

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

October 4, 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:

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:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Mohammed Rayan, Public Works Director
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Kera Hill, Planning Analyst
Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Xavier Colon, Assistant CRA Director
Penny Johnston, Executive Assistant
Vanessa Cochran, Assistant City Clerk

STAFF PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY:

Todd Williams, Information Technology (IT) Consultant

1. Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., Pastor Shelly Riker, Crossroad Church, did the invocation followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

2. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Bryant added one item to the Consent Agenda. Item 4.C will be the approval of Paul Marchese to fill the open position on the Planning and Zoning Board.

Motion: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the October 4, 2021 City Commission Agenda with the addition of Item 4.C 2021 Board Appointment Planning and Zoning.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The below residents gave their opinions on the loss of boat ramp parking spaces if development is done on the corner of Riverside Drive West and 8th Avenue West.

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- Elaine Johnson
- Phill Baker
- Lynn Daniel
- Regina Braden (via telephone into Zoom Meeting)

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Resolution 2021-31 Lease Reimbursement for 2022 Capital Items
- b. Jet Park Property
- c. 2021 Board Appointment Planning and Zoning

Motion: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda as presented by staff with the addition of Item 4.C Board Appointment of Paul Marchese to the Planning and Zoning Board.

5. PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2021-06 ANNEXATION - ART RENTALS, LLC (K. Hill)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, ANNEXING TWO PARCELS CONTAINING A COMBINED TOTAL OF 5.22 ACRES OF UNINCORPORATED MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA INTO THE CITY OF PALMETTO SPECIFICALLY LOCATED AT 1907 AND 2003 16TH AVENUE EAST, PALMETTO, FL 34221, WHICH PARCELS ARE REASONABLY COMPACT AND ARE CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY OF PALMETTO; REDEFINING THE BOUNDARY LINES OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA TO INCLUDE SAID PARCELS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ART RENTALS, LLC.)

Ordinances 2021-06, 2021-07, and 2021-08 were read into the record, and Mayor Bryant continued the Public Hearings from July 19, 2021 for all three ordinances at 7:16 p.m. simultaneously.

Ordinances 2021-06, 2021-07, and 2021-08 were continued, and each motion is listed separately.

Motion: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to continue 2021-06 to November 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

6. PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2021-07 FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION, ART RENTAL LLC (K. Hill)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA APPROVING A SMALL SCALE FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION FOR THE TERRITORY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED FROM COUNTY FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION IL (INDUSTRIAL LIGHT), TO CITY FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION HCOMIND (HEAVY COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL), ON APPROXIMATELY 5.22 COMBINED TOTAL ACRES MORE SPECIFICALLY LOCATED AT 1907 AND 2003 16TH AVENUE EAST, CONSISTENT WITH THE GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES OF THE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 163.3187, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ART RENTALS, LLC)

Motion: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to continue Ordinance 2021-07 to November 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

7. PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2021-08 REZONE - ART RENTAL, LLC (K. Hill)
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA REZONING APPROXIMATELY 5.22 ACRES OF PROPERTY SPECIFICALLY LOCATED AT 1907 AND 2003 16th AVENUE EAST, PALMETTO, FLORIDA, FROM COUNTY ZONING A-1 (AGRICULTURAL SUBURBAN), TO CITY ZONING CHI (HEAVY COMMERCIAL AND LIGHT INDUSTRIAL), AND AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ART RENTALS, LLC.)

Motion: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to continue Ordinance 2021-08 to November 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Bryant recessed the City Commission Meeting to open the October 4, 2021 CRA Board Meeting at 7:17 pm.

Mayor Bryant reconvened the City Commission Meeting at 8:53 p.m.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS:

8. TRAFFIC UPDATE
Traffic concerns were discussed regarding US Business 41 and 26th Street West.
9. POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING UPDATE
Chief Tyler announced that he will be scheduling individual meetings with the Board to review and discuss the finalized new PD Building drawings and plans before the item is presented to the Board.

COMMENTS:

10. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS
Mr. Freeman, City Clerk, gave a brief summary on some of the items that will be presented to the Board in November at a Workshop Meeting. He reported that the items will be the CIP 5 Year Plan, American Rescue Plan Funding (ARP), and the 1/2 cent sales tax.

Mr. Rayan, Public Works Director, gave an update on the MLK Restroom Project. He stated that the accepted \$345,000 bid did not include the lift station for the restrooms. The next bidder raised their bid \$85,000 for the lift station because of increasing materials prices causing a new price of \$385,000. The final bidder, DeLesline, will hold the price at \$363,000, which includes the lift station. Mr. Rayan requested to move forward with the project with DeLesline as the accepted contractor.

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Commissioner Smith asked if the Board needs to approve the project to move forward. Mr. Rayan and Attorney Barnebey replied that once the contract is negotiated, it will be brought back to the Board for a decision.

Motion: Commissioner Smith moved, Commissioner Jones seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to authorize the City Attorney to conduct the negotiation for the MLK Restroom Project contract for the amount of \$364,000.

Commissioners Smith and Jones inquired about 11th Street Drive and 2nd Avenue ditch cleaning issue. The Commissioners questioned who is responsible for the cleaning, the resident or the City. Mr. Rayan will research the issue.

Attorney Barnebey referenced the Public Hearing Conditional Use 2021-01 that was denied at the September 27, 2021 Commission Meeting and stated that this item will be presented at the next meeting October 18th to approve the order of denial.

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bryant congratulated Penny Johnston, Executive Administrative Assistant, on taking classes on writing grants.

12. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Jones inquired about the vacation easement ordinance pertaining to 3 properties owned by G&M Properties & Investments, LLC. Ms. Hill, Planning Analyst, explained that the area is a RM6 district, and the applicant is submitting a variance request to be considered for a RM4 District.

Commissioners Smith and Williams inquired and commented on the guidelines for the RM6 and RM4 districts. Staff will bring forward an ordinance in the near future to address this issue.

Commissioner Cornwell recently attended a Lee Mills School event and spoke about the volunteers that collected 16,000 pounds of trash from the water ways. Also, she announced that the Manatee County Fair Meetings will start soon.

Commissioner Williams reported the speeding concerns on 8th Avenue and inquired about the CRA surplus properties.

Mr. Burton, CRA Director, reported on an email received for a public meeting request to discuss the First Baptist Church providing parking spaces to the City.

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Mayor Bryant Adjourned the meeting at 9:49 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: NOVEMBER 15, 2021

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CITY CLERK