

Palmetto City Commission
September 12, 2006 7:00 p.m.

Elected Officials Present:

Larry Bustle, Mayor
Eric Ball, Commissioner
Mary Lancaster, Vice Mayor
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner
Brian Williams, Commissioner

Staff and Others Present:

James R. Freeman, City Clerk
Chris Lukowiak, Public Works Director
Frank Woodard, Deputy Public Works Director
Chief Garry Lowe
Tanya Lukowiak, CRA Executive Director
Karen Simpson, Deputy Clerk-Finance
Diane Ponder, Deputy Clerk-Administration

Mayor Bustle called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. He gave an invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Persons expecting to address Commission were sworn-in.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Byron Smith, Jr. commented on the appearance of the cemetery. Mr. Lukowiak stated that the recent rains have prevented Parks & Rec from mowing, but the site would be addressed as soon as possible.

1. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION: Mr. Williams moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve the September 12, 2006 7:00 PM agenda.

2. CONSENT AGENDA (4:17)

- A) Minutes of August 14, 21 and 28, 2006 Commission meetings
- B) Attorney Billing thru July 31, 2006
- C) Special Function Permit: First Baptist Church Fall Festival
Palmetto High School Homecoming Parade
Manatee County Animal Services

MOTION: Mr. Williams moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve the September 12, 2006 Consent Agenda.

3. PUBLIC HEARING – TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE AND TENTATIVE FISCAL YEAR 06-07 BUDGET

Mayor Bustle opened the public hearing for the tentative millage rate and tentative Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Budget. The floor was opened for public comment.

Mayor Bustle announced the proposed millage rate of 5.1645 mills per \$1,000, stating it is an 18.59% increase over the rolled back rate of 4.3548 mills. He stated the proposed tentative Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Budget is driven by the growth of the City and the need to provide employees to continue the delivery of City services.

Mr. Ball and Ms. Cornwell discussed their reasons for supporting a reduction in the millage rate. Mrs. Lancaster, Ms. Varnadore and Mr. Williams discussed their reasons for supporting the proposed 5.1645 millage rate.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Bustle closed the public hearing.

A) RESOLUTION NO. 06-30

Resolution No. 06-30 was read in its entirety.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A PROPOSED TENTATIVE MILLAGE FOR THE TAX YEAR 2006.

MOTION: Mr. Williams moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 3-2 to adopt Resolution No. 06-30. Ms. Cornwell and Mr. Ball voted no.

B) RESOLUTION NO. 06-31

Resolution No. 06-31 was read in its entirety.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A PROPOSED TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007.

MOTION: Mr. Williams moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 3-2 to adopt Resolution No. 06-31. Ms. Cornwell and Mr. Ball voted no.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 06-29 (21:18)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A MASTER LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH BANC OF AMERICA LEASING & CAPITAL, LLC; AUTHORIZING A LEASE OF EQUIPMENT THEREUNDER; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION: Mr. Ball moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution No. 06-29.

5. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Mrs. Lukowiak

Introduced Charlie Miller, who is working with the North River News.

The CRA Board meeting is September 13, 2006 at 5:30 pm, followed by a 7:00 pm sole purpose meeting for the Estuary Park grant application.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

An agreement with the School Board will be placed on a future agenda for Commission's ratification regarding the City's continued assistance in the land assembly for a new Palmetto Elementary at the same site, provided the acquisition of the land abutting Blackstone Park is abandoned, and the City's assistance in identifying a second site between Palmetto Elementary and Palm View Elementary, west of Hwy 41.

7. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Cornwell

Commended a police officer she saw pushing a resident's disabled automobile in the rain.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Minutes approved: October 2, 2006

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Freeman", written over a horizontal line.

James R. Freeman
City Clerk