

**CITY OF PALMETTO  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
AND CRA BOARD MEETING  
June 1, 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 the City Commission were duly sworn.

**PROCLAMATION:** Commissioner Cornwell presented the Al Konetzni Day proclamation to Al Konetzni. Al Konetzni was recognized for turning 100 years old. His birthday was June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**PROCLAMATION:** Mayor Bryant presented the Code Enforcement Appreciation Week proclamation to Code Enforcement Officer Kathy Riley. Code Enforcement Appreciation Week is June 1-5, 2015.

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Freeman requested the addition of two grant applications to the agenda. He would like the Carnegie Library Grant to be item 4A and the Yellow Fever Cemetery Grant to be 4B. Both grants were submitted today.

**Motion:** **Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the June 1, 2015 Agenda with the two additions to the agenda.**

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Calvin Hornes, resident of the City, explained that he recently received a letter from Code Enforcement regarding a commercial vehicle at his residence. A copy of that letter and pictures were presented to the Commission. He wanted more clarification on why his trailer is an issue and if there is a way he can get it to stay on his property; i.e. privacy fence. Discussion ensued regarding the Code and the parking of commercial vehicles in a residential district. Attorney Barnebey stated this is something Commission can review and make changes to. He would like to reach out to the Planning Department to receive feedback and recommendations for changes. Commission allowed Mr. Hornes to keep his commercial vehicle on his property until such time a decision is made regarding the Code.

### 3. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

- A. Clerk's Office
  - 1. May 4, 2015 Minutes
  - 2. July 4<sup>th</sup> Special Function Permit
  - 3. Blalock Walters Legal Bills
- B. Police Department
  - 1. Surplus Police Dog
  - 2. Donation of Speed Radar and Laser to MTC Police Academy
  - 3. Resolution 2015-11 E-Ticket Software Purchase
- C. Community Redevelopment Agency
  - 1. Fourth of July Festival Vendor Approval

**Motion:**        **Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the June 1, 2015 Consent Agenda with the removal of items 3A2 and 3C1 for discussion.**

#### 3A2 July 4<sup>th</sup> Special Function Permit and 3C1 Fourth of July Festival Vendor Approval Discussion:

Mr. Burton explained that two vendors applied to be able to sell alcohol at the event. Staff ranked both the Palmetto Rotary and the DeSoto Historical Society on a set scale. Since that ranking, the DeSoto Historical Society withdrew their application, leaving the Palmetto Rotary as the sole vendor to sell alcohol at the event.

Commissioner Varnadore expressed her opinions regarding the sale of alcohol at a City sponsored family event. She disagrees with the allowance of people to walk around with open containers between Lamb and Sutton Park. Commissioner Williams questioned if it would be feasible to create a fenced area dedicated solely for the sale and consumption of alcohol.

Commissioner Cornwell opined that charging for entry into a City event is not appropriate.

**Motion:**        **Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion carried 3-2 to approve items 3A2 and 3C1. Commissioners Cornwell and Varnadore voted no.**

Mayor Bryant recessed the City Commission meeting at 7:57 p.m. to open the June 1, 2015 CRA Board meeting.

Mayor Bryant reconvened the City Commission meeting at 8:18 p.m.

**Due to a recording error, there is no audio for the second half of the meeting.**

### 4. ASR WELL UPDATE

Mr. Tusing reminded Commission that on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. the ribbon cutting will be held for the ASR Well at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

#### 4A Carnegie Library Window Replacement Grant Application:

Mr. Freeman explained that a grant was submitted today for \$50,000 for the replacement of the windows at the Carnegie Library. It is a matching grant, so the City will budget \$25,000 in the Capital Improvement Plan that will be given to Commission in the fall. The Historical Park will also be budgeting \$25,000 towards the replacement as well.

**Motion:**        **Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the application and acceptance of the grant should the City be awarded for the Carnegie Library.**

4B Yellow Fever Cemetery Rehabilitation Grant:

Mr. Freeman informed Commission that a grant was submitted today requesting \$36,000 for the replacement of the fence, installation of LED security lighting and an educational/historical kiosk at the Yellow Fever Cemetery. The City will be matching \$12,000 in cash with the rest being matched with in kind contributions for installation of the fence and kiosk.

**Motion: Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the application and acceptance of the grant should the City be awarded for the Yellow Fever Cemetery.**

5. TRAFFIC UPDATE

None.

6. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Mr. Tusing—is working on another grant application that awards up to \$500,000, for the Carnegie Library that has to be submitted by June 30<sup>th</sup>. He has received some estimates for the installation of the windows totaling near \$150,000.

Mr. Freeman—the City is in need of employees to work the July 4<sup>th</sup> event, a Saturday this year. The CRA has offered to compensate the employees at 1.5 times their hourly rate for non-exempt employees. Mr. Freeman asked Commission if they would be in favor of allowing exempt employees the opportunity to work the event and receive another day off in exchange. The Commission agreed.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bryant complimented the Code Enforcement Officers and said she is very pleased with the work they are doing in the City.

8. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Varnadore—is pleased to have grants in process for the Historical Park.

Commissioner Williams—questioned the e-ticket software that was on the Consent Agenda. Chief Tyler stated that the software will directly interface with their current USA software.

Commissioner Cornwell—commented on the public comment this evening from the resident regarding commercial vehicles in a residential. She would like to see the Commission/City review that existing ordinance.

**Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to have staff review the commercial vehicles in residential neighborhoods ordinance.**

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Minutes approved: July 20, 2015

*James R. Freeman*

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City Clerk