

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
October 15, 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 7:00 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 Williams presented the Florida City Government Week Proclamation to Commissioner Jonathan Davis.

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Bryant added the discussion and possible approval of a no left hand turn from 4th Street West onto 8th Avenue West headed northbound as item 7.A.

Motion: Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the October 15, 2018 Commission Agenda with the addition of 7.A. as noted above.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

- A. City Clerk's Office
 - 1. September 24th Minutes
 - 2. Resolution 2018-34 Half Cent Sales Tax
- B. Police Department
 - 1. Resolution 2018-32 BVP Grant

Motion: Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the October 15, 2018 Consent Agenda with the changes to Resolution 2018-34 as discussed at today's Workshop meeting.

4. 1ST READ ORDINANCE 2018-30 REZONE MANGO TREE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, REZONING APPROXIMATELY .27 ACRES OF PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT 819 7TH STREET WEST, PALMETTO, FLORIDA, FROM RM-6 TO CN, NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL, AND AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (MANGO TREE GROUP, LLC)

Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2018-30 and authorize staff to advertise for the appropriate public hearings.

5. LAND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT FOR HEARTLAND GROVES

Attorney Barnebey gave a brief background on this item. On August 6, 2018 the City Commission adopted three ordinances for this parcel. The approved General Development Plan (GDP) depicts the developer's use of a portion of City-owned property to the south for drainage facilities necessary for the project as well as use of City-owned property to the north for a secondary access point. In exchange, stipulations set forth in the GDP require the developer to construct a portion of the City multi-modal trail, a public dog park, and public parking for the trail and dog park. The attached Agreement addresses this exchange and use of City property and the parties' obligations regarding same.

Mark stated that the Agreement provides specifically that prior to or concurrent with the final site plan approval:

1. THE CITY WILL CONVEY TO THE DEVELOPER, EASEMENTS FOR DRAINAGE AND FLOWAGE (SOUTH) AND ACCESS (NORTH)
2. THE DEVELOPER WILL COMMENCE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF
 - a. PUBLIC DOG PARK TO INCLUDE AT A MINIMUM, BENCHES, SUNSHADE, DOG WATER FOUNTAIN, WASTE RECEPTACLES, AND REFUSE BAGS
 - b. 10 PUBLIC PARKING SPACES AND DRIVE ACCESS
 - c. A 10-FOOT WIDE MULTI-MODAL TRAIL CONSTRUCTED TO CITY STANDARDS
 - d. INSTALL A 6-FOOT FENCE ALONG THE ENTIRE NORTH PROPERTY LINE

Attorney Barnebey informed the Commission that he has provided them with a copy of the correct Exhibit A to Access, Utility, Drainage, and Flowage Easement [south].

It was discussed that maintenance of the dog park, parking lot, and trail will be the City's responsibility.

Commissioner Williams opined guardrails should be erected surrounding the retention pond for safety.

Motion: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 4-1 to approve the Land Exchange, Construction and Maintenance Agreement with Kronos Capital, Inc. and authorize the Mayor's execution of same. Commissioner Williams voted no.

6. REGATTA POINTE LEASE ASSIGNMENT

A revised Assignment was handed out to the Commission prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Mr. Freeman informed Commission that the current sub lessee has approached the City and is interested in assigning the remaining term of the sublease to a new entity called SHM Regatta Point, LLC. This assignment is allowed per the current sublease with City approval. The terms and conditions of the sublease dated 1982 will not change, and the new sub lessee will essentially "step into the shoes" of the current sublease.

Motion: Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Consent to Assignment between the City of Palmetto and SHM Regatta Pointe, LLC dated October 15, 2018 as revised.

7. SEPTEMBER CHECK REGISTER (Informational Only)

7.A. NO LEFT HAND TURN AT 4TH STREET AND 8TH AVENUE WEST (ADDED):

Public Works staff will place a sign informing traffic that there will no left hand turn lane from 4th Street onto 8th Avenue headed north. There will be two signs on 4th Street; one will be placed well in advance of 8th Avenue and another at 4th Street and 8th Avenue West.

Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to prohibit left hand turns on 4th street turning left onto 8th avenue from eastbound to northbound.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS:

8. TRAFFIC UPDATE

Chief Tyler recently met with the Florida Department of Transportation, Bradenton Police Department and Manatee County Emergency Medical Services regarding safety vehicles traveling south over the Green Bridge into the City of Bradenton. The contractors have agreed to keep the right hand lane clear of debris to allow for emergency vehicles to travel easily over the Bridge.

Commissioner Varnadore recently received a request from residents regarding the removal of stop signs; Mr. Tusing and Chief Tyler were also copied on the email. Commissioner Varnadore

questioned if the procedure for the installation of stop signs [by resident request] is the same for the removal of stop signs. Discussion of this topic will be placed on the next Workshop meeting.

9. PALMETTO POOL UPDATE

No new update.

10. POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING UPDATE

No new update.

COMMENTS:

11. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

MR. BURTON—discussed the 10th Avenue Complete Streets Project.

He discussed the hiring of grad students from the University of South Florida as part of the CRA Intern Program. There is a specific grad student that the CRA would like to hire who is from India. There is a \$1500 fee for the employer to pay for the VISA. To compensate for the cost of the VISA, the CRA would pay the intern half of the budgeted salary of \$20.00 per hour [she would be paid \$10.00 per hour].

Commissioner Cornwell would like the CRA to reach out to other Florida universities to let them know of the intern program.

Motion: **Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to authorize the payment of up to \$1500 for the employer VISA to hire the graduate student in exchange for the offset hourly rate to reflect accordingly.**

The CRA will purchase dinner for the November workshop meeting to have discussion on the 8th Avenue property [as discussed at today's Workshop meeting].

MR. FREEMAN—the Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) has been advertised for the surplus of property located at 706 13th Street.

The City has updated the Website with a few enhancements to include, updated pictures, mobile compatibility, ADA compliant, and the Police Department now has a revamped page that functions more like their own website so they have their own identity.

CHIEF TYLER—discussed the White Cane Day walk that occurred today. The Walk started at City Hall to D's Burgers restaurant and back to City Hall.

ATTORNEY BARNEBEY—informed Mr. Burton that he has connections with the Florida State University Planning Department if he would like to reach out to them regarding internship.

12. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bryant reminded the Commission and public of the November 10th Open Streets event along 10th Avenue West from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Davis will be participating in the bicycle ride challenge.

She thanked Commissioner Davis for his recent attendance at events this weekend.

Mayor Bryant was approached by a church youth group that would like to clean Estuary Park with the help of Public Works; she will provide the information to Mr. Tusing.

The Manatee County Area Transit (MCAT) Station in the City is undergoing a facelift. She has found a donor for art in the City and are discussing with the County for a mural to be placed on the MCAT building.

Mayor Bryant asked each Commissioner that serves on a Board to report on results of recent meetings.

13. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER DAVIS—recently attended the signing ceremony for the Memorandum of Understanding at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

COMMISSIONER CORNWELL—reported on the Historic Board meeting at the last Commission meeting.

Commissioner Cornwell stated that the next Fair Board meeting is in December.

COMMISSIONER VARNADORE—reminded everyone of the Historical Park's Halloween Social on Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; they are in need of volunteers and donations of individually wrapped candy.

COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS—informed everyone that the Queens contest is on Saturday at Palmetto High, 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: NOVEMBER 5, 2018

James R. Freeman

JAMES R. FREEMAN, CITY CLERK