedule for volunteers; she will email that to Commission.

Mayor Bryant will be getting with Commissioner Smith to discuss the fair process.

11. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Williams—asked about the status of body cameras for the police officers. Chief Wells explained that the purchase has been placed on hold. The City needs to get a better understanding of the public records law that deals with the body cameras.

Mr. Williams asked about the state ethics requirement training of four hours. Attorney Barnebey can provide the training. Mr. Freeman stated that the Florida League is aware and working on a program; he will keep Commission informed as that is developed.

Commissioner Davis—asked about the water and sewer plan. Mr. Tusing received a report and will be providing that at the next meeting.

Mayor Bryant asked if the letter from Waste Management was enough to allow for the extension of the contract. Attorney Barnebey stated it is not ideal, but it will suffice.

Commissioner Williams asked about the project on Haben Boulevard. Mr. Tusing stated that his staff has completed a repair of the road and will not be tearing it up again. The leak is located in the center eastbound turn lane of 301. There was no money budgeted for such a costly repair in the budget this year; he will be working on that for next budget. For a temporary fix, the pipe can be lined or filled with another smaller pipe.

Commissioner Cornwell—thanked Commissioner Davis for serving as Vice Mayor last year; he did a great job.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Minutes approved: January 26, 2015

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk