

**Palmetto City Council**  
**November 6, 2000 7: 05 PM**

**Elected Officials Present:**

**Pat Whitesel, Mayor**  
**Tamara Cornwell, Vice Mayor**  
**Shirley Groover Bryant, Council Member**  
**Donna Keefer, Council Member**  
**Mary Lancaster, Council Member**  
**Brian Williams, Council Member**

**Staff and other present:**

**Jim Dye, Attorney**  
**Garry Lowe, Palmetto Police Department**  
**Mary Jean Forrester, Acting City Clerk**  
**Margaret Tusing, Planning & Zoning Director**  
**Mike Hickey, Public Works Director**  
**Diane Ponder, Administrative Assistant**

**Mayor Whitesel called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.**

**Don Patterson gave the invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag.**

**Council Member Shirley Groover Bryant read a proclamation naming November 12 – 18, 2000 as Farm City Week in the City of Palmetto. Accepting the proclamation were Alice Myers and Lynn Rogers. Mrs. Myers informed Council of the posthumous induction into the Agricultural Hall of Fame of Joel Hendricks, Palmetto's first Post Master and the first man to build a deepwater port on Palmetto's side of the Manatee River.**

**Vice Mayor Cornwell read a proclamation naming November as Veterans Remembrance Month in the City of Palmetto. Accepting the proclamation was Don Wedge of the Palmetto Elks Lodge and Veterans Chairman Bob Vicaro. Don Patterson also presented the Palmetto Elks Lodge with a statue. Mr. Patterson informed the Lodge it could be auctioned off for the benefit of Palmetto's youth if the Lodge chose to do so. Mr. Vicaro invited the Citizens of Palmetto to attend the November 15, 2000 luncheon where veterans from all wars will be honored. The Elks Lodge also made a donation to Palmetto's Make a Difference event.**

**Mayor Whitesel recognized Mr. and Mrs. Belmont Whittle with a plaque of appreciation for the donation of a staghorn fern that is hanging in Heritage Park. The Mayor also awarded a plaque of appreciation to Harry Vander Noord for his donation of two reclanata palms.**

Capt. Garry Lowe presented a lifesaving award to Thomas Dowell for his participation in saving the life of electrocution victim Ben Kearns.

Capt. Garry Lowe recognized Officer Jerome Waiters who received a promotion to Corporal.

**1. PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE NO. 697**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 387, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY, TO CHANGE THE ZONING FROM RS-2 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, 10,000 SQ.FT. LOTS) TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT/MULTI-USE (PD-MU) AND TO APPROVE THE GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN, WITH CONDITIONS, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 8.4 OF THE ZONING CODE FOR THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN SECTION ONE AND AS GRAPHICALLY PORTRAYED ON THE PLAN ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A", TO APPROVE THE RESTORATION PLAN NARRATIVE ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "B"; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Z00010/Palmetto House Inn)

The public hearing was opened; no public comment, hearing was closed.

MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mrs. Keefer seconded and motion carried unanimously to adopt Ordinance No. 697.

**2. PUBLIC HEARING – STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND THE CITY OF PALMETTO**

The public hearing was opened; no public comment, hearing was closed.

MOTION: Ms. Bryant moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried unanimously to authorize the Mayor to execute the Stipulated Settlement Agreement.

**3. SECOND PUBLIC HEARING – CDBG-ED GRANT LETTER OF SUPPORT AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 00-28**

**A) CDBG-ED Grant Letter of Support**

The public hearing was opened; no public comment, hearing was closed.

MOTION: Mr. Williams moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried unanimously to authorize the Mayor to sign the Letter of Support.

**B) RESOLUTION NO. 00-28: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO 2001 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Karen Hartman stated the resolution was for the 2000 Economic Development Grant, not 2001.**

**The public hearing was opened; no public comment; public hearing was closed.**

**MOTION: Mr. Williams moved, Mrs. Keefer seconded and motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 00-28 with the stated correction to the date.**

**4. DISCUSSION & APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TRANSPORTATION OUTREACH PROGRAM GRANT**

**MOTION: Mr. Williams moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried unanimously to authorize the Mayor to execute the TOP Grant.**

**5. ESTABLISH SETBACKS FOR PUBLICLY ZONED PROPERTY – MANATEE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CENTER AT THE MANATEE COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS**

**MOTION: Mr. Williams moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the establishment of a 20-foot setback from 17<sup>th</sup> St. W. and a minimum 75-foot setback from 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. West.**

**6. SPECIAL FENCE PERMIT – 1200 13<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE WEST (KENNETH & CYNTHIA HERRING)**

**MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mrs. Keefer seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve a 6-foot privacy fence on the 12<sup>th</sup> Street, West property line.**

**7. FINAL PLAT APPROVAL – PENINSULA AT RIVIERA DUNES**

**MOTION: Mr. Williams moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried unanimously to authorize the Mayor to execute the Final Plat for the Peninsula at Riviera Dunes.**

Mrs. Tusing stated the required Improvement Agreement that is signed when public improvements are not made also needs to be executed by the Mayor.

**8. AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES AS "CITY ENGINEER" – ZOLLER, NAJJAR & SHROYER, L.C.**

**MOTION:** Ms. Bryant moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried unanimously to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement for Professional Engineering Consulting Services naming Zoller, Najjar & Shroyer, L.C. as City Engineer.

**9. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A) Minutes: October 12, 2000 Administrative Meeting  
October 16, 2000 City Council Meeting
- B) October Check Register
- C) Dye, Deitrich, Prather, Petruff & St. Paul October Billing

**MOTION:** Ms. Bryant moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

**10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT**

**Capt. Garry Lowe, Palmetto Police Department**

Capt. Lowe distributed a rendition of the police vehicle's logo including the City seal. It was consensus of Council that the seal should be located on the back quarter panel on both sides of all vehicles, including police motorcycles.

**Mary Jean Forrester, City Clerk's Office**

Mrs. Forrester advised Caleb Grimes, attorney for Riviera Dunes, needed to address Council on the 7<sup>th</sup> Street extension. Mrs. Tusing advised Council as part of the DRI and agreements with the City of Palmetto, Riviera Dunes is to dedicate right-of-way for the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Extension. Ms. Tusing asked for direction from Council, in view of the approved TOP grant as it relates to the realignment of 7<sup>th</sup> Street to Haben Boulevard.

Mr. Grimes stated there have been meetings with SWIM on the design and expansion of the park. He stated the City needs to make the determination on whether or not there is a need for 7<sup>th</sup> Street to extend down the west side of US 41 and come out at Haben or, with the light, is it now the desire to come through that way and around to Haben. He stated Riviera Dunes would dedicate all required lands to the City with the exception of two areas that are to be reserved for development sites. Whether or not 7<sup>th</sup> Street goes through will not change what lands Riviera Dunes is dedicating to the City.

A discussion was held about the 7<sup>th</sup> Street extension. Ms Cornwell suggested that a study might be needed to ascertain mathematically the best solution. Mr. Williams suggested turning the project over to the City's engineers to do a traffic analysis. Mr. Grimes suggested that the City's engineers meet with the Riviera Dunes engineers to discuss traffic studies that Riviera Dunes has made. It was consensus of Council to move forward on the City's engineers meeting with Riviera Dunes.

Mike. Hikey, Public Works

Mr. Hikey distributed to Council the project listings prior to the meeting.

Celebration Station is in the process of being vacated for renovation of the decking. Public Works is attempting to place organizations renting the site into other facilities.

Public Works and the Palmetto Police have coordinated to address traffic at Palmetto Elementary at the conclusion of construction, which is planned next week.

Ms. Cornwell informed Mr. Hikey the crosswalk at the City parking lot at Regatta needs to be repaired. Mr. Vander Noord asked about the retaining wall that has been removed from the area. Mr. Hikey stated a work order had been issued to address the area. Mr. Vander Noord also stated the City light poles needed to be painted.

Jim Dye, City Attorney

Mr. Dye stated the LaFitte property would close by the first of next week.

Mr. Dye advised Council there was an item of interest to the City that is on the County Commission agenda. The county attorney is seeking direction from the County Commission as to whether to file suit against the City on the Forristall annexation, based on the fact the property may not be contiguous to City property. Mrs. Tusing is to meet with Mr. Dye concerning this topic.

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

Julia Clark Gibson is to be reimbursed total of \$717.57 for expenses incurred in the purchase of what was thought to be surplus City property.

The Department Head minutes are now in a notebook in Council's office.

12. INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS

Ms. Bryant

Ms. Bryant discussed the Tomato Festival and the fact there was not going to be a new Tomato Queen this year. It was consensus of Council to allow last year's Tomato Queen to remain in that capacity until next year.

Clyde Boltz is going to be setting up a meeting with Public Works regarding issues at Terra Ceia Golf & Country Club. He also provided a budget of the Terra Ceia Golf & County Club for distribution to Council. Ms. Bryant stated a meeting with the association would be set hopefully in January for Council to visit. Staff was reminded that meetings of this type must be advertised.

Ms. Bryant submitted resident Mary McEntee as a potential candidate for the Historical Board.

Ms. Bryant thanked Geoff Seger and Dave Enos for their help in designing the hanger for the staghorn fern that was donated to the City by Mr. and Mrs. Belmont Whittle.

Ms. Bryant asked about the outstanding issues regarding the Wedding Chapel. Mayor Whitesel stated the issues were being addressed.

Mrs. Lancaster

Mrs. Lancaster inquired when the work on Oakridge would begin. Mr. Hikey will report back the requested information.

Mrs. Lancaster stated she has never told anybody to condemn any property. She explained her inquiry into the Jackson property. She discussed that City codes and ordinances were for the same for everybody in the City. Ms. Bryant stated her comment was not a criticism, that enforcement was being requested in Ward 1 the same as it is in other wards.

Mr. Williams

Mr. Williams asked the current status of the City's grant writer, purchasing director, finance director and city clerk. A list of the new employees will be provided to Council.

Mr. Williams asked the status of the building department move. Mayor Whitesel suggested moving CRA to the Celebration Center and the building department to the CRA quarters. Staff is to research any lease with the bank and report findings back to Council. Discussion was held concerning groups using the center. Mr. Williams stated it would be beneficial for CRA to be deeper into the CRA district. Ms. Cornwell stated a house on the church property needs to be moved, as it had been deemed historical and could not be razed.

Mr. Williams stated that it had been some time since Council had received an update from Smith & Gillespie on all the City's projects.

A discussion was held on the boat that was to be donated for auction benefiting the Historical Commission. The approximate indebtedness of the Historical Commission to the City related to the Chapel is \$4900.

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Mr. Williams commented on the letter received from Boyd Insurance. Mayor Whitesel is to meet with the City Attorney and advise how to proceed with the matter.

Ms. Cornwell

Ms. Cornwell asked about the paving updates. She asked for a schedule of the paving, with time lines and anticipated expenses.

Lincoln Middle School will move into its new building the first week in December. The old school will be demolished during Christmas break.

Signage should be posted on public facilities advising the public whom it contact for keys.

Ms. Cornwell commented on the planned activities celebrating Veterans Day.

Ms. Cornwell reminded everyone to vote.

Mr. Williams reminded the Mayor the next CRA appointment is scheduled to be from Ward 3. Mayor Whitesel stated she has committed to appointing a person of Hispanic heritage.

Mrs. Lancaster asked if the bulletin boards have been erected at Public Works. The boards were provided by Palmetto Police Department, and have been erected.

It was consensus of Council that January's City Council meetings be scheduled as follows:

January 8, 2001	7 PM Council Meeting
January 22, 2001	7 PM Council Meeting
January 29, 2001	4 PM Administrative Meeting

CITIZEN COMMENT

William McMillan commented on the progress being made during the last year. He asked about an award given by the City regarding human relations and, if not, suggested the Council might consider moving in that direction.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes approved: November 20, 2000

  
Acting City Clerk

Audio tapes of the meeting are available in the city clerk's office.