

**CITY OF PALMETTO  
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING  
JANUARY 7, 2013  
4:30 PM**

Elected Officials Present

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor  
Brian Williams, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, Ward 3  
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2  
Jonathan Davis, Commissioner-at-Large 1  
Charles Smith, Commissioner, Ward 1  
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2—(Arrived 4:43 p.m.)

Staff Present:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney  
Jeff Burton, CRA Director  
Jim Freeman, City Clerk  
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director  
Rick Wells, Chief of Police  
Lorraine Lyn, City Planner  
Amber Foley, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

1. BLACKSTONE PARK EXPANSION

City Planner Lorraine Lyn explained that the site plan is for the addition of three new ball fields to be located in the southeast corner of Blackstone Park. There will be a new parking lot and concession stand with restrooms. This plan meets all of the City's requirements including parking.

Ms. Lyn introduced Dan Bond, Senior Project Manager, Stantec, Michael Bell, Senior Principal, Stantec, and Tom Yarger, Construction Services Manager with Manatee County. They worked with City staff to develop the site plan.

Mr. Yarger displayed the site plan. Discussion ensued regarding the expansion of Blackstone Park. The site plan is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Varnadore asked Manatee County Commissioner Whitmore to bring a request to Manatee County for the addition of a fourth field at the park so that the Little League can host tournaments.

Commissioner Williams would like to see new light poles added to the girls' softball field. Charlie Bishop, Director of the Property Management Department for Manatee County, stated that the County is working with a defined scope. There is no funding allocated at this time for new or additional items. He is hopeful that the project will come in under budget and leftover funds can be used for additional items. Mayor Bryant suggested that a list be compiled and given to the County with items the City would like to see replaced on the current site.

Attorney Barnebey stated that he is finishing the interlocal agreement with the County. The agreement will be brought forward to Commission for approval and then the \$800,000 contribution from the City for the fields will be given to the County.

Mr. Yarger informed Commission that 60% plans are expected to be completed by Santec by the end of the month. The County will provide pictures and updates once they receive the plans from Santec.

This item is on the 7:00 p.m. agenda for Commission approval.

2. ORDINANCE 2013-01

Attorney Barnebey explained that there is an issue with one subdivision and their bond expiring. They have not made any improvements since they posted a performance bond. The subdivision is requesting the City not pull the bond and give them an extension to allow more time to make the improvements. Mr. Barnebey made the following changes to the ordinance:

1. Allowing the extension of any performance security for more than one year with City Commission approval.
2. Requiring a posting of defect security of three years.

Mayor Bryant departed the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Commissioner Williams questioned as-built drawings provided by the developer. He would like to see digital copies only written in this section.

In regard to Section 26-27, Paragraph B, Attorney Barnebey explained that the developer is allowed to post defect security bonds on the portion of work that has been completed and they would post a performance bond only for the portion of work that has not been completed. Commissioner Williams would like to see that specific language added to the paragraph.

This item is on the 7:00 p.m. agenda for a first read.

### 3. ANNEXATION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 529 20<sup>TH</sup> STREET WEST

City Planner Lorraine Lyn distributed photographs of the property located at 529 20<sup>th</sup> Street West. These pictures are attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Varnadore would like to see the City's Code Enforcement review properties from the County that are applying for annexation. Discussion ensued regarding the property coming into compliance with the City Code. Attorney Barnebey said that he would like to see the owner bring the property into compliance instead of adding conditions to the annexation.

Commissioner Cornwell departed the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

In regard to tax revenue, Mr. Freeman informed Commission that the property value is currently \$243,000 and would generate approximately \$1,269 of tax revenue to the City per year.

Commissioner Cornwell returned to the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Commissioner Smith requested a survey be sent out to surrounding property owners to see if they are interested in being annexed into the City. Mr. Tusing will work on putting together some information and mailing it out.

Commissioner Davis departed the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

This item is on the 7:00 p.m. agenda for a public hearing.

### 4. PLAN AMENDMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 529 20<sup>TH</sup> STREET WEST

This item was discussed under item number 3.

Vice Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Minutes approved: January 28, 2013

*James R. Freeman*

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City Clerk