

Palmetto City Commission  
September 24, 2007 4:00 p.m.

Elected Officials Present:

Larry Bustle, Mayor  
Eric Ball, Vice Mayor  
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner  
Mary Lancaster, 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  
Bob Schmitt, Interim City Planner  
Michele Hall, City Attorney  
Bill Strollo, Code Enforcement Director  
Geoff Seger, Director of Parks & Rec  
Diane Ponder, Deputy Clerk-Administration

Mayor Bustle called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. A moment of silence was observed for our military men and women serving all over the world, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. AGENDA APPROVAL

**MOTION: Ms. Varnadore moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve the September 24, 2007 4:00 pm agenda.**

2. SANCTUARY COVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Mr. Schmitt introduced Attorney Jonathan Johnson of Hopping Green & Sams. As legal counsel for the Sanctuary Cove development group, he led a discussion on community development districts. Topics of discussion were:

- Why community districts are created
- Issuance of tax free revenue bonds for access to lower cost capital improvement funds
- Required compliance with government in the sunshine laws
- Homeowner Association roles in the district
- Public Financial Disclosure documentation in closing documents
- Dissolution of a community development district
- Public access to internal streets
- Allocation of city and district responsibilities will be clearly established and recorded

The discussion was held in anticipation of the filing of a petition to create the Sanctuary Cove Community District.

3. DISCUSSION: LOCAL BUSINESS TAX PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Mr. Freeman reported the change to the proposed information that had been made to the document since its first review, and the requested information, as follows:

- Issuance of the business tax receipt will be performed by the office of the city clerk rather than the tax collector.
- Language will be added to the application for the applicant to certify the business is current and in good standing.

- Referring to the information distributed prior to the meeting, the Equity Commission will be a recommending board. Mr. Freeman explained the commission will be formed and begin meeting by the end of the year.

Attorney Hall stated the value of stock language is required by statute. Mr. Freeman stated the City has no classifications to which the calculation would be applicable at this time.

The only further amendment Commission made to the proposed ordinance was to change the final sentence of Sec. 19-40 to read, "Approval from the building and zoning departments shall be required upon renewal only if there is a change in ownership or classification of the business".

Mrs. Lancaster inquired what determines a business. She referred to an issue that has been brought to the Code Enforcement Director's attention, wherein an inventory of plants is being housed at a location, then being sold in another jurisdiction. Attorney Hall and Mr. Schmitt confirmed the zoning department would review an application to determine conformity with the zoning ordinance. Mr. Strollo explained steps have been taken to remove the carpet from the ground at 1212 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. He further stated he made his decision that an occupational license is not needed for the location based on Sec. 19-39(4) Exemptions for Occupational License, citing the business is state licensed and it is an agricultural venture. Attorney Hall stated the applicability would be the word "natural person" - if the Federal ID# is in the name of another entity, it would not be a natural person. She also opined that this exemption should have been removed before now but, this ordinance has not been updated for a very long time. Mr. Schmitt will meet with Mr. Strollo concerning this issue.

Mr. Williams commented on the difference in the numbering of the proposed ordinance, given the chapter was being rewritten in its entirety. Attorney Hall will correct the draft before first reading. Commission also requested that the fee schedule be included when the ordinance is brought back for first reading and advertising approval.

#### 4. DISCUSSION: CITY CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

Mr. Freeman informed Commission the list is events the City has either co-sponsored or had some involvement with in the past. Also included is a list of suggested criteria to be considered by the Commission when evaluating a request for co-sponsorship of a special event. Attorney Hall confirmed all the co-sponsored events would be supported by at least one criterion. After discussing the proposed criteria, it was consensus of Commission the list was acceptable.

Mr. Seger discussed how his department may be involved in events, and how expenses and revenue from the events is determined. After voicing how co-sponsored events should be determined, including budget, it was consensus of Commission that they will each review the list and then submit their opinion of which events should be co-sponsored by the City. Mr. Lukowiak confirmed he can identify expenses associated with each event in the budget and will send the information to Commission before they make their final decision.

Mr. Freeman informed Commission the final budget has been distributed.

Mayor Bustle reported a text message from Florida League of Cities stating the proposed property tax issue has been removed from the January referendum. He also read from a blog from Neil Spiritas that the Hometown Democracy issue collapsed in debate.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Minutes approved: October 15, 2007

  
James R. Freeman  
City clerk