

**CITY OF PALMETTO  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
October 1, 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  
Brian Williams, Commissioner, Ward 3

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:**

Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney  
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.

**1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL**

**Motion: Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the October 1, 2018 Commission Agenda.**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Carl Patton, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Commander, expressed concern regarding wheelchair access to the VFW via sidewalks in the City, more specifically along 7<sup>th</sup> Street. He encouraged the City to take a look at these sidewalks and address the repairs that are needed.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL**

**A. City Clerk's Office**

1. September 10<sup>th</sup> Commission Minutes
2. Special Function Permits:
  - a. Palmetto High Homecoming Parade 10/19/2018
  - b. Martin Luther King Parade 1/19/2019
3. Resolution 2018-31 Capital Lease

**B. Public Works**

1. Traffic Regulation 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Street West

**Motion: Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to approve the October 1, 2018 Consent Agenda.**

A member of the public filled out a speaker request card in regards to the 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Street West Traffic Regulation; therefore, that item needed to be removed for further discussion.

**Commissioner Williams amended the motion on the floor to approve tonight's Consent Agenda with the removal of the Traffic Regulation on 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Street West. Commissioner Davis agreed with the amendment and the motion carried 4-0.**

DISCUSSION: 3.B.1. TRAFFIC REGULATION 17<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE AND 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET WEST:

Anne Marshall, Palmetto resident, opined that more stop signs in the City are not the answer to traffic control. She questioned what the City's policies and procedures were to allow so many to be erected and also was curious if any are ever removed or reoriented.

Mr. Tusing provided four pictures that were taken today from the stop sign located on 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 7<sup>th</sup> Street West. The pictures were taken as a driver looking to the east and then looking to the west. The trees on the property to the east of the stop sign on 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue block an acceptable view for those at the stop sign. When pulling forward so that the trees no longer obstruct the view, the electric poles on 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue block the view for oncoming traffic headed east along 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Due to these obstructions, Mr. Tusing recommends putting an all way stop at this specific intersection. A copy of the pictures are attached to the minutes.

**Motion: Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded the motion on the floor to approve the traffic regulation for 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Street West.**

Commissioner Cornwell agrees with Mr. Tusing's recommendation for this intersection; however, she requested more discussion on future agendas whereby the City reviews appropriate policies and procedures for the installation and/or removal of future stop signs.

**The motion on the floor carried 4-0.**

4. ORDINANCE 2018-14 ANNEXATION LASSEN

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, ANNEXING A .2984 ACRE PARCEL OF UNINCORPORATED MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA INTO THE CITY OF PALMETTO WHICH PARCEL IS LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF POMPANO LANE IN THE GULF & BAY ESTATES SUBDIVISION, AT 4315 POMPANO LANE, AND WHICH IS REASONABLY COMPACT AND IS LOCATED IN AN ENCLAVE CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY OF PALMETTO; REDEFINING THE BOUNDARY LINES OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA TO INCLUDE SAID PARCEL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (LASSEN)

*The applicant withdrew his application for Annexation.*

5. ORDINANCE 2018-15 MAP AMENDMENT LASSEN

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SMALL SCALE FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION FOR THE TERRITORY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED FROM COUNTY FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION RES-3 (RESIDENTIAL 3 DU/A), TO THE CITY FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION RES-4 (RESIDENTIAL 4 DU/A), CONSISTENT WITH THE GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES OF THE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 163.3187 *FLORIDA STATUTES*; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (LASSEN)

*The applicant withdrew his application.*

6. ORDINANCE 2018-16 REZONE LASSEN

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, REZONING APPROXIMATELY .2984 ACRE OF PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT 4315 POMPANO LANE, PALMETTO, FLORIDA, FROM COUNTY ZONING RSF-3, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO CITY ZONING RS-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, AND AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (LASSEN)

*The applicant withdrew his application.*

7. PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2018-29 EAR

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PURSUANT TO SECTION 163.3191, *FLORIDA STATUTES*, AS PART OF THE REQUIRED EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL PROCESS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Bryant opened the public hearing.

Karla Owens, Director of Development Services, explained that, pursuant to Florida Statutes, local governments must review and evaluate their comprehensive plan every seven years and provide any necessary amendments to the State. Any amendments that are deemed necessary must be adopted one year from the date of the notice. The attached Ordinance proposes textual amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan. The first two amendments pertain to historic preservation and are addressed in the Future Land Use and Housing Elements of the Plan. These amendments remove the current requirement to adopt a Historic Preservation Ordinance by December 31, 2015. New language has been added, instead, to clarify protection of our historical resources. The third amendment adds new statutory language to the Coastal Management Element pertaining to sea level rise as required by the State. The fourth amendment updates and amends the Public School Element and the Capital Improvements Element to reflect changes requested by the School District of Manatee County. Finally, the last amendment amends the Capital Improvement Element to update the City's Capital Improvement Plan.

Mrs. Owens stated that, if approved, the proposed amendments will be sent to the Department of Economic Opportunity who will review it and send to the appropriate State agencies. Any comments will be sent back to the City, and the Ordinance will come back to another Commission meeting for formal adoption. Mrs. Owens is working on a large review of the Comprehensive Plan to be brought forward to the City Commission sometime mid-2019.

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

**Motion: Finding the request to be consistent with Chapter 163, *Florida Statutes* and the City of Palmetto Comprehensive Plan, Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to recommend approval of transmittal of Ordinance No. 2018-29 to the Department of Economic Opportunity for State Coordinated Review.**

## **STANDING AGENDA ITEMS:**

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### **8. TRAFFIC UPDATE**

Mayor Bryant stated that the work on the Green Bridge has begun and she has been told that the contractors are intending to double up on their work to hopefully speed the project along.

Chief Tyler discussed the recent letter he sent to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) expressing safety concerns on the Green Bridge headed south. He stated that with only one lane, getting emergency management services (EMS), police or fire can prove trying. There will be a meeting held between the Police Department, FDOT and EMS to discuss the safety concerns and how to maneuver this issue during construction. When he has a date confirmed, he will let the Commission know.

### **9. PALMETTO POOL UPDATE**

Mayor Bryant informed the Commission that the County has told her that County staff will be coming to a City Commission meeting to discuss the pricing of the Pool as well as the cost for each amenity.

### **10. POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING UPDATE**

No new update.

## **COMMENTS:**

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### **11. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS**

**MR. FREEMAN**—the request for quotes has been advertised in regard to the System 4 project.

The Personnel Policy will be coming forward to the Commission at a Workshop for review before the end of the year. Also, the Utility Rate Study will be coming forward shortly, before the end of the year.

**CHIEF TYLER**—informed the Commission and public of the “Coffee with a Cop” national event that will be held on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Palmetto Police Officers will be at McDonalds and Popi’s from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

### **12. MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Bryant informed the Commission that she sent a request to the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission regarding the investigative information on Chief Tyler. Their response echoed the City’s findings, in that they have determined that there is no basis for any action by them.

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, Mayor received a letter from the Congressional Prayer Caucus Foundation supporting the City’s decision to continue participating in the National Day of Prayer next year. A copy of this letter will be forwarded to the Commission. Mayor Bryant stated that an anonymous donor has reserved the Park for next year.

Mayor Bryant informed the Commission and the public of the League of Women Voters handouts that are in the City Hall lobby. These handouts provide education on each candidate that is on the ballot for November’s election.

13. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

**COMMISSIONER CORNWELL**—thanked Commissioner Davis for attending the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event for the St. Johns Missionary Baptist Church.

She discussed options for exercise in the park and making it free for citizens. She opined that a program should be developed for citizens to take various exercise classes in the parks. She said that she sees some citizens at Sutton Park doing exercise, but believes it is at a cost.

Mayor Bryant mentioned the recent Eagle Scouts Ceremony she attended this weekend for Christopher Miller and his work at the Yellow Fever Cemetery cleaning of the headstones.

Mayor also gave a proclamation to Palm View Baptist Church on Sunday for Reverend Pritchett's 41 years of service.

**COMMISSIONER DAVIS**—on October 8<sup>th</sup> the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council will have a Memorandum of Understanding signing ceremony and a fall open house, this event begins at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Davis expressed concerns with late night speeding headed north over the Green Bridge.

**COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS**—was glad to see that a derelict boat was removed from the Manatee River today.

Anne Marshall complimented Commissioner Williams for his efficient food distribution skills at the First United Methodist Church of Palmetto's Food Distribution Center the first Tuesday of every month.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: NOVEMBER 5, 2018

*James R. Freeman*

JAMES R. FREEMAN  
CITY CLERK