

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
September 7, 2017
1:00 PM**

Elected Officials Present:

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

Elected Officials Absent:

Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2

Staff Present:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Allen Tusing, Director Public Works
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police
Amber LaRowe, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the September 7, 2017 Commission Agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. RESOLUTION 2017-21 STATE OF EMERGENCY

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND THAT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND APPLICABLE PROVISION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN SHALL BE INSTITUTED; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Bryant encouraged the Commission to contact the Department Heads regarding issues in the neighborhood; but also be mindful that the Department Heads know how to direct their staff, are in on the emergency management meetings, and are in constant connection and communication with the Mayor and their other essential personnel. She asked the Commissioners to also be mindful of this time and to encourage the residents to evacuate if necessary and to take this storm seriously.

Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to adopt Resolution 2017-21.

Mr. Tusing informed Commission that the County will be delivering more sandbags as soon as they can and the City will continue providing those to the residents. The hurricane shutters have been installed on all City buildings.

Mayor Bryant closed the City tomorrow and will be in contact with the Department Heads regarding the reopening of the City after the hurricane passes.

Commissioner Varnadore agreed and encouraged the City to allow time for their employees to evacuate if necessary.

Commissioner Williams exited the meeting at 1:14 p.m.

Mr. Freeman explained that Monday the tentative millage and tentative budget public hearings and adoptions were scheduled. Discussion will be had between staff and the Mayor on whether to continue those public hearings or keep them on for Monday and see what happens with the storm. Mr. Freeman will be in contact with the Commission to advise on the outcome of the decision made by end of day today.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

Minutes approved: September 25, 2017

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk