

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
AND CRA BOARD MEETING
February 4, 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
Brian Williams, Commissioner, Ward 3

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Cheryl Miller, Finance Director
Scott Rudacille, Chief Assistant City Attorney
Allen Tusing, Director of Public Works
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police
Penny Johnston, Executive Assistant

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. All people intending to address the City Commission were duly sworn.

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

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

Officer Kevin Chastain was selected as Employee of the First Quarter.

PROCLAMATION: Commissioner Cornwell presented the Engineer's Week Proclamation.

Accepted by: Marquis Bing, Technical Specialist, ASCE Suncoast Branch
Geza Bankuty, ASCE Suncoast Branch Past President
Chris Sharek, ASCE Florida Section President Elect
and Douglas Sines, ASCE Suncoast Branch Secretary
**American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)*

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the February 4, 2019 Commission Agenda with the addition of the City of Palmetto Priorities February 2019 as item 3.B.3.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ann Marshall, as a representative from First United Methodist Church (FUMC) and as President of the Palmetto Woman's Club spoke about the severe homeless problem. Homeless people in Lamb Park are using the east side of Woman's Club as a toilet. Chief Tyler remarked the homeless people are claiming they are invited to FUMC. Ms. Marshall denied that claim. Chief Tyler agreed to meet with FUMC staff to follow up with the issue. Mayor Bryant stated she would research if there was anything else the City could do.

3. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

A. City Clerk's Office

1. December 17th and December 19th Minutes
2. First Baptist Easter Egg Hunt Special Function Permit 4/13

B. Public Works

1. Resolution 2019-02 Hydrant Park
2. Resolution 2019-03 CDBG Infrastructure Project

Motion: Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the February 4, 2019 Consent Agenda.

4. 1ST READ ORDINANCE 2018-33 FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR A LARGE 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 IH, HEAVY INDUSTRIAL, TO CITY FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION HCOMIND, HEAVY COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL, 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. (HARLLEE PACKING)

Karla Owens, Development Services Director, reviewed details of the 18-acre Harllee Packing Company parcel across from Feld Entertainment. Applicant desires to subdivide and develop the property and has submitted a conceptual site plan that has been made a part of these minutes. Ms. Owens explained west boundary is contiguous to the City, the railroad tracks run adjacent to northern boundary of the Harllee Property and surrounding properties have a consistent zoning. Primary entrance will be on US 301 at a fully signalized intersection. Any connection to 24th Avenue would require County approval. By statute, property in excess of 10 acres requires FDEO approval.

Motion: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to authorize staff to advertise Ordinance No. 2018-33 for the appropriate public hearings.

5. 1ST READ ORDINANCE 2018-34 REZONE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, REZONING APPROXIMATELY 18.12 ACRES OF PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF US 301 NORTH AND 24TH AVE EAST, FROM COUNTY ZONING LM (LIGHT MANUFACTURING) TO CITY ZONING CHI (HEAVY COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL), AND AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (HARLLEE PACKING)

Motion: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to authorize staff to advertise Ordinance No. 2018-34 for the appropriate public hearings.

MAYOR BRYANT RECESSED THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING AT 7:29 P.M. TO OPEN THE FEBRUARY 4, 2019 CRA BOARD MEETING.

MAYOR BRYANT RECONVENED THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING AT 7:56 P.M.

The City Commission meeting was reconvened at 7:56 p.m. but the audio recording for the balance of the meeting remains attached to the CRA Board Meeting, due to operator error by Penny Johnston.

6. TRAFFIC UPDATE

No new update.

7. PALMETTO POOL UPDATE

Mayor Bryant has an appointment next week with Manatee County to obtain more specific details.

8. POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING UPDATE

Chief Tyler said the RFQ time period had closed and staff received four (4) proposals which will be brought before the Commission for consideration.

9. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Chief Tyler- stated officers are talking with people and leaving warnings about parking on sidewalks.

Ms. Miller- is deferring the emergency door project and applying that money to the Post Office roof at Palmetto Historical Park. Staff is also addressing the fact that the left door of the main entrance bumps the outside wall.

Mr. Tusing- will be starting improvements on 3rd Street Drive West, widening it to 20 feet, replacing curbing, and creating a wider turn radius for easier navigation by Waste Management trucks.

Mr. Burton- noted there are two classes being offered in Orlando in May –housing and strategic planning. Staff will be starting a 7-year planning cycle to follow after the City’s Comprehensive Plan as soon as it is approved. Commissioner Cornwell inquired what date in May is the annual Sunshine Law Seminar.

10. MAYOR’S REPORT

No additional comments.

11. COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Commissioner Williams- had no additional comments.

Commissioner Varnadore- said the Green Bridge lights are still out. Mr. Tusing responded that FDOT and FPL agree there is a load center that is not getting power. The feed line will be tested Tuesday 02/05/19 and hopefully be fixed. Significant potholes on 4th Street and 12th Ave and 13th Ave are from directional drills for reclaimed water infrastructure, and paving will follow. She also commented on Spring Training baseball and traffic congestion. Mr. Tusing repeated that Bradenton controls the timing on the lights. Ms. Varnadore opined the 90 degree right turn from 9th onto Manatee Avenue is dangerous and too sharp.

Commissioner Cornwell- commented that Jet Park renewed their Adopt-a-Street commitment and are having a cleanup Saturday, February 9, 2019. The next community meeting with the Mayor, Commission, and Department Heads is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at Terra Ceia.

Commissioner Smith- asked Mr. Burton for the address of the CRA office. Mr. Burton said he would get that information for him.

Commissioner Davis- reminded all of the River Regatta Saturday February 9th. Older F2 and F3 boats will be on display, entertainment will be on this side of the bridge, and 10th Avenue merchants are having a street market. Green Bridge will be closed 3:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. that Saturday.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED FEBRUARY 25, 2019

James R. Freeman

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CITY CLERK