

Palmetto City Commission  
October 15, 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  
Deputy Chief Mike Mayer  
Tanya Lukowiak, CRA Executive Director  
Bob Schmitt, Interim City Planner  
Michele Hall, City Attorney  
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: Mr. Ball moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 4-0 to approve the October 15, 2007 4:00 pm agenda.**

2. MANATEE SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

Kerry Ward, Wachovia Bank, informed Commission Manatee School for the Arts is seeking a bank qualified bond issue of \$6.5 million. The school currently has a \$5 million outstanding balance, approved by Commission in three different issues. Of the City's \$10 million per calendar year allotment, \$5.8 million has been used. Mr. Ward further explained his bond counsel is trying to confirm if the three prior issues totaling \$5 million can be grandfathered, and then the school will request only \$1.5 million. Mr. Ward stated the school's request at this point is approval from the City for two separate issues, \$3.5 million before the end of the year and \$3 million in January of 2008. The challenge is that the City would have to commit now to the future \$3 million 2008 issue.

Mr. Freeman confirmed that if Commission approves the \$3 million request for 2008, that amount would be removed from the City's \$10 million allotment in 2008. Mr. Lukowiak reviewed the potential 2008 projects that could be funded from loan proceeds. Several Commissioners voiced concern with having to commit to a future bond when the City's decisions for 2008 funding needs have not been finalized. A workshop will be scheduled for the near future to review proposed City and CRA projects for 2008 and their proposed finance options.

Mayor Bustle stated the City has in the past and will continue to support MSA, but at this particular time the Commission must keep the City's needs in the forefront of their considerations. Commission declined participation in the request from Manatee School for the Arts.

2. SCHOOL FACILITY INTERLOCAL DRAFT AGREEMENT

Attorney Hall informed Commission that staff had met with School Board representatives concerning language amendments the City proposes to the School Facility Interlocal Agreement. Attorney Hall reviewed the draft language she had prepared, briefly reviewing the "shall" and

"may" terms contained throughout the document. She concentrated her discussion on sections 9.1 School Site Selection, 9.2 Planning of Educational Facilities and 9.3 Site Improvements of the agreement. After thoroughly discussing the proposed language and the negotiated points between staff and the School Board representatives that remain in the document and language that was removed, Commission accepted the draft agreement as proposed. The final document will be presented to Commission for formal approval on November 5, 2007.

### 3. TRAFFIC ANALYSIS PRESENTATION

Nick Lett, Renaissance Planning, reviewed a presentation of the traffic mobility study that was performed. Key considerations used during the study were:

- Approved and pending development projects
- Committed capital projects
- Capacity constrained facilities
- Peak hour commuting patterns

Components of the findings discussed with Commission included:

- Existing and 2012 projected levels of service
- 2012 recommended improvements and projected capital improvement costs
- Stop sign and signalized intersections
- Recommended traffic circulation of stop/signalized intersections
- On-street parking strategy
- 2030 future traffic circulation map

Discussion ensued on how the study can be used as a development review tool when considering large scale developments and their impacts to City traffic and how it will benefit the City in developing long range plans. Mr. Lukowiak discussed the projects that are already underway and their funding. He also stated a plan for stop signs will be presented at the November 5, 2007 Commission meeting and staff will begin preparing a plan for addressing on-street parking.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Minutes approved: November 5, 2007

  
James R. Freeman  
City Clerk