

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2012
4:30 PM**

Elected Officials Present

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor
Brian Williams, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, Ward 3 (Entered the meeting at 4:34 p.m.)
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2
Charles Smith, Commissioner, Ward 1
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2
Alan Zirkelbach, Commissioner-at-Large 1

Staff Present

Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Scott Rudacille, Chief Assistant City Attorney
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Amber Foley, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Bryant requested the removal of item #2 from the agenda.

Commissioner Cornwell departed the meeting at 4:31 p.m.

Commissioner Cornwell returned to the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

1. CONTINUATION OF HOUSING AUTHORITY DISCUSSION

Mr. Burton gave a presentation regarding the need for a Housing Authority in the City. This presentation is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Varnadore requested that staff clarify if there is a need for an inter-local agreement with Manatee County for the Section 8 vouchers if the City establishes a Housing Authority.

Commissioner Williams questioned if the Commission can receive grants to do redevelopment of the City without a Housing Authority. Mr. Burton stated that some grants are only available if the City has a Housing Authority.

Mayor Bryant stated that she would like to see the CRA compile data and statistics to see what the needs of the City are. She would like to establish a timeline to look at the data and funding sources for the Housing Authority. She opined that a planned process for establishing the Housing Authority will make it more successful.

Discussion ensued regarding funding and the use of staff for the Housing Authority. Commissioner Cornwell suggested the removal of Section 4 of the proposed resolution that states "The Housing Authority shall be served by City staff and legal counsel, to the extent and in the manner directed by the Mayor, until such time as the Housing Authority elects to retain other staff and/or legal counsel." Attorney Rudacille stated that Section 4 can be removed from the resolution if that is what Commission would like to do.

This item was carried forward to the 7:00 p.m. meeting for action.

2. CONTINUATION OF CITY COMMISSION POLICY BOOK DISCUSSION

This will be placed on the next workshop agenda.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Minutes approved: December 3, 2012

James R. Freeman

James R. Freeman, City Clerk