

Palmetto City Council
September 23, 2002 7:00 PM

Elected Officials Present:

Larry Bustle, Mayor
Mary Lancaster, Vice Mayor
Tamara Cornwell, Council Member
Charlie Grace, Council Member
Brian Williams, Council Member

Elected Officials Absent:

Shirley Bryant, Council Member

Staff and others present:

Karen A. Conlon, City Clerk
Garry Lowe, Chief of Police
Mike Hickey, Public Works Director
Jim Keranan, Finance Director
Bill Hawthorne, CPA Associates
Diane Ponder, Administrative Assistant

Mayor Bustle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Larry Smith, Palm View Bible Church, gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

Mayor Bustle read a proclamation declaring September 27 - September 29, 2002 as Oktoberfest 2002. Mary Ann Barneby accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Great Outdoors Conservancy.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Bustle requested the agenda be renumbered - switching items number 2 and 3.

MOTION: Mr. Williams moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 4-0 to approve the September 23, 2002 agenda as amended.

2. FINAL MILLAGE AND BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Attorney Prather announced the final public hearing for adoption of the 2002 millage rate and adoption of the 2002-2003 Budget, stating the tentative millage at 4.6645, a 20.03% increase above the 3.8862 rollback rate.

Mayor Bustle opened the public hearing on Resolutions No. 02-14 and 02-15.

Johnathan Davis resubmitted a list a questions from concerned property owners, along with a list of signatures, stating his opposition to the increase in the millage rate.

Mayor Bustle closed the public hearing.

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Attorney Prather announced the City of Palmetto as the taxing authority, the rollback rate was 3.8862, the tentative millage rate before Council for action is 4.6645, a 20.03% increase in property taxes adopted the City if Resolution No. 02-14 is adopted.

Attorney Prather read Resolution No. 02-14 in its entirety.

Resolution No. 02-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE MILLAGE FOR THE TAX YEAR 2002 AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES ON PROPERTY WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO FOR THE YEAR 2002.

Mr. Williams inquired if the proposed budget being considered for adoption contained a \$200 salary increase for Council and \$800 for the Mayor. After Mrs. Conlon's affirmative reply, Mr. Williams suggested either the Charter Review Committee or a citizen's committee needed to look at the salary increases. Discussion ensued on moving the allocated \$1,820 to the Contingency Fund until a decision is made about the salary increase. Council concurred with the transfer, as it would not impede the adoption of the millage and 2002-2003 Budget.

MOTION: Mr. Williams moved, Ms. Cornwell seconded and motion carried 4-0 to adopt Resolution No. 02-14 as read.

MOTION: Mr. Williams moved, Mr. Grace seconded and motion carried 4-0 to move \$1,820 from account #1001-511-2999 into the contingency line item for future discussion for raises for Mayor and Council.

Attorney Prather read Resolution No. 02-15 in its entirety.

Resolution No. 02-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003; MAKING APPROPRIATION OF MUNICIPAL FUNDS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Bustle opened the public hearing.

Helen McInerney referred to the advertisement in the Bradenton Herald, inquiring about expenses in the General Government and Transportation accounts. Finance Director Jim Keranan explained these were functional types of expenses for the various departments of the City. Mrs. Conlon advised Ms. McInerney she could review the entire budget at City Hall or purchase a budget package for her use.

Mayor Bustle closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 4-0 to adopt Resolution No. 02-15 with the amendment moving \$1,820 from the Mayor and Council salary schedule into the Contingency Fund.

Attorney Prather read the title to Ordinance No. 02-757.

Ordinance No. 02-757

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING, ADOPTING AND ENFORCING THE FINAL MILLAGE, BUDGET AND THE RECEIPT AND COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM TAXES ON PROPERTY WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO FOR THE TAX YEAR 2002; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO CERTIFY COMPLIANCE AND THE MILLAGE; AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR OF MANATEE COUNTY TO COLLECT SAID AD VALOREM TAXES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Bustle opened the public hearing. There was no public comment; Mayor Bustle closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried 4-0 to adopt Ordinance No. 02-757.

Mrs. Conlon informed Council the employees paid from the Enterprise Funds would receive the same salary increase as employees paid by the General Fund. Council approved by consensus.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 02-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND CONSENTING TO THE TRANSFER OF THE NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE AND CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM FROM THE TIME WARNER ENTERTAINMENT-ADVANCE/NEWHOUSE PARTNERSHIP TO A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY AND MANAGEMENT THEREOF BY ADVANCE/NEWHOUSE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried 4-0 to adopt Resolution No. 02-18.

4. 1ST READING & APPROVE TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE NO. 02-761

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PROJECT DENSITY; APPROVING A GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE BACCAGE SUBDIVISION ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Z0220 The Boccage Subdivision/Z, LLC; 20.36 acres)

MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried 4-0 to approve Ordinance No. 02-761 for advertising and schedule a public hearing October 7, 2002.

5. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mrs. Lancaster

Construction has begun on 14th Street - Oakridge.

Commented on the Masonic Lodge receiving funds from the CRA grant program.

Mr. Williams

Commented on the FLOC Datagram noticing the League's lawsuit has been filed and only 20 cities throughout the state participated. He confirmed the City's attorney is not involved.

Stated his concern on letters generated by the CRA and asked the Mayor to look into the situation. Mayor Bustle informed Council he has had conversations with the Chairman of the Board and the CRA Executive Director and is waiting for the CRA Board to advise what they wish to happen.

Ms. Cornwell

Asked that the response to the questions from residents of 24th Avenue be provided to Council. Discussion on the matter ensued with the suggestion made that a town hall meeting needed to be scheduled.

Mr. Grace

Updated Council on the recent CRA Board meeting. The RFP proposals for the Love property have been distributed to eight developers. Phase one of the EPA review has been completed. Cherie Correa gave a presentation on the SHIP program. The CRA Board approved the Executive Director's salary at the same level of the other department heads. \$35,000 has been allotted for the Building Inspector position.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Recognized candidate Charles Smith.

Congratulated staff for their efforts in putting together the budget, while dealing with numerous issues concerning the new hardware and software. Also congratulated Council on its performance during the budget process.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Minutes approve: October 7, 2002



Karen A. Conlon
City Clerk