

**CITY OF PALMETTO
SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING
September 16, 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
Scott Tyler, Deputy Chief of Police
Amber Foley, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

All persons intending to address City Commission were duly sworn.

Non-agenda Item Public Comment: None

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the September 16, 2013 Agenda.

2. PUBLIC HEARING—TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE AND TENTATIVE FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET

Mayor Bryant opened the public hearing for both resolutions and read the following statement into the record:

- We are here tonight to adopt the City of Palmetto tentative millage and budget for FY 2014 that begins on October 1, 2013
- The City proposes to adopt a FY 2014 millage of 5.7171 per \$1,000 of taxable value, which is 9.92% greater than the rolled back rate of 5.2010. The rolled back rate is the rate that will allow the City to collect the same amount of revenues in comparison to the prior year.
- Taxable value in the City for the FY 2014 budget is \$654,625,857 which represents an increase of .53% compared to the prior year.
- The overall City Wide budget is \$22,643,083 which is 1.75% higher than last year. The General Fund budget is \$9,451,737. Additional revenues are being used to fund capital expenditures and public safety staffing needs.

There being no public comment, Mayor Bryant closed the public hearing.

A. RESOLUTION NO. 2013-26 (read in its entirety)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF PALMETTO FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution No. 2013-26.

B. RESOLUTION NO. 2013-27 (read in its entirety)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Varnadore questioned if the Historical Park would be receiving funding for upgrades and enhancements to include security cameras and lighting. Mr. Burton stated that the money for that would come from general property and upgrades, and he opined it is not necessary to specifically designate money. The determination of funding for projects comes from the CRA Board, after review and recommendations are made from the CRA Advisory Board. Mr. Burton informed Commission that, at the meeting in October, the CRA Advisory Board will be reviewing a conceptual plan submitted by the Historical Park. After their review, the plan will come to the CRA Board at their meeting in November. Commissioner Williams asked if the Historical Park has completed a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) review with the Police Department. Deputy Chief Tyler stated he wasn't aware of one being done, and Mr. Burton said he will inform the Park that they will need to have a CPTED completed and approved.

Commissioner Williams stated that he would like to continue funding and supporting the fair by having a CRA booth there. He asked Commission if there can be discussion and direction given to Mr. Burton to find funding for the fair this Fiscal Year. Commissioner Smith opined that if the CRA funds the fair, the CRA also should find funds for the RibFest. Discussion ensued on using CRA funds to support non-profit events. Mayor Bryant said that she would like criteria to be developed and a plan to be in place to determine which non-profits get funded and supported by the CRA. She opined that the non-profits should be ones that help with the CRA mission of removing slum and blight within the City. She asked Mr. Burton to place a topic on the next CRA Advisory Board agenda to create criteria and a process to provide funding to non-profit agencies and events.

Motion: Commissioner Davis moved, Commission Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution No. 2013-27.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Minutes approved: September 23, 2013

James R. Freeman

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