

**DRAFT
CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
May 16, 2016
7:00 PM**

Elected Officials Present:

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

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 Davis presented the National Safe Boating Week Proclamation to Braxton Ezell, Coast Guard Auxillary Commodore, King Barnard, Manatee Sail and Power Squadron Past Commander, and Charlie Brunner, Manatee Sail and Power Squadron Past Commander.

PROCLAMATION: Commissioner Varnadore presented the Memorial Day Proclamation to Don Courtney, Chair, Manatee County Veterans Council.

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the May 16, 2016 Agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Donely, resident of Palmetto Mobile Home Park, complimented staff on their quick response to his requests regarding solid waste, storm water, and water services in the Park.

3. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

A. City Clerk's Office

1. April 18 and May 2, 2016
2. Special Function Permits:
 - a. July 4th Event
 - b. It Works Picnic May 26, 2016
 - c. MSA Picnic at Sutton May 27, 2016
 - d. First Baptist Church VBS June 22, 2016

B. Police Department

1. Sergeant and Corporal Promotion Testing
2. Resolution 2016-18 Budget Amendment

Motion: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the May 16, 2016 Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Varnadore discussed the July 4th. Mr. Burton verified that there will be no alcohol at this time as no one has come forward with an application to do that. The event will have no entry charge or fencing around the perimeter. Commissioner Varnadore requested a workshop discussion before the event to have a brief rundown of vendors and the detours of traffic and any road closures.

4. 1ST READ ORDINANCE 2016-07 ALARM

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE PALMETTO CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF SECURITY ALARM BUSINESSES AND SYSTEMS; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS AND EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR RESPONSIBILITIES AND PENALTIES FOR ALARM VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE STANDARDS FOR ALARM SYSTEMS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion: Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to schedule Ordinance 2016-07 for a public hearing on June 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as same can be heard in these Chambers and direct staff to advertise for same.

5. SURPLUS PROPERTY

Mr. Freeman explained that the property located at 706 13 Street West was acquired by the City through tax deed sale in October of last year. The City would like to surplus the vacant property and put it up for sale with restrictions due to the surrounding neighborhood, zoning, and size of lot. Any proposals that are received will come back to the City before any final decision is made.

Motion: Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to declare the property located at 706 13 Street West as surplus as it is no longer needed for municipal purposes.

6. APRIL CHECK REGISTER (Informational Only)

7. TRAFFIC UPDATE

Manatee County Area Transit will be having a public meeting here in Chambers on May 18th.

8. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Mr. Tusing—due to a lack of rain, the reclaimed water is on a schedule that can be found on the website.

Mr. Freeman—informed Commission that the Supervisor of Elections has asked that the City send out the Vote by Mail flyers to the residents along with the utility bill; this will be going out during the month of June.

Staff is continuing to work on updating Chambers with refinishing of the dais this month and new fabric on the walls in June. After the fabric is hung on the walls, the new wood carved City seal will be hung. Also, staff raised the two seats at the end of the dais (Mr. Tusing and Mr. Burton's seats).

Chief Tyler—recently reviewed the noise complaint stats from January 2013 until current. There have been 23 noise complaints.

9 MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor announced that there is a ribbon cutting at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday for Jurassic Martial Arts, located in the strip plaza next to Norma Rae's on 10th Avenue.

Mayor Bryant thanked the Department Heads and the Commission who went to Palmetto High School for a fundraiser test drive with Ford.

She attended the annual FFA Banquet on Friday night at Palmetto High School. It was a well attended, beautiful event.

10. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Williams—asked for a schedule ahead of time for preparation of Comprehensive Plan meetings. Mr. Tusing stated he will have a schedule and present it to the Commission at the next meeting.

Mr. Burton announced that Jen Silverio recently finished her 5th class for the redevelopment certification which she will be receiving in October.

Commissioner Davis—reminded everyone that there will be a fashion show on June 5th to raise money for the Strength in Action.

He thanked the Public Works staff for the job they do. He questioned if they can work on trimming the trees along 24th that affect the garbage trucks.

Commissioner Varnadore—requested a summer meeting schedule regarding budget hearings as soon as can be prepared by staff.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting 7:41 p.m.

Minutes approved:

James R. Freeman
City Clerk