

**SPECIAL
CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
December 19, 2018
5:30 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 5:31 p.m.

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the December 19, 2018 Special Commission Agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public spoke regarding the recent Bradenton Herald article on the comments from the December 17th Commission Workshop meeting and on the Multicultural Festival:

- Betty Rhoades
- Tyrone Smith
- Sharon Amore
- Harold Smith, Jr.
- Charles Smith

Commissioner Smith discussed the article and opined that it makes him sound racist, which he is not. He welcomes everyone to the Multicultural no matter who they are and where they come from. He continued the discussion with opinions on issues going on in his Ward and what he perceives as a lack of information being provided.

3. 2ND PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

Mayor Bryant opened the public hearing.

The following members of the public spoke in favor of the hotel and encourage the creation of jobs for everyone:

- Charles Smith
- Betty Rhoades
- Sharon Amore

Mr. Corbett Alday, Guardian, made a presentation to the Commission and public on the 2017 CDBG Economic Development (ED) Application and on Resolution 2018-44 authorization to make application. The information was provided as part of tonight's Agenda packet.

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

Motion: Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to adopt Resolution 2018-44 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to make FFY 2017 Economic Development Grant application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for State approval and accept if awarded.

Commissioner Smith expressed his opinions on the naming of the hotel and wants to ensure the City of Palmetto is first in the name and would prefer that Bradenton is not anywhere in the name. He understands the logistics of naming, but would like it to be conveyed how strongly Commission feels regarding the word "Bradenton" in the name of the hotel.

Attorney Barnebey clarified and stated that the hotel franchise is in agreement with having Palmetto in the name; however, part of the name does need to have the location of where it can be found.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: February 4, 2019

James R. Freeman

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CITY CLERK