

Palmetto City Council
March 20, 2000 - 7:00 p.m.

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:

Alan Prather, Attorney
Dave Meng, City Clerk
Garry Lowe, Police Department
Don Patterson, Public Works Director/PSG
Mary Jean Forrester, Deputy City Clerk
Margaret Tusing, City Planner

Captain Lowe gave the invocation followed by the pledge to the United States flag.

1. FIRST READING AND APPROVE FOR ADVERTISING-ORDINANCE NO. 669:

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 EXHIBIT "A" OF THIS ORDINANCE FROM RM-6 TO CG (GENERAL COMMERCIAL); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Z0002/ALBERTSON'S INC.)

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1. FIRST READING AND APPROVE FOR ADVERTISING-ORDINANCE NO. 669 (continued):

MOTION: Mrs. Keefer moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 669 for advertising and schedule the public hearing for April 3, 2000.

2. FIRST READING AND APPROVE FOR ADVERTISING-ORDINANCE NO. 670:

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 00-01 - V. WILLIAM KAKLIS - 1601 21ST STREET WEST)

MOTION: Mrs. Keefer moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 670 for advertising and schedule the public hearing for April 3, 2000.

3. FIRST READING AND APPROVE FOR ADVERTISING-ORDINANCE NO. 671:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, AMENDING THE PALMETTO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM RES-3 (RESIDENTIAL/3 UNITS PER ACRE/COUNTY) TO RES-4 (RESIDENTIAL/4 UNITS PER ACRE/CITY) BY INCORPORATING PLAN AMENDMENT NO. PA0001 ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (PA0001/City of Palmetto/ V. WILLIAM KAKLIS; APPROXIMATELY 5.0 ACRES)

MOTION: Mrs. Keefer moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 671 for advertising and schedule the public hearing for April 3, 2000.

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4. FIRST READING AND APPROVE FOR ADVERTISING-ORDINANCE No. 672:

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 A-1 (COUNTY) TO ER (ESTATE RESIDENTIAL/CITY); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Z0001/City of Palmetto/V. William Kaklis)

MOTION: Mrs. Keefer moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 672 for advertising and schedule the public hearing for April 3, 2000.

5. FIRST READING AND APPROVE FOR ADVERTISING-ORDINANCE NO. 673:

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 00-02 - Palmetto Business Park; 2001 U.S. Highway 301 [approximately 177 acres])

MOTION: Mrs. Keefer moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 673 for advertising and schedule the public hearing for April 3, 2000.

6. SUPERNOFA-NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY-TONY COLLINS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR, MANATEE COUNTY:

Mr. Tony Collins presented information regarding the SuperNOFA (Super Notice of Funding Availability) for Housing, Community Development and Empowerment Programs for fiscal year 2000. The Federal Government has combined all of the categorical loans into a single super application and represents about \$2.4 billion in HUD program funds.

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**6. SUPERNOFA-NOTICE OF FUND AVAILABILITY-TONY COLLINS,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR, MANATEE COUNTY
(continued):**

Mr. Collins stated that the purpose of the SuperNOFA is to simplify the application process and bring consistency and uniformity to the process and give local governments the opportunity to coordinate grants they would like to apply for.

Mr. Collins reviewed listings of different types of grants that are available and stated that some of the grants are restricted to certain applicants. Grants discussed by Mr. Collins include the Fair Housing and the Economic Development and Empowerment grants. Mr. Collins said that the County is willing to provide information on any grant and give support to the City.

7. BUDGET REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2000 - DAVID MENG, CITY CLERK:

Mr. Meng reviewed the budget report for the month of February 2000.

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Javier Martinez and Mr. Alberto J. Martinez discussed the Fronteras Parade and the 3rd Festival Hispano scheduled for May 7, 2000.

Mrs. Lancaster discussed the change of time for the parade and the revised parade route which was approved by City Council on March 6, 2000. The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. and the revised parade route was presented by Mr. Williams.

*Changed 3/30/00
time to 11:00pm.*

The City Council discussed with Mr. Martinez the problems of the festival held last year in Sutton Park. These problems include cleanup, volume of speakers, parking of cars on city property. The Council stated that alcohol is not allowed on any City property.

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8. CONSENT AGENDA (continued):

Mr. Patterson was requested to develop guidelines and present recommendations to City Council on March 30, 2000. Mr. Patterson will also recommend an appropriate deposit for this event based on last year's celebration.

Ms. Cornwell discussed the application to FDOT for closing 8th Avenue West during the parade. This application is being given to FDOT for consideration of approval and will be submitted to City Council. *Parade Route changed 3/30/00*

Mr. Prather suggested that the two special function permits be presented individually to allow for conditions to be included in the motions.

A. SPECIAL FUNCTION PERMIT-FRONTERAS PARADE-MAY 7, 2000

MOTION: Mr. Williams moved, Mrs. Lancaster and Mrs. Keefer seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Special Function Permit for the Fronteras Parade on May 7, 2000 with the stipulations that the State approves the closure of 8th Avenue West and the time has been changed to 10:30 a.m. and the parade route has been changed to:

*Route changed
3/30/00*

Parade will stage at the fairgrounds and go out to 13th Avenue W.; go north to 17th Street W.; go east on 17th Street W. to 8th Avenue; go South on 8th Avenue to 6th Street; go west on 6th Street to Sutton Park.

*see change - Route
3/30/00*

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8. CONSENT AGENDA (continued):

B. SPECIAL FUNCTION PERMIT - 3rd Festival Hispano-Sutton Park, May 7, 2000:

MOTION: Mr. Williams moved, Mrs. Keefer seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Special Function Permit for the 3rd Festival Hispano in Sutton Park on May 7, 2000 conditioned upon the appropriate deposit from Public Works and based on the information to be submitted by Mr. Patterson.

Ms. Bryant requested discussion and clarification of where the participants of the festival will be allowed to park and that the organizers of the festival be made aware of these restrictions. Captain Lowe said that he would have a Spanish speaking officer present for the March 30, 2000 meeting and that a Spanish speaking officer would speak on the radio station to inform individuals of the guidelines for the event.

C. SPECIAL FUNCTION PERMIT-3RD ANNUAL CINCO DE MAYO-MAY 5, 2000 TO BE HELD AT ALVAREZ MEXICAN RESTAURANT - 1431 8TH AVENUE WEST:

MOTION: Ms. Bryant moved, Mrs. Keefer seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Special Function Permit for the 3rd Annual Cinco DeMayo to be held on May 5, 2000 at Alvarez Mexican Restaurant located at 1431 8th Avenue W.

Mrs. Keefer asked that the Palmetto Mobile Home Park be contacted regarding this event so that it can be announced to residents of the park.

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8. CONSENT AGENDA (continued):

D. SPECIAL FUNCTION PERMIT-SPRING CLASSIC BICYCLE TOUR-APRIL 2, 2000:

MOTION: Mrs. Keefer moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Special Function Permit for the Spring Classic Bicycle tour on April 2, 2000.

E. SPECIAL FUNCTION PERMIT-EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE-APRIL 23, 2000:

MOTION: Mrs. Keefer moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Special Function Permit for the Easter Sunrise Service on April 23, 2000 at Green Bridge.

Council asked that the North River Ministerial Association be notified that the City does not provide bleachers or chairs for special function events.

F-H BALANCE OF CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: Mrs. Keefer moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the balance of the consent agenda.

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9. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Captain Garry Lowe informed Council that the Palmetto Police Department had donated a camera to Manatee Children's Services.

Mr. Prather stated that personal property items can be disposed of if a determination is made that there is no commercial value to the personal property item.

MOTION: Ms. Bryant moved, Mrs. Keefer seconded and motion carried unanimously to authorize the donation of a camera to Manatee Children's Services by the Palmetto Police Department and that it has no commercial value.

Ms. Bryant requested that in the future, the personal property item be presented to City Council, stating that there is no commercial value, and request Council to approve the item as a donation.

Mr. Williams, Vice President of Manatee Children's Services, thanked the City for the donation of the camera.

EXPENDITURES OVER \$500. - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:
Action Fabrication & Truck \$4,864.00 for landscape dump body
Terry Communications \$660.00 for 2-Motorola Raduis SP50 Landscape.

MOTION: Ms. Bryant moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve Public Works expenditures not to exceed \$5,524.

Mr. Prather informed Council that the City Attorneys are in need of advice regarding litigation involving the City styled as City of Palmetto v. Samuel P. Scott, et al., Case No. CA-97-1908, Parcels 115, 116 and 124. The subject matter will be confined to settlement negotiations and/or strategy relating to the litigation. Mr. Prather requested this litigation assessment meeting be called for March 27, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. and that this meeting would require approximately one (1) hour. The special meeting will be called to order and recessed to the Litigation Assessment meeting.

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9. MAYOR'S REPORT (continued):

City Council requested that a get well card be sent to Mayor Whitesel's grandson, T. J. Whitley.

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mrs. Keefer:

Mrs. Keefer requested new organizational charts for City Hall, Public Works and the Police Department.

Mr. Meng reported that the City has not received any bids for health insurance and that the committee is looking at a partial self-insurance plan. This proposal will be presented to Mayor Whitesel and then to City Council.

Mrs. Keefer asked for a report on the conditions of the electrical system in Lamb Park. Mr. Patterson will send a memo to Council regarding the cost to upgrade this system.

Mr. Meng reported that the Hydrant Park payment has been received and that a report on the Recycling Grant will be prepared.

Mrs. Keefer asked about the status of the problems with FDEP at the Police Department and referred to the deadline. Mr. Patterson said that he will check with Smith and Gillespie on this project.

Mrs. Keefer referred to the memo regarding the use of City vehicles. Mr. Williams said that this memo does not cover the questions by City Council.

Mr. Prather stated that the Mayor and Council need to decide what is wanted in the policy for the use of city vehicles by elected officials. Mr. Prather said that the policy should state the general description of the cars authorized to be used by Mayor and Council and the purposes for which the vehicles can be used.

Council requested Mr. Patterson to call other cities regarding their policy for city owned vehicles. Mr. Patterson was also asked to work with Mr. Koper on liability insurance and the use of magnetic signs.

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10. COUNCIL COMMENTS (continued):

Mrs. Lancaster:

Mrs. Lancaster thanked Mr. Patterson for the removal of the sign at the intersection of 8th Avenue and 13th Street West.

Mrs. Lancaster said that the CDBG had failed in the Senate and requested that a letter be sent to Representative Bradley from the Mayor and City Council asking for his support for this grant.

Mr. Williams:

Mr. Williams asked about the status of the billboard. Mr. Prather said he would furnish Council with a report.

Mr. Mike Taylor, 1102 27th Avenue West, asked about a Skate Park for Blackstone Park. Mr. Taylor was advised to contact Manatee County regarding this request.

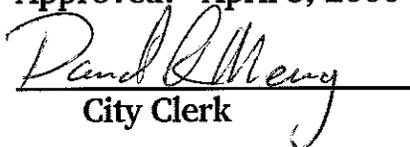
Mr. Taylor thanked the Palmetto Police Department for helping with the car wash held recently by the Skate Park Task Force.

11. CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Mr. William McMillan spoke to Council about doing something positive for the City that would help the image of the community, such as a sculpture or something dynamic. Mr. McMillan would like to have participation from City Council, private and corporate sectors and volunteers. Ms. Cornwell asked Mr. McMillan to prepare a proposal for the council to review.

The meeting ended at 9:25 p.m.

Approved: April 3, 2000


City Clerk

Audio tapes of the meeting are on file in the City Clerk's office.