

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
June 25, 2018
5:30 PM**

Elected Officials Present:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor
Jonathan Davis, Vice Mayor, Commissioner-at-Large 1
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2—(appeared via telephone)
Harold Smith, Commissioner, Ward 1
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2
Brian Williams, Commissioner, Ward 3

Staff Present:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police

Mayor Bryant opened the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

Attorney Barnebey spoke about a request he received from Commissioner Cornwell to participate via telephone as she had previous plans and could not attend in person. Commissioners discussed allowing Commissioner Cornwell to participate via phone.

Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to allow Commissioner Cornwell to participate in the meeting by telephone.

1. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER CONTRACT

Mr. Freeman explained that staff is bringing forward a contract for reimbursement of three SRO officers for the FY 2019 year. In prior years, this cost share was 50/50 between the School Board and the City. Historically, the City has provided three officers; Palmetto High, Lincoln Middle, and Palmetto Elementary. Lincoln Middle school will become a Charter School in FY 2019 and an SRO will not be provided at this location. However, the new legislation that passed in 2018, requires two SRO officers at Palmetto High and one SRO officer at Palmetto Elementary. Any additional SRO resources above the three outlined in this contract will require additional Commission review and approval. The current contract will now also include support costs in addition to the personnel costs. Also, the cost share under the FY 2019 proposed contract will be split 70% paid by the School Board and 30% by the City. The contract also has a provision that if another jurisdiction receives more than 70% reimbursement, then the City will also benefit from that higher amount.

Motion: Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the 2018-19 SRO Agreement with Manatee County School Board and authorize the Mayor and Chief to sign the contract.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: AUGUST 27, 2018

James R. Freeman

JAMES R. FREEMAN, CITY CLERK