

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
May 18, 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
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Scott Tyler, 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.

PROCLAMATION: Commissioner Varnadore read the Memorial Day Proclamation. Commissioner Williams accepted the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION: Commissioner Davis read the National Public Works Week Proclamation. National Public Works Week is May 17-23, 2015. Public Works Director Allen Tusing received the proclamation.

PRESENTATION: Allen Tusing, Public Works Director made a presentation to Mayor and Commission regarding the ASR Well ribbon cutting scheduled for June 5, 2015

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: **Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the May 18, 2015 Agenda.**

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Marble, Historical Commission President, informed Commission that the windows in the Carnegie Library are in dire need of repair. He is working with Mr. Tusing on applying for a small matching grant. The Historical Commission has agreed to put \$25,000 towards the matching grant amount of \$50,000.

3. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Clerk's Office

1. Special Function Permits:

a. B&B Weddings July through December 2015

b. Manatee Glens Walk for Life 9/26/2015

2. Resolution 2015-09 Midyear Budget Cleanup

3. Resolution 2015-10 Additional Leased Vehicle

4. Emergency Security Camera Purchase for MLK Park

5. Verizon Sublease with American Tower

B. Public Works

1. DOT Lighting Agreement 2015-2016

Motion: **Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the May 18, 2015 Consent Agenda items 3.A.1.a, 3.A.2, and 3.B.1. (All other items were removed for discussion)**

3. A.1.b. Manatee Glens Walk for Life Special Function Permit Discussion:

Commissioner Williams questioned what state road will be closed for the event. Mr. Freeman explained that it is for the western southbound lane of the Green Bridge. That lane will be closed for approximately 2 hours while the event occurs.

3. A.3. Resolution 2015-10 Additional Leased Vehicle Discussion:

Mr. Tusing explained that the price is more than was originally budgeted because he is purchasing an additional piece for the truck to make it function for more than one type of use.

3. A.4. Emergency Security Camera Purchase for MLK Park Discussion:

Commissioner Williams asked if cameras are being purchased and installed for the Historical Park. Mr. Freeman said not at this time, but it is something that is being worked on and will occur by the end of the fiscal year. This purchase was an emergency purchase for MLK Park due to the high volume of vandalism recently.

3. A.5 Verizon Sublease Discussion:

Commissioner Williams questioned if the fees could be increased on the lease. Attorney Barnebey stated no.

Motion: **Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve items 3.A.1.b, 3.A.3, 3.A.4, and 3.A.5.**

4. 2016 RIVERWALK REGATTA CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL

Mayor Bryant asked Commissioner to make a decision regarding the conceptual approval of this event based off the recent discussion at the workshop meetings. She would like to see the City move forward and give an opportunity to make the event better for the City of Palmetto.

Motion: **Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion carried 3-2 to approve the 2016 Riverwalk Regatta, understanding that there shall be a good faith effort to accomplish, at a minimum, the thirteen (13) "enhancements", or alternatives acceptable to the Mayor, as outlined in the Mayor's May 15, 2015 e-mail to Elliot Falcione and equal split of the money raised from the vendors between Bradenton and Palmetto. The City of Palmetto shall consider the good faith efforts to accomplish the thirteen (13) "enhancements" in regard to future approvals, beginning in 2017. Commissioner Cornwell and Varnadore voted no.**

5. PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2015-05 LIQUIDATION AND GARAGE SALES

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR A NEW CHAPTER 24, CITY OF PALMETTO CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF LIQUIDATION SALES AND GARAGE/YARD SALES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Motion: **Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 3-2 to adopt Ordinance 2015-05. Commissioners Cornwell and Williams voted no.**

Commissioner Williams preferred to not exempt non-profit organizations from the Ordinance.

6. APRIL CHECK REGISTER (Informational Only)

7. ASR WELL UPDATE

None; Mr. Tusing gave a brief presentation regarding the well at the beginning of the meeting.

8. TRAFFIC UPDATE

None.

9. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Mr. Tusing—informed Commission that he is working on a small matching grant (\$50,000) for the Historical Park to have new windows installed at the Carnegie Library. He has received estimates of up to \$200,000. The City can apply for part of the windows this grant cycle and then reapply for the rest of the windows the next grant cycle. The City would put in \$25,000 with the Historical Commission putting in the other \$25,000. Mayor Bryant e-mailed Mr. Tusing and Mr. Marble another grant option as well.

Mr. Freeman—stated that staff has started working on the FY2016 budget. The different Departments are starting to enter in their information. He is hopeful that Version 1 of the budget will be to Commission the first week of July.

Chief Tyler—announced that Officer Lucciano Diaz recently received the Officer of the Year Award for Manatee County. He is very proud of Officer Diaz on this award. There were several officers nominated throughout the County.

He and his officers recognize that the end of the school year is fast approaching; he will ensure that there is heavy officer presence during this time.

Attorney Barnebey—asked Commission to give some feedback regarding the Parking Trust Fund Ordinance as discussed at today's workshop meeting.

Commissioner Varnadore is not in favor of having an installment payment program. She opined the businesses should make a one-time payment to participate or not pay at all. She commented on the City of Bradenton's parking garages and asked for more information on if the City of Bradenton just built the parking garage with own funds then charged an annual fee. Mrs. Varnadore also requested information on if the City of Bradenton charges a onetime fee for the use of their parking garage or an annual payment option. Attorney Barnebey will contact the City of Bradenton to understand what they do with their parking garages.

In regards to the boundary identified in the proposed Ordinance, Mr. Burton stated that it is the same as what is outlined in the Downtown Design Code.

Commissioner Smith asked how long until there is a dire need for a parking garage in the City's downtown? Attorney Barnebey stated that currently staff is reviewing the available parcels in the downtown that have too small a lot size to have the required number of parking spaces on site. He stated that a lot of municipalities do this so that the available lots can be built upon without worry of having parking spaces, thus increasing their tax base.

Commissioner Williams passed out some information regarding high rise parking. He asked staff if there has been thought of working with a car dealership to help build and utilize the spaces. He has seen this in other municipalities. He opined that the City has an opportunity to reach out to businesses that might want to help build the parking garage.

10. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bryant received some information back from the Board of County Commissioner regarding the invitation to negotiate for a hotel near the Civic Center on Haben Boulevard. It is in the works now and the City will receive more information when the invitations are received and discussions begin.

11. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Williams—recently attended the speech contest at Palmetto Elementary by the 4th and 5th graders there. He said the speeches were very well done and it was nice to see such passion in the children there.

Mr. Williams attended the Manasota League of Cities meeting last Thursday. They are working on re-writing the bylaws which shouldn't affect the City too much.

Commissioner Varnadore—congratulated Officer Diaz on a great accomplishment.

She commented on the recent July 4th information she received, stating that she was surprised to see a fee of \$5.00 or a donation of five (5) canned goods to the Mayor's Feed the Hungry organization. She does not like the idea of charging the taxpayers for an event that they City sponsors and pays for. Commissioner Williams stated that it is a donation not a requirement.

Commissioner Davis—stated that he recently took wounded veterans out fishing for the Crosthwaite Tournament that occurred over the weekend. He was honored to help out the Project Healing Waters organization.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting 8:17 p.m.

Minutes approved: June 15, 2015

James R. Freeman

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