

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
AND CRA BOARD MEETING
May 6, 2013
7:00 PM**

Elected Officials Present

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

Staff Present

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney—(Entered at 7:15 p.m.)
Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Rick Wells, Chief of Police
Scott Rudacille, Chief Assistant City Attorney
Amber Foley, Assistant City Clerk

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

Commissioner Cornwell presented the Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Sexual Health Awareness Month proclamation to Ella Biggins-Chair of Teen Pregnancy Prevention Committee and MaryAnn Legler, It's Your Choice Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coordinator.

All persons intending to address City Commission were duly sworn.

Non-agenda Item Public Comment: None

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Bryant removed item 2.A.2. from the agenda and added the traffic light maintenance agreement to the agenda as item 2.C.2.

Motion: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Smith seconded to approve the May 6, 2013 Agenda with the removal of item 2.A.2. and the addition of item 2.C.2.

2. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

A. City Clerk's Office

1. Minutes: April 15, 2013
2. Public Service Tax (Propane) Annual Agreement (Item Removed)
3. Resolution 2013-16 PD Abandoned Property
4. Resolution 2013-17 Telemetry Meter Lease
5. Revised Job Description for Code Enforcement and Customer Service Field Rep.
6. Mauldin & Jenkins Contract Renewal
7. Bryant Miller Olive and Blalock Walters Legal Billings

B. Police Department

1. 2013 Bullet Proof Vest Grant Application

C. Public Works

1. FP&L Easement
2. FDOT Traffic Light Maintenance Agreement (Item Added)

Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Smith seconded the motion to approve the May 6, 2013 Consent Agenda.

Attorney Rudacille noted that the FP&L Easement agreement is to be modified to be a subterranean line instead of above the ground.

Mayor Bryant requested item 2.C.1. be pulled for clarification on the modification being made.

Commissioner Varnadore amended the motion on the floor to approve the May 6, 2013 Consent Agenda with the removal of item 2.C.1. Commissioner Smith seconded the amended motion and the motion carried 5-0.

2.C.1. FP&L Easement

Attorney Rudacille stated that the only change to the agreement was the removal of the language that references overhead lines.

Attorney Rudacille departed the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve item 2.C.1. as amended.

3. APPOINTMENTS TO HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD

The Mayor appoints the following people to the Housing Authority:

- Azell Johnson, Jr., term ending April 30, 2014
- Barbara Mollananzar, term ending April 30, 2015
- Pamela Roberts, term ending April 30, 2016
- Alan Zirkelbach, term ending April 30, 2017

Motion: Commissioner Smith moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to confirm the appointments of Azell Johnson, Jr. term ending April 30, 2014, Barbara Mollananzar, term ending April 30, 2015, Pamela Roberts, term ending April 30, 2016, and Alan Zirkelbach, term ending April 30, 2017 to serve as chairman of the Board, to the Palmetto Housing Authority as proposed by the Mayor.

4. PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2013-02 MOBILE FOOD VENDORS AND TEMPORARY USE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES, ZONING CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR A DEFINITION OF MOBILE VENDORS; REVISING THE CURRENT TEMPORARY USE PERMIT CRITERIA AND ADDING CRITERIA FOR USE AND OPERATION OF MOBILE VENDORS, INCLUDING PUSH CARTS AND TEMPORARY VENDORS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Bryant opened the public hearing from April 1, 2013.

Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to continue the first public hearing on Ordinance 2013-02 to June 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as same can be heard in these chambers.

Mayor Bryant recessed the City Commission meeting at 7:22 p.m. to open the May 6, 2013 CRA Board meeting.

Mayor Bryant reconvened the City Commission meeting at 7:28 p.m.

5. BASEBALL FIELD UPDATE

Mayor Bryant asked Mr. Freeman to contact the County regarding quarterly updates regarding the use of funds for the project.

6. ASR WELL UPDATE

None

7. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Mr. Freeman—Informed Commission that the Finance Department has started the budget process. He said that the budget should be presented to Commission the first week of July.

Attorney Barnebey—Updated Commission on the progress of the litigation related to the Shell property. He stated that proper notice has been served to someone who may have a right to the property.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bryant asked Attorney Barnebey to look at how to remove grocery carts from around the City.

There will be a meeting with FDOT on May 30th about the remaining life of the Desoto Bridge. She also will discuss the concerns with the 7th Street light being turned on. Commissioner Williams suggested Manatee County be invited to attend this meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the PD&E study and the 301/41 corridor. Commissioner Varnadore suggested a formal letter be written to the County regarding funding this project.

Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to send a letter with the information from FDOT so it's very clear when the County Commission makes a decision they have all the facts before them.

9. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Smith—Commented on the positive changes taking place around the community. Thanked law enforcement for their patrolling of the area around MLK Park.

Commissioner Cornwell—Stated she attended the Historic Commission meeting recently and thanked Mr. Tusing for repairing the stairs there.

Commissioner Varnadore—Discussed the ride along with the police department she did recently. She was very impressed with the officers she rode along with. She encouraged Commission to go on a ride along if they have not already.

Commissioner Williams—Commented on the article regarding the new K-9 dog Chica. Said he cannot wait to meet the dog.

Regarding trees that are growing along the right-of-ways, Mr. Tusing stated that they are the responsibility of the City and if the resident would like to remove it they would be issued a tree removal permit and not be responsible for replacing the removed tree.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Minutes approved: May 20, 2013

James R. Freeman

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