

**SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 2011
12:00 PM**

Elected Officials Present

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
Diane Ponder, Deputy Clerk-Administration

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 12:02 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: Jane Hunter commented on the parking lot at the Olympia Theater, which is public parking, being chained off this weekend.

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION: Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve the December 19, 2011 Agenda.

2. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

A. CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

1. Minutes: December 5, 2011
2. Energy Efficiency Block Grant #ARS050 funding for the replacement of HVAC units: Award of RFP to Air & Energy; authorization for staff to negotiate and prioritize the units to be replaced; and authorization for the Mayor's execution of the contract in an amount not to exceed \$132,600
3. Authorization to apply for the 2011 FLC Safety Grant for \$5,000 for the purchase and installation of four LED parking lights and authorize the Mayor to accept the grant funds if awarded.

MOTION: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Williams seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve the December 19, 2011 Consent Agenda

3. RESOLUTION NO. 2011-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA; MAKING FINDINGS OF ADDITIONAL BLIGHTED AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA; MODIFYING THE PALMETTO REDEVELOPMENT PLAN BY CHANGING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN BY ADDING LAND TO AND EXCLUDING LAND FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT AREA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Barnebey requested that the item be open with item #4, as the ordinance is related.

4. PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 2011-34

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, MAKING FINDINGS OF ADDITIONAL BLIGHTED AREAS; EXPANDING THE AREA OF OPERATION OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Bryant opened the public hearing for Ordinance No. 2011-34 and Resolution No. 2011-37. After no public comment, she closed the public hearing

MOTION: Commissioner Zirkelbach moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded and motion carried 4-1 to adopt Resolution No. 2011-37. Commissioner Williams voted no.

MOTION: Commissioner Zirkelbach moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded and motion carried 4-1 to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-34. Commissioner Williams voted no

5. RESOLUTION NO. 2011-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, RELATING TO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT; APPROVING SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATIONS TO THE CITY OF PALMETTO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN PURSUANT TO SECTION 163.361, FLORIDA STATUTES; DEFINING THE REDEVELOPMENT AREA; FINDING THE EXISTENCE OF SLUM AND BLIGHTED CONDITIONS IN THE AREA; MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS; FINDING CONFORMITY TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; FINDING AUTHORITY OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

6. PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 2011-35

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, MODIFYING THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Bryant opened the public hearing for Resolution No. 2011-38 and Ordinance No. 2011-35. After no public comment, she closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Commissioner Zirkelbach moved, Commissioner Williams seconded and motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution No. 2011-38

MOTION: Commissioner Zirkelbach moved, Commissioner Williams seconded and motion carried 5-0 to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-35.

Mayor Bryant recessed the meeting to open the December 19, 2011 Special CRA Board meeting.

Mayor Bryant reconvened the City Commission meeting.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 2011-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2011-31, WHICH RESOLUTION ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Freeman informed Commission that the correct amount in the resolution should be \$1.4 million.

MOTION: Commissioner Zirkelbach moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded and motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution No. 2011-39 as corrected.

8. BASEBALL FIELD UPDATE

There will be a joint meeting with the County Commissioners following the Council of Governments meeting.

The City received Image Manatee Beautification Award for Palmetto City Hall.

9. ASR WELL UPDATE

No report

10. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

No comments

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

None

12. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Williams

Commissioners will forward Mr. Freeman a list of emails they do not wish to receive.

Mr. Smith

Reported he had received an email from the Gulf Coast Builders Exchange regarding its golf tournament fund raiser.

Mayor Bryant asked Mr. Burton to email the digital plan to Ms. Hunter.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Minutes approved: January 9, 2012

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk