

Palmetto City Commission  
August 22, 2005 4:00 PM

Elected Officials present:

Larry Bustle, Mayor (entered at 4:55 pm)  
Brian Williams, Vice Mayor  
Eric Ball, Commissioner  
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner  
Mary Lancaster, Commissioner (entered at 4:35 pm)  
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner

Staff and others present:

Jim Freeman, City Clerk  
Chief Garry Lowe  
Chris Lukowiak, Public Works Director  
Frank Woodard, Deputy Public Works Director  
Karen Simpson, Deputy Clerk-Finance  
Diane Ponder, Deputy Clerk-Administration

Vice Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

A moment of silence for overseas military personnel was observed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Mrs. Simpson informed Commission budget amendments to date were reflected in the newly distributed version. Mr. Freeman stated the net change to the General Fund balance was impacted by the insurance reallocation and several Code Enforcement items.

PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION

Overtime

0015401401 The Full Time Clerk description was changed to Customer Service Assistant Supervisor.

Small Tools Minor Equipment

0015405242 The price of the two printers totaling \$1,000 will be verified with the IT Department.

Commission requested a quote on installing privacy screening for the area of the proposed fence that is visible from Oak Ridge. Staff confirmed there are no new positions requested in the Public Works department. One new vehicle is being requested as a replacement vehicle for the Building Department. Replacement of the Public Works reception area furniture was discussed; several Commissioners questioned the need for the expenditure.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Technical and Training

0015425413 Project Management description was changed to reflect the correct title of the Prima Vera program.

Machinery & Equipment

0015426401 Staff will confirm the need for 25 licenses and determine if the Microsoft SQL server can be leased.

WATER REVENUES

Investment Earnings

4323610100 Staff will confirm the correct balance of Investment Earnings.

Repair & Maintenance-Utilities

4325334636 Staff will confirm the \$63,000 projections vs. \$35,210 in 2005.

FLEET MAINTENANCE

There were no changes made to the proposed budget. Discussing the topic of servicing the police department vehicles, Mr. Lukowiak stated that to service the police fleet in-house an additional mechanic position would be necessary, together with a garage bay and the necessary diagnostic and maintenance equipment.

WATER

There were no changes made to the proposed budget. Mayor Bustle informed Commission Manatee County has adopted resolutions increasing the City's wholesale rate for potable water and tipping fees for solid waste, both of which are automatic pass through fees to City utility customers.

Staff was asked to confirm the amounts in Repair & Maintenance-Vehicles and Repair & Maintenance-Utilities.

In other business, Mrs. Lancaster requested open storage be added to a workshop agenda. She opined the City's ordinance governing the topic is open to individual interpretation; enforcement was by Chapter 307 of the Building Code, which has been deleted. Mayor Bustle suggested Code Enforcement should bring the topic to his attention.

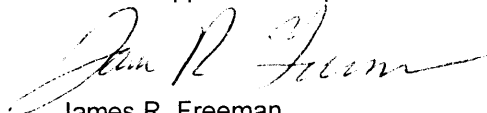
Referring to the planned developments in the City, Mayor Bustle discussed the need to develop restraints so that developers are required to contribute to the City's efforts to ensure affordable housing in the City.

Mayor Bustle informed Commission he will speak to the County Commissioners during the public comment portion of their meeting regarding increased traffic in the City that is generated from County approved developments. He intends to suggest to the County Commission that they broaden the traffic study they are currently performing to encompass the traffic volume coming through the City via US 41, US 301 and the DeSoto and Green Bridges, and develop recommendations now on resolving the issues.

Mr. Williams suggested it may be advantageous to schedule a meeting of all municipal elected officials and County Commissioners to discuss items relevant to the ACCORD, traffic issues, etc. He opined the County is moving forward on these items without input from the municipalities.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Minutes approved: September 19, 2005



James R. Freeman  
City Clerk