

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
September 9, 2013
7:00 PM**

Elected Officials Present

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor
Tambra Varnadore, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, Ward 2
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2
Jonathan Davis, Commissioner-at-Large 1
Charles Smith, Commissioner, Ward 1
Brian Williams, Commissioner, Ward 3

Staff Present

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Rick Wells, Chief of Police
Amber Foley, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION: Commissioner Davis presented the Constitution Week Proclamation to Mary Hudson, Regent, Osceola Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Harold Crapo, Jr., Past President of the Sons of the American Revolution. Constitution Week is September 17-23rd.

Commissioner Cornwell presented the 19th Annual Manatee Children's Summit Proclamation to Tamika Moore, Manatee County Children's Summit Coordinator. The 19th Annual Children's Summit will be held on September 21st at the Manatee County Convention Center.

PRESENTATION: Brenda Winningham and Chris Wigglesworth of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, presented the City of Palmetto with a \$25,000 Economic Planning Grant for Downtown Commercial Core Planning.

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

Non-agenda Item Public Comment: None.

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Bryant added a Special Function Permit for the Palmetto High Homecoming Parade to the Consent Agenda.

Motion: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the September 9, 2013 Agenda with the addition of the Special Function Permit.

2. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Mayor's Office

1. Appointment to the Enterprise Zone Development Agency (EZDA)

B. City Clerk's Office

1. Minutes: August 20, 2013
2. Slicks Garage First Fridays Special Function Permit October 2, 2013

Staff made a correction to Item 2.B.1, August 20th Minutes, to reflect the name Will Robinson, not Will Rogers as indicated under Staff Present.

Motion: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the September 9, 2013 Consent Agenda.

Mayor Bryant clarified that the approval of the Special Function Permit for Slicks Garage First Fridays does include the closure of the 400 block of 10th Avenue.

Commissioner Williams commented on how well Slicks Garage is keeping the streets cleaned up after their event.

3. PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE 2013-09 POLICE OFFICERS' PENSION PLAN

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 22, PERSONNEL, ARTICLE V POLICE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT PLAN, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO; AMENDING SECTION 22-171, DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 22-174, FINANCES AND FUND MANAGEMENT; AMENDING SECTION 22-185, MAXIMUM PENSION; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Bryant re-opened the public hearing from August 5, 2013.

Attorney Barnebey asked that the public hearing on this ordinance be continued until September 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to continue the public hearing on Ordinance 2013-09 to September 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as same can be heard in these chambers.

4. 1st READ: ORDINANCE 2013-13 MARINA HOTEL AND PLAZA

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; APPROVING A CONCEPTUAL/GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 100-ROOM HOTEL, 3,000 SQUARE FEET OF RETAIL/OFFICE, AND 4 RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNITS, ON +/- 2.37-ACRE PARCEL LOCATED AT 120 RIVIERA DUNES WAY, PALMETTO, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (GDP 2013-01, Armed Forces Bank, N.A., PID# 2581600639)

Motion: Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to schedule a public hearing on Ordinance 2013-13 for September 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as same can be heard in these chambers.

5. AUGUST CHECK REGISTER

6. BASEBALL FIELD UPDATE

None

7. ASR WELL UPDATE

Mr. Tusing stated the project is moving along.

8. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Mr. Burton—informed Commission that the Dr. Martin Luther King Park is moving along.

He will be putting an RFP out for the bathrooms at Sutton Park.

Mr. Burton asked for Commission to meet with him if they have questions regarding the CRA FY 2014 budget.

Mr. Freeman—discussed the upcoming meeting dates:

- September 16th: 7:00 p.m. tentative budget hearing
- September 23rd: 4:30 p.m. workshop and 7:00 p.m. meeting. The 7:00 p.m. agenda will have the adoption of the FY 2014 final budget and final millage rate.

He provided Commission with a Telemetry Meter update stating that the change-out should be completed by the end of November.

Chief Wells—commented on Commissioner Cornwell’s statement she made during the workshop meeting today regarding surveys. He said that he has found that having actual people go around taking the surveys is a lot more effective than asking residents to go online to fill out the survey themselves. He suggested having people at the fair or Ribfest, etc., polling people to get feedback for the City.

Attorney Barnebey—informed Commission that a proposed storage box ordinance will be coming forward at the next available workshop.

9. MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Bryant stated she is thankful for the Economic Planning Grant the City received.

Mr. Burton handed each Commissioner a copy of the proposed boundary changes: Florida Land Use (FLU) class Downtown Commercial Core map that his staff created. A copy of this map is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Mayor Bryant stated that if Commission would like to discuss the map, please set up a meeting with Mr. Burton or City Planner Lorraine Lyn.

10. COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Commissioner Williams—handed Mr. Tusing a letter he received regarding the event on the 4th of July. He asked that Mr. Tusing follow up with the resident.

In regard to Mr. Williams’ request about equipment at [Blackstone] ball fields, Mr. Tusing has not heard anything from the County.

Commissioner Davis—thanked Chief Wells for his hard work.

Commissioner Smith—asked Mr. Freeman how residents are being notified about the Telemetry Meter change-outs. Mr. Freeman explained that there is a link posted on the City’s website that has a list of all the routes in the City and the estimated date that Utility Meter Solutions (UMS) crews will be coming to install the new meters; this includes a map of all City utility routes as well. Staff has also prepared door hangers that the meter readers hang on residents’ doors notifying them that their meters are going to be changed out within the next 3-4 days. The day of the change-out, a door hanger is then placed on their door letting them know that their meters have been changed.

Mr. Smith is excited about the proposed hotel to be built in the City.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes approved: September 23, 2013

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk