

**PALMETTO CITY COMMISSION
WORKSHOP MEETING
March 15, 2010 – 4:30 PM**

Elected Official Present:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor
Tamara Cornwell, Vice Mayor and Commissioner-at-Large 2
Alan Zirkelbach, Commissioner-at-Large 1 (entered at 4:45 pm)
Mary Lancaster, Commissioner, Ward 1
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2
Brian Williams, Commissioner, Ward 3

Staff Present:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Garry Lowe, Chief of Police (entered at 4:47 pm)
Tom McCollum, Interim City Planner
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Diane Ponder, Deputy Clerk-Administration

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm, followed by a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

1. PRESENTATION: TAMPA BAY NITROGEN MANAGEMENT CONSORTIUM
REASONABLE ASSURANCE OVERVIEW

Frank Woodard introduced Holly Greening, executive director of the Tampa Bay Estuary Program, who narrated an informational presentation of the Tampa Bay Nitrogen Management Consortium Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) and Reasonable Assurance Overview. The City has been active in the consortium since 2007, and has participated in the development of the TMDL criteria. Ms. Greening reported that since the inception of the program, sea grasses are recovering at 500 acres per year and water quality is similar to what it was in 1950. Ms. Greening stated that the Commission will be asked to adopt a resolution at the April 5, 2010 meeting accepting the TDML levels for the next four years.

Commissioner Williams inquired on the nitrogen and nickel levels of the City's drinking water. Mr. Woodard stated the CCR report was received last week and he will report back to Commission the different components of the drinking water the City receives from Manatee County.

2. DISCUSSION: CDBG GRANT

Bud Clarke and Loren Clarke from Clark Communities, Inc. (CCI) outlined the timeframes and processes to apply for the upcoming CDBG grant cycle. Ms. Clarke discussed the public hearings that will be held and the neighborhood survey that will be conducted. Mr. Clarke stated the project will encompass \$1,000,000; \$250,000 which will be from the City and \$750,000 from grant funding. He stated the May 14, 2010 application date will be met. As the vendor selected by Commission to provide grant administrative services for the upcoming grant cycle, the proposed contract with CCI is on the 7:00 agenda for approval.

3. ORDER OF CONDEMNATION & DEMOLITION – 502 11th St. W.

Code Enforcement Director Bill Strollo briefed Commission on an Order of Condemnation and Demolition Notice issued March 4, 2010 for a home located at 502 11th St. W.

Ms. Dorothy Gillyard, who has personally relocated the owner, addressed Commission about her attempts to secure permits to remodel the home. She also stated that she has recently learned that it is impossible to receive assistance from the City or the SHIP program to rebuild the house. She asked that Commission allow her time to demolish the home so that the City does not incur the cost and file a lien against the property. Mr. Strollo suggested that a period up to 60 days should be sufficient to accomplish the demolition. Attorney Barnebey suggested that staff could report what has been accomplished at the location at the second meeting in April and then Commission could take appropriate action, if necessary.

It was consensus of Commission to give Ms. Gillyard time to demolish the structure.

In response to Commissioner Williams' inquiry, Mr. Strollo advised Commission that a Notice of Violation regarding the number of cars that are allowed on the front lot was issued for 1811 8th Ave. W. and hand-delivered on Friday. Upon review today, there were six cars on the lot, one of which belonged to a patron; one owned by an employee; and four vehicles for sale.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Minutes approved:

James R. Freeman

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