

Palmetto City Commission  
June 16, 2008 7:00 PM

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  
Chief Garry Lowe  
Chris Lukowiak, Public Works Director  
Tanya Lukowiak, CRA Executive Director  
Bob Schmitt, Planning Supervisor/Zoning Administrator  
Karen Simpson, Deputy Clerk-Finance  
Diane Ponder, Deputy Clerk-Administration

Mayor Bustle called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., followed by a moment of silence for overseas military personnel and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Persons planning to address Commission were sworn in.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Shavonda Bailey, president of Active Concerned Citizens, requested that Commission approve a Special Function Permit for an event scheduled for June 28, 2008 at the Palmetto Youth Center, wherein she was requesting the City provide security at no cost to the organization. Tim Vining, a partner in Sanctuary Cove, committed to sponsor the security for the event.

1. AGENDA APPROVAL

**MOTION: Mr. Ball moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve the June 16, 2008 7:00 agenda.**

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- A) Minutes: June 2, 2008
- B) May Check Register
- C) Special Function Permit: Brewers & Waiters Family Reunion  
Amazing Grace Church of God in Christ

Attorney Hall removed the minutes from the Consent and Ms. Cornwell removed the Special Function Permits.

**MOTION: Mr. Ball moved, Ms. Varnadore seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve item B of the June 16, 2008 Consent Agenda.**

Attorney Hall read the corrections she was requesting for the June 2, 2008 4:00 minutes and the June 2, 2008 7:00 minutes. Attorney Hall confirmed that statutes do not mandate utilities must be provided to an annexed property within five years. Commission concurred with the corrections, which will be incorporated as stated.

Ms. Cornwell confirmed with staff that the two Special Function Permits were submitted for park rentals. She requested that staff confirm the correct rental amount for the Waiters permit.

**MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve items A and C of the June 16, 2008 Consent Agenda.**

3. PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE NO. 08-972

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 387, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, TO DESIGNATE THE ZONING OF THE PROPERTIES DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" AS PDMU (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-MULTI-USE); AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO PERTAINING TO THE PROPERTIES DESCRIBED HEREIN; APPROVING AN AMENDED GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTIES DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (GDP 05-08 Sanctuary Residential Partners, LLC/Sanctuary Development Partners East, L.L.C./Sanctuary Development Partners, L.L.C./Manatee Island Partners, LLC, PID # 1015725159, # 1015725259, # 1015725209, # 2607800159, # 1016400359, and # 1016400409, approx. 225.22 acres).

Mayor Bustle stated that items three, four and five on the agenda dealt with the same project; therefore, he would simultaneously open the public hearings for each ordinance. All three ordinance titles were read. Staff corrected the total acreage on Ordinance 08-972 to read 225.22 acres.

Mayor Bustle opened the public hearing on Ordinances 08-972, 08-973 and 08-974.

Caleb Grimes, attorney for Sanctuary Cove, informed Commission the distributed general development plan contained the setbacks as discussed at the June 2, 2008 workshop presentation. He also confirmed that notification of the two emergency access sites will be provided to the North River Fire District and Manatee County.

Attorney Hall stated for the record that the distributed staff report was the same report that was part of the June 2, 2008 workshop agenda packet.

With no further public comment, Mayor Bustle closed the public hearing.

**MOTION: Mrs. Lancaster moved, Mr. Ball seconded and motion carried 5-0 to adopt Ordinance No. 08-972.**

4. PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE NO. 08-973

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 387, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, TO DESIGNATE THE ZONING OF THE PROPERTIES DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" AS PDMU (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-MULTI USE); AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO PERTAINING TO THE PROPERTIES DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Z0803, Sanctuary Development Partners, L.L.C. PID # 2607800159, approx. 1.15 acres).

**MOTION: Mrs. Lancaster moved, Mr. Ball seconded and motion carried 5-0 to adopt Ordinance No. 08-973.**

5. PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE NO. 08-974

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 387, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, TO DESIGNATE THE ZONING OF THE PROPERTIES DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" AS PDMU (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-MULTI USE); AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO PERTAINING TO THE PROPERTIES DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Z0802, Sanctuary Development Partners East, L.L.C. and Sanctuary Residential Partners, LLC, PID # 1016400359 and # 1016400409 respectively, approx. 8.44 acres).

**MOTION: Mrs. Lancaster moved, Mr. Ball seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve Ordinance No. 08-974.**

6. APPROVAL: SANCTUARY COVE FINAL PLAT

Attorney Hall advised Commission that a final site plan approval does not require a public hearing. Staff meets with the applicant and confirms the plan meets with all the provisions of the Code. She stated in the future she will ask that site plan approvals be put on the Consent Agenda.

**MOTION: Mr. Ball moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve the Sanctuary Cove Final Plat.**

7. PUBLIC HEARING: CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT - MCDONALD'S

Mr. Schmitt stated McDonald's is making application for a conditional use permit to allow its existing 80'+/- existing pole sign to remain in place at the site through the demolition of the building and construction of a new restaurant. He advised that the draft minutes of the June 9, 2008 P&Z Board meeting had been placed at each Commissioner's place on the dais.

Mr. Schmitt stated that in his professional opinion he had to make a recommendation, and he recommended the conditional use permit be approved because the registration process of the sign could not be confirmed, the amortization schedule was not followed and the City has allowed the illegal nonconforming sign to remain in place for the last 15 years.

Mayor Bustle opened the public hearing.

McDonald's representative Kim Binkley-Seyer addressed Commission concerning the application for the conditional use permit and the reasons McDonald's felt the permit should be approved.

Leighann Lavelle, selected as a spokesperson for a group, requested that Commission approve the application.

Pam Johnson, representing Oakmont Capital Resources, stated she represented an adjacent landowner to Mc Donald's who had sent a letter to Commissioner Williams, and read a letter from landowner Shaw Rickman concerning the application. Ms. Johnson stated Mr. Rickman had asked that she request Commission approve the application.

After no further public comment, Mayor Bustle closed the public hearing.

Mr. Williams divulged that he had had a phone conversation with Ms. Binkley-Seyer regarding the issue; he had received no information during the conversation that was not stated during the public meeting; and he had received the letter from Mr. Rickman that was read into the record.

**MOTION: Mr. Williams moved to approve Conditional Use Permit 0802 to McDonald's Restaurants of Florida, Inc.**

Motion died for the lack of a second.

**MOTION: Mr. Ball moved and Ms. Varnadore seconded to deny the Conditional Use Permit to McDonald's Restaurants of Florida, Inc.**

Discussion: Mr. Ball distributed a picture of the McDonald's at I75 and US 301 and stated he reviewed the McDonald's at I75 and State Road 70, both having signs of the anticipated height in the upcoming sign ordinance. He stated the allegations McDonald's cannot be supported without a 70' sign does not support the facts, referring to the McDonald's mentioned and the new restaurants adjacent to the McDonald's under discussion. Mr. Schmitt confirmed 30' is the maximum and he will not propose changing that height without a conditional use permit.

Ms. Varnadore opined it was premature to approve any conditional use permits at this time due to the upcoming sign ordinance. She further suggested the City should look into enforcing the amortization schedule or establish a legal mechanism for enforcement. Ms. Varnadore called attention to Mr. Moore's comments contained in the draft minutes from the public hearing held before the Planning & Zoning Board.

Mrs. Lancaster stated the sign has not made McDonald's; it's the local residents that know and frequent the restaurant.

Mr. Ball spoke of US 41 being the main corridor when the sign was erected, and acknowledged it was critical for the business at that time. He spoke of I75 opening in 1980, which has now become the main travel corridor. He opined that at this time not many people using US41 would be shocked to see the McDonald's sign.

Ms. Cornwell spoke of her tenure on a telecommunications board and the knowledge she garnered concerning the impact a pole that height would have on surrounding properties. She inquired of Mr. Schmitt if the existing pole would collapse upon itself if it fell. Mr. Schmitt could not comment on the structural aspect of the existing pole, but stated research confirmed the pole had been permitted in 1980. He stated that visually the pole appears to be substantial, but he did not know if it would collapse upon itself. Ms. Cornwell stated that for the welfare of the City's citizens, she will not support the issue until she finds out the information she has requested.

Mr. Williams rebutted each Commissioner's comments: 1) I75 provides signage for local restaurants, US 41 does not; 2) Mr. Burton's comments in the draft minutes of the Planning and Zoning Board concerning anyone's ability to apply for a conditional use permit; 3) Establishment of a time limit for a conditional use permit issued to McDonald's. Mr. Williams also commented on Mr. Woods' comment that the store cannot be rebuilt with a time limit on the sign, stating that if that is in fact the case, McDonald's should state that at this time, and as far as he was concerned, the topic could be voted down.

Mayor Bustle reopened the public hearing on the proposed conditional use permit.

McDonald's project manager Verlyn Woods stated signage is crucial and wherever the possibility exists, McDonalds will try to get the largest signage possible. He stated the existing store is in a very aging location. He opined that rebuilding the store is something the City would want to happen. He stated that if business continues as it is today a decision will have to be made concerning the store. He asked that Commission reconsider placing any type of timeframe on the sign, opining that is basically a denial. He also voiced his opinion the investment cannot be recouped if a time limit up to ten years is placed on the sign.

Mayor Bustle closed the public hearing.

**Motion on the floor to deny the Conditional Use Permit carried 4-1. Mr. Williams voted no.**

8. APPROVAL: FINANCIAL POLICIES

RESOLUTION NO. 08-19 (DEBT POLICY)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, TO ESTABLISH A POLICY PERTAINING TO THE ISSUANCE OF DEBT FOR PURPOSES OF ENSURING THE FINANCIAL STABILITY OF THE CITY.

Mr. Freeman informed Commission the Finance Team definition was amended to add any other parties deemed necessary by the City Commission.

**MOTION: Mr. Ball moved and Ms. Varnadore seconded to adopt Resolution No. 08-19.**

Discussion: Commission made the following amendments to the resolution:

- The addition of a statement that financing must be secured prior to the execution of any contract.
- Page 5, #7: Amendment of the lead sentence to reflect that debt capacity shall be maintained in all of the generally accepted benchmarks as determined in the latest CAFR.

**Motion on the floor carried 5-0.**

9. APPROVAL: CPA ASSOCIATES CONTRACT

As part of Amendment #1 to the SRF Stormwater Loan, an audit is required to submit a project-specific report for the loan related revenues and expenditures. Attorney Hall commented on the ownership of the working papers and their availability in the event of a public records request. Mr. Freeman compared the working papers for the audit to the working papers for the annual audit. Attorney Hall stated she would ascertain the working papers under Chapter 119.

**MOTION: Mr. Ball moved, Ms. Cornwell seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a letter of agreement with CPA Associates for the audit of SRF Loan #SW120863010, in an amount not to exceed \$6,500.**

10. CONTRACT APPROVAL: CHAZ EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC.

I&I Program rehabilitation of 25 manholes located within lift station #1 basin and rehabilitation of wet wells in lift station #10 and #5 as part of the CIP.

**MOTION: Mr. Ball moved and Ms. Cornwell seconded and motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the Chaz Equipment Company, Inc. contract, based on the unit prices competitively bid and awarded to the City of Delray Beach, in an amount not to exceed \$82,000.**

Discussion: Mr. Lukowiak confirmed that Chaz Equipment is the company previously used to reline manholes. Discussion ensued on piggy-backing on a contract rather than going out to bid. Mr. Lukowiak stated that when the company was initially used, piggy-backing on Delray Beach, the bid prices were the best they found at that time. Mr. Woodward explained the prices for this project will hold at last year's levels.

Mr. Woodard confirmed that since the initial relining of manholes in the first basin there has been a reduction in infiltration. Mr. Ball requested that the data be provided to Commission.

Staff discussed the reasons for a three-year contract, so that work orders, approved by City Commission at the time of the work order's submission, can be assigned to the prices in the contract rather than having to create a new contract each year. Attorney Hall discussed the differences in contracts and the ability to assign future work orders.

**Motion on the floor carried 5-0.**

**11. APPROVAL: MILLER PIPELINE CORPORATION CONTRACT**

I&I Program rehabilitation of 3,967 linear feet of 8-inch sewer line located within lift station #1 as part of the CIP. Mr. Lukowiak explained the pipe leads to the WWTP, has been videoed and is badly in need of repair at this time, which will extend the life of the pipe.

**MOTION: Mr. Ball moved and Mrs. Lancaster seconded to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the Miller Pipeline Corporation contract, based on the unit prices competitively bid and awarded to the City of North Miami and the City of Orlando, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.**

Discussion: Mr. Woodard explained this is the first year the City will use the services of Miller Pipeline. In the past, Insituform was the company that performed this service, but there were difficulties mobilizing the company and Miller Pipeline would be hired by Insituform to perform the actual work. Discussion ensued on bidding out services rather than piggy-backing on existing contracts. Mr. Williams opined this project should be put out to bid.

Mr. Lukowiak discussed the intent of bidding and securing construction services companies much like the different engineering firms have been contracted. Attorney Hall explained it would be an approved bidders list that the City could draw from for different projects.

**Motion on the floor carried 4-1. Mr. Williams voted no.**

**12. APPROVAL: WARD I PHASE II INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT**

Ratification of Commission approval granted at the March 3, 2008 workshop meeting for funding the engineering of the Ward I Phase II Infrastructure Improvement Project.

**MOTION: Mr. Ball moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 5-0 to authorize the CRA to begin the design component of the Ward I, Phase II Infrastructure Project, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.**

**13. RESOLUTION NO. 08-21**

Budget amendment to reduce grant revenues and expenses.

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: Mr. Ball moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution No. 08-21.**

14. EDENFIELD PROPERTY

Pursuant to Resolution 04-19, Commission is requested to provide direction on whether to act upon a reverter clause, transferring ownership of the property back to the City from the CRA, or leave the property undeveloped and retain a certified engineer to develop a plan to properly identify and secure the site. Commission indicated the property should remain with the CRA.

**MOTION:** Ms. Varnadore moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 5-0 to retain the services of a certified engineer to develop a plan to properly identify and secure the Edenfield Property, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.

15. APPROVAL: MPO GRANT APPLICATION

Authorization to seek MPO grant funding for the construction of imprinted crosswalks.

**MOTION:** Ms. Varnadore moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried 5-0 to authorize the submittal of an MPO grant application to fund the construction of imprinted crosswalks, in an amount not to exceed \$26,820.

16. HISTORIC PARK PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

Annual improvements the Historic Commission is requesting at the Historic Park. CIP includes a budget for these improvements.

**MOTION:** Mr. Ball moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 5-0 to authorize the improvements to the Historic Park as presented, in an amount not to exceed \$41,268.

17. DELEGATION OF FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE VOTING DELEGATE

**MOTION:** Mr. Williams moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 5-0 to elect the Mayor, and in his absence the Vice Mayor, as the Voting Delegate to the Florida League of Cities, Inc. 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference.

18. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Attorney Hall

Confirmed with Commission that she is directing outside Counsel Wendy Smith to research and develop procedures, forms, etc. that will require background screens for new hires, existing employees and commissioners. Mr. Williams suggested it may be beneficial for Ms. Smith to review the draft Personnel Policy. Ms. Cornwell suggested that the cost should be reduced for individuals that are continually screened, i.e. commissioners, police officers, etc. Ms. Smith will be alerted to the topic under discussion. Mrs. Lancaster stated that if a policy is implemented to check all employees, no one should be exempt. She again stated her opinion Commission should also hear from an attorney representing employees. Deputy Chief Mayer stated the Police Department may be able to perform the screenings, given a reasonable amount of time. Attorney Hall stated she will request Ms. Smith to offer an opinion on performing the screenings in-house vs. outside.

Deputy Chief Mayer

Palmetto Elementary and Lincoln Middle are holding summer school and crossing guards are being provided.

Commended all agencies involved in the recent I75 incident.

Mr. Freeman

In the recent tax deed sale, the City purchased the Palmetto Palms tract for its credit bid of \$100.

He provided a memo updating Commission on the insurance reserve account, which is running below budget by approximately \$100,000; a funding option will be brought forward in July. Monitoring of reinsurance claims has revealed one individual has exceeded the amount. The City is also working to resolve issues with the third party administrator which may result in additional credits back to the City. An addendum allowing some re-pricing by the administrator may be coming forward in the near future.

Informed Commission the new website has been launched and requested he be notified with comments and suggestions so changes can be made as appropriate.

Mr. Lukowiak

The hurricane books have been distributed.

Mr. Lukowiak stated he thought the summary of the last meeting with the School Board was in the hurricane books, so he will provide it. He informed Commission there is a meeting in August and he will provide a packet. Mrs. Varnadore stated she had requested a summary of both meetings because she prefers a history of a topic. Mr. Lukowiak stated he does not keep minutes of meetings; Mayor Bustle concurred. Mr. Lukowiak stated he will provide what he has; if necessary he will add to the summary.

FDOT was supposed to resurface the Green Bridge beginning at 8pm.

The Community workshop schedule for the proposed stop signs have been forwarded to Commission, was included in the water bills, and has been posted.

Mr. Schmitt

Riverside Plaza tenants would like to share the electronic message center sign. Each tenant will flash a sign for 30 seconds, which is contrary to what Commission approved in the conditional use permit and which will require additional approval. Ms. Cornwell stated she has received complaints on the content of the large letter signage on the building. Attorney Hall state the City cannot regulate content but can regulate illegal signs. Ms. Varnadore stated she has received complaints about the banners and the signage on the pickup truck. Mr. Schmitt stated he has moved the sign ordinance to his top priority. Attorney Hall suggested that due to the time it will take to review the sign ordinance, it may become necessary to pull different provisions in the ordinance and bring them to Commission on an individual basis.

Reported Chris' Catering is still holding events and he has received no complaints. Ms. Cornwell asked that compliance with the temporary sanitary facilities be confirmed by staff.

The Scott building on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue is being sold. The new owner has already painted the building.

Attorney Hall requested a shade meeting to discuss settlement negotiations or a strategy session related to the Heagarty case. Commission set the meeting date for June 23, 2008 at 5:00 pm. The scheduled Budget Workshop meeting will be noticed to begin at 5:15 pm.

19. MAYOR'S REPORT

Commented on the time remaining and donated his time to comments from the Commissioners.



**MOTION:** Mr. Williams moved to extend the meeting to a time certain end of 10:30 pm. Motion died for the lack of a second.

**MOTION:** Ms. Varnadore moved, Ms. Cornwell seconded and motion carried 3-2 to extend the meeting to a time certain end of 10:15 pm. Mrs. Lancaster and Mr. Ball voted no.

## 20. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Ball  
No report.

Ms. Cornwell  
Commented on the recent on-line survey forwarded by the mayor. She commented on Sarasota's survey used prior to budget preparation and suggested that Palmetto could do something similar and incorporate the results into the budget. Mayor Bustle stated that right now the survey was to get information on the website. Mr. Freeman stated the site is a work in process and can easily be updated to include any questions Commission would like to be available to the public.

Applauded all the agencies involved in the traffic control in the I75 incident.

Mr. Williams  
Thanked Mr. Lukowiak for the updates on the traffic control issues.

Suggested Commission review positions that are open, positions staff thinks are necessary, and then consider freezing positions until after the budget. Mr. Lukowiak stated the position he has open will be filled by a transfer within his department.

Deputy Chief Mayer confirmed Chapter 316 governs crosswalks and confirmed traffic has to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks at intersections if not lighted. Mr. Williams commented on businesses in Georgia that purchase cones and use the cones in crosswalks. He suggested more care needs to be taken with our pedestrians. Mr. Lukowiak will look into the matter.

Requested a list of businesses visited by Mr. Schmitt and Mrs. Lukowiak. Mr. Schmitt stated the business owners were invited to attend the past CRA meeting.

Requested a list from the last ten years of CIP projects completed and the vendors used.

Stated it would have been nice if Commission had been advised of the website, suggesting some instructions on navigating the site had been provided. Mr. Freeman spoke of the presentation on April 21, 2008, stating its appearance has not greatly changed. He stated he is willing to meet with anyone with questions. Mr. Williams argued that a policy existed that required prior notice to Commission.

Requested Attorney Hall explained a commissioner's fiduciary responsibility. Attorney Hall explained that a commissioner must put the well-being of the organization first as opposed in a commissioner's own best interest. He inquired where a commissioner stands on making a financial decision that is harmful to the City. She explained there is an overlap with the conflict rule; a commissioner would be in violation of the conflict rule if an issue was decided that would benefit the commissioner or an immediate family member; would be in violation of the fiduciary responsibility if a commissioner's own interest was put before the interest of the City as a whole. Attorney Hall opined that if a harmful decision is made based on information available at the time of the decision, that is not arbitrary or made without malice, a commissioner would not be held responsible.

Ms. Varnadore

Need to bring up signage when attending the community meetings. Mrs. Lukowiak stated that at the direction of the CRA Board, the past CRA meeting was posted as a joint meeting and downtown business owners were already being called together regarding parking, stormwater, and potential development plans. Input from those downtown businesses regarding the topics was taken at the joint meeting. Input from all other businesses will be taken at additional meetings. Ms. Varnadore suggested city-wide community meetings should be scheduled regarding signage. Mr. Lukowiak asked permission to place notices of meetings in the utility bills and Ms. Varnadore suggested contacting the newspapers to see if they will run an article about the topic.

Mrs. Lancaster

Inquired if the banners on the fence at Palmetto High School are legal. Mr. Lukowiak stated the banners are not permitted, but the topic is not addressed in the Code.

Attorney Hall read City Commission Policy 05-08 regarding prior notification of items to Commission. She also read the policy adopted April 7, 2008 regarding notification prior inclusion in the utility bills.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Minutes approved: July 21, 2008

  
James R. Freeman  
City Clerk