

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
March 5, 2018
4:30 PM**

Elected Officials Present:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor
Jonathan Davis, Vice Mayor, Commissioner-at-Large 1
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2
Harold Smith, Commissioner, Ward 1
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2
Brian Williams, Commissioner Ward 3

Staff Present:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police
Amber LaRowe, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

Mr. Burton introduced Mike Maholtz, new CRA part-time employee. Mr. Maholtz comes from the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and looks forward to sharing ideas with the City.

1. RESOLUTION 2018-10 CENTRAL MANATEE NETWORK ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS (CMNAA)

Karla Owens, Director of Development Services, discussed Resolution 2018-10 as attached. She met with the MPO staff while drafting this Resolution. The Resolution is a document of support for the current CMNAA strategies and short-term traffic solutions and reductions as identified.

Commissioner Cornwell would like to see the strategies identified in the Resolution even if it is an attachment. She indicated that this would ensure that it is noted that the City is in support of the current strategies in the CMNAA. Mrs. Owens agreed and will prepare that before the 7:00 p.m. agenda where this Resolution is scheduled to be adopted.

Commissioners were encouraged to peruse the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) website where the various projects are discussed and updated.

Mrs. Owens continued to discuss the letter to Leigh Holt, Strategic Planning Manager of the MPO. She explained that the letter is a submission of a list of projects as the City's priority list for future urgent transportation needs and asks for a few errors related to the U.S. 301/10th Street Corridor Concept page on the CMNAA recommendation to be corrected.

2. 505 5th STREET WEST DISCUSSION

Mr. Burton made a presentation to the Commission regarding the former Edenfield property located at 505 5th Street West. The presentation is also included in the agenda packet under Tab 2. The information presented included the current property value, the owner, the acres of the parcel, and the zoning of the surrounding properties. The property was designated as a brownfield and was put into a voluntary cleanup. The vision for the property is a park. Mr. Burton would like to have a vote on the name of the property. A suggestion of Connor Park was made from the Historical Commission after Frank Connor. Frank Connor was inducted into the Manatee County Agricultural Hall of Fame. He was a seaboard airline railroad agricultural agent working with growers and land owners alike.

Commissioner Cornwell exited the meeting at 5:42 p.m. and returned at 5:44 p.m.

Commissioner Cornwell complimented the design; however, stated she thought discussion on this property were for it to be a dog park or kayak launching area. She opined the design mimics the existing MLK Park. She is not in favor of designing a new park that mimics parks already in existence in this City. She would like it to stand out and be its own unique park.

This discussion will carryforward to the 7:00 meeting.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes approved: April 16, 2018

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk