

Palmetto City Commission
February 2, 2009 5:00 p.m.

Elected Officials Present:

Shirley Bryant, Mayor
Brian Williams, Vice Mayor
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner
Mary Lancaster, Commissioner
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner
Alan Zirkelbach, Commissioner

Staff Present:

Mark Barnebey, Interim City Attorney
James R. Freeman, City Clerk
Tanya Lukowiak, CRA Director
Garry Lowe, Chief of Police
Allen Tusing, Interim Public Works Director
Diane Ponder, Deputy Clerk-Administration

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. A moment of silence was observed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. PRESENTATION: TAMPA BAY AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) representatives Kathryn Ortega and Brian Bollas gave a brief update on the findings of the Regional Master Plan that TBARTA has completed to improve traffic congestion and improve mobility in a seven county region including Manatee County.

2. PRESENTATION: CENTRAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER (CEDC)


Allison Hewitt, Executive Director of the CEDC, reviewed items listed on the January 14, 2009 invoice for delivery of economic development services. Ms. Hewitt explained that action has not been taken on the planned services for January, February and March, as she is awaiting Commission approval of materials. She discussed the results of the services provided the last quarter of 2008.

Commission held a general discussion concerning some of the reviewed topics. Commission requested the following additional information:

1. Additional information on the Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)
2. Plans on how the community can be made aware of the services provided by CEDC
3. Counseled individuals to be sorted by address, retaining only City of Palmetto residents

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Minutes approved: February 23, 2009


James R. Freeman
City Clerk