

Palmetto City Commission
April 6, 2005 5:00 PM

Elected Officials present:

Larry Bustle, Mayor
Brian Williams, Vice Mayor
Eric Ball, Commissioner
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner
Mary Lancaster, Commissioner
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner

Staff and others present:

Michele Hall, Attorney
Captain Clyde Hedrick
Chris Lukowiak, Public Works Director
Diane Ponder, Deputy Clerk-Administration

Mayor Bustle called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Bustle opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

2. DISCUSSION – RESOLUTION NO. 05-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, STATING ITS INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH MANATEE COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN MANATEE COUNTY REGARDING GROWTH MANAGEMENT ISSUES AND POSSIBLE CREATION OF A BINDING DOCUMENT BASED UPON PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN THE ACCORD; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING A STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO NEGOTIATE POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION TO THE MAYOR, CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY STAFF TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING A PROCEDURE FOR NEGOTIATIONS PERTAINING TO ANNEXATION; PROVIDING THAT THE CITY'S COMMITMENT IS CONDITIONED UPON THE COUNTY ACTING IN GOOD FAITH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Bustle informed Commission that as an alternative to pursuing a charger government referendum, on March 16, 2005 the County Commission approved Resolution R-05-63, which requested the cities in Manatee County adopt a resolution evidencing its intent to continue to negotiate and resolve issues relating to growth management. At issue are annexations, and the County Commission request that cities postpone further annexations until an agreement is developed. After objections from several mayors, the County Commission proposed that ordinances annexing property into the cities be sent to the county for review. The County Commission agreed to include a 30-day time constraint.

Mayor Bustle review the new language contained Resolution No. 05-20

MOTION: Mr. Ball moved and Mr. Williams seconded to adopt Resolution No. 05-20.

Discussion on ensued on a mediator panel, vs. a third party mediator, one panel member which could be selected by each party and a final panel member selected by the two panel members. Commission had no objections to the resolution as presented.

Motion on the floor carried 5-0.

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Mayor Bustle complimented Attorney Hall on the resolution's language. He also thanked Attorneys Prather and Dye for contributing insight regarding the City's charter and the oath each Commissioner takes to uphold the City's Code of Ordinances.

Mayor Bustle briefly discussed the Project Strategy, stating it is similar to Imagine Manatee. He informed City Planner Jessica contributed to the document.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Minutes approved: April 18, 2005



J. E. Free, Jr.
City Clerk