

**CITY OF PALMETTO  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
AND SPECIAL CRA BOARD MEETING  
March 19, 2018  
7:00 PM**

Elected Officials Present:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor  
Jonathan Davis, Vice Mayor, Commissioner-at-Large 1—(Entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m.)  
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2  
Harold Smith, Commissioner, Ward 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, Director of Public Works  
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police  
Amber LaRowe, 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 Varnadore presented the Relay for Life Proclamation to Britney Hoogland, Community Development Manager, and Christina Hatzsakis, American Cancer Society, Southeast Region; also in attendance was Patty Keen Freed, Chair of this year's Relay for Life. The Relay for Life will be held at the Manatee County Fair Grounds April 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**PROCLAMATION:** Mayor Bryant presented the Sexual Assault Awareness Day Proclamation to Denni Stolze and Terri Allen, Centerstone. Ms. Stolze invited everyone to attend the Sexual Assault Awareness Rally at Centerstone on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

**RECOGNITION:** Chief Tyler and Denni Stolze presented Lorna White, Victim Advocate, with an Advocacy Award.

### 1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

**Motion:** Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the March 19, 2018 Commission Agenda.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### 3. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

#### A. City Clerk's Office

1. Blalock Walters Legal Bills
2. Resolution 2018-12 Fund Balance Policy
3. Resolution 2018-13 CDBG Purchasing Policy

**Motion:** Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to approve the March 19, 2018 Consent Agenda.

Mr. Freeman discussed both Resolution 2018-12 and 2018-13 as reviewed at today's Workshop meeting. The changes that were mentioned for both Resolutions were made before tonight's meeting and were distributed to the Commission. The first change was made to Resolution 2018-12 to add the sentence to the end of Section IV identifying the use of funds require City Commission approval. The second change was also made to Resolution 2018-12 Section V to the end of the sentence stating that "any deficit in the required amount should be restored as soon as fiscally practical but should be within five years of the occurrence".

Mr. Freeman also made the change to the advertising section of Resolution 2018-13 as it pertains to the amounts.

**Commissioner Williams amended the motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the above identified changes, Commissioner Davis seconded the amendment. The motion carried 5-0.**

*Mayor Bryant recessed the City Commission meeting at 7:19 p.m. to open the March 19, 2018 Special CRA Board meeting.*

*Mayor Bryant reconvened the City Commission meeting at 8:03 p.m.*

### 4. TRAFFIC UPDATE

Mayor Bryant informed the Commission and public that there are opportunities coming up to view the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) presentation regarding traffic improvements. Mrs. Johnston will forward the dates out to the Commission so they can attend if desired.

5. NOISE

Nothing to report.

6. PALMETTO POOL UPDATE

Nothing to report.

7. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Nothing to report.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

9. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Williams—asked if the Police Department Building Committee has researched and analyzed other municipalities in Florida that have recently built a new police department. Both the Mayor and the Chief confirmed that they have a company helping them with that information and to develop a plan.

In regards to Amberwynd, Attorney Barnebey stated that the discovery request is being worked on now.

Commissioner Cornwell—thanked the Chief for getting the School Resource Officers into the schools.

Chief Tyler informed the Commission that he recently drafted a letter that he would like to send to FDOT regarding the traffic accidents on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and US 41. He proposes the median should be solid so that it does not allow a left turn lane from 23<sup>rd</sup> Street onto US 41.

Commissioner Davis—attended a ribbon cutting for the East Coast Migrant Head Start program. It was well attended and a nice facility.

He reminded everyone to go and vote tomorrow.

Mayor Bryant informed Commission that the Manatee County documentary “Through the Tunnel” [that discusses segregation in the 1960s and how Lincoln Memorial High School was involved] is being shown at this year’s Sarasota Film Festival in April.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Minutes approved: April 16, 2018

*James R. Freeman*

James R. Freeman, City Clerk