

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
August 1, 2016
7:00 PM**

Elected Officials Present:

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

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the August 1, 2016 Agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

- A. Mayor's Office
 - 1. Reappointment of Charles Kayser to the MPO/CAC Board
- B. City Clerk's Office
 - 1. Minutes: June 20 and July 18
 - 2. Special Function Permits:
 - a. First Baptist Church Concert December 10th
 - b. Grilled Cheese Festival August 19th
 - 3. BB&T Banking Agreement Extension
- C. Public Works
 - 1. Special Fence Permit 2016-03
 - 2. Special Fence Permit 2016-04

Commissioner Varnadore corrected the July 18 Workshop minutes "back years" to "back yards".

Commissioner Cornwell requested the removal of the Grilled Cheese Festival Special Function Permit for discussion.

Commissioner Smith requested discussion on the BB&T Banking Agreement Extension.

Motion: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the August 1, 2016 Consent Agenda with the removal of the two requested items.

3.B.2.b. Grilled Cheese Festival Special Function Permit Discussion:

Ms. Foley addressed Commissioner Cornwell's comments. This event is a fundraiser for the Wheels 4 Purple Hearts program.

The applicants, Peter Frank and Jack Thompson, informed Commission that this event is a free fundraising event open to the public. It will have many gourmet grilled cheese food trucks and will raise money to give a motorized wheel chair to a veteran.

Motion: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Grilled Cheese Special Function Permit on August 20th.

3.B.3. BB&T Banking Extension Agreement Discussion:

Mr. Freeman clarified that this is the last allowable extension of this agreement; after this expires, the City will issue a Request for Proposal for banking services.

Motion: Commissioner Smith moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the BB&T Banking Extension Agreement.

4. TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE

Mr. Freeman recapped the budget meeting on July 27th. As part of the budget process, the City has to report a proposed aggregate millage rate to the Manatee County Property Appraisers Office by August 4th. The tentative budget hearing is scheduled for September 12th and the final budget hearing is scheduled for September 26th.

Mr. Freeman provided a couple handouts to Commission to show the trend in adopted millage over the last ten years. He also provided a sheet showing how the City of Palmetto's millage compares to the other cities in the County. A copy of those handouts are also located in the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 3-2 to approve a proposed aggregate millage rate of 5.9671. Commissioners Davis and Cornwell voted no.

Discussion continued on the vote for the millage. It was decided to keep the vote as is.

5. 1ST READ ORDINANCE 2016-10 REZONE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; REZONING APPROXIMATELY 0.14 ACRES OF PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT 706 13TH STREET WEST, PALMETTO, FROM MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (RM-6) TO BUSINESS AND LIGHT COMMERCIAL (CG); PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Parcel ID #26302.0000/0; Property Owner: City of Palmetto)

Motion: Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to schedule Ordinance 2016-10 for a public hearing on August 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as same can be heard in these Chambers.

6. TRAFFIC UPDATE

7. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Mr. Burton—provided a presentation on Sutton Park. He displayed a picture of the conceptual approval of Sutton Park. Commissioner Varnadore requested a copy of the minutes from when this site plan was conceptually approved.

Mr. Burton discussed future projects for Sutton and Lamb Parks to include playground equipment, basketball court equipment, tennis courts, signage on all the corners (both Sutton and Lamb Parks), sidewalk around the entire perimeter of Sutton Park, and benches. He asked for prioritization of the projects so he could budget appropriately this fiscal year. It was decided to bring this discussion to a public meeting to allow any public input and to vote on the two top projects for these parks for the coming year.

The Waterfront Plan (adopted in 2006) was also discussed and Mr. Freeman was asked to provide that to Commission.

Mr. Freeman—asked if Commission would like to reschedule the August 8th budget meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Commission agreed to change the time for that meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Chief Tyler—commented on the Summer Slam event at the Palmetto Youth Center this past Saturday. The event had a great turnout with several backpacks with school supplies being given away.

He announced National Night Out will be held tomorrow night at The Boys and Girls Club on 10th Street.

Last week was the Palmetto Police Department's reaccreditation which went really well. The Police Department is being recommended for reaccreditation.

Chief stated that the Police Department is prepared for back to school on August 10th.

Attorney Barnebey—discussed a recent claim filed by Tschita against the City whereby the City's insurance company settled.

He is working on some ordinance revisions that will be coming shortly.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bryant stated she will have traffic updates after the next Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting.

9. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Davis—if anyone witnesses vandalism in the City, please contact the Police Department.

Commissioner Cornwell—questioned how the University of South Florida kid's football camp went. Mayor Bryant said it was well attended and raised plenty of funds. Any fundraising dollars left over will be presented to the 100 Club.

Commissioner Williams—informed Commission about the Tasters Choice event on Saturday at Tropical Palms in Bradenton. He will be there judging food.

He questioned the solar kayak storage plans for Estuary Park. Mr. Tusing stated that permits are in the process of being issued.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes approved: August 15, 2016

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk