

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
January 26, 2015
7:00 PM**

Elected Officials Present

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2
Jonathan Davis, Commissioner-at-Large 1
Harold Smith, Commissioner, Ward 1
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2

Elected Officials Absent

Brian Williams, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, Ward 3

Staff Present

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Jeff Burton, CRA Director—(Entered the meeting at 7:22 p.m.)
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Javier Vargas, Deputy Director Public Works
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 the City Commission were duly sworn.

RECOGNITION: Mayor Bryant recognized George “Butch” David for his 34 years of service to the City. Butch retired on January 2, 2015.

RECOGNITION: Mayor Bryant recognized the following City Employees for their recent nomination for Employee of the First Quarter:

Lorna White	K-9 Ofc. Adam Spatafora
Jackie Mejia	Keith Mitchell
Jeff Scott	Ken Green
Kurt Stokke	Nixa Haisley
Geoff Seger	

Mayor Bryant congratulated Geoff Seger, Facility and Events Coordinator, who was chosen as the City’s Employee of the First Quarter. (Mr. Seger was not able to attend the meeting.)

RECOGNITION: Chief Wells recognized Police Officer Lucciano Diaz as 2014 Officer of the Year and Larry Gabbard as 2014 Civilian of the Year.

PRESENTATION: Steve Kruger and Brett Taylor, Veolia, made a safety presentation to Commission.

PRESENTATION: John Eash, P.E., ATKINS, presented the Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study and Status Report to Commission. A copy of the presentation is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

Attorney Barnebey corrected the motion that was on the point paper for Consent Agenda Item 3.B.1., Resolution 2015-01. He asked that it be to adopt Resolution 2015-01, not approve.

Motion: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the January 26, 2015 Agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Clerk's Office

1. Minutes: December 15, 2014 and January 5, 2015
2. Special Function Permits:
 - a. Bradenton Area Riverwalk Regatta, February 7, 2015
 - b. Falcon 5K River Run, February 7, 2015
 - c. Zambelli Fireworks for Regatta, February 7, 2015

B. Public Works

1. Resolution 2015-01 Florida Department of Transportation Agreement
2. Backflow Annual Test Services Piggyback Contract with LaPENSEE

Commissioner Cornwell removed item 3.A.2, Special Function Permits, for discussion, and asked that the motion be modified for item 3.B.1, to adopt the Resolution.

Motion: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the January 26, 2015 Consent Agenda with the removal of item 3.A.2, Special Function Permits and with the modification to the motion for item 3.B.1.

3A2 Special Function Permits:

a. Bradenton Area Riverwalk Regatta Discussion:

Public Comment: Frankie Amato, Co-owner Pizza by the Foot, expressed her displeasure with the event and the road closures. She opined she may lose business due to less flow of traffic as well as food and drink vendors at the event. Mayor Bryant asked that Mrs. Amato provide feedback after the event. Mrs. Amato's concerns have been shared by various other business owners.

Ms. Foley discussed the map that was handed out to Commission that was provided to her by Hernando DeSoto. The map shows where DeSoto will have their booths set up. Currently, the Special Function Permit provided for the Regatta event does not allow for the use of Riverside Park East. Staff opined that it would be best to allow DeSoto the use of that park for the event and then to close Riverside Drive East to local traffic only. This will please the residents along Riverside Drive East as well as protect pedestrians going to and from the event and the spectators that will be seated at Riverside Park East. Commission agreed.

Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve item 3.A.2. a. b. c., Special Function Permits for the Bradenton Area Regatta, the Falcon 5K River Run, and Zambelli Fireworks on February 7, 2015.

4. PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2013-21 REGULATION OF THE USE AND LOCATION OF PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION FOR 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 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Bryant re-opened the public hearing from December 15, 2014. Mayor Bryant closed the public hearing after no public comment.

Motion: **Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to adopt Ordinance 2013-21.**

5. ASR WELL UPDATE

Mr. Tusing informed Commission that the validation on the Ultra-Violet (UV) filtration has been completed and the report is being provided to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

6. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Chief Wells—explained that he and his officers will be working very hard to keep traffic under control during the Regatta Event on February 7th.

Mr. Burton—announced that the ribbon cutting for the Boat Ramp will be held on February 2, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. and will last approximately 45 minutes.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bryant said that she was very pleased with the Manatee County Fair and has heard that the attendance exceeded last year. There were very minimal problems. She enjoyed the City booth and informed Commission that Ms. Foley is tallying the surveys that were turned in and will have the data and feedback shortly.

Mayor announced that this Friday and Saturday there is a bull riding event at the Manatee County Fairgrounds, the event is being held by Conley Buick.

8 COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Cornwell—informed Commission that Mayor's son and her nephew won first place for the BBQ contest at the Fair.

She questioned who decided on the name for the Convention Center as Bradenton Area. Mayor Bryant stated that it was the Tourist Development Council (TDC) that hired a company to rebrand. The Economic Development Center (EDC) then hired a company, and both companies were in agreement on the name as Bradenton Area. Commissioner Cornwell asked for the name of the companies that performed this study; she would like to know what criteria and information was used to come up with this name. Mayor Bryant said it is public record so she will research this and provide Commission with this information.

Commissioner Varnadore—expressed her confidence in the Police Department to handle the traffic and detours during the Regatta Event.

She has been receiving multiple complaints about City traffic. She asked if it would be possible to make traffic discussion a standing agenda item. Mayor Bryant asked Ms. Foley to include that on future agendas.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes approved: February 9, 2015

James R. Freeman

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