

**CITY OF PALMETTO  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
PART 1  
February 26, 2018  
7:00 PM**

Elected Officials Present:

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

Elected Officials Absent:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor

Staff Present:

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

Vice Mayor Davis 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 Cornwell presented the Black History Month proclamation to Commissioner Harold Smith.

**RECOGNITION:** Chief Tyler recognized Mary White and Darlene Schoon from Piney Point Woman's Club for volunteering with the Police Department's annual Shop with a Cop Christmas program. This year they were able to donate \$2,000 to the Department for the program.

**RECOGNITION:** Chief Tyler recognized Larry Gabbard, recent retiree from the Police Department as the Property and Evidence Custodian. Chief Tyler complemented Mr. Gabbard's work ethic and 10 years of service with the Department.

**SWEARING IN:** Chief Tyler introduced and swore in the newly hired police officers, James Carr III and Gustavo Lux. Both officers started with the Department on January 10, 2018.

### 1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

**Motion:** Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the February 26, 2018 Commission Agenda.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Potter, resident of the City, is pleased that the City is working on the canals. He complained that 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue has a high volume of traffic and should not be used as a thoroughfare; he asked Chief to have this monitored.

### 3. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

- A. Mayor's Office
  - 1. CRA Advisory Board Appointments
- B. City Clerk's Office
  - 1. Minutes: January 8<sup>th</sup> and February 5<sup>th</sup>
  - 2. Special Function Permits:
    - a. Heritage Festival 3/10/18
    - b. Florida Highwaymen Artists 5/5/18
    - c. Halloween Social 10/20/18
    - d. Christmas in the Park 12/1/18
    - e. Sunrise Service 4/1/18
  - 3. Blalock Walters Legal Bills
- C. Public Works
  - 1. Letter of Intent to Renew County Water Agreement
- D. Police Department
  - 1. PD Surplus Property
  - 2. FDOT Driving Abatement Program

**Motion:** Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the February 26, 2018 Consent Agenda.

### 4. RESOLUTION 2018-05 INTERLOCAL SERVICE BOUNDARY AGREEMENT

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA; REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION 2018-01; INITIATING THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS FOR AN INTERLOCAL SERVICE BOUNDARY AGREEMENT WITH MANATEE COUNTY FOR VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 171, PART II, FLORIDA STATUTES (INTERLOCAL SERVICE BOUNDARY AGREEMENT ACT); IDENTIFYING SPECIFIED AREAS AND ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE INTERLOCAL SERVICE BOUNDARY AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS; PROVIDING FOR REQUIRED MAILING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Barnebey gave a brief summary of the adoption of Resolution 2018-01 and then the reason for this Resolution 2018-05. He explained that there were a number of questions raised by

the public related to the scope of the initiating Resolution (2018-01). Although the Commission would have addressed the issues raised by the public in the process of working with the County on the Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement (ISBA), the City Commission requested that a revised resolution be prepared and some limiting terminology be placed in the Resolution. Resolution 2018-05 repeals and replaces Resolution 2018-01, and specifically limits the annexation under the ISBA to voluntary annexation by property owners. Additionally, it states that the intent of the City is to allow annexed property on Snead Island or Hooker's Point be limited to single family development. One other change was made to the map to include Emerson Point Park and a couple of other parcels on the western end of Snead Island for discussion with the County as the reasoning for the annexation of those parcels is similar to the other properties shown. Mr. Barnebey reiterated that this Resolution merely initiates the discussion with the County. The terms and areas to be included will be finalized in the agreement.

The following Snead Island residents spoke in opposition of the Resolution:

- Emmons Patzer
- Bill Kaklis
- Pat Valladares
- Michael Williamson
- John McDonald

A handout was given to the Commission whereby Mr. Tusing rebutted some of the allegations of keeping agreements hidden and the gutting of a house to secretly hide an unsecured water injection system. Mr. Tusing reminded the public that all discussions and approvals were done in an open public meeting and advertised on the published agendas.

***Due to recording error, the recording stopped at this 8:11 p.m. Please refer to the 02/26/2018 Commission Minutes Part 2 for the remainder of the meeting and the recording that applies to such.***

Minutes approved: April 16, 2018

*James R. Freeman*

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City Clerk