

**CITY COMMISSION MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2011
7:00 PM**

Commission Members

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor
Alan Zirkelbach, Vice Mayor, Commissioner-at-Large 1
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2
Charles Smith, Commissioner, Ward 1
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2
Brian Williams, Commissioner, Ward 3

Staff Present

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
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.

Public Comment: Andy Hansen, local representative of Florida League of Cities gave a financial update on the Florida Insurance Trust. Mr. Hansen presented the City a refund of the property insurance premiums paid for the 2009/2010 policy year of \$19,971.

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Bryant amended the agenda to add the appointment of Carolyn Higdon to the CDBG Committee as #5 under the City Clerk. She also removed the Bryant Miller Olive billing from item #3.

MOTION: Commissioner Zirkelbach moved, Commissioner Varnadore seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve the December 5, 2011 Agenda.

2. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

A. CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

1. Minutes: November 21, 2011
2. BIS Digital contract renewal for an additional year ending November 16, 2012 in an amount not to exceed \$967.
3. Special legal billing: Bryant Miller Olive (removed from the Consent Agenda)
Kirk Pinkerton
4. Appointment of Charles Smith to the EZDA Board
5. Appointment of Carolyn Higdon to the CDBG Committee (added to the Consent Agenda)

MOTION: Commissioner Zirkelbach moved, Commissioner Williams seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve the December 5, 2011 Consent Agenda, as amended.

3. PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 2011-32

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REVISE THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCEDURES OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR REAFFIRMATION AND RATIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Bryant opened the public hearing. After no public comment, Mayor Bryant closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Zirkelbach seconded and motion carried 5-0 to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-32.

4. FIRST PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 2011-33 (L. Lyn)

(TAB 5)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES, ZONING CODE, TO PROVIDE STANDARDS FOR FARM LABOR CAMPS AS A CONDITIONAL USE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Bryant opened the public hearing. After no public comment, Mayor Bryant closed the public hearing.

Attorney Barnebey announced that a second public hearing for this item is scheduled for January 9, 2012.

Mayor Bryant recessed the meeting at 7:15 p.m. to open the CRA Board meeting.

Mayor Bryant reconvened the City Commission meeting at 7:40 p.m.

5. 23rd STREET REALIGNMENT UPDATE/BASEBALL FIELD UPDATE

Attorney Barnebey referred to a prior discussion relating to the relocation of the baseball field to Blackstone Park. He informed the Commission that notification has been received from Leslie Gladfelter, Grimes Goebel, indicating the termination of the two contracts, one for the dedication and one for the additional property. He indicated the City will move forward with the extension of 10th Avenue, which will require new contracts for that project. He also is drafting a temporary construction agreement for execution by Manatee County for the relocation of the ball fields. All new contracts and agreements will be brought to Commission for approval.

Mayor Bryant commented on the maintenance of the tennis courts on 10th Street.

Discussion ensued on the legal fees that will be associated with the 10th Avenue extension. Mr. Tusing assured commission that the extension project is separate from the 23rd Street realignment, and funds will not be expended from the ball field funds. Attorney Barnebey suggested that as the contracts are developed, associated costs will be negotiated with the property owners.

Discussion of what Manatee County will contribute to the relocation of the ball fields occurred. Mayor Bryant indicated that there will be some type of agreement with the county before the project begins. Commission concurred that the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), as a whole, needs to be informed of the contribution its staff has offered to complete the ball field relocation; Mayor Bryant will communicate with the Board of County Commissioners regarding the topic. Commissioner Smith suggested that a joint meeting with the BOCC regarding this topic, the boat docks and the Hwy 301 issues should be scheduled. Mayor Bryant requested that Mr. Freeman contact county staff and ask that the topics be placed on the next Council of Governments meeting.

Staff was asked to provide a drawing of the 10th Avenue extension and its contact point on 23rd Street. Also requested was a recap of what the City has already done regarding the 10th Avenue extension, including the associated expenditure of funds.

6. ASR WELL UPDATE

Mr. Tusing reported the City is at 100% drawings, the RAIs for DEP have been answered and he expects to be able to go to bid in early January.

7. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Mr. Tusing

The CDBG portion of Ward 1 Phase 2 will be paved on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. The first section of the project will be completed before the holidays.

The Haben Blvd. project should be completed by January. Discussion ensued on the traffic congestion on Hwy 301 and what has been done to lessen the impact. Also discussed was the traffic congestion on the Green Bridge and the timing of the lights in Bradenton. Mr. Tusing stated an agreement regarding the linking of City lights with the fiber optic network will be forthcoming. He suggested that a staff member should be certified to time lights so the City may be able to reserve the ability to time lights in the agreement, which is what Bradenton did. He confirmed that the State has the ultimate control of the timing of lights.

Mr. Freeman

The next agenda will have a recommendation on awarding the HVAC bid, which is the last task of energy grant.

Chief Wells

No report.

Attorney Barnebey

The Rutledge foreclosure is moving forward.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Reported Mr. Tusing had worked with Manatee County to resolve an issue at Leisure Lake, even though the property is not in the City. A thank you note from Mrs. Dorothy Miller has been received.

Acknowledged Mr. Fahrenholz for his donation of historic Palmetto pictures.

Christmas in Park was a huge success. Mayor Bryant stated her appreciation to all the organizations that worked on the event

Requested that staff research the safety grant mentioned by Mr. Hansen. Mr. Freeman discussed the application and award last year, which resulted in the new lighting at City Hal. He will look at the application for this year.

Mr. Estiberggia was only Latino applicant for the CRA Advisory Board vacancy. Mayor Bryant stated she had spoken with the Latin Chamber about representation in the Latino community, and suggested the Chamber will be pleased with Mr. Estiberggia's appointment.

9. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Varnadore

No report

Mr. Zirkelbach

Discussed the article in the North River News regarding notice about the port-o-let removal. Mr. Tusing stated he received notice that they had already been removed.

Stated his desire to see the City do something fun to acknowledge the PHS football team's season. Commission concurred.

Mr. Williams

Mr. Williams suggested that there are areas that are in need of street striping. Mr. Tusing discussed the cost estimate of \$14,000 to stripe 17th Street.

Ms. Cornwell

Thanked Mr. Tusing for putting the sign for the high school up so quickly.

There is a Fair Board meeting tomorrow and a Historic Board meeting on December 17, 2011.

Mr. Smith

He has received complaints about the light poles at 17th Street across from the Youth Center at the railroad parks, and the people living behind the homes. Mr. Freeman will send Code Enforcement to the site and determine who is responsible for the maintenance of the poles.

Suggested the joint meeting with the BOCC on the items discussed. He also voiced concern about the funds involved in developing the ball fields.

Echoing joint meeting with BOCC on 3 items; same concern with \$

Mr. Williams

The branch off Car Drain north of Inez Ware's property has tree down.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR CITY COMMISSION

Mary Lancaster commented on the number of lights out on 17th Street. She also commented on the property spoken about by Mr. Smith and the maintenance of the property outside the fence.

Mayor Bryant stated that in the meeting with County personnel, the 17th Street lights were discussed. The County is negotiating light maintenance contract. The lights will be repaired upon the contract's execution. Mr. Smith suggested that lights on Bayshore Road should also be considered.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes approved: December 19, 2011

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk