

Palmetto City Commission  
December 18, 2006 4:00 p.m.

Elected Officials Present:

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

Staff and Others Present:

James R. Freeman, City Clerk  
Chris Lukowiak, Public Works Director  
Chief Garry Lowe  
Tanya Lukowiak, CRA Executive Director  
Michele Hall, Attorney  
Bob Schmitt, Planning Consultant  
Frank Woodard, Public Works Deputy Director  
Diane Ponder, Deputy Clerk-Administration

Mayor Bustle called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm, followed by a moment of silence for overseas military personnel and the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. APPROVAL OF WORKSHOP AGENDA

**MOTION: Mr. Ball moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve the December 18, 2006 4:00 pm agenda.**

2. CRA REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Mrs. Lukowiak informed Commission she was seeking official approval to purchase property owned by Jack and Hazel Ford, 515-519 9th Ave. W., containing two triplexes. The purchase price is \$397,500, 110% of an appraised value of \$345,000 plus an added 5% appreciation because of a closing date in October of 2007. (Mr. and Mrs. Ford have agreed to accept slightly less than the 110% of appraised value.) The 10% down payment is available in this fiscal year budget, with the balance to be budgeted in fiscal year 2008.

Commission discussed possible uses for the property should it be purchased and the possibility of selling the property should it be determined the acquisition is not in the best interest of the City. Mayor Bustle discussed the advantage of acquiring the property due to its location to the already purchased CBI property, and the benefit of assembling larger tracts of land for development purposes.

Commission officially agreed to the purchase of the property located at 515-519 9th Ave. W.

In other business, Mrs. Lukowiak informed Commission the developer proposing development of the property to the east of the CRA has not yet received any preconstruction sales. Mr. Williams requested CRA look into cleaning the grounds due to materials left from the demolition that may pose a threat to children playing in the area.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Minutes approved: January 8, 2007

  
James R. Freeman  
City Clerk