

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
AND CRA BOARD MEETING
September 15, 2017
5:30 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—(Entered the meeting at 5:46 p.m.)
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 5:30 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

Mayor Bryant removed item 3.A.1.b. Lights Up For Our Heroes Special Function Permit to allow staff to gather further information.

Motion: **Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the September 15, 2017 Agenda. Commissioner Smith was absent for the vote.**

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Clerk's Office

1. Special Function Permit

a. Amended DATE ONLY for First Baptist Church Permit 10/1/2017

~~b. Lights Up For Our Heroes 11/11/2017 Removed~~

B. Public Works

1. Redfish Cove General Development Plan Minor Modification

Motion: **Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the September 15, 2017 Consent Agenda with the removal of B.1. for further discussion. Commissioner Smith was absent for the vote.**

3.B.1. Redfish Cove General Development Plan Discussion:

Jeff Gradley, Redfish Cove LLC, explained the minor modifications as requested. He explained that the garage extension as shown on the map takes place of the stairs as previously identified. This map is part of the agenda packet.

Motion: **Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the Redfish Cove General Development Plan Minor Modification as presented. Commissioner Smith was absent for the vote.**

4. FIRST READ ORDINANCE 2017-11 VACATION OF PARTIAL UTILITY EASEMENT

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, VACATING A PORTION OF UTILITY EASEMENT 20 FEET IN WIDTH AND APPROXIMATELY 190 FEET IN LENGTH, LOCATED SOUTH OF 7TH STREET WEST AND EAST OF THIRD AVENUE WEST, WITHIN THE PARCEL LOCATED AT 209 7TH STREET WEST, PID# 2796800007.

Karla Owen, City Planner, informed Commission that this is a request from Impact Community Church of God to vacate a portion of an existing utility easement to allow for the construction of a 6,570 square foot addition to the Church building, along with a portico and additional parking. The easement exists entirely within the property owned by the Church and will not affect any neighboring property owners. Mrs. Owens stated that this easement was formerly platted to extend the entire width of the parcel, however, only a portion of the easement is actually necessary for utility services. Mr. Tusing indicated there is no problem with vacating the portion of the easement to allow for the addition to the Church property.

Motion: **Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to schedule Ordinance 2017-11 for a public hearing on September 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as same can be heard in these Chambers. Commissioner Smith was absent for the vote.**

5. RESOLUTION 2017-18 TENTATIVE MILLAGE (read in its entirety)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF PALMETTO FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Bryant opened the public hearing for both Resolution 2017-18 and Resolution 2017-19.

- We are here tonight to adopt the City of Palmetto tentative millage and budget for FY 2018 that begins on October 1, 2017.
- The City proposes to adopt a FY 2018 millage of 5.9671 per \$1,000 of taxable value, which is 5.52% greater than the rolled-back rate of 5.6550. 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 for the FY 2018 budget is \$811,588,615 which represents an increase of 6.3% compared to the prior year.
- The overall City-Wide budget is \$27,094,891 which is 2.5% higher than last year. The General Fund budget is \$11,304,651. 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 on Resolution 2017-18 after hearing no public comment.

Motion: **Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 2017-18.**

6. RESOLUTION 2017-19 TENTATIVE BUDGET (read in its entirety)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Bryant closed the public hearing on Resolution 2017-19 after hearing no public comment.

Motion: Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 2017-19.

7. AUGUST CHECK REGISTER (Informational Only)

Mayor Bryant recessed the City Commission meeting at 5:50 p.m. to open the September 15, 2017 CRA Board meeting. 550

Mayor Bryant reconvened the City Commission meeting at 6:22 p.m.

8. TRAFFIC UPDATE

9. PALMETTO POOL UPDATE

10. CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL UPDATE

11. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Mr. Tusing—announced that debris hauling will begin sometime next week. The staging area for the debris management team and haulers will be at the Manatee County Fair Grounds. There is a meeting to be held between staff and the debris monitoring team on Monday morning.

Mr. Freeman—informed the Commission that investing in the generator for City Hall proved a great choice; the generator kicked on during the hurricane and powered City Hall until power returned a few days later.

Chief Tyler—complimented the officers that were tirelessly working during the hurricane. They were away from their families beginning Saturday afternoon and returning late Monday evening. As soon as it was safe, they returned back out into the community to assess damages and clear storm debris from roadways. Due to power outages, they manned the intersections where traffic lights were down until power was restored.

He informed Commission that he will be working to create a Business Advisory Board to help with recommendations on a new building for the Police Department. The storm caused damage to an already damaged building and he respectfully requested Commission to make this priority number one for projects this coming year.

Chief Tyler announced that Lorenzo Waiters was chosen and accepted the position as Police Captain. His start date is October 4th.

12. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bryant commented on how the community came together after the hurricane. She made sure to keep the public abreast of power outage and debris removal issues. She complimented staff on how quickly they were out cleaning the streets and working to make sure the public was informed as well.

13. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Williams—complimented staff on how quickly and diligently they have been working on clean-up after the storm and echoed the Mayor's compliments to the City's residents as well.

Commissioner Davis—complimented the Public Works staff for doing a great job cleaning up immediately after the hurricane passed. He also complimented the Police Department and the officers who drove around checking on vacant homes and residents after the storm.

He commented on the shelters and questioned if any paramedics are staffed at the shelters in the event of a life threatening situation that may occur. Would like to pose that question to the Manatee County Emergency Management Staff to understand if this is a possibility.

Commissioner Cornwell—discussed the disposal of debris that is not due to the storm. She clarified that electronic goods and white goods can be disposed at, at the e-waste cleanup date in October at the fairgrounds. It was scheduled for the week during the hurricane and has been rescheduled to October 21st.

Commissioner Smith—thanked the Public Works Department and staff and the Police Department and staff for their work during and after the storm.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Minutes approved: October 16, 2017

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk