

**CITY OF PALMETTO  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
AND CRA BOARD MEETING  
September 12, 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  
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, followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**PROCLAMATION:** Mayor Bryant read the Star Spangled Banner Day Proclamation. Star Spangled Banner day is September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**RECOGNITION:** Chief Tyler recognized Joey D's, McDonald's, Wal-Mart, and Winn Dixie for providing support during the Summer Youth Programs.

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

**Motion:** Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the September 12, 2016 Agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

A. City Clerk's Office

1. Minutes: 8/1/2016, 8/8/2016, 8/15/2016 and 8/24/2016
2. Blalock Walters Legal Bills
3. Special Function Permits:
  - a. Palmetto High School Homecoming Parade 9/30/2016
  - b. First Baptist Church Fall Festival 10/31/2016
4. Resolution 2016-27 Budget Amendment

B. Police Department

1. FY2016 CPIP Budget Transfer

**Motion:** Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Williams seconded the motion to approve the September 12, 2016 Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Williams requested the removal of item 3. A. 4. Resolution 2016-27.

**Motion:** **Commissioner Davis amended the motion to approve the September 12, 2016 Consent Agenda with the removal of item 3.A.4 for discussion, Commissioner Williams seconded the amended motion. The amended motion carried 5-0.**

3.A.4. Resolution 2016-27 Budget Amendment Discussion:

Commissioner Williams questioned the amount as presented on Attachment A of the Resolution versus that of Attachment B. Mr. Freeman explained that Attachment B of the Resolution is not an actual attachment or part of the Resolution, it is just for information purposes for the Commission. The amounts as reflected on Attachment A are the correct amounts. An updated amount of grant funding for both projects is \$357,500 with a request to transfer \$45,147 from unused Multi-Modal Enhancement Corridor (MMEC) funding to the Seawall project to allow for seawall lighting.

**Motion:** **Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 4-1 to adopt Resolution 2016-27. Commissioner Williams voted no.**

4. PUBLIC HEARING—TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE AND TENTATIVE FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET

**Mayor Bryant opened the public hearing to discuss the tentative millage rate and tentative FY 2017 budget.**

- We are here tonight to adopt the City of Palmetto tentative millage and budget for FY 2017 that begins October 1, 2016.
- The City proposes to adopt a FY 2017 millage of 5.9671 per \$1,000 of taxable value, which is 5.57% greater than the rolled-back rate of 5.6522. The rolled-back rate is the rate that will allow the City to collect the same amount of revenues in comparison to the prior year.
- Taxable value in the City of Palmetto FY 2017 budget is \$763,820,230 which represents an increase of 6.65% compared to the prior year
- The overall City-Wide budget is \$26,442,028 which is 4.32% higher than last year. The General Fund budget is \$11,209,689. Additional revenues are being used to fund capital expenditures, personnel costs, public safety and utility infrastructure needs within the City.

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

A. RESOLUTION 2016-25 TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE (read in its entirety)

**Motion:** **Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 2016-25.**

B. RESOLUTION 2016-26 TENTATIVE FY 2017 BUDGET (read in its entirety)

**Motion:** **Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 2016-26.**

5. PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2016-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2006-876 TO APPROVE A CONCEPTUAL/GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PID # 2580010409 AND 2580010509 ON +/- 6.28 ACRES, ZONED PD-H (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-HOUSING); PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (GDP 2016-01, RIVIERA WEST LLC, PID#2580010409 AND 2580010509)

Mayor Bryant opened the public hearing.

**Motion:**        **Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to continue the public hearing on Ordinance 2016-12 to September 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as same can be heard in these Chambers.**

6. AUGUST CHECK REGISTER (Informational Only)

*Mayor Bryant recessed the City Commission Meeting at 7:19 p.m. to open the September 12, 2016 CRA Board Meeting*

*Mayor Bryant reconvened the City Commission Meeting at 7:48 p.m.*

7. TRAFFIC UPDATE

8. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Chief Tyler—supervisor testing started today and it was a full day today and one more day tomorrow.

He informed the Commission that the reaccreditation ceremony will be held in Palm Beach this year; he invited them to attend and will be sending them an email shortly with the dates.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bryant attended the India Festival this weekend at the Civic Center and enjoyed sampling some different foods and learning about the culture; she read the City proclamation during the event as well.

10. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Williams—questioned a dead tree issue and asked Mr. Tusing to look into it.

Commissioner Cornwell—questioned if Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was notified of any costs associated with the recent storm. Mr. Freeman explained that the City sent off any associated overtime/damage costs to the County who is involved with informing FEMA.

Commissioner Davis—attended the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council meeting today.

He thanked all the City employees, especially Public Works staff for their work during the storm.

Commissioner Varnadore—thanked the Public Works staff for working so hard during the storm.

She expressed her desire to see a botanical garden in the City of Palmetto; more specifically at Hidden Lake Park. She asked for this discussion to be placed on a future workshop to see the consensus of the Commission and the public.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Minutes approved: October 17, 2016

*James R. Freeman*

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City Clerk