

Palmetto City Commission
April 21, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

Elected Officials Present:

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

Staff and Others Present:

James R. Freeman, City Clerk
Chris Lukowiak, Public Works Director
Chief Garry Lowe
Tanya Lukowiak, CRA Executive Director
Michele Hall, City Attorney
Bob Schmitt, Planning Supervisor/Zoning Administrator
Deanna Roberts, Administrative Assistant

Mayor Bustle called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. A moment of silence was observed to honor our military men and women serving around the world. The Reverend Stephen Hoffman of the First United Methodist Church of Palmetto offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Bustle presented a proclamation to Chief Garry Lowe proclaiming May 15, 2008, as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week of May 11-17, 2008, as Police Week in the City of Palmetto.

May 1, 2008, was designated as the National Day of Prayer in the City of Palmetto, by proclamation of Mayor Bustle.

All persons wishing to address Commission during the meeting were sworn in.

Public Works Director Chris Lukowiak recognized Veolia Water for 5,962 days with zero loss time due to accidents. Ray Daiuto and Rob Nicholas accepted the plaque presented by Mr. Lukowiak on behalf of Veolia.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joseph E. Willis read into the record a letter he had sent to the North River News, the Mayor and City Commissioners questioning the legal qualification of Mr. Lukowiak to run for the office of mayor. The letter is attached to, and made a part of these minutes.

David Finkelstein, an election law attorney representing Chris Lukowiak, addressed Commission. He cited Florida Supreme Court cases which state that ...“under every accepted rule of interpretation doubt or ambiguity must be resolved in favor of eligibility.” The City has jurisdiction to determine if he can become a candidate, but he warned that the circuit court and the appellate court will be reviewing what the City does here.

Commissioner Carol Whitmore addressed the City Commission and thanked them all for attending the joint meeting with Manatee County. More was accomplished in those three hours than had been accomplished in the past few years.

1. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION: **Commissioner Williams moved and Commissioner Ball seconded a motion to approve the April 21, 2008, 7:00 p.m. agenda with the change to move agenda item #8 to item #2E and defer items #13 and #14 to another meeting.**

Discussion: Commissioner Varnadore requested some additions to the agenda and Commissioner Williams said he also would like to add an agenda item. At Attorney Hall's suggestion, Commissioner Williams withdrew his motion, Commissioner Ball withdrew his second and Commissioner Varnadore made a new motion incorporating all changes to the agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Varnadore moved to amend the agenda, Commissioner Cornwell seconded and motion passed unanimously to approve the April 21, 2008, 7:00 p.m. agenda with the change to move agenda item #8 to item #2E and defer items #13 an #14 to another meeting; to add discussion on the Commission policy established at the last meeting on information placed in water bills, to add requests for legal research, and to add discussion on the policy for completing meetings.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- A) Minutes: April 7, 2008
- B) Acceptance: Sanctuary Development Temporary Construction Easement
- C) Special Function Permit: HIPPY Family Field Trip/Picnic
Cinco de Mayo
Arthritis Walk
Florida Historical Society
Ackerman Family Reunion
8th Annual Fishing Tournament
Manasota Mopar 2nd Annual Car & Truck Show
Boy Scout Show
- D) Noise Ordinance Exception: Paul Sanford Promotions

Commissioner Varnadore asked to withdraw Item B and Commissioner Cornwell asked to withdraw Items C and D.

MOTION: Commissioner Varnadore moved and Commissioner Ball seconded a motion to approve the April 7, 2008 minutes.

Discussion: Attorney Hall confirmed that the April 7, 2008, minutes reflected an approval of "offer" of settlement in the Thornton and Hegarty litigation cases; tonight's agenda would authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement. Commissioner Williams asked that the minutes be amended to include the fact that the meeting closed prematurely due to the joint meeting with the county at 7:00 p.m. and that Department Heads, Mayors, Commissioners and Public Comments were not included.

MOTION: Commissioner Varnadore amended the motion on the floor, Commissioner Ball seconded and the amended motion passed unanimously to approve the April 7, 2008, minutes with changes made by Commissioner Williams.

Commissioner Varnadore requested, and Commission agreed, to withdraw Item B from this agenda and bring it back to a future meeting.

Discussion: Commissioner Cornwell asked that Public Works make sure restrooms were open and available at all functions requesting permits and that it be clearly marked on the permits in the future.

MOTION: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Lancaster seconded and motion passed unanimously to approve Item C, Special Function Permits, and Item D, Noise Ordinance Exception, on the Consent Agenda, with Commissioner Cornwell's provision that the restrooms remain open for the events.

Mr. Lukowiak introduced Mr. Robert Hicks, a volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America. He requested that Commission waive fees for the 8th Annual Fishing Tournament on the Green Bridge and the Scout Show in Sutton and Lamb Park and to provide tents and port-o-lets for both events. Commissioner

Varnadore said the previously approved motion included the assistance which was requested in the Special Function Permit.

Mr. Hicks presented a plaque to the City in appreciation of its support of scouting. He also thanked the Parks Department for all its help.

2E. PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING STOP SIGN REMOVAL (C. Lukowiak)

Public meeting to gather public comment regarding the proposed stop sign removal program.

The following persons addressed Commission to voice opposition to proposed stop sign removals on 4th Street and various other locations: Lisa Pratt Clements, Pete Blews (he presented a copy of research he had done on traffic calming which is attached to and made a part of these minutes), Cynthia Ritchie (she referenced a letter she had sent to Commission, and Mrs. Cornwell provided a copy to be included with the minutes), Nadine Fisher, David Dean, Karen Sutton, Kevin Parker, Raymond Varnadore, Amy Griswold, Robert Hahn, David Potter, Lisa Potter, Rick Walsh, Neal Martin, Ellen Wile, Allen Tusing (signed up to speak but passed as his speaking points had been previously covered), Robert Rotondo, Steve Bolles, Julia Durrance, William Bell (requesting again stop signs on 5th Street and additional on 4th), Chris Marriner (14th Avenue and 7th Street West, speeders; removing stop sign on 14th Avenue will make matters worse), Randy Howrigan and Tammy Cohenour.

Mr. Lukowiak said once the public notice went out, he began receiving emails which he has forwarded to Nick Lepp, the consultant with Renaissance Planning Group. Mr. Lepp has already made some minor modifications. He said most of the intersections discussed this evening have been put back into the plan. All comments heard this evening will be taken into consideration. Mr. Lukowiak invited residents to email suggestions to him.

Mayor Bustle informed the audience that before any plan is passed, it will come to Commission again. There will be public hearings and another opportunity for the community to be heard.

Nick Lepp joined the meeting and presented a PowerPoint entitled "City of Palmetto Traffic Circulation Plan" showing some of the changes which had already been made based on public input. The PowerPoint is attached to, and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Lepp said the idea behind the plan was to alleviate traffic on 10th Street to avoid the cost of widening it. This was a short term fix to keep 10th under concurrency and to utilize the capacity available today. The stop signs were encouraging people to go up to 10th Street. The idea was to keep neighborhood traffic in the neighborhoods and off 10th Street.

Mr. Lukowiak said he proposes four community workshops before this item comes back to Commission.

Mrs. Durrance asked how much money was spent on the study. Mayor Bustle said the money came from the Metropolitan Planning Organization, and not out of the City budget. This was a grant to look at congestion management and mobility throughout Palmetto, Bradenton and Manatee County.

Mr. Lukowiak pointed out that this had been approved by City Commission. Commissioner Varnadore commented that the mobility study was never an approved agenda item; **Commission concurred to move forward with some of the phases of the Mobility Study.** Commissioner Williams said the stop sign issue had been added into the mobility study, but this was the first real discussion before Commission, other than the original presentation. Mayor Bustle said a number of discussions had taken place and Commission had approved spending the money in advance, because the City was going to be reimbursed by the MPO. Mr. Lukowiak said the study was brought to Commission as a "draft" to go over in a workshop. At that time, Commission voted to go ahead and remove the stop signs and have since asked repeatedly why the stop signs haven't been taken down.

Austin Lane, 1707 4th Street West, addressed Commission. He has to back out into 4th Street along with about twenty-six other residents on the street. It's a traffic hazard.

Mayor Bustle informed the audience that this issue would be coming back to Commission in the future to see if the plan should be revised.

3. PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE NO. 08-963 (J. Freeman)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-88 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO LIENS; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Bustle opened the public hearing. Mayor Bustle closed the public hearing after no public comment.

MOTION: Commissioner Ball moved, Commissioner Lancaster seconded and motion passed unanimously to adopt Ordinance No. 08-963.

Discussion: Mr. Williams asked for clarification. Mr. Freeman said this ordinance makes the City's ordinance consistent with state statutes which allows up to thirty years to foreclose on a lien. Attorney Hall said it is wise to allow as much time as possible to foreclose on a lien.

4. PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE NO. 08-964 (J. Freeman)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REMOVING SECTIONS 8-1 THROUGH 8-25 FROM CHAPTER 8 AND RE-CODIFYING SAID PROVISIONS IN APPENDIX A, ENTITLED "FRANCHISES"; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Bustle opened the public hearing. Mayor Bustle closed the public hearing after no public comment.

MOTION: Commissioner Lancaster moved, Commissioner Ball seconded and motion passed unanimously to adopt Ordinance No. 08-964.

5. PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE NO. 08-965 (B. Schmitt)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; ANNEXING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF PALMETTO; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF CITY BOUNDARIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (AN-08-01 – Sunnydale Properties, LLC. PID #'s 2436200006, 2435900002, 2436500009, approximately 0.89 acres).

Attorney Hall suggested opening the public hearings for all three ordinances, 08-965, 08-966 and 08-967 at the same time for public comment, and then voting on each separately. Mrs. Hall explained that the first ordinance was to annex the property into the City, the second to assign it a future land use designation under the City's Comp Plan, and the third to assign city zoning. Mayor Bustle announced the public hearing open for all three proposed ordinances.

Discussion: Attorney for the applicant, Stephen Thompson, said that all stipulations of the Planning and Zoning Board had been met, and that the property will connect to city utilities within six months. Attorney Hall commented that there is no such thing as a "conditional" annexation. The only conditions that would apply for a voluntary annexation are that the property is contiguous, compact and does not create an enclave. In reply to Commissioner Varnadore's question about costs to run utilities, Mr. Lukowiak said there should be none, but the applicant has agreed to pay for any associated costs.

Commissioner Williams requested that the staff reports in the future include the DRC staff report/minutes attached to the Planning and Zoning Board recommendation. His request was based on section 11-11 of the City Ordinances referencing any application that will be reviewed by City Commission.

After comment Mayor Bustle closed the public hearing and called for a motion.

MOTION: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Lancaster seconded and motion passed unanimously to adopt Ordinance No. 08-965.

6. PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE NO. 08-966 (B. Schmitt)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR A SMALL SCALE DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF PALMETTO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT/FUTURE LAND USE MAP BY REDESIGNATING CERTAIN LANDS FROM RES-9 – RESIDENTIAL 9 UNITS PER ACRE (COUNTY), TO – RES-10, RESIDENTIAL 10 UNITS PER ACRE (CITY); PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (PA-08-01 Sunnydale Properties, LLC., PID#'s, 2436200006, 2435900002, 2436500009 approximately 0.89 acres).

MOTION: Commissioner Lancaster moved, Commissioner Ball seconded and motion passed unanimously to adopt Ordinance No. 08-966.

7. PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE NO. 08-967 (B. Schmitt)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 387, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN FROM GC (General Commercial) (County) TO RM-6, Residential Multi-Family -10 units per acre (City); PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Z-08-01, Sunnydale Properties, LLC., PID #'s 2436200006, 2435900002, 2436500009, approximately 0.89 acres).

MOTION: Commissioner Lancaster moved, Commissioner Ball seconded and motion passed unanimously to adopt Ordinance No. 08-967.

8. PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING STOP SIGN REMOVAL (C. Lukowiak)

Moved to Item 2E.

9. APPROVAL: REGATTA POINTE MARINA SUBLEASE AMENDMENT (J. Freeman)

Second amendment to the Regatta Pointe Sublease to clarify sublease's legal description of submerged lands and the calculation and payment of compensation of the annual rental fee to the state, to ensure consistency with the Amended and Restated and Modified Submerged Land Lease between the City and the Department of Environmental Protection.

Attorney Hall informed Commission that there was some question as to how many amendments had actually been made to the sublease. Also, regarding the two parties on tonight's agenda item and action request, neither of those is the party listed on the first amendment. She is researching the chain of title. Commissioner Williams asked for an aerial map of the property. There was consensus by Commission to reschedule this item to a future workshop.

10. RESOLUTION NO. 08-13 (J. Freeman)

Budget amendment to move funds within the CIP to increase the budget associated with the return activation sludge (RAS) pumping station.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 07-39, WHICH RESOLUTION ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded and motion passed unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 08-13

Discussion: Commissioner Varnadore asked which contractor would be doing the work and if this should go out to bid. Mr. Lukowiak said Veolia is the contractor and it does not need to go out to bid. Mr. Daiuto, in answer to Commissioner Williams's question, said that, in fact, Veolia will sub out the work.

11. RESOLUTION NO. 08-14 (J. Freeman)

Budget amendment to reduce the estimated revenue collected from criminal fines and amend the corresponding Police Department expense budget.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 07-39, WHICH RESOLUTION ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION: Commissioner Ball moved, Commissioner Lancaster seconded and motion passed unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 08-14.

12. APPOINTMENT APPROVAL (Mayor Bustle)

Appointment of Emilio Morales to fill an alternate position on the Planning and Zoning Board.

MOTION: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Williams seconded and motion passed unanimously to approve the appointment of Emilio Morales as an alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Board for a term ending January, 2009.

13. CONTRACT APPROVAL: TWENTY FIRST CENTURY COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (C. Lukowiak)

Subscription to a stand-alone Reverse 911 Call System for communication with City residents of potential emergency events.

Pulled from the agenda.

14. CONTRACT APPROVAL: WESTRA CONSTRUCTION (C. Lukowiak)

Construction and engineering approval for the US 301 Future Utility Expansion, Canal Road-Leg 2 and US 301 Utility-Leg 4.

Pulled from the agenda.

15. INSTALLATION OF HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES (C. Lukowiak)

Proposed project to install handicapped parking spots; one at the library and three downtown locations.

MOTION: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Williams seconded and motion passed unanimously to approve the installation of handicapped parking spaces, in an amount not to exceed \$6,400, project #04-4385.

16. APPROVAL: THORNTON SETTLEMENT-CASE #2004-CA-5145 (M. Hall)

Settlement Agreement in the City of Palmetto v. Roy Thornton, et al, litigation.

MOTION: Commissioner Ball moved, Commissioner Lancaster seconded and motion passed unanimously to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the Roy Thornton Agreement, Case #2004-CA-5145.

17. CONTRACT APPROVAL: RBC DAIN RAUSCHER, INC. (J. Freeman)

(Carried forward from 4:00) Contract to retain the services of an independent Consultant/Financial Advisor to assist with long term capital planning, debt analysis and investments.

MOTION: Commissioner Lancaster moved, Commissioner Williams seconded and motion passed unanimously to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the Financial Advisory Services Agreement with RBC Dain Rauscher, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$6,000 with the change suggested by Commissioner Varnadore to add "with Commission approval" to page 1, Section 2, addressing agreement renewal and at the top of page five regarding amendments to the agreement to add "with Commission approval."

18. COMMISSION POLICIES (Commissioner Varnadore)

Commissioner Varnadore said at the last meeting Commission had established a policy about information going out in the water bills. An article in the paper implied Commission, in doing this, had overreacted to the stop sign removal issue, which she noted had generated a huge response from the community. She was not prepared to address concerns when she began receiving calls as she had no prior notice of the information going out in the water bills.

Commissioner Varnadore researched other policies and referenced Administrative Policy 05-05 which addresses information distribution. She read to Commission: "The City Commission of the City of Palmetto hereby adopts a policy that the following information be distributed to the Commission in a timely manner, prior to the public so Commissioners may be able to address potential questions." This policy enacted in 2005 would have applied to the stop sign removal issue.

Commissioner Williams opined that they just want to review documents so they know what will be coming forward. The attorney should also see these and review for legality and conformity with City policies. The attorney asked for a copy of the City policies.

Commissioner Varnadore asked if the policies were going to be enforced. Attorney Hall suggested adopting the policies by resolution so that they have the force of law. She said a public records request, a safety issue such as a contaminant, etc, would trump the two weeks notice requested. In all other instances, it would be reasonable to inform the Commission ahead of time. Commissioner Varnadore said the two weeks notice she asked for by motion at the last meeting pertained to notices in the water bills only.

19. LEGAL RESEARCH REQUESTS (Commissioner Varnadore)

Commissioner Varnadore said it was her understanding that if she had a request for legal research, she had to bring it before Commission in a public meeting. Due to the current political issues within the City with the upcoming election, she requests that the attorney research possible changes to the personnel policy; specifically, Article 4, Section 4.01 Code of Ethics, and Section 4.04 Political Activity. She feels it is necessary to protect the public, the City and employees who choose to run for public office. She made copies of the personnel policy available to Commission.

Commissioner Cornwell brought up the issue of the Commission's rights and process to request legal research by the City Attorney. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Varnadore said she would have preferred not to bring her request up at a public meeting. It was agreed that a Workshop would be scheduled to establish parameters for the legislative body to contact the attorney.

Commissioner Varnadore again stated that the City has nothing in the personnel policy that addresses employees who run for public office. That is the reason for the research request.

Regarding discussion about Mr. Lukowiak's qualifying to run for Mayor, Attorney Hall said she is comfortable reviewing the personnel policy, statutes and the Charter, but she is not comfortable addressing ethical violations as those go to the state, or determining if Mr. Lukowiak can qualify to run for Mayor. Those issues are part of broader state and constitutional laws.

Commissioner Cornwell said she is asking the attorney to research the items that have come up tonight in protection of the City and everyone who is running for office. If something inappropriate was done, and the City had to hold another election, it could be very costly to the city. She would like the attorney to research the Charter and what the state allows the City to do or not to do. There was consensus to have the attorney proceed. For the record, Commissioner Varnadore said that researching Mr. Lukowiak's eligibility in particular was not part of her original request.

Commenting on Mr. Finkelstein's statement at the beginning of the meeting relating to the Commission's responsibility to determine if Mr. Lukowiak is qualified to run for the mayor's office, Attorney Hall stated that while she has not researched the topic in depth, her research does not support Mr. Finkelstein's statement. Attorney Hall requested the Mr. Finkelstein explain the authority supporting the statement. Mr. Finkelstein stated, "Let me correct my statement. I have

heard that this Commission has alleged that it makes that determination. I agree with you. I don't think it has that right." Mr. Finkelstein opined the Commission should be cautious in researching "how to stop people running for office".

Attorney Hall said she will provide memoranda of law as it relates to the items discussed; she just will not apply it to any factual situation.

Commissioner Williams asked the attorney to cover privileged communication between Commissioners and the attorney. Commission agreed to let her research that as well.

20. Completion of Meetings (Commissioner Williams)

Commissioner Williams said in the past if the Commission ran out of time, it continued the meeting to the next morning or set a future date and time, but the meeting was always completed. In the future, how will this be handled? Attorney Hall said she will research Robert Rules and provide the applicable rule. Also, she will provide a one page synopsis of Roberts Rules which should prove helpful in the future.

21. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Chris Lukowiak
No comment.

Jim Freeman

Two workshops will be added: April 28 and May 7, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Topics to be covered include the JEA discussion (Jim McClellan to continue discussion of the wastewater treatment plant needed improvements), CMS project updates and Palmetto Elementary School update.

Gave the Commission a preview of the new proposed home page for the City's web site.

Advised Commissioners they will be receiving a memo on the status of the health insurance reserves. The City has experienced a high volume of claims. As of April, the medical insurance reserve is about \$120,000 in the red. In the coming year, the City will have to budget more for insurance or possibly change benefits.

Michele Hall
No comment.

Chief Lowe
No comment.

22. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bustle had nothing to report.

23. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Ball

Attended his first CRA Board meeting and he was very impressed.

Commissioner Cornwell

Asked for an update on the Council of Governments meeting. The Mayor said the agenda covered TBARTA and there was nothing new on that.

Commissioner Williams

Asked about the budget Workshops. Mr. Freeman said they may start early in June, prior to the usual break in July. He asked Mr. Freeman to provide a calendar of those meetings at the next Workshop. Reiterated that he wants the DRC minutes attached to all Planning and Zoning staff reports in the future, per City ordinance.

Commissioner Varnadore

Inquired about the status of the potholes by the elementary school. Mr. Lukowiak said he will make sure Mr. Kinn takes care of that.

Announced that the Florida Historical Society will hold its annual meeting at the Palmetto Historical Park on May 21-24, 2008, with a reception on May 22. Commission will be receiving invitations to the reception. It is quite an honor for the Park to host this event.

Commissioner Lancaster

Congratulated and thanked staff for a job well done at the Multicultural Festival.
The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 p.m.

Minutes approved: **Corrected May 5, 2008. Approved May 19, 2008.**

James R. Freeman, City Clerk