

**SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 30, 2010
7:00 PM**

Elected Officials Present:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor
Tamara Cornwell, Vice Mayor, Commissioner-at-Large 2
Mary Lancaster, Commissioner, Ward 1
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2
Brian Williams, Commissioner, Ward 3

Elected Officials Absent:

Alan Zirkelbach, Commissioner-at-Large 1

Staff Present:

James R. Freeman, City Clerk
Cheryl Miller, Sr. Accounting Analyst
Scott Rudacille, Chief Assistant City Attorney
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Rick Wells, Chief of Police
Diane Ponder, Deputy Clerk-Administration

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

Swearing-in of all persons intending to address City Commission or the CRA Board.

Public Comment (non-agenda items): None

Proclamation: Patriots' Day September 11, 2010, accepted by Devin Bloom on behalf of Colonel Dick Pack. Mayor Bryant commented on the planned Follow the Flag event.

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor requested Commission add the Special Function Permits for Veterans Day Parade and Walk for Life to the Consent Agenda, as well as the new Accreditation/Grants Coordinator job description.

MOTION: Commission Cornwell moved, Commissioner Varnadore seconded and motion carried 4-0 to approve the August 30, 2010 7:00 PM Agenda as amended.

2. CITY COMMISSION CONSENT AGENDA

- A) BB&T Resolution & Agreement for Deposit Account
- B) Special Function Permit: Walk for Life
- C) Special Function Permit: Veterans Day
- D) Accreditation/Grants Coordinator Job Description

Discussion: BB&T Resolution: Mr. Freeman asked to have Mrs. Simpson provide Commission the information requested regarding how employees who do not have checking accounts will receive their funds. The document is necessary to be able to open the City's new checking accounts with BB&T, thus it is a time sensitive matter.

Special Function Permit: Walk for Life: The organization is responsible for all associated fees.

Special Function Permit: Veterans Day Parade: The street closures have typically been only temporary as the parade passes the major intersections.

Job Description: Accreditation/Grants Coordinator job description: Lt. Tyler oversees all administrative issues for the Police Department. After discussing the title Lt. vs. Administrative Lt., no change was made to the Lt. job title.

MOTION: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Williams seconded and motion carried 4-0 to approve Items 2B, 2C and 2D.

Item A: BB&T Resolution & Agreement for Deposit Account

MOTION: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Williams seconded and motion carried 3-1 to approve Item 2A. Commissioner Lancaster voted no.

Commission will be provided a response to Mrs. Lancaster's questions raised at the August 16, 2010 Commission meeting.

3. FRDAP GRANT

The application submission is due between September 15 and September 30. The target for the grant funds will be Martin Luther King Park, as the 2011 CRA budget includes \$500,000 for improvements in the stormwater retention and ground development of the park. Discussion ensued on the planned presentation of the conceptual plan Kimley Horn has prepared for the park. It is possible the area will be expanded by the donation of two acres of donated from the Ware family. A playground is planned for the expansion, which will be called the Ware Playground at Martin Luther King Park, in honor of their donation of the land.

Comment was made on the lack of the public's involvement in the naming of the park. Charles Smith, CRA Advisory Board member, stated the proposed Martin Luther King Park is a safe name, and he felt naming parks after families can become controversial.

Mayor Bryant requested documentation on the ownership of the park, so the proper entity applies for the grant. Mr. Freeman stated the City acquired the property for the park through a foreclosure sale. Mr. Burton stated either the City or CRA can apply for the grant. Attorney Rudacille recommended that until the documentation is provided, both the City Commission and the CRA should approve the application for and acceptance of the FRDAP Grant.

MOTION: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Lancaster seconded and motion carried 4-0 to authorize the Mayor to execute application documents for a FRDAP Grant in the amount of \$200,000 and to authorize the Mayor to execute the Grant Agreement documents, if funded.

Mayor Bryant recessed the City Commission meeting at 7:30 p.m. to open the August 30, 2010 Special CRA Board and CRA Advisory Board meeting.

Mayor Bryant reconvened the City Commission meeting at 9:00 p.m.

4. 23rd STREET REALIGNMENT UPDATE/BASEBALL FIELD UPDATE (A. Tusing)

A meeting was held with all the involved parties on August 25, with another scheduled for September 7, 2010. Mayor Bryant stated it is hoped site control will be obtained by September 15, 2010. Mr. Tusing reported the bid for the design build project, including 23rd St. realignment, 10th Ave. expansion and the

ball field complex, ranged from a low of \$4.8 million to a high of \$6.9 million. He will provide a breakdown of the bids to the Commission and the grants writer. The grants the City is applying for amount to \$2.75 million and the City will have \$1 million to contribute to the project. Mayor Bryant stated the School Board, Manatee County and the property owner are committed to seeing the project through completion.

5. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Chief Wells

Confirmed with Commission their receipt of the memo regarding the purchase of the new K9.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

Commented on the rendition of the Lincoln Park Splash Park that will be completed by Manatee County in early 2011.

Encouraged everyone to reach out and encourage business owners to fly their flag on September 11, 2010.

7. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Williams

Commented on the League of Cities.

Ms. Cornwell

Commented on the Police Department's support during the opening day of school, especially at Palmetto High School, and during Election Day.

Mrs. Lancaster

Thanked Chief Wells for the continuous patrol in her area.

Meeting adjourned at 9: 05 p.m.

Minutes approved: September 13, 2010

James R. Freeman

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