

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**JANUARY 23, 2023**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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 (Present via ZOOM)  
Sheldon Jones, Vice- Mayor, Commissioner-at-Large 1  
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2  
Sunshine Mathews, Commissioner, Ward 2  
Harold Smith, Commissioner, Ward 1  
Brian Williams, Commissioner, Ward 3

**STAFF PRESENT IN CHAMBERS:**

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney  
Jim Freeman, City Clerk  
Mohammed Rayan, Public Works Director  
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police (Joined the meeting at 7:23 pm)  
Lorenzo Waiters, Police Captain  
Cassi Bailey, Assistant City Clerk  
Kera Hill, Development Services Supervisor  
Penny Johnston, Executive Assistant

**STAFF PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY:**

Todd Williams, Information Technology (IT) Consultant

1. Vice-Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and Commissioner Mathews gave the prayer for tonight's meeting.

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

2. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

**MOTION:**

**Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the January 23, 2023 City Commission Agenda.**

3. PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL CRNA WEEK

Tammie Hyde, CRNA, accepted the proclamation.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Penny Johnston wanted to let everyone know about the public meeting being held tomorrow, 1/24/2023, at City Hall with the Florida Department of Transportation, FDOT. This meeting will be to discuss the construction that will begin soon at 23<sup>rd</sup> street and US Business 41. She also let everyone know of the public input meetings that will be happening in February at four locations. These handouts were made part of the minutes.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

a. Minutes: 01/09/2023

b. Surplus Real Property- SOUTHERN 4 ACRES OF PARCEL ID 2700200109

**MOTION:**                      **Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda as presented by staff with the amendment, to add language that the City is looking to set Fair Market Value, regarding the surplus real property, item 5b.**

**6. FIRST READING ORDINANCE 2023-02; SMALL SCALE PLAN AMENDMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP FOR A PORTION OF THE OLD PALMETTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE TO PUBLIC SERVICE FACILITY (B.CORNELIUS/K.HILL/M.BARNEBEY)**

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 FROM PUBLIC FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION TO PUBLIC SERVICE FACILITY FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION, ON APPROXIMATELY 4.2 ACRES, LOCATED AT 818 10TH AVENUE WEST, PALMETTO, FL (INCLUDES A PORTION OF THE OLD PALMETTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE); FINDING THE REQUEST 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.

**MOTION:**                      **Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve this First Reading of Ordinance 2023-02 and move to authorize staff to notice this for the appropriate public hearings before the Planning & Zoning Board and City Commission.**

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7. FIRST READING ORDINANCE 2023-03; SMALL SCALE FUTURE LAND USE MAP COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT FOR THE CURRENT PALMETTO POLICE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING PROPERTY FROM HEAVY COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL TO PLANNED COMMUNITY (B.CORNELIUS/K.HILL/M.BARNEBEY)

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 TO THE PLANNED COMMUNITY FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION, ON APPROXIMATELY 4.0 ACRES, FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1115 10TH STREET WEST, PALMETTO, FLORIDA (THE CURRENT PALMETTO POLICE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING SITE); FINDING THE REQUEST 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.

### **MOTION:**

**Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve this First Reading of Ordinance 2023-03 and move to authorize staff to notice this for the appropriate public hearings before the Planning & Zoning Board and City Commission.**

8. DECEMBER 2022 CHECK REGISTER (Informational Only)

### STANDING AGENDA ITEMS:

9. Traffic Update

Mr. Rayan also noted the meeting being held, Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at City Hall with the FDOT.

### COMMENTS:

10. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Mr. Freeman reminded the Commission of the next meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup>. He also informed every one of the emergency exit that is being installed at City Hall, which will be ADA compliant.

Captain Waiters reported that there were no major problems at the fair. He also noted that he received a lot of positive comments regarding the City of Palmetto's booth at the fair.

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Mr. Barnebey complimented the City's fair booth and opined that the fair went well. He also reported that changes to the code will hopefully be coming forward at the next workshop.

Mr. Rayan was pleased to announce several new employees will be starting soon at Public Works. He stated that there are a lot of projects going on in the City. The new Police Department is looking great and they're getting closer to the move in date. The 7<sup>th</sup> street extension project has started, and the roundabout will be starting soon.

### **11. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Bryant noted that Wesley Beauchamp and Ron Berman assisted Penny Johnston with the fair booth. Information on the midblock crossing on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be forthcoming. She noted that if anyone has questions on the roundabout to encourage them to come to the meeting tomorrow night for more information. Mayor Bryant also reported that she was at the multi-cultural festival, and the CRA did a great job. She also gave accolades to the Code Enforcement Officers who have been doing a wonderful job.

### **12. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Mathews agreed that the fair went very well.

Commissioner Williams had a lady stop by his house who wants to put bat houses at Connor Park to help control mosquitos and insects. Mr. Rayan commented that they also have bat houses at Estuary Park. Commissioner Williams asked if there can be an extension of the sidewalk on 7<sup>th</sup> to go to Estuary Park. He also expressed that he doesn't think a 6-foot chain link fence will look right at the new Police Department. Chief Tyler responded that it is very necessary to have security around the building. Discussions continued regarding chain link fences in the downtown commercial core. Commissioner Williams reiterated his dislike for the chain link fence. He stated that he will support another option.

Commissioner Smith questioned if they have different kinds of chain link fences. He opined that prices for alternatives need to be explored.

Commissioner Jones noted that he would like something brought back for discussion regarding the fencing options at the new Police Department.

Commissioner Cornwell reported that the fair was beautiful, and everything went well. She thanked Commissioner Williams for agreeing to go to the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council meeting in February for her. She also noted that Commissioner Mathews will be attending the Palmetto Historical board meeting in her place.

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Commissioner Jones echoed that the fair went well. He also noted that the multi-cultural festival was a great success. He liked the kids zone. He would like to be able to discuss and advertise for the artist earlier for future events.

Mayor Bryant mentioned that she has asked the CRA staff to gather and share the materials that were given out to the public at the multi-cultural festival. Mr. Barnebey reiterated the purpose of CRA events is to help the public understand the purpose of the CRA and what they offer to their residents.

Vice-Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting at 7:38 pm.

MINUTES APPROVED: FEBRUARY 6, 2023

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