

**CITY OF PALMETTO  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
AND CRA BOARD MEETING  
July 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  
Jim Freeman, City Clerk  
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police  
Javier Vargas, Deputy Director Public Works  
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 announced that Governor Rick Scott sent out a proclamation asking for flags to be lowered in recognition of the military members who lost their lives in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The flags are to remain lowered until sunset on the day of the final military member's date of interment.

SWEARING IN: Chief Tyler swore in three new officers recently hired at the City of Palmetto:  
Sandy Brenner  
Justin Garza  
Benjamin Schlabach

RECOGNITION: Chief Tyler presented City of Palmetto Crossing Guard, Maria Moreno, with a Lifesaving Award for saving a choking child during the July 4<sup>th</sup> event.

RECOGNITION: Chief Tyler presented Officer Schroeder and Officer Wilson with a Humanitarian Award for their recent act involving three small children.

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

Detective Chris Cavazos	Detective Joe Rogers
Officer Schroeder	Officer Wilson
Maria Moreno	K-9 Officer Adam Spatafora
Detective Sgt. Ryan LaRowe	Deanna Roberts
Nixa Haisley	Fidel Carranza
Jessica Becerill	Jenny Silverio
Javier Vargas	Joel Carranza
Kera Hill	Olga Wilson
Tonya Wonderly	

Mayor Bryant congratulated Jenny Silverio, CRA Administrative Assistant, who was chosen as the City's Employee of the Third Quarter for her outstanding work on the July 4<sup>th</sup> event.

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Bryant added the tentative millage and hearing date to the agenda for approval as item 6.A. and the extension of the current solid waste contract with Waste Management as item 7.A. She also removed items 3.A.3 and 3.B.2 from the agenda as discussed at the Workshop today.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Clerk's Office

1. Minutes: June 1 and June 15, 2015
2. Blalock Walters Legal Bills
3. Gateway Sign Application Process (*removed*)
4. Alltrust Insurance Contract Renewal

B. Public Works

1. Resolution 2015-13 Code Enforcement Training
2. Roadside Memorial Policy (*removed*)

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

Attorney Barnebey clarified one of the Blalock Walters legal bills dated May 20<sup>th</sup>, the same charge is listed twice on there-one is for his time and one is for the time of Matt Westerman, an attorney at the same law firm.

4. DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE FOR FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES CONFERENCE

**Motion:** Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to designate Commissioner Cornwell as the voting delegate for the Florida League of Cities Conference.

5. 1<sup>ST</sup> READ ORDINANCE 2015-10 REZONE OF 705 10<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE WEST

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; REZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 0.9 ACRES OF PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED 705 AND 715 10<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE WEST FROM THE ZONING DESIGNATION PUBLIC (P) TO THE ZONING DESIGNATION OF COMMERCIAL CORE (CC); PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF PORTIONS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (OWNERS: CITY OF PALMETTO AND PALMETTO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY)(Primary PID #27032.0000/2; 27011.0010/9; 27011.0005/9, containing 0.9 acres MOL)

**Motion:** Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to schedule Ordinance 2015-10 for a public hearing on August 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as same can be heard in these chambers.

6. PURCHASE OF 1002 26<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE WEST

**Motion:** Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve and authorize the Mayor, subject to legal review, to sign he real estate purchase contract and related documents between the City of Palmetto and Ventures Trust 2013-I-NH for the property located at 1002 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, Palmetto, Florida 34221 for \$115,000 and to execute applicable closing documents, subject to a satisfactory due diligence period, on or before September 15, 2015.

6.A. Tentative Budget Discussion:

Mr. Freeman continued the discussion from the workshop meeting discussing the health insurance increases as presented today. He is diligently working with the City's insurance agent to get that percentage lowered. He presented Commission with a handout that showed the impact to the budget with a 20% increase, 35% increase, and a 56% increase to health care costs.

**Motion:** **Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 4-1 to approve a proposed aggregate millage rate of \$6.2171 mills and to schedule a first public hearing on September 14, 2015 (tentative budget hearing) and a second public hearing on September 28, 2015 (final budget hearing) for FY 2016. Commissioner Varnadore voted no.**

7. SOLID WASTE AGREEMENT

**Action Request:** **Motion to accept the solid waste agreement with Waste Management as negotiated and to authorize the Mayor to execute this agreement.**

No action taken on this item due to the addition of item 7.A.

7.A. Extension of Current Solid Waste Contract with Waste Management Discussion:

Mr. Vargas explained that, due to the County's discussion of increasing tipping fees for the landfill, staff is requesting an extension to the current contract with Waste Management until September 30, 2015. This will ensure less confusion amongst residents with prices becoming effective now and then changing again after the County adopts a new fee schedule.

**Motion** **Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to extend the current contract for solid waste services with Waste Management until September 30, 2015.**

8. JUNE CHECK REGISTER (Informational Only)

*Mayor Bryant recessed the City Commission meeting at 7:50 p.m. to open the July 20, 2015 CRA Board meeting.*

*Mayor Bryant reconvened the City Commission meeting at 7:53 p.m.*

9. TRAFFIC UPDATE

The City received an invitation from the Florida Department of Transportation for a public hearing at the Ellenton United Methodist Church from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on July 28<sup>th</sup>. It will be to discuss proposed improvements made to US 301 at Haben Boulevard.

10. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Attorney Barnebey—noted that there was a Supreme Court ruling that came out recently regarding signage which he will be reviewing.

He is working on a contract related to the Dickenson Property to be contingent ultimately on Commission approval.

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bryant explained that one of the significant reasons the CRA Budget has not been presented to Commission is due to the seawall repair and receiving estimates on the costs to repair it. She would like to see the City use the BP Oil Spill funds for the repair.

In regards to the BP Oil Spill claim, Attorney Barnebey stated that BP will be trying to make a decision this week and the City could possibly see the money by the end of the year. He recommends the money be used towards environmental issues, like the seawall.

12. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Williams—asked about the problem flood areas in the City. Mr. Vargas explained that staff repaired the blockage that was the main cause for the 7<sup>th</sup> Street flooding issue. He also noted that staff is out patrolling the streets to determine where the significant flooding is occurring.

Mr. Vargas read a letter from Brett Taylor, wastewater treatment plant, that stated reclaimed water is now on all the time; it is no longer being rationed.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Minutes approved: August 24, 2015

*James R. Freeman*

James R. Freeman, City Clerk