

**CITY OF PALMETTO  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
AND SPECIAL CRA BOARD MEETING  
June 20, 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.

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

**Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the June 20, 2016 Agenda.**

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

A. City Clerk's Office

1. May 16 and June 6 Minutes
2. Florida Freedom Festival 10/1/2016 Special Function Permit
3. Bridging the Gap Fishing Tournament Special Function Permit 7/19/2016
4. Blalock Walters Legal Invoice

B. Public Works

1. Surplus Equipment
2. Traffic Regulation for Speed Limit along 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue West
3. Traffic Regulation for Speed Limit along 17<sup>th</sup> Street West
4. Traffic Regulation for All Way Stop at 27<sup>th</sup> Ave Blvd and 21<sup>st</sup> ST W
5. Special Fence Permit 2016-02

Commissioner Varnadore disclosed that she received a text message from the applicant for the Special Fence Permit on tonight's agenda. She provided the information to Mr. Tusing and informed the applicant that the item would be discussed on tonight's agenda.

Commissioner Cornwell removed items 3.B.2, 3 and 4; Commissioner Williams removed item 3.A.2. for discussion.

**Motion:**           **Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the June 20, 2016 Consent Agenda with the items removed as mentioned above.**

3.A.2. Freedom Festival Special Function Permit Discussion:

In regards to the applicant selling alcohol at the event, the Manatee County Substance Abuse Coalition standards and criteria were outlined on the Permit and explained to the applicant.

**Motion:**           **Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Freedom Festival Special Function Permit.**

3.B.2 and 3 Traffic Regulation Discussion:

In regards to consistency, Chief Tyler stated that these roads are inconsistent with the speed limits varying; approving this will allow for easier enforcement. Mr. Tusing plans to review the streets in the City as brought forward by the residents.

**Motion:**           **Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the traffic regulation for speed limit changes along 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue West and 17<sup>th</sup> Street West.**

3.B.4. Traffic Regulation Discussion:

It was clarified that this traffic regulation is for an all way stop at 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue Boulevard and 21<sup>st</sup> Street West.

**Motion:**           **Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the traffic regulation for an all way stop at 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue Boulevard and 21<sup>st</sup> Street West.**

4. COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (CUSPP)

Mr. Burton explained that this is on the agenda for approval of the agreement to enter into the program, not the specific programs that the University of South Florida (USF) will work with the City on implementing. Attorney Barnebey agreed and stated that the agreement is on the CRA agenda tonight as well for approval for their portion of the projects with USF.

Mr. Burton addressed each potential project that USF is considering for the City and the CRA.

Commissioner Williams questioned the funding for these projects for this program. Mr. Burton stated that the CRA Advisory Board did approve the funding for the CRA portion, no specific dollar amount was established.

**Motion:**           **Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the agreement for the Community Sustainability Partnership Program with the University of South Florida and authorize the expenditure of a maximum of \$41,000 during fiscal years 2016 and 2017.**

5. HALF CENT SALES TAX DISCUSSION

Mayor Bryant addressed the letter from the island mayors regarding the distribution of the ½ cents sales tax as proposed by Manatee County for the November Ballot.

Mr. Freeman discussed the percentages as presented in the letter. He explained that the City of Palmetto could potentially lose \$85,000 per year with the proposal by the island mayors.

Mayor Bryant also informed Commission that Manatee County Commissioner DiSabatino wrote and email supporting the island mayors' proposal for the ½ cent sales tax distribution. The Board of County

Commissioners will be hearing the proposal tomorrow at 10:30 a.m.; Commissioner DiSabatino will not be present.

Commissioner Davis questioned where the tax dollars from the City of Palmetto residents go for the islands re-nourishment.

Discussion continued regarding the distribution of the ½ cent sales tax dollars (i.e. bed tax) based upon the statute versus the distribution as proposed by the island mayors.

Mr. Freeman explained that the County is requesting that the cities provide a list of projects that will be funded by the revenue generated by the ½ cent sales tax increase (if passed this November).

Mayor Bryant stated that Dr. Green wrote a letter stating that high schools in the County have met maximum capacity. She explained in the letter that future construction on housing is going to have to pay their share for the development of schools. Once Mayor receives a copy of the letter, she will share with the Commission.

#### 6. MAY CHECK REGISTER (Informational Only)

*Mayor Bryant recessed the City Commission meeting at 7:44 p.m. to open the June 20, 2016 Special CRA Board meeting.*

*Mayor Bryant reconvened the City Commission meeting at 8:01 p.m.*

#### 7. TRAFFIC UPDATE

Mayor Bryant reported that Manatee County is looking into funding for the Desoto Bridge. Commissioner Davis expressed the idea that a boat ramp could be built at the base of the existing bridge when a new Desoto Bridge is built. Mayor Bryant will be sending a letter regarding this idea to the Board of County Commissioners.

Mayor Bryant announced that a private entity will be working with both the City of Palmetto and the City of Bradenton to fund lighting along the fishing pier at the Green Bridge.

Mayor Bryant recently held a ribbon cutting for a new boutique called the Lace Buckle located on 10<sup>th</sup> Street West next to Seychelles Spa.

#### 8. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Mr. Tusing—has been working with Code Enforcement to resolve the tenant and property owner issues along 13<sup>th</sup> Street; this is in regards to delivery trucks along that street. There will be a sign posted not allowing deliver trucks over 25,000 pounds.

Mr. Tusing indicated that more Special Fence Permits will be coming for approval by Commission; staff is reviewing the policy on approvals of Fence Permits for the future.

Mr. Freeman—reviewed the Commission calendar for the upcoming meetings in July and August. The schedule is as follows:

- July 18<sup>th</sup> regularly scheduled workshop at 4:30 p.m. and Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- July 20<sup>th</sup> special scheduled budget workshop at 5:30 p.m.
- August 1<sup>st</sup> regularly scheduled workshop at 4:30 p.m. and Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- August 8<sup>th</sup> special scheduled budget workshop 5:30 p.m.
- August 15<sup>th</sup> regularly scheduled workshop at 4:30 p.m. and Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- August 24<sup>th</sup> special scheduled budget workshop at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Williams questioned if the compensation study results will be incorporated in the budget when the first version is issued. Mr. Freeman stated that there are some preliminary results for the salary

study and will be presented to Commission before being loaded into the budget. Version one of the budget will not reflect any proposed adjustments as a result of the compensation study.

Chief Tyler—informed Commission that the Police Department will be having a Citizen Youth Academy on Fridays at the Police Department.

He stated that recently Manatee County Educational Television came and filmed the Police Department in action on Friday and Saturday to make a documentary that will be put on YouTube.

Attorney Barnebey—will be emailing a copy of the City of Tampa noise ordinance to Commission. He is preparing a draft noise ordinance similar to that of the City of Tampa and will incorporate some of the Manatee County proposed noise ordinance.

Commissioner Davis requested information to educate Commission on decibel levels.

Attorney Barnebey wished Commissioner Varnadore a Happy Anniversary.

## 9. MAYOR'S REPORT

### 10. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Williams—he asked that the drainage at the crosswalks on 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue be looked at because it is draining poorly, trapping debris.

He informed the Commission that last weekend there was a mobile veterinarian set up at Winn Dixie. He questioned if this is something that the Commission wants to freely allow or should an ordinance be considered? Discussion ensued regarding mobile vendors. It was discussed that this topic could be placed on a future workshop.

Regarding the storage of tires, Mr. Tusing indicated that Code Enforcement has been around to the different establishments and is working with them on getting it cleaned up properly.

Mr. Williams questioned the paving on 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Tusing stated that crews will be out working on that Thursday night. In regards to the future paving of the areas west of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Mr. Tusing will be installing reclaimed water lines first before repaving will occur.

Commissioner Williams briefed the Commission on the special Manasota League of Cities (MSLC) meeting that was held last week. There are seven candidates for the Senate and MSLC asked for three questions from each municipality be submitted to the candidates regarding their specific needs. Mr. Williams asked Commissioners to submit questions to the Mayor and then those questions will be emailed and selected by Mr. Williams to submit to the MSLC. The forum will be held on July 19 at either the Sarasota City Hall or the Longboat Key Town Hall.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes approved: August 1, 2016

*James R. Freeman*

James R. Freeman, City Clerk