

**CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**February 1, 2021**

**7:00 pm**

This Commission Meeting was conducted utilizing Communications Media Technology. Some Staff members were present in the Commission Chambers while others were present via the Zoom application to respect the social distancing guidelines.

**Elected Officials Present in Chambers:**

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor  
Brian Williams, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, Ward 3  
Sheldon Jones, Commissioner-at-Large 1  
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2  
Harold Smith, Commissioner, Ward 1  
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2

**Staff Present in chambers:**

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney  
Mohammed Rayan, Public Works Director  
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police  
Jim Freeman, City Clerk  
Jeff Burton, CRA Director  
Zachary Swartz, Senior GIS Analyst  
Penny Johnston, Executive Assistant (Not Present)  
Vanessa Cochran, Assistant City Clerk

**Staff Present Electronically:**

Todd Williams, Information Technology (IT) Consultant

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order 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.

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

**Motion: Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the February 1, 2021 Commission Agenda.**

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Surplus Tangible Property (S. Tyler)

**Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the consent agenda as presented by staff.**

4. MPO TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES (M. Rayan)

Mr. Rayan, Public Works Director (PWD), discussed the MPO Transportation Priorities, and the list is a part of the minutes. He pointed out that the priorities of some projects were shifted.

**Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Williams moved, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the 2021 project priority list for submittal to MPO/FDOT staff for funding consideration.**

**Mayor Bryant recessed the City Commission Meeting at 7:15 p.m. to open the February 1, 2021 CRA Board Meeting.**

**Mayor Bryant reconvened the City Commission Meeting at 8:50 pm.**

5. CONNOR PARK RFP RECOMMENDATION (J. Burton)

**Motion: Commissioner Jones moved, Commissioner Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to accept recommendation from committee and approve Stellar Development, Inc. for the Connor Park development and authorize the Mayor/CRA Presiding officer to negotiate the final project price.**

6. RESOLUTION 2021-03 BUDGET AMENDMENT (J. Freeman)

**Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commission Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 2021-03.**

**STANDING AGENDA ITEMS:**

7. TRAFFICUPDATE

Mayor Bryant reminded the Board that on February 11th at 5:30 p.m. there will be a Public Hearing conducted by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in the Commission Chambers regarding 23rd Street and 26th Street. Also, the temporary traffic signal at Canal Road is moving forward.

8. POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING UPDATE

Mr. Rayan, PWD, reported that the 100% project drawing will be received by Friday, February 5th. Next, the construction documents will start. Mr. Freeman, City Clerk, added that by the end of the 1st or 2nd quarter, the financial advisor will present the financial plans to the Board for approval.

**COMMENTS:**

9. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Mr. Freeman reminded the Board about the City Commission CRA Workshop Meeting scheduled February 17th at 6 p.m. He also advised the Board on the upcoming special events, Mayor's Feed The Hungry Drive and MCR Health, that does not require Special Function Permits and will be held at Sutton Park. The Board had no objections.

Attorney Barnebey reported that tomorrow is the Board of Government Council Week, and on their agenda is Charter Government with the County. He added that this could have an impact on the City of Palmetto that could range from having County ordinances to prevail over City ordinances. Mayor Bryant added that it is at 4:00 p.m. at the Convention Center.

**10. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Bryant announced the World Golf Championship event that will be held at the Concession Golf Club in Bradenton on February 25th – 28th, and 72 of the top PGA players of the world will participate.

**11. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Jones asked for updates on the Genesis Business sign, and Mayor Bryant responded that Ms. Owens, Development Services Director, is following up on it. Commissioner Jones thanked Chief Tyler and Mr. Freeman for the information received, and requested a date and time to meet with Mr. Rayan, PWD.

Commissioner Cornwell asked about an update on people 65 or above getting the vaccine. Chief Tyler replied that The State Department of Health delegates the policy and the lead comes from the Center For Disease Control (CDC). However, he will check on it. Also, Mr. Freeman commented that an email was sent recently by the City's Human Resources Director to the employees regarding updated vaccine information.

Commissioner Williams asked about the Comprehensive Plan that was done in 2015 that does not address the sea levels and requested to have it considered for the next update. Attorney Barnebey stated that the Comprehensive Plan is updated every 7 years, and the sea levels will be addressed.

Commissioner Varnadore questioned if an item on the agenda was discussed previously can the date be listed also when it was discussed because she is having difficulties searching for the information. Mr. Freeman expressed that he will get with Todd Williams, Information Technology (IT) Consultant, for assistance.

Commissioner Jones inquired about when the fishing pier will be demolished. Attorney Barnebey stated that the next legislature meeting will be held in March 2021, and he will check on it.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: MARCH 22, 2021

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