

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
April 20, 2015
7:00 PM**

Elected Officials:

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

Staff Present:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Jeff Burton, CRA Director—(arrived 7:18 p.m.)
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police
Debra Woithe, City Planner
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 administered the oath of office to new Code Enforcement Officer Kathy Riley. Mrs. Riley stated she thanked Commission for the opportunity to work for the City.

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

Jorge Aguilar	Joel Carranza
Larry Gabbard	Nixa Haisley
Oscar Kieffer	Jackie Mejia
Ofc. Micah Mathews	John Pawlikowski
Selena Resendiz	K-9 Ofc. Adam Spatafora
Jeff Scott	Robert Simpson

Mayor Bryant congratulated Officer Micah Mathews who was chosen as the City's Employee of the Second Quarter. Officer Mathews was nominated by fellow peers for a recent heroic act he performed while on duty. Officer Mathews observed a car with flames underneath the engine in front of Palmetto High on January 15th. He stopped the vehicle and removed the two teenagers inside. The car then caught on fire and was soon engulfed in flames. The mother of the driver wrote a letter to Officer Mathews that was published in the Bradenton Herald.

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the April 20, 2015 Agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Clerk's Office

1. Minutes: April 6, 2015
2. Special Function Permits:
 - a. 29th Annual Fishing Tournament 5/9/2015
 - b. VBS Family Night 6/19/2015
 - c. NRFFO Firecracker 5K 7/4/2015

Motion: **Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the April 20, 2015 Consent Agenda.**

4. RESOLUTION 2015-04 CITIZEN ADVISORY TASK FORCE

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO CITY COMMISSION OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION, COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) CITIZEN ADVISORY TASK FORCE (CATF) AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Williams exited the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Motion: **Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to adopt Resolution 2015-04. Commissioner Williams was absent for the vote.**

5. 13TH STREET DRAINAGE PROJECT CONTRACT AWARD

Commissioner Williams returned at 7:22 p.m.

Mr. Tusing explained that the City received four bids regarding this project. Tampa Bay Construction Engineering (TBCEI) was the lowest bidder at \$386,286. In their bid submittal, they listed an item for a price of \$10,000, but it is known that just the unit costs \$47,000. The City then emailed them to confirm the price of \$10,000 at which time they responded stating they left a zero off the total; the price should be \$100,000. With the new price, TBCEI was still the lowest bidder at \$476,286. Mr. Tusing stated that once the price was confirmed, the City posted the bid tabulations of all four vendors. TBCEI then contacted the City stating that were rushed when emailing about the wrong price of \$10,000 and their new pricing would now be an additional \$60,000. The City responded, explaining that the prices could no longer be changed and they would have to withdraw their bid or remain with the price of \$476,286. They chose to withdraw. With that, the City is now recommending the bid for the project be awarded to Woodruff and Sons.

Motion: **Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the recommendation to award the contract to Woodruff and Son's in the amount of \$630,539.74 and transfer \$4,960.74 for the contract from Road and Bridge.**

6. 705 10TH AVE WEST RFP AWARD

Mr. Burton informed Commission that the CRA wishes to sell 705 10th Avenue West, the old FFA Building. The property has been surplused and a request for proposal was issued. The top three proposals were received from R-Cubed Engineering, J. Elliot & Company, and Allison Gause Engineering. Mr. Burton is requesting approval from Commission to accept the ranking and allow the Mayor to negotiate with R-Cubed Engineering, the first ranked vendor.

Mr. Burton explained that R-Cubed Engineering is an aerospace research company that plans to bring headquarters here to Palmetto. They are a leader in aerospace engineering and research, specializing in developing sensors for unmanned aerial systems in cooperation with the Navy, Air Force, NASA, Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Authority.

Danny Contarino, representing R-Cubed Engineering, stated he is excited to come to Palmetto with his business. He and his family are residents and enjoy the City.

Commission was very complimentary of R-Cubed's proposal and business.

Motion: Commissioner David moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to accept the ranking committee recommendation of proposed buyers for 705 10th Avenue (FFA Building): 1. R-Cubed Engineering, 2. J. Elliot & Company, 3. Allison Gause Engineering, and authorize the Mayor to negotiate a sales contract starting with the first ranked buyer and sign a sales contract on behalf of the Palmetto CRA.

7. PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2015-04 BRADENTON YACHT CLUB

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; REZONING AND AFFIRMING ZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 7.34 ACRES OF PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF SNEAD ISLAND ROAD (AKA 13TH STREET WEST), AND WEST OF THE SNEAD ISLAND CUTOFF CHANNEL AT 4307 SNEAD ISLAND ROAD WEST FROM COUNTY ZONING DESIGNATION R1-B TO CITY ZONING DESIGNATION OF BUSINESS AND LIGHT COMMERCIAL (CG); PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (CITY INITIATED, OWNER: BRADENTON YACHT CLUB, INC. PID# 2931700059/APPROXIMATELY 7.34 ACRES)

Mayor Bryant opened the public hearing.

Mrs. Woithe gave a presentation regarding the zoning change for the Bradenton Yacht Club (BYC). She explained that the BYC purchased the property in 1966 and was annexed into the City in 1988. At the time of annexation, zoning and future land used were not specified. A hand drawn zoning map from the 1990's shows the property as Commercial General; however, a 2010 zoning map shows only CG zoning and it was not assigned to the westernmost portion of the property. The Planning and Zoning Board met on Thursday and recommended the rezoning.

Mrs. Woithe explained that Section 11.2 of the Code of Ordinances states that "for the purpose of establishing and maintaining sound, stable, and desirable development within the City of Palmetto, this code shall not be amended except to correct a manifest error in the Code...." This City initiated rezone is allowed pursuant to that Section. Staff recommends adoption of Ordinance 2015-04.

Mayor Bryant closed the public hearing after hearing no public comment.

Motion: Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Ordinance 2015-04.

8. ASR WELL UPDATE

Mr. Tusing stated that water is being put in the well when available and he is looking to have the open house in May.

9. TRAFFIC UPDATE

Commissioner Davis informed Commission that he recently attending a meeting with Vern Buchanan's Office. In attendance was the head of the Federal Transportation Department who explained that the State has a shortage of funds from the gas tax and they are looking for a new way to fund traffic projects. Commissioner Varnadore questioned what the County's priority was on traffic control. Mayor Bryant stated that the priority of the County are the roads that are near Port Manatee. Mayor Bryant has been encouraging the residents to contact their County Commission representative to express their concerns and complaints about City traffic.

Commissioner Cornwell questioned if the Manatee County Area Transit system (MCAT) has thought about issuing summer passes for students to get used to riding a bus. Mr. Burton said that MCAT just did an update to their plan which includes students riding the bus for free. Mrs. Cornwell asked if this information could be sent out to the City schools to encourage bus use over the summer.

Commissioner Davis asked Mr. Tusing to bring up the north/south corridor of Palmetto during any of the traffic meetings he attends.

10. 2016 RIVERWALK REGATTA

Commissioner Davis discussed a link that shows the permits, maps, etc. for the event. Discussion ensued regarding the map that was used for the race this year as well as the length of the boat racetrack and the Manatee zone area.

Mayor Bryant asked that a discussion be put on the May 4th Workshop and 7:00 agenda with a motion to approve the event contingent upon the City's requests for events to be held on this side of the River next year.

11. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Chief Tyler—informed Commission that this past week Officer Luis Diaz, City of Palmetto Officer of the Year, was recognized at the award ceremonies by Congressman Buchanan's office and the Sons of Revolution.

Mr. Freeman—announced that the Green Bridge will be closed from 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. on Saturday April 25th for the Hernando DeSoto Grand Parade. There will be notification placed on the City's Gateway Sign to inform the residents.

Attorney Barnebey—one of his colleagues ran in the Boston Marathon today. He started at 10:00 a.m. and finished at 1:15 p.m.

12. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bryant reminded Commission of the seminar being held at the Manatee County Admin Building on May 26th from 1:00-5:00 p.m. She stated that this will count towards the new requirement that all elected officials have the four hour training every year. The information will be emailed to Commission with a request to RSVP.

Mayor Bryant thanked Vice Mayor Williams and Commissioner Davis for attending and participating in the Great American Cleanup that happened in the City on Saturday. She commended Commissioner Davis for cleaning up parts of 5th Street and 10th Avenue West after attending the Historical Commission Meeting that same morning.

13. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Davis—thanked all the kids who came out on Saturday and helped clean up trash for the cleanup event.

Commissioner Williams—questioned the bus stop ideas in the City. Mayor Bryant stated that her and staff have an idea in the making, but are not ready to announce the idea yet.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.
Minutes approved: May 4, 2015

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk