

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
January 28, 2019
7:00 PM**

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor
Tamara Cornwell, Vice Mayor, Commissioner-at-Large 2
Jonathan Davis, Commissioner-at-Large 1
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.

~~RECOGNITION: Mayor Bryant will recognize the following City employees for their recent nomination as Employee of the First Quarter:~~

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~~_____ Angela Bechtel _____ Donna Gross~~
~~_____ Kim Cooper _____ Lupe Cantu~~
~~_____ Officer Chastain _____ Captain Waiters~~
~~Antoinette Kilgore~~

Due to a scheduling conflict, the above item has been removed and forwarded to the next Commission Agenda.

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the January 28, 2019 Commission Agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Duncan Bellinger, Palmetto Mobile Home Club, spoke regarding a property across the street from Palmetto Mobile Home Park that is overgrown and has a lot of trash. He asked for something to be done. Mayor Bryant asked Karla Owens, Development Services Director, to step outside with Mr. Bellinger to take his complaint to Code Enforcement.

3. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

A. City Clerk's Office

1. Special Function Permits:
 - a. Marshall/Thompson Wedding 2/23
 - b. Regatta Market at Crusader 2/9
2. Blalock Walters/Bill Lisch Legal Invoice
3. Surplus Property

B. Public Works

1. Resolution 2019-01 Surface Upgrade 3rd Ave/10th Street West

Motion: Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the January 28, 2019 Consent Agenda with the removal of items A.1.b., A.2., and B.1. for discussion.

3.A.1.B. REGATTA MARKET AT THE CRUSADER SPECIAL FUNCTION PERMIT DISCUSSION:

Concerns were expressed regarding the road closure for this event as well as the Boat Regatta event that is occurring at Riverside Drive Park West on the same day. Staff was asked to discuss the road closure and detours and prepare more information and forward to Commission after that discussion.

Motion: Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Regatta Market for February 9, 2019 with feedback from staff being provided to Commission before the event regarding road closures and detours.

3.A.2. BLALOCK WALTERS LEGAL BILLS DISCUSSION:

There was nothing to discuss about this item, it was removed in error.

Motion: Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve item 3.A.2.

3.B.1. Resolution 2019-01 Surface Upgrade 3rd Avenue/10th Street West Discussion:

Commissioner Williams requested, in the future, to always provide maps when bringing forward any item that has a specific location.

Motion: Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 2019-01.

4. PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2018-32 ANNEXATION HARLLEE PACKING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, ANNEXING A PARCEL CONTAINING 18.12 ACRES OF UNINCORPORATED MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA INTO THE CITY OF PALMETTO WHICH PARCEL IS REASONABLY COMPACT AND IS 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.

Mayor Bryant opened the public hearing.

Mrs. Owens informed the Commission that on November 29, 2018, Harllee Packing, Inc., the new owner of the property, submitted an application for annexation, future land use map amendment, and rezoning. The 18.12 acre

parcel on the west side of 24th Avenue East is currently not an active tomato packing plant, but some of the existing offices are currently being used. The property, if annexed, could continue as industrial uses or may be sold and/or used in conjunction with adjoining properties.

The Planning and Zoning Board held a public hearing on January 17, 2019. The applicant's attorney/representative was present, and there were no members of the public present. The Planning and Zoning Board unanimously recommended approval of this item.

Patricia Petruff, Attorney representing applicant, stated that the applicant has other properties in the City. She did not state specifically why the applicant is requesting annexation. She did note that the City is easier to work with in regards to the City staff and the timing of moving projects along.

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

Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Ordinance 2018-32.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS:

5. TRAFFIC UPDATE

Mayor Bryant discussed the right hand turn lane onto Manatee Avenue West from southbound Green Bridge. She stated that there needs to be more signage as she is requesting more feedback from the public.

6. PALMETTO POOL UPDATE

No new update.

7. POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING UPDATE

Request for qualifications (RFQ) is out and the deadline for responses is January 31st. The Committee will be reviewing the responses and bringing forward to Commission with their recommendation.

COMMENTS:

8. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

CHIEF TYLER—discussed the need for the Police Department to purchase a boat to take care of the derelict boat problem. He is working on a proposal to use some of the Impact Fee money to purchase a 24 foot boat with everything included. He feels there is enough money to purchase this boat and plans to get a few additional quotes.

Commissioner Cornwell asked staff to research the grant that was discussed by the Commission several years ago regarding the purchase of a boat for the Police Department.

MR. FREEMAN—informed the Commission that there will be discussion regarding refinance options for current debt.

The Personnel Policy will be brought forward during the March Workshop meeting; Mr. Freeman plans to distribute a redlined version to the Commission well in advance of the March meeting.

Mr. Freeman will be absent at next week's meeting; Mr. Tusing will do the presentation regarding the Utility Rate Study.

MR. TUSING—complimented the Fair.

Discussed the toilet rebate program; he will be attending a meeting on February 13th regarding the City's opportunity to be a part of the program.

MR. BURTON—discussed the Multicultural Fair and how well it went.

He informed the Commission that he has a vacancy on the CRA Advisory Board, but feels he has a person interested in filling the position.

ATTORNEY BARNEBEY—informed the Commission that the extension on the Growers Hardware Contract was granted.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

10. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS—complimented the Fair.

COMMISSIONER CORNWELL—enjoyed attending the Martin Luther King Jr. Banquet on behalf of the Mayor.

She discussed the Fair events she was able to attend.

Commissioner Cornwell complimented Mr. Tusing on his excellent communication to her regarding the repaving and pothole repairs.

COMMISSIONER SMITH—questioned Mr. Tusing about the railroad tracks. Mr. Tusing explained that is what Resolution 2019-01 approved. Work will begin in the summer and continue across 10th Street then, after that is complete, 2nd Avenue will be worked on.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: February 25, 2019

James R. Freeman

JAMES R. FREEMAN, CITY CLERK