

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
April 3, 2017
7:00 PM**

Elected Officials Present:

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, Director Public Works
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police
Amber LaRowe, 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.

RECOGNITION: Chief Tyler recognized Mrs. Ellen Robinson and her neighbors in Colonial Mobile Home Park for their Giving Doll project to the Police Department.

PROCLAMATION: Commissioner Varnadore presented the National Tartan Day Proclamation to Bob Greene and Todd MacClinchy, representing the New World Celts. National Tartan Day is April 6, 2017.

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the April 3, 2017 Agenda with the addition after item 7 of reconvening the CRA meeting from 4:30 p.m. today to continue discussing the items on that agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Clerk's Office

1. Special Function Permits:

- a. Cinco De Mayo 5/6/2017
- b. Capiello Fundraiser Event 6/3/2017
- c. First Baptist Church Fall Festival 10/31/2017

2. Resolution 2017-09 Budget Amendment Historical Park Grant

3. Resolution 2017-10 Budget Cleanup

B. Public Works

1. FDOT Traffic Maintenance Agreement

Motion: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to approve the April 3, 2017 Consent Agenda.

Mayor Bryant questioned parking for the Cinco De Mayo 5/6/2017 event. Mrs. LaRowe explained that public parking was explained to the applicant as well as the two open lots and how to contact the Church and School Board.

Commissioner Varnadore questioned the music volume and times for the Cinco De Mayo and the Capiello event. It was explained to the applicants that all amplified music needs to be turned off by 10:00 p.m. The types of music and the musical acts were written on the applications as well.

The motion on the floor carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2016-16 EASEMENT VACATION

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, VACATING A PORTION OF AN EASEMENT, APPROXIMATELY 15+- FEET IN LENGTH AND LOCATED TO THE EAST ON LOTS 9 AND 8TH BLOCK OF TROPIC ISLES MOBILE HOME ESTATES, LOCATED GENERALLY AT 1316 28TH AVENUE DRIVE WEST, PID#2957300003, (VAC 2016-02), AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN SECTION 2 OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Bryant opened the public hearing.

Mr. Tusing stated that on February 6, 2017 Commission approved the Encroachment Agreement for this property; this Vacation request is a permanent solution to the approved Encroachment Agreement.

Mayor Bryant closed the public hearing after no public comment.

Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Ordinance 2016-16.

5. PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2017-03 BONITA VISTA GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; APPROVING A CONCEPTUAL/GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR AN 18-UNIT, THREE-STORY MULTI-FAMILY BUILDING ON A 0.90-ACRE SITE ZONED PD-H AND LOCATED GENERALLY AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF 14TH AVENUE WEST AND 23RD STREET WEST, PALMETTO, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Bryant opened the public hearing continued from March 13, 2017.

Attorney Barnebey informed Commission that since the last Public Hearing, the applicant has hired a new attorney that was unable to be in attendance today and respectfully requested a continuance to the second meeting in May (May 15th); however, the attorney for the Terra Ceia Community Development District (CDD) is not available on May 15th and requested a continuance to the June 5th Commission meeting. Attorney Barnebey recommends a continuance of the Public Hearing to June 5, 2017.

Residents Robert and Jan Alexander were signed up to speak regarding this item; both residents confirmed that they were able to come back on June 5th to speak and will hold their comments until that time.

Commissioner Williams questioned about a Commissioner not available to attend the June 5th meeting; Attorney Barnebey reminded Commission that they can call in to listen and to speak but are not able to be part of the vote or part of the quorum. If the vote for the Ordinance is a tie vote, it would mean a denial for the Ordinance.

Motion: **Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to continue the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2017-03 to June 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as same can be heard in these Chambers.**

6. PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2017-09 CRA PLAN

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

Mayor Bryant opened the public hearing.

After hearing no public comment, Mayor Bryant closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Williams asked if the CRA Advisory Board is allowed to make rules and adopt them without the CRA Board seeing them. Mr. Burton stated that if and when rules are to be presented to the CRA Advisory Board, he will bring them forward to the CRA Board for their approval first.

Motion: **Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 4-1 to adopt Ordinance 2017-09. Commissioner Williams voted no.**

7. DISCUSSION: 2018 MANATEE RIVER REGATTA

Mayor informed Commission that the applicant did make sure to reimburse the City for the expenses for this year's event and would like to have the event again next year.

Chief Tyler stated that the applicant received the suggestions to add more events on the Palmetto side for the event and it went well; he would like to work diligently with the City on the next event, if this is approved. Chief stated that there was a lot of positive feedback from this year's event and it was well attended. It appears that the businesses along 8th and 10th Avenues were positively impacted.

Motion: **Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to conceptually approve the 2018 River Regatta.**

Mayor Bryant recessed the City Commission meeting at 7:53 to reconvene the April 3rd CRA Board meeting.

Mayor Bryant reconvened the City Commission meeting at 9:43 p.m.

8. TRAFFIC UPDATE

Mayor Bryant explained that Florida Department of Transportation will be providing updates regarding traffic studies that were performed recently like the DeSoto Bridge and traffic at the south end of the Green Bridge.

9. PALMETTO POOL UPDATE

Motion: **Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to conceptually approve the possible conveyance of all or part of the property at Lincoln Park to Manatee County as part or all of the compensation for the installation of the pool.**

10. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Mayor Bryant informed Commission that Mr. Burton has looked at a house on 910 4th Street for possible donation to the City of Palmetto if we would move it for the Historical Park. She asked Mr. Tusing to go look at the house too; Mayor is not very receptive to it but would encourage staff to look at it before a letter is written to them. Commissioner Varnadore stated that her understanding is that the Historical Park was offered the house but does not want it but that she gave the opinion that the City may want to

purchase it to demolish the exiting house or perhaps doing some rehabilitation. Mayor asked that Public Works staff look at the property/house and report back to the Commission.

Mr. Tusing—discussed the vacant GIS Compliance position at Public Works. He has conducted interviews, along with Zach Schwartz and found a candidate to make an offer to. He requested approval for \$5,000 expenditure for the Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) Program that is due for an upgrade. This item was not budgeted for; however there is attrition from having the GIS Compliance position. He would like approval to use some of the attrition funds for the ESRI Program.

Motion: Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the \$5,000 expenditure for the ESRI Program.

Mrs. LaRowe—provided an update about the Yellow Fever Cemetery enhancement. The fence is to be installed once the lighting is up. Goodson Electric is working on the lighting this week with the fencing to follow. The Educational Kiosk has been ordered and should arrive within the next couple of weeks.

Mayor Bryant informed Commission that the Florida Association of Code Enforcement has some upcoming trainings that she would like to send Penny Johnston to as she is the Clerk for the Code Enforcement Board. She asked Mr. Tusing to speak to Mrs. Owens, City Planner, to use fund from the Code Enforcement cost center to allow Mrs. Johnston to attend the training.

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

12. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Williams—congratulated Mrs. LaRowe on her marriage.

Mr. Burton requested direction from the Commission to surplus the property located at Riverside Drive and 10th Avenue West to redevelop the parking lot, to replace the parking with more parking. Commissioner Varnadore questioned why this was not part of the agenda and is not interested in deciding this at the end of a meeting. She opined it would be more beneficial to have it on an agenda to allow for public comment. Commissioner Williams agreed.

Motion: Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 4-1 to adjourn the April 3, 2017 Commission meeting. Commissioner Smith voted no.

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Minutes approved: May 15, 2017

James R. Freeman

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