

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
AND CRA BOARD MEETING
May 5, 2014
7:00 PM**

Elected Officials Present

Jonathan Davis, 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

Elected Officials Absent:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor

Staff Present

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Rick Wells, Chief of Police
Amber Foley, Assistant City Clerk

Vice Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked that all to keep the Feld Entertainment performers that were recently injured in their thoughts and prayers.

Chief Rick Wells recognized Officer Luis Diaz and Mr. Trevor Cardarelle who are credited with saving the life of Ke'Mishia Pompey during a stabbing at the Hall Nightclub on February 22nd.

Chief Rick Wells recognized Corporal Michael Kelly, Detective David Burns, Officer Luis Martinez, Officer Zachary Cissell, Officer Rebecca Evans, Officer Uruchima, and Officer Richard Wilson for Outstanding Service under Pressure.

Chief Rick Wells recognized Mr. Larry Gabbard for outstanding service in being chosen as the Property and Evidence Association of Florida Manager of the Year.

PROCLAMATION: Commissioner Cornwell presented the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month proclamation to Ella Biggins, Chair, Manatee County Youth Commission.

PROCLAMATION: Commissioner Varnadore presented the National Public Works Week proclamation to Allen Tusing, Public Works Director.

All persons intending to address the City Commission were duly sworn.

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Williams asked that the agenda be approved with the removal of Item 6, stop sign policy discussion, until more information is provided and then placed on a Workshop for discussion.

Motion: Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the May 5, 2014 Agenda with the removal of Item 6.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

- A. Clerk's Office
 - 1. April 21, 2014 Minutes
 - 2. Special Function Permits
 - a. Slicks Garage First Fridays June and July 2014
 - b. Manatee Glens Walk for Life September 2014
- B. Public Works
 - 1. FDOT Highway Lighting Maintenance and Compensation Agreement
 - 2. FDOT Traffic Light Maintenance Agreement
 - 3. Contract with Insituform Technologies, LLC

Vice Mayor Davis removed item B.3. for discussion.

Commissioner Williams removed item A.2.a. for discussion.

Motion: **Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the May 5, 2014 Consent Agenda with the removal of items A.2.a. and B.3. for discussion.**

A.2.a Slicks Garage First Fridays Special Function Permit June and July 2014 discussion:

Jane Hunter, representing Slicks Garage, respectfully requested that both permits be approved tonight.

Motion: **Commissioner Smith moved, Commissioner Williams seconded the motion to approve Slicks Garage Special Function Permit for First Fridays in June and July.**

Discussion ensued regarding the closure of 10th Avenue West for this event. Ms. Hunter asked to have a meeting scheduled with City staff for the future First Fridays events in the City.

Commissioner Smith modified the motion on the floor to include the allowance of the Mayor's discretion for road closure during these events due to safety concerns. Commissioner Williams agreed to the modification. **The modified motion on the floor carried 5-0.**

B.3. Contract with Insituform Technologies, LLC discussion:

Attorney Barnebey requested that Mr. Tusing make a few changes and provide more information for this item. Mr. Tusing will be bringing this item forward at the next meeting.

No action was taken.

4. 1st READ ORDINANCE 2014-08 ELECTION CODE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 12-ELECTIONS OF THE PALMETTO CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion: **Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Williams seconded the motion to schedule a public hearing on Ordinance 2014-08 for May 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as same can be heard in these chambers and direct staff to advertise for same.**

Discussion ensued regarding the change to the Canvassing Board and no City representation. Commissioner Varnadore requested that the Canvassing Board portion of our current ordinance remain the same.

Discussion ensued regarding the recent reduction and relocation of polling places that were made by the Manatee County Supervisor of Elections. Commissioner Varnadore requested staff to ask that a

representative from the Supervisor of Elections attend the next Workshop to answer Commissions questions regarding the polling places in the City of Palmetto.

Commissioner Williams withdrew his second to the motion on the floor.

The motion on the floor died.

5. PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2013-21 PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE PALMETTO CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF THE USE AND LOCATION OF PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Vice Mayor Davis re-opened the public hearing from April 7, 2014.

Attorney Barnebey informed Commission that the Mayor requested this item be continued to allow staff time to conduct further research.

Vice Mayor Davis closed the public hearing after no public comment.

Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to continue the public hearing on Ordinance 2013-21 to June 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as same can be heard in these chambers.

Commissioner Cornwell opined that the proposed Ordinance as presented is too broad.

Commissioner Williams commented on Section 2.(b), of the Ordinance stating that the section is too large and opined it could be consolidated with (a) above. He also asked that minimum maintenance standards be incorporated into this Ordinance and a maximum number of allowable units for the Commercial Heavy Industry (CHI) zoning district be looked into.

Attorney Barnebey will review Commissions concerns.

6. STOP SIGN POLICY DISCUSSION-REMOVED

Staff and Commission to discuss the current policy on stop sign installation and review any necessary revisions that need to be made.

Vice Mayor Davis recessed the Commission meeting at 8:20 p.m. to open the May 5, 2014 CRA Board meeting.

Vice Mayor reconvened the May 5, 2014 Commission meeting at 8:42 p.m.

7. ASR WELL UPDATE

None at this time.

8 DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Mr. Freeman—informed Commission that they were provided a copy of the insert the Manatee County Supervisor of Elections would like to include in the City's utility bills to inform residents of the vote by mail option. The consensus of the Commission was to not have that inserted in customer's utility bills at this time.

Chief Wells—stated that the Police Department is preparing for the end of the school year with bike patrol and School Resource Officers.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

10. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Williams—complimented Mr. Tusing's staff. Mr. Tusing stated that he provided a luncheon to his employees for their hard work before, during, and after the Seafood Festival.

Commissioner Varnadore—complimented the Police Department K-9 unit's new Tahoes.

Commissioner Cornwell—stated this week is National Education Week. She encouraged everyone to contact a teacher that had a lot of influence on their lives and thank them.

Commissioner Smith—asked Mr. Tusing to look at the stop sign located at the Race Trac gas station.

He informed Commission that the Housing Authority will have their first meeting on Friday May 9th at 4:00 p.m. in the Chambers.

Vice Mayor Davis—thanked Mr. Tusing and his Public Works Department staff.

Vice Mayor Davis adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Minutes approved: June 2, 2014

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk