

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
AND SPECIAL CRA BOARD MEETING
June 15, 2015
7:00 PM**

Elected Officials:

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

Staff Present:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police
Javier Vargas, Deputy Director Public Works
Debra Woithe, City Planner
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 the City Commission were duly sworn.

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the June 15, 2015 Agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Bryant congratulated Chief Tyler and Commissioner Davis on their modeling during the "Putting on the Ritz" fundraising event Sunday Night.

3. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

- A. Clerk's Office
 - 1. May 18, 2015 Minutes
 - 2. Electronic Message Sign Standards
- B. Public Works
 - 1. SWFWMD Estuary Habitat Restoration Phase 2 Agreement
- C. Police Department
 - 1. COPS Grant

Commissioner Williams removed item 3A2 for further discussion.

Motion: Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to approve the June 15, 2015 Consent Agenda with the removal of item 3A2.

Mayor Bryant requested item 3C1 be removed for discussion.

Commissioner Williams amended the motion on the floor to include the removal of 3C1, Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The amended motion carried 5-0.

3A2 Electronic Messaging Sign Standards Discussion:

City Planner Debra Woithe explained that, because billboards are larger and can be seen from a further distance than electronic message signs, the resolution/pitch is different. When these guidelines were developed it was specific to those signs that require conditional use approval, which only apply to commercial and industrial zoning. The guidelines are also intended for on-site signs, not the larger off-site signs such as billboards.

3C1 COPS Grant Discussion:

Chief Tyler explained that the Police Department is seeking Commission approval to apply for the 2015 COPS hiring program. That grant will fund the City with 75% of the total fully loaded new officer position for a period of three years. After that three years is over, the City will be responsible for the entire cost of the officer's position. The deadline for submittal is June 19th.

Motion: Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve items 3A2 and 3C1.

4. 2ND PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Mayor Bryant opened the public hearing.

Corbett Alday, Guardian Community Resource Management, gave a Power Point presentation to the Commission regarding the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). Mr. Alday discussed the time line, the scope of work, and the proposed budget. A copy of the presentation is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Mayor Bryant closed the public hearing after hearing no public comment.

Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to accept the Citizens Advisory Task Force recommendation regarding the Neighborhood Revitalization as presented and accept grant funds if awarded.

5. RESOLUTION 2015-12

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR THE CITY CLERK IN THE MAYOR'S ABSENCE, TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND AUTHORIZE LOCAL REVENUES AS CDBG LEVERAGE, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Motion: Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 2015-12.

6. MAY CHECK REGISTER (Informational Only)

Mayor Bryant recessed the City Commission meeting at 7:24 p.m. to open the June 15, 2015 Special CRA Board meeting.

Mayor Bryant reconvened the City Commission meeting at 7:41 p.m.

7. ASR WELL UPDATE

Mr. Vargas stated that the ribbon cutting went well on June 5th.

Mayor Bryant asked that this item be removed from future agendas.

8. TRAFFIC UPDATE

Mayor Bryant informed Commission that the County requested a presentation by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) regarding the traffic issues on the Green Bridge. FDOT presented no changes from what was originally discussed when they were at the City last year. There are no plans for to make improvements any sooner than 2017-2018.

9. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Attorney Barnebey—announced that he will be out on vacation starting Wednesday. He is available by telephone.

In regard to the closing on the Montgomery property, Mr. Burton stated that he was told they are waiting on a closing date.

10. MAYOR'S REPORT

11. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Davis—enjoyed modeling at the “Putting on the Ritz” fundraiser last night.

Commissioner Varnadore—would like potential discussion/approval items that are on a workshop to be placed on the agenda the same day, that way, if Commission wants to approve it, the item was properly noticed to the public; it can always be removed from the agenda. Commissioner Cornwell agreed with Commissioner Varnadore

Commissioner Williams—questioned when the budget should be handed out to Commission. Ms. Foley stated that the date will be July 1. Commissioner Varnadore asked that the budget workshop meeting dates be emailed to Commission.

Commissioner Williams asked when to expect the solid waste contract to be approved. Mr. Vargas stated that the City plans to have another meeting with Waste Management within a week and he is hopeful this will be the last meeting that is needed.

Mr. Williams requested an update on how Manatee County Commissioner Bustle is doing and Mayor stated she will provide him an update in private.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes approved: July 20, 2015

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk