

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
AND CRA BOARD MEETING
November 2, 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
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Scott Tyler, 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.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor Bryant presented the Veterans Day Proclamation to Donald Courtney, Chairman and Carl Hunsinger, Vice Chairman, Veterans Council.

PROCLAMATION: Commissioner Varnadore presented the Farm City Week Proclamation to Ann Marshall, Farm City Week Committee Member.

RECOGNITION: Mayor Bryant recognized the following City Employees for their recent nomination for Employee of the Fourth Quarter:

Aubrey Drummond	Nixa Haisley
Tonya Wonderly	Joel Carranza
Kurt Stokke	John Pawlikowski
Jammie Jewell	Jimmy Michener
Detective David Burns	Detective Chris Cavazos
Cpl. Chris Metzger	Officer Richard Wilson

Mayor Bryant congratulated Detective Chris Cavazos who was chosen as the City's Employee of the Fourth Quarter with her recent assistance with a victim in a domestic violence case.

RECOGNITION: Chief Tyler recognized Officer Richard Wilson for his quick thinking and great observation that helped a victim be removed from a domestic violence situation.

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the November 2, 2015 Agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Clerk's Office

1. Minutes: October 5, 2015 and October 19, 2015
2. Special Function Permits:
 - a. Tonya Clavey Memorial Car Show 1/9/2016
 - b. DeSoto Grand Parade 4/30/2016
3. Resolution 2015-33 Charter Review Committee Ratification

B. Police Department

1. Surplus of K-9s Ruger and Xent
2. Bridging the Gap Youth Football All-Star Game

Items 3.A.2.b., 3.A.3., and 3.B.2. were removed for discussion.

Motion: **Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve items 3.A.1., 3.A.2.a., and 3.B.1. of the November 2, 2015 Consent Agenda.**

3.A.2.b. DeSoto Grand Parade Special Function Permit Discussion:

It was clarified that the City of Palmetto's only involvement in the Parade is for the closure of the Green Bridge for part of the event.

Motion: **Commissioner Cornwell moved to approve item 3.A.2.b. The motion carried 5-0. (No second was made to the motion)**

3.A.3. Resolution 2015-33 Charter Review Committee Ratification Discussion:

Mayor Bryant exited the meeting at 7:24 p.m. and returned at 7:26 p.m.

Attorney Barnebey clarified that the Committee is required to take public comment before they take final action on an issue; in the beginning of the process they may not have any items to take specific public comment on.

Discussion ensued regarding adopting the Charter by referendum or Ordinance. It was explained that some parts of the Charter have to be adopted by referendum while other parts do not. Attorney Barnebey will review the law regarding the adoption of a city charter.

Motion: **Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 2015-33.**

3.B.2. Bridging the Gap Youth Football All-Star Game Discussion:

The game is to occur at Braden River High School.

Motion: **Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve item 3.B.2.**

4. PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2015-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO SOLID WASTE; PROVIDING FOR AMENDED REGULATIONS RELATED TO SOLID WASTE COLLECTION; PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDED FEE SCHEDULE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Motion: **Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Ordinance 2015-17.**

5. RESOLUTION 2015-35 SOLID WASTE FEE

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING A SCHEDULE OF FEES RELATED TO SOLID WASTE COLLECTION; SUPERSEDING RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 2015-35.

6. 1ST READ ORDINANCE 2015-18 CRA PLAN

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, MODIFYING THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to schedule Ordinance 2015-18 for a public hearing on November 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as same can be heard in these Chambers and direct staff to advertise for same.

Mayor Bryant recessed the City Commission meeting at 7:36 p.m. to open the November 2, 2015 CRA Board meeting.

Mayor Bryant reconvened the City Commission meeting at 7:43 p.m.

7. TRAFFIC UPDATE

Mr. Tusing stated that there will be a meeting regarding the corridor study; however, there has not been a specific date set.

Mayor Bryant stated that at the last Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting there was a discussion about the improvements along US 301 from 2nd Avenue to Hasko Road, specifically regarding the width of the sidewalks. Mayor Bryant specifically asked for a status report on when the 301/41 corridor study will be moving forward. She also addressed sidewalks along Blackstone Park.

Commissioner Varnadore asked Mr. Tusing to inquire of the timing of the lights for the north/south traffic along US 41 can be altered when there is a severe back up.

8. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Mr. Tusing—informed Commission that the City is on its third cycle at the ASR well and everything is running smoothly.

Mr. Freeman—updated the Commission on a property the City put a lien on that went into foreclosure. The City has acquired the property through a tax deed sale that occurred this week. The property will be coming forward to Commission for a discussion on what should be done with it.

Mr. Freeman discussed upcoming items to be placed on the next few agendas.

He informed Commission that the bids are due for the seawall on Monday and staff will be doing their best to get it on the November 16th agenda.

Chief Tyler—informed Commission that no major events occurred Halloween night. Both the Halloween Parade and the First Baptist Fall Festival events went well.

He discussed the surplus of the K-9s stating the Hendry County will be adopting Ruger.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bryant received an email regarding the intersection of 21st Street and 27th Avenue Boulevard West and the City making it a three-way stop; Mr. Tusing is working on this and reporting back to Mayor.

She mentioned to Commission there was a letter to the editor published in the North River News regarding the recent property that requested a reduction of lien. Mayor Bryant will be reaching out to the author of the letter to let him know that there was a network of people that reached out to the family of the property to provide them relocation support.

10. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Cornwell—would like to review the Charter as a Commission and make recommendations to the Charter Review Committee on their opinions of changes to be made.

Motion: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to schedule a Charter Review on the next Workshop Agenda.

Commissioner Smith—inquired about the painting of the lines along 2nd Avenue West. Mr. Tusing just received the quotes on that project.

Commissioner Williams—there is a street light near his house along Riverside Drive East that is missing the globe. Mr. Tusing stated he will get it fixed.

Mr. Williams requested to meet with Mr. Gause, Mr. Freeman and Attorney Barnebey after the meeting tonight.

Commissioner Davis—attended a breakfast this week in Sarasota with Jeff Kemp as the speaker. While there, he was approached and complimented on the improvements the City has been making to the parks and all the events that occur here.

Commissioner Williams—opined that the seawall and living shore line should be separate reports provided to Commission by Mr. Gause, project manager. He requested that Mr. Gause make one report regarding the updates to the seawall itself and then another report more specific to the installation of the living seawall. He will discuss with Mr. Gause after the meeting.

Mayor Bryant informed Commission that she, along with Mr. Burton and Commissioner Williams all attended the recent Florida Redevelopment Conference. She highly encouraged all Commissioners to attend.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes approved: January 4, 2016

James R. Freeman

James R. Freeman, City Clerk