

**Palmetto City Council  
December 17, 2001 7:00 PM**

**Elected Officials Present:**

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

**Staff and others present:**

**Jim Dye, City Attorney  
Karen A. Conlon, City Clerk  
Interim Chief Garry Lowe, Palmetto Police Department  
Mike Hickey, Public Works Department  
Diane Ponder, Administrative Assistant**

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

**City Clerk Karen Conlon presented Mayor Whitesel and Council Member Keefer with plaques, thanking them for their years of service to the city.**

**MANATEE COUNTY RADIO CONTROLLERS**

**Billy Dilworth, representative of Manatee County Radio Controllers explained the organization is not for profit, comprised of members that fly model airplanes for recreation. He presented a plan whereby the organization is wishing to negotiate a 99-year lease for the Erie Road Landfill. Discussion ensued on the possible construction of a nearby school and the surrounding neighborhoods. Mrs. Conlon also reminded Council the attorney is working with the county on a piece of property abutting the landfill an individual is interested in purchasing from the city. The attorney will review the information and render an opinion. A copy of the presented material is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.**

**2. 1<sup>ST</sup> READING & APPROVE FOR ADVERTISING ORDINANCE NO. 02-**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 7, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO RELATING TO THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE II, SECTION 7-25, BUILDING-RELATED FEE SCHEDULE, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE III, BUILDING STANDARDS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES;**

**PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE IV, ELECTRICAL STANDARDS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE V, PLUMBING STANDARDS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ARTICLE VI, MECHANICAL CODE AND GAS CODE, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR CREATION IN CHAPTER 7, A NEW ARTICLE III, SECTION 7-31, FLORIDA BUILDING CODE, REFERENCING THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 17, HOUSING, ARTICLE II, HOUSING STANDARDS, SECTION 17-26, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE APPLICABILITY OF THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE TO HOUSING STANDARDS AND FAIRHOUSING MATTERS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CHAPTER 17, HOUSING, ARTICLE III, FAIRHOUSING, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CHAPTER 29, UTILITIES, ARTICLE V, CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL, DIVISION 2, RULES AND REGULATIONS, SECTION 29-147, EXCERPTS FROM STATE CODES AND REGULATIONS, SUBPARAGRAPH (2), SOUTHERN STANDARD PLUMBING CODE – CHAPTER XII, SECTION 1204, AND SUBPARAGRAPH (3), SOUTHERN STANDARD PLUMBING CODE – APPENDIX D, SECTION D-102, AND SUBPARAGRAPH (4), SOUTHERN STANDARD PLUMBING CODE – APPENDIX D, SECTION 104, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**MOTION: Mrs. Keefer moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 02-01 for advertising and schedule a public hearing for January 7, 2002.**

### **3. RESOLUTION NO. 01-20**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A COUNTY CHARTER FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND EROSION OF SELF GOVERNING POWERS OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 01-02.**

### **4. CULTURAL DIVERSITY TRAINING**

**Mrs. Conlon discussed the training that is available at a lesser price that Interim Chief Lowe quoted, but stated she needed to confirm it has all the components requested by the police department. Interim Chief Lowe discussed the need to expedite the training, suggesting that city hall employees be eliminated from the**

training. It was consensus of Council that all city employees would benefit from the training and allowed Mrs. Conlon until January 7, 2002 to gather the information.

**5. EXPENSES OVER \$500**

**Police Department**

Law Enforcement Supply Co. for \$9,464.00; USA Software, Inc. for \$5,175.00; Professional Automotive for \$2,878.08

**MOTION:** Ms. Bryant moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Police Department expenses over \$500 not to exceed \$17,509.08.

**Public Works Department**

Cash's Nursery for \$2,065.00; Oneco Concrete for \$11,480.60

**MOTION:** Ms. Cornwell moved, Mrs. Keefer seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Public Works Department expenses over \$500 not to exceed \$13,545.60.

**CRA**

Mohammed and Sons tax abatement payment for \$13,510.00; Martin Luther King Day sponsorship for \$1,000.00; Time Warner for \$729.50; Attorney fees for \$525.00

**MOTION:** Ms. Bryant moved, Mrs. Keefer seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the CRA expenses over \$500 not to exceed \$17,764.50.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A) Minutes of November 26, 2001 and December 3, 2001 Council Meeting
- B) Dye, Deitrich, Prather, Petruff & St. Paul, P.L. billing through October 31, 2001
- C) November Check Register

Council Members discussed the illegible check register, requesting it be recopied.

**MOTION:** Mr. William moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried unanimously to remove the November Check Register from the Consent Agenda.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Keefer moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda with removal of the November check register.

**7. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT**

There was no report from the police department.

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**Karen Conlon, City Clerk**

**Reminded Council Members two positions on the General Employees' Board of Trustees expiring January 1, 2002 are Council appointments. Mr. Ken Adams has expresses the desire to serve another term. The topic was placed on the January 7, 2002 agenda.**

**The bid is being prepared for the Green Bridge Bait Shop concession. Mr. Hickey is being consulted to establish a date and time the facility can be inspected.**

**Mayor-elect Bustle has requested a change in the agenda format for the January 7, 2002 meeting.**

**MOTION: Mr. Williams moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried unanimously approved the January 7, 2002 agenda with additions.**

**Mike Hickey, Public Works Department**

**Requested approved of out-of-state travel for two city employees to the FEMA sponsored Hurricane Recovery and Mitigation conference. The only cost associated with the seminar is for food. Discussion ensued on the need to include a third employee who has not previously attended the seminar.**

**MOTION: Ms. Bryant moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the out-of-state travel for three people to attend the FEMA conference.**

**Mayor Whitesel**

**Thanked the citizens for the privilege of serving them on the P&Z Board, City Council and as mayor.**

**8. INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS**

**Ms. Cornwell**

**The date of the free white goods pickup is January 16, 2002/**

**Commended the public works department for a job well done at the celebration in Sutton Park.**

**Mrs. Keefer**

**Complimented Interim Chief Lowe on his memo.**

**Complimented Tanya Lukowiak for her job with the CRA. Commented on the donation from American Bank and inquired the status of the special account at the police department. Mrs. Conlon advised Council she is working with the city auditors and the Sheriff's Department.**

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**Thanked the city for the plaque and time she spent serving as a member of the City Council, CRA Board and Code Enforcement.**

**Mrs. Lancaster**

**Commended Ms. Lukowiak and the CRA Board, stating City Council is being taken into consideration during the development of their plans.**

**Commented on the banks of Carr Drain. Mr. Hickey stated Manatee County maintains all the banks on Carr Drain. Mr. Hickey will again report the situation to Manatee County.**

**Inquired if members of the Charter Review Board will receive material before the initial meeting. Mrs. Conlon stated she hoped to begin the process in the latter part of January. Mr. Williams stated the last Charter review took place in 1989.**

**Mrs. Keefer inquired about researching boundaries for the wards. Mrs. Conlon stated information for this topic of discussion will be available at the January 7, 2002 meeting.**

**Discussed the accident report for the area of 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Streets on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

**Mr. Williams**

**Inquired when the striping on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue at the school will occur. Mr. Hickey stated the project has been scheduled.**

**Discussed the contract for sewer on "O" Street in Palmetto Mobile Home Park. This item was placed on the January 7, 2002 agenda.**

**Ms. Bryant**

**Thanked Interim Chief Lowe for his memo.**

**Mrs. Keefer commented on the placement of Albertson's new facility and its proximity to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.**

**Minutes approved: January 7, 2002**

  
**Karen A. Conlon, City Clerk**