

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
AND CRA BOARD MEETING
June 4, 2018
7:00 PM**

Elected Officials Present:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor
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

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 7:03 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 Davis moved, Commissioner Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the June 4, 2018 Commission Agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following City of Palmetto residents spoke in opposition of the DeSoto Bridge “flyover” concept proposed by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) as part of the Central Manatee Network Alternatives Analysis (CMNAA):

- Fred Sperry
- Beverly Reason
- Deborah Sperry
- Elizabeth Law
- John Ollsen
- Lynn Daniel
- Thurston Freeman

The above residents provided various handouts to the Commission. The handouts have been made a part of the minutes.

Mayor Bryant explained that the City has not taken any votes on this “flyover” concept, nor has this been a topic on any agenda. There are two agencies involved, the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization and FDOT. The consensus of the Commission was to place this topic on a future agenda for discussion. When the agenda is prepared, staff was directed to provide the information to Mr. Fred Sperry as a point of contact for all the individuals living in the Bel Mare/Riviera Dunes location.

Shane Henry, applicant for the Skyway Marathon 2019, updated the Commission on the event since the last Workshop discussion. Mr. Henry has met with Chief Tyler and Captain Waiters regarding the off-duty security needed for the event. The Convention Center will not be a specific location for parking; all parking will be managed at Tropicana Field. He is working with the Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) company to maintain a 10-foot lane for traffic and the runners on the US 41/US 19 merge in Palmetto.

3. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

A. City Clerk’s Office

1. Minutes: 5/21/2018

B. Police Department

1. Ballistic Vest Donation

Motion: Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the June 4, 2018 Consent Agenda.

4. DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE FOR FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES CONFERENCE

Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to designate Commissioner Brian Williams as the voting delegate for the Florida League of Cities Conference.

5. 505 5th STREET WEST CONNOR PARK ABCA PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Burton explained that this public hearing is a requirement for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s grant for the cleanup of this Property.

Mayor Bryant opened the Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) public hearing.

Joe Marsh, CARDNO, reviewed the ABCA as attached to the agenda.

Commissioner Smith exited the meeting at 7:55 p.m. and returned at 7:56 p.m.

Mike Costello, CARDNO, gave a presentation on the preliminary stormwater design and the overall conceptual design of Connor Park. This conceptual is attached to tonight's CRA Board Agenda as part of Mr. Burton's comments.

Commissioner Cornwell and Commissioner Williams requested more landscape as a buffer/separation between the Park and the railroad tracks. Commissioner Cornwell expressed her concerns regarding coyotes on the property and if they will be inclined to continue habituating this land after the Park is built.

Commissioner Varnadore expressed her opinions on what she would like to see more of, including a butterfly garden, more beautification, and a "green roof" (plants on a roof for more energy efficiency).

In regards to fencing around the pond, Mr. Tusing stated that the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFMD) has a fencing requirement based on the slope of the pond. Mr. Tusing is not in favor of fencing the stormwater pond as this will detract from the beautification in the Park.

Commissioner Williams would like to see a community meeting for the residents in the surrounding area to speak on what they would like to see at the Park; especially Jet Mobile Home Park residents. Commissioner Davis agreed with the idea of a community meeting, specifically as it pertains to the lighting that will be in the Park.

Mayor Bryant closed the ABCA public hearing after hearing no public comment.

Motion: Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives for the property located at 505 5th Street West (Connor Park).

6. 2nd PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2018-11 FOWL

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE I, SECTION 6-1 OF THE PALMETTO CODE OF ORDINANCES, BIRD SANCTUARY, TO PROHIBIT THE HARBORING OR KEEPING OF CHICKENS OR ROOSTERS EXCEPT IN CONFORMANCE WITH CITY REGULATIONS, AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE II, SECTION 6-31 OF THE PALMETTO CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, LIVESTOCK AND FOWL, TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR KEEPING OF HENS WITHIN CITY LIMITS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Bryant opened the public hearing.

Karla Owens, Development Services Director, informed the Commission that nothing has changed to the Ordinance since the last meeting.

Mayor Bryant closed the public hearing after hearing no public comment.

Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion carried 4-1 to adopt Ordinance 2018-11. Commissioner Cornwell voted no.

7. LINEAR PARK TRAIL

Mr. Burton reiterated the discussion from today's Workshop meeting. As the process moves forward, the details will be brought forward to the Commission for discussion and approval. The action requested tonight is to move forward with the conceptual design as well as support for the grant to help fund the development of the Trail.

Motion: Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the conceptual geographic design of the Central Manatee Network Area Analysis Linear Park Trail. Commissioner Williams abstained from voting.

Motion: Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to support the Florida Department of Transportation, Manatee County, City of Palmetto, and the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization's application for a BUILD grant for trail and linear park improvements and instruct the Palmetto CRA to assist in the application. Commissioner Williams abstained from voting.

Mayor Bryant recessed the City Commission meeting at 8:43 p.m. to open the June 4, 2018 CRA Board meeting.

Mayor Bryant reconvened the City Commission meeting at 9:19 p.m.

8. TRAFFIC UPDATE

Nothing new to report at this time.

9. PALMETTO POOL UPDATE

Nothing new to report at this time.

10. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Mr. Tusing—commented on Tropical Storm Alberto that occurred over Memorial Day Weekend. He stated that it was uneventful with a few scattered showers.

In regards to the future CMNAA discussion, Mr. Tusing stated that there are other concepts that FDOT is looking at besides the “flyover” concept as expressed by the public tonight. The “flyover” is not a definite decision.

Mr. Freeman—discussed proposed FY 2018-2019 Budget Workshop dates as follows:

- July 16th regularly scheduled 4:30 p.m. Workshop meeting
- July 18th special set 5:30 p.m. Workshop meeting
- July 25th special set 5:30 p.m. Commission meeting to adopt tentative millage
- August 6th regularly scheduled 4:30 p.m. Workshop meeting
- August 8th special set 5:30 p.m. Workshop meeting
- August 13th special set 5:30 p.m. Workshop meeting
- August 27th regularly scheduled 4:30 p.m. Workshop meeting

Mr. Freeman informed the Commission that the first draft of the budget should be distributed by July 6th.

Commissioner Cornwell requested the July 18th and July 25th meeting be scheduled for 6:00 p.m. instead of 5:30 p.m.; Commission agreed to that time change.

In regards to the training on the Microsoft Surface Laptops, Mayor Bryant asked the Commission to contact Penny Johnston or Jenny Silverio to schedule an hour with Mr. Burton. Commissioner Varnadore scheduled her time on Monday June 18th.

Chief Tyler—explained that the Police Department is seeking funding and pricing for a boat. In the upcoming budget he will have training for officers for the boat.

11. MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Bryant thanked MacArthur Sellars for singing her Happy Birthday during the CRA Board meeting. Mr. Sellars is part of the acapella group Cops for Christ.

12. COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Commissioner Williams—suggested that Mr. Tusing may be able to utilize part of the survey as shown in the CARDNO presentation for Connor Park.

Commissioner Davis—went to Sarasota National Memorial Cemetery over Memorial Day Weekend. He commented that the staff recognize that the City of Palmetto is always represented at the event.

Mayor Bryant attended the 42nd Annual 4-H Banquet over the weekend. She commented on the wonderful job the kids did for the event; it was well attended and a great event.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Minutes approved: June 18, 2018

James R. Freeman

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