

Palmetto City Council
December 16, 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:

Attorney Richard Groff
Karen Conlon, City Clerk
Chief Garry Lowe
Mike Hickey, Public Works Director
Diane Ponder, Administrative Assistant

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

Diane Ponder gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

City of Bradenton Council Member Marianne Barneby presented a certificate of appreciation to Palmetto City Hall as the first place winner of the government category in the 2002 American Patriotism Decorating Contest.

Bill Gasparovic, executive director of Community Coalition on Homelessness accepted a proclamation read by Mayor Bustle proclaiming December 21, 2002 as Manatee County Homeless Memorial Day. Mr. Gasparovic spoke about the work the coalition performs in its attempt to provide affordable housing in the county. A memorial service will be held December 21, 2002 at the Jubilee Church on the Rock.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Bustle asked that Ordinance No. 02-770 be added to the agenda for first reading and approval for advertising.

MOTION: Mr. Williams moved, Ms. Cornwell seconded and motion carried 4-0 to approve the December 16, 2002 agenda as amended.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 4-0 to approve the Consent Agenda.

3. AWARD OF BID - POLICE VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

MOTION: Mr. Williams moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 4-0 to award the Police Vehicle Maintenance bid to Professional Automotive, not to exceed rates as listed in Vehicle Maintenance Proposal Schedule B.

4. PALM LAKE ESTATES PRELIMINARY PLAT

Public Works Director Mike Hickey recommended approval of the Palm Lake Estates Preliminary Plat subject to conditions stated by the DRC and P&Z Board.

Alan Zirkelbach reviewed the plat with Council, stating he had taken into account comments relating to drainage, lot size, and the park made at a previous meeting regarding the project. A portion of the property will be dedicated to the City for park access; parking for accessing the park has been created; the subdivision contains 36 lots averaging 18,000 square feet, sidewalks have been placed on the outside loop; homes will be priced in the \$175,000 range; and swales are placed on the side yards to drain to the street then into the lake.

MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried 4-0 to approve the Palm Lake Estates Preliminary Plat with the conditions recommended by the DRC and the P&Z Board.

5. HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL RATES

Mrs. Conlon stated the forecasted 10% increase in employee medical insurance coverage did in fact occur, but the increase had been budgeted. However, increases in elective dependent medical insurance have not been modified for several years. Mrs. Conlon recommended the premium increase be implemented on a sliding scale over several years. The increase to be implemented effective January 1, 2003 is as follows:

One Dependent	\$17.50 per pay period
Spouse	\$30.00 per pay period
Family	\$50.00 per pay period

Twenty-four city employees will be affected and will be personally contacted by the Human Resources Director prior to the increase.

MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mr. Grace seconded and motion carried 4-0 to approve the recommended insurance premium increase for employee elected dependent child, dependent spouse and/or family medical coverage.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 02-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING FLORIDA'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REAUTHORIZATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY.

MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 4-0 to adopt Resolution No. 02-21.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 02-22

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 02-15, WHICH RESOLUTION ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Conlon explained the proposed resolution would formally accept the final tax increment revenue from the county. The CRA Board will formalize how the additional funds will be spent at its January meeting for Council's review and approval.

MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mr. Grace seconded and motion carried 4-0 to adopt Resolution No. 02-22.

8. RESOLUTION NO. 02-23

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 02-15, WHICH RESOLUTION ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Bustle explained the proposed resolution would formally ratify the salaries approved by the CRA Board.

MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 4-0 to adopt Resolution No. 02-23.

9. 1ST READING & APPROVE FOR ADVERTISING - ORDINANCE NO. 02-765

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORIES TO THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (AN 0207-Palmetto Rental Properties, Inc. 612 10th St. E., 2.02 acres)

MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mr. Grace seconded and motion carried 4-0 to approve Ordinance No. 02-765 for advertising and schedule a public hearing January 6, 2003.

10. 1ST READING & APPROVE FOR ADVERTISING - ORDINANCE NO. 02-766

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, AMENDING THE PALMETTO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM IL (INDUSTRIAL, LIGHT/COUNTY) TO HCI (HEAVY COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL/CITY) BY INCORPORATING THE LAND LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN SECTION ONE AND IN PLAN AMENDMENT NO. PA0212 ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (PA0212/Palmetto Rental Properties, Inc., 2.02 acres)

MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 4-0 to approve Ordinance No. 02-766 for advertising and schedule a public hearing January 6, 2003.

11. 1ST READING & APPROVE FOR ADVERTISING - ORDINANCE 02-767

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 387, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN SECTION ONE OF THIS ORDINANCE FROM LM (LIGHT MANUFACTURING/COUNTY) TO CHI (COMMERCIAL, HEAVY/INDUSTRIAL/CITY); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Z0221/Palmetto Rental Properties, Inc., 2.02 acres)

MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 4-0 to approve Ordinance No. 02-767 for advertising and schedule a public hearing January 6, 2003.

11A. 1ST READING & APPROVE FOR ADVERTISING - ORDINANCE NO. 02-770

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 387, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, BY REVISING ARTICLE VI, SECTION 6.7(b) SWIMMING POOLS BY AMENDING THE ENCLOSURE REQUIREMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (ZCA0201)

MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 4-0 to approve Ordinance No. 02-770 for advertising and schedule a public hearing January 6, 2003.

12. PERSONNEL BOARD COUNSEL

Attorney Groff discussed the Personnel Ordinance creating a Personnel Board that sits to hear serious employee grievances, and calls for the Board to have its own counsel. Attorney Groff explained he usually prosecutes the case on behalf of the department thereby precluding Attorney Prather from representing the Board, and recommended retaining Attorney Bill Lisch as Counsel for the Personnel Board at the city attorney's litigation rate of \$160 per hour.

MOTION: Mr. Williams moved, Ms. Cornwell seconded and motion carried 4-0 to approve Attorney Bill Lisch as Counsel for the City of Palmetto Personnel Board on an as required basis not to exceed \$160 per hour.

13. DEPARTMENT HEAD'S COMMENTS

Mike Hickey, Public Works Director

Commented on the success of Christmas in the Park.

The city has been alerted by US Filter that the total cost to dispose of sludge, including laboratory fees, will increase significantly. Discussion ensued on the cost of liquid sludge disposal vs. solid, or cake, sludge disposal. Don Patterson, US Filter stated \$718,000 was the total cost for year four of the contract. The difference in the sludge contract will increase to \$76,000 or a \$56,000 increase. Mr. Patterson stated liquid disposal would be more expensive and recommended maintaining the current sludge disposal practice.

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Karen Conlon, City Clerk

Thursday is Ms. Tusing's last day with the city.

Unbudgeted software acquisition will be placed on the January 6, 2003 agenda.

Chief Garry Lowe

Corp. Ahler and K9 Brix made a significant drug arrest, confiscating cocaine.

The Citizens Academy begins January 23, 2003.

14. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Dr. Davenport will teach a parliamentary procedures class January 10, 2002. Newly elected officials may attend free of charge; additional participants will pay \$45.

The Ethics Commission has determined Charter Review Committee members are not required to file financial disclosure forms, but advised the statutes allow the City Council to require the disclosure. It was consensus of Council not to require the filing.

The proposed sign ordinance has been distributed to Council and the attorney. It was suggested notice to the city businesses should be made via the water bill, post cards or a press release advising when the proposed ordinance would be discussed.

The Palmetto Historical Commission applied for a grant for restoration of the Cypress House, which had to be turned in to the funding agency by 5:00 PM this date. Mayor Bustle informed Council, as the owner of record, he had signed a letter regarding the application on behalf of the city, and asked Council to ratify his actions. As with other grants, Council will vote on whether or not to accept the grant.

MOTION: Mr. Williams moved, Ms. Cornwell seconded and motion carried 4-0 to ratify the execution of the agreement by the Mayor on December 16, 2002.

Commented on the success of Christmas in the Park, stating agencies had been targeted that had access to the more needy children. Tropicana provided juice and Kash N Karry provided Christmas cookies.

15. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

The Council Members wished everyone a happy holiday.

Mrs. Lancaster recognized the Canadian Club which, with the help of Ms. Cornwell, selected two families to sponsor for the Christmas holiday.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Minutes approved: January 6, 2003



Mary Jean Forrester
Deputy City Clerk