

Palmetto City Commission
February 23, 2009 5:00 P.M.

Elected Officials Present:

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

Elected Officials Absent:

Alan Zirkelbach, Commissioner

Staff Present:

James R. Freeman, City Clerk
Tanya Lukowiak, CRA Director
Garry Lowe, Chief of Police
Tom McCollum, Interim City Planner
Allen Tusing, Interim Public Works Director (entered at 5:30 pm)
Frank Woodard, Deputy Director of Project Management & Engineering
Diane Ponder, Deputy Clerk-Administration

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Commissioner Williams gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. PRESENTATION: PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Frank Woodard narrated the initial presentation of the proposed 2009 Capital Improvement Plan. Commission will set a meeting date to begin the in-depth discussion of the plan.

2. DISCUSSION: 201 12th STREET WEST

The property owner is in the final stages of the SHIP application process for the construction of a new home, and issues with the citing of the home have arisen because of necessary setbacks which are affected by Carr Drain splitting the property; currently an existing fence is located on City property. Mr. Woodard reviewed a survey depicting a portion of land at 201 12th St. W. that had been dedicated to reserve a 20' right-of-way, stating Mr. Tusing is recommending the City vacate the dedicated land.

Attorney Barnebey confirmed a vacation of the property would be appropriate, as well as the waiver of the fee once the homeowner applies for the vacation. He also suggested approval of a variance would also be appropriate. Mr. McCollum stated that with the vacation a variance would not be necessary.

Mr. Tusing confirmed the dedication occurred on a 1912 plat, and if Commission approves the vacation there is one additional piece of property that should also be included. He also confirmed that the vacation of the property would not affect any City utilities and that no reservation of property is necessary.

Mrs. Lancaster spoke of the property owner having to pay taxes on Carr Drain. Attorney Barnebey stated it may be possible to alleviate some property tax responsibility by the execution of an easement to the City for the drainage ditch.

Mayor Bryant stated that while it appears Commission is willing to assist the homeowner, the topic will be brought back for formal action.

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Mr. Freeman was instructed to identify dates when a two hour meeting to discuss the CIP can be held.

Mr. Woodard was asked to send a copy of the presentation to the Commission.

Mayor Bryant thanked county commissioners John Chappie and Carol Whitmore for attending the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Minutes approved: March 9, 2009



James R. Freeman