

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
December 7, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

Elected Officials Present:

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
Deanna Roberts, Administrative Assistant

Mayor Bryant called the December 7, 2015 City Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A moment of silence was observed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

All persons intending to address City Commission were duly sworn.

Police Chief Tyler administered the Oath of Office to two new police officers: Ashley Blocker and Matthew Wilson.

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the December 7, 2015 Agenda with the removal of Item 6.

City Attorney Mark Barnebey informed Commission that a protest had been filed in regard to Item 6. The process must run its course, so he recommended the item be removed from the agenda

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Mayor's Office

1. Appointment of Sixth and Seventh Trustee to the General Employees' Pension Board

B. Clerk's Office

1. November 16, 2015 Minutes
2. Special Function Permits
 - a. Riverside Bed and Breakfast 2016 Weddings
 - b. Palmetto's Got Talent January 26, 2016
3. Blalock Walters Legal Invoices

C. Police Department

1. Surplus Property
2. Canine Property Surplus

D. Public Works
1. Budget Resolution 2015-39

Motion: **Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the December 7, 2015 Consent Agenda.**

Mayor Bryant recessed the City Commission meeting at 7:07 p.m. to open the December 7, 2015 CRA Board meeting.

Mayor Bryant reconvened the City Commission meeting at 8:05 p.m.

4. PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2015-18 CRA PLAN (J. Burton)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, MODIFYING THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Bryant opened the public hearing. There being no public comment, Mayor Bryant closed the public hearing.

Motion: **Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to adopt Ordinance 2015-18 as recommended by the CRA Board.**

Mayor Bryant recessed the City Commission meeting at 8:08 p.m. to open the CRA Board meeting.

Mayor Bryant reconvened the City Commission meeting at 8:21 p.m.

5. BUDGET RESOLUTION 2015-42 (J. Freeman)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2015-28, WHICH RESOLUTION ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion: **Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion carried 4-1 to adopt Resolution 2015-42 with Commissioner Williams voting nay.**

Mr. Freeman said Mrs. Simpson had passed out a new resolution prior to the meeting with a slight change [to add transfer accounts]. The revised resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes. This resolution will transfer \$604,000 from the CRA to the City [for the seawall and the living shoreline].

6. SEAWALL REPLACEMENT RFQ (Removed from Agenda)

Action Request: **Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with Quality Marine Construction in the amount of \$341,610.00.**

7. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT AND RESOLUTION 2015-40

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO THE LOCALLY FUNDED AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR MULTI-MODAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR MULTI-USE TRAIL ALONG US 41 BUSINESS FROM THE GREEN BRIDGE TO RIVERSIDE DRIVE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion: **Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for multi-modal improvements for the multi-**

use trail on US 41 from Green Bridge to Riverside Drive and to adopt Resolution 2015-40.

8. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT AND RESOLUTION 2015-41
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO THE LOCALLY FUNDED AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF OFF SYSTEM POST-PROJECT TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENTS FOR MULTI-MODAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR MULTI-USE TRAIL ALONG US 41 BUSINESS FROM THE GREEN BRIDGE TO RIVERSIDE DRIVE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion: Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the maintenance of off system post-project transportation enhancements for the multi-use trail on US 41 from Green Bridge to Riverside Drive and to adopt Resolution 2015-41.

9. THREE PARTY ESCROW AGREEMENT

Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to authorize the Mayor to execute the Three Party Escrow Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for project name US 41 Business from Green Bridge to Riverside Drive.

10. NOVEMBER CHECK REGISTER (INFORMATIONAL ONLY)

11. TRAFFIC UPDATE

Mayor Bryant said she had no traffic update. Advised Commission that next Monday there is a Public Transportation Task Force meeting and a Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting. Commissioner Varnadore asked the Mayor to take pictures of traffic backed up at City Hall. She said she will, but not to this meeting as she is taking a group from Riviera Dunes. Commissioner Davis asked her to bring the traffic congestion problem up at the January Council of Governments meeting. Please ask them to add to their agenda.

12. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Jeff Burton

Thanked Commission for adopting the CRA Plan.

Allen Tusing

Advised Commission that he attended the Water Alliance meeting sponsored by the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority. He passed out the materials which address the importance of water and infrastructure. The materials are attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Jim Freeman

Informed Commission that he has hired a new Human Resources Coordinator. Her name is Paula Hall. He invited Commissioners to stop in and meet her.

Chief Tyler

He told Commission that No Shave November is over. The event raised over \$300 for Honor the Badge. Thanked Commission for approving the Consent Agenda to allow him to surplus the canine specific materials. This past Saturday he participated in the Bridging the Gap Youth All Star Football Game that brought together law enforcement with kids and their families. He hopes to participate again next year. The police department Christmas party is this Friday, and he invited the Mayor and Commissioners to attend. Regarding the stabbing at Palmetto Trace, he advised Commission that a suspect has been arrested.

Mr. Barnebey
None

13. MAYOR'S REPORT

Discussion ensued on the December 21st meeting. It was decided to leave it on the calendar with the option to cancel.

14. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Tamara Cornwell

Wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanked all departments for their hard work this past year.

Jonathan Davis

Thanked Mr. Tusing for clearing the trees on 10th. Thanked everyone for their hard work this year. He informed Commission that Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council retired Director Manny Pumariega sent him a thank you to pass on to Commission for passing the resolution in honor of his retirement.

Tambra Varnadore

Opined it was a great year and wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Harold Smith

Wished everyone a Happy Holiday and said he was glad to be at the City. Thanked all the Department Heads.

Brian Williams

Asked Mr. Burton if he had checked with FDOT about moving the sidewalk away from US41 and closer to the Seahorse building. Mr. Burton said he does not think FDOT will let the City do that, but he will ask one more time. He wished all a Merry Christmas. He stated Christmas in the Park was beautiful.

He opined it is an injustice to the way we do business here to describe something as sole source when there are at least fifteen projects that have the same type of stuff that doesn't include what we were sold by one individual. The City will spend nearly one-half million dollars on something we have not had a professional (environmental engineer) come in and tell us about. He commented we will have a problem with that.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Minutes approved: January 4, 2016

James R. Freeman

James R. Freeman, City Clerk