

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
July 21, 2014
7:00 PM**

Elected Officials Present

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor
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

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

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

All persons intending to address City Commission were duly sworn.

Mayor Bryant welcomed Boy Scout Troop 10 to the Commission Meeting. The Troop was in attendance to observe the meeting and receive a badge.

Mayor Bryant acknowledged the Palmetto Little League Softball Girls ages 10-11 for winning their last game and moving on to represent Florida at the State Championship at the beginning of August.

RECOGNITION: Chief Wells recognized Brian Ellerson and Kathy Watkins, BDE Partner, LLC, co-owners of Taco Bell who are making a monetary donation to the Police Department. Chief Wells stated that the money that is received will be placed in the "Honor the Badge" fund for the annual Christmas shopping that is done for children in need.

David Bailey and Allen Langford, Palmetto Rotary, informed Commission that the Rotary made approximately \$6,000 during the July 4th event. They presented a check to the City for \$600.00 (10% of their profit). Mr. Bailey introduced Beau Wessel and Hailey Praught, two recipients of the Rotary Scholarship to help them go to college.

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: **Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 4-1 to approve the July 21, 2014 Agenda with the addition of item 4A, discussion on boat race and bridge closure, to come before item 4 on the agenda. Commissioner Cornwell voted no.**

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Clerk's Office

1. June 2, 2014 and June 16, 2014 Minutes
2. Scrivener's Error Correction to Ordinance 2013-19
3. Slicks Garage First Friday Special Function Permit
4. It Works! Global Special Function Permit
5. Blalock Walters Legal Bills

B. Public Works

1. Traffic Regulation for No Parking Signs along 13th Street Court West

Motion: **Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the July 21, 2014 Consent Agenda with the removal of item 3A3 for discussion.**

3.A.3. Slicks Garage First Friday Special Function Permit Discussion

Jane Hunter, Co-Owner of Slicks Garage, explained to Commission that she is cancelling the August event and all public events for the year. She stated that in the future Slicks may revisit having public events again.

4A Boat Regatta Discussion

Dave Gustafson, Bradenton Downtown Development, looks forward to continuing to work with the City to host the Manatee River Boat Regatta Race in February 2015. He has been working with staff on plans to close both northbound lanes of the Green Bridge for the duration of the event; the southbound lanes will remain open. There will continue to be discussions with Commission as preparations for the event are being made.

Commissioner Williams expressed concerns with pedestrian traffic along Riverside Drive during the event. He opined that Riverside may need to be closed as well.

Motion: **Commissioner Smith moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve City Department Heads and staff to continue working with the City of Bradenton staff and consultants regarding the boat regatta.**

4. 1st READING ORDINANCE 2014-14 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE 2030 PALMETTO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ORDINANCE 2010-01, AS AMENDED; AMENDING AND ADDING DEFINITIONS; AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT, THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT, THE COASTAL MANAGEMENT ELEMENT, THE CONSERVATION ELEMENT, THE PARKLAND OPEN SPACE, AND RECREATION ELEMENT, AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL ELEMENT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS RELATED TO THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA; PROVIDING FOR UPDATES; PROVIDING FOR A CODIFIED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion: **Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to schedule a public hearing for Ordinance 2014-14 on August 4, 2014 or as soon thereafter as same can be heard in these chambers and direct staff to advertise for same.**

5. APPROVAL: PROPOSED AGGREGATE MILLAGE RATE

Motion: **Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve a proposed aggregate millage rate of \$5.7171 mills and to schedule a 1st Public Hearing on September 8, 2014 (tentative budget hearing) and a 2nd Public Hearing on September 22, 2014 (final budget hearing) for FY 2014-2015.**

6. MAY AND JUNE CHECK REGISTER (Informational Only)

7. ASR WELL UPDATE

No update.

8 DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Mr. Burton—informed Commission that in the current CRA budget there are funds for parks maintenance. He would like to adjust the verbiage to allow that budget to maintain the landscaping along 5th Street. The design of the street is unique and needs more care and it would be best to have a private company provide maintenance.

At the last meeting an Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) was discussed for the property on the corner of Riverside Drive West. Once that ITN goes out for that property, Mr. Burton would like to draft another ITN for the Police Department Building.

Mr. Burton informed Commission that the Florida Redevelopment Association hands out seven awards a year and the CRA will be receiving an award in October for Economic Impact for the It Works! Global project.

The CRA has applied for another \$20,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency for Edenfield.

Mr. Freeman-has prepared a CIP spending year to date report that will be emailed out to Commissioners as well as put on their iPads for their review.

He discussed the credit card system with BS&A and Point and Pay. For residential customers, the City will absorb credit card and ACH (electronic check/auto bank deduction) fees. Visa, MasterCard, and Discover will be accepted either online or at a Customer Service window. In regard to commercial customers, the City will not absorb their fees for credit card transaction; they will be required to pay 2.5% of their transaction amount. If the commercial customer chooses to use ACH, the City will absorb that fee. Mr. Freeman stated that this will all start sometime before October.

Chief Wells—announced the Peacewalkers of Manatee County will be doing a walk down 11th Street Drive Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bryant read a note she received from Gary Kortzendorf, Chair for the Seafood Festival, stating how appreciative he was for all the help he received from her and City staff regarding the event.

10. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Williams—asked Mr. Tusing to check on the houses along 7th Avenue (behind City Hall) regarding the excessive parking and what appears to be construction work.

Commissioner Varnadore—asked Mr. Tusing to provide a parking issue and stop sign assessment for the City.

Commissioner Davis—recently attended the CRA course in Orlando where he learned a lot of new information regarding CRAs.

He asked Mr. Tusing to thank Mike Alderman for his quick response on the repair of a water line that he called about.

Commissioner Cornwell--expressed her displeasure with the recent vote that was taken at the last meeting regarding the addition of the Special Function Permit for the Rotary and the July 4th event. She explained that adding an item to the agenda the night of the meeting does not allow time for the public to be made aware of the discussion. She opined that a super majority vote should be obtained before allowing an addition to be made to an agenda the night of the meeting. If that is not possible, a specially

set meeting should be proposed. In regard to the Special Function Permit for the Rotary and July 4th, she opined that, when not obeying the 30-day process for submittal of Special Function Permits, it creates a monopoly situation in that it did not allow other vendors to come forward with a Permit for that event.

Commissioner Smith—he is proud of the award winning CRA community. The CRA has been the recipient of several awards recently and he is proud of the work that has been done.

He thanked Chief and the Police Department for all the work they do to keep the City safe.

Mr. Smith thanked Mr. Burton and his staff for a job well done at the July 4th event. It was a great event as usual.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Minutes approved: August 4, 2014

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk