

Palmetto City Commission  
April 2, 2007 4:00 p.m.

Elected Officials Present:

Larry Bustle, Mayor  
Eric Ball, Vice Mayor (entered at 4:40 pm)  
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner  
Mary Lancaster, Commissioner  
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner  
Brian Williams, Commissioner

Staff and Others Present:

James R. Freeman, City Clerk  
Michele Hall, Attorney  
Deputy Chief Mike Mayer  
Chris Lukowiak, Public Works Director  
Building Official Roger Titus  
Diane Ponder, Deputy Clerk-Administration

Mayor Bustle called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm, followed by a moment of silence for overseas military personnel and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Bustle invited the Commissioners, staff and public to view a police cruiser outfitted with the new video cameras.

1. AGENDA APPROVAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Williams moved, Ms. Varnadore seconded and motion carried 4-0 to approve the April 2, 2007 agenda.

2. DISCUSSION: BOAT DOCK ORDINANCE

Commission continued the review of the proposed boat dock ordinance. As the Commission raised items for discussion, Attorney Hall, Mr. Lukowiak and Building Official Roger Titus offered explanations and suggested amendments. Major discussion points were the time frames to approve or deny an application and a potential submittal fee. Attorney Hall opined the permit fee may have to be adjusted if an application fee is instituted; a fee study would have to be performed to determine if an application fee would be warranted. Mr. Titus stated the 60-day time frame was acceptable to his department. The review will be continued April 16, 2007, beginning with Section 10-108. Staff will offer a resolution to the inconsistent definition of boathouse used in various sections of the proposed ordinance.

3. DISCUSSION: TRIATHLON ONE O ONE

Mr. Freeman introduced the May 6, 2007 Triathlon One O One Special Function Permit application. Mr. T. J. Cesarz, Big House Sports and local event coordinator of Triathlon One O On, narrated a presentation on the planned event. The event was originally planned for Sarasota, but was cancelled because of the inability to close a drawbridge on the proposed course. Bradenton was considered, but issues with private businesses could not be resolved. Mr. Cesarz acknowledged there is a time constraint involved, as an event of this scope normally takes a year to plan.

The staging area is proposed at the Regatta Pointe Marina. The City's parking lot on Riverside at 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue is proposed as the bike parking area. Riverside Drive will be closed from 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The swim course is 1.86 miles, departing from and returning to the boat ramp, which would be closed 7:00 to 10:00 am Friday and Saturday for practice swims, and a minimum of two and one-half hours on Sunday. Mr. Cesarz informed Commission he has been told by the

Marine Patrol and Manatee Sheriff's Marine Division that the swim across the Manatee River channel will not be an issue.


The run portion of the event is an 18.6 mile loop, utilizing 10<sup>th</sup> Street West out to Snead Island. Runners will have to use the sidewalks and road shoulders, as no street closures for the bike and run courses are proposed. Cones will be placed down the middle of 10<sup>th</sup> Street to alert traffic to the runners.

Deputy Chief Mayer stated it is his understanding 45 Manatee Sheriff's deputies will be involved in the event. He estimated 12-18 Palmetto officers will be needed, as well as officers from Bradenton. Mr. Cesarz confirmed the event will pay overtime wages for support law enforcement staff, estimated at \$46 per hour for each officer working the event. The funds will be on deposit prior to the event.

Given the time constraints facing the organization of the event and the concerns of Commission and staff, Commission turned the issue over to the Mayor and staff to work. A report will be brought back to Commission on April 16, 2007.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Minutes approved: April 16, 2007

  
James R. Freeman  
City Clerk