

**Palmetto City Council  
July 17, 2000 7: 00 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 others present:**

**Alan Prather, Attorney  
Chief Ken Bright, Palmetto Police Department  
David Meng, City Clerk  
Don Patterson, Interim Public Works Director/PSG  
Margaret Tusing, City Planner/Zoning Administrator  
Mary Jean Forrester, Deputy City Clerk  
Allen Tusing, Public Works Supervisor  
Diane Ponder, Administrative Assistant**

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

**Pastor Brian Bustle of the Church on the Rock gave the invocation, followed by the pledge to the United States flag.**

**1. DEP CONSENT ORDER**

**Mr. Williams asked Mr. Prather the necessity of Council approving the Consent Order at this meeting, as he had not had sufficient time to review the document. A discussion was held to determine if the Council was under a deadline to approve the Consent Order. Mr. Jeff Siewert of Smith & Gillespie Engineers, Inc. stated Council was not under a time constraint in approving the Order. It was consensus of Council to remove the DEP Consent Order and set a workshop for the Order on August 3, 2000 at 4 p.m.**

**2. PRIVATIZATION OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**Mr. Patterson stated PSG was not prepared to give a presentation at this time. A discussion was held concerning the privatization of the Public Works Department.**

**Citizens Joe Hampton, Eddie Clark and Robert Jones addressed Council concerning the privatization of the Public Works Department.**

It was consensus of Council to schedule a workshop to determine what would be in the best interest of the City relating to the Public Works Department. A workshop was scheduled for July 25, 2000 at 5:30 p.m.

**3. FIRST READING/PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE FOR ADVERTISING ORDINANCE NO. 681**

Ordinance No. 681 was read by title as follows:

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 0004-Rose C. Vickers, William A. Vickers, Rose C. Vickers, Revocable Trust; approximately 3.46 acres)

The public hearing was opened. There was no public comment. Mayor Whitesel closed the public hearing.

Motion: Mrs. Keefer moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 681 for advertising and schedule a public hearing for August 7, 2000.

**4. FIRST READING/PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE FOR ADVERTISING ORDINANCE NO. 682**

Ordinance No. 682 was read by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, AMENDING THE PALMETTO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM LM (LIGHT MANUFACTURING/COUNTY) TO GC (GENERAL COMMERCIAL/CITY) BY INCORPORATING THE LAND LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN SECTION ONE AND IN PLAN AMENDMENT NO. PA 0004 ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (PA0004/ City of Palmetto/Rose C. Vickers, William A. Vickers, and Rose C. Vickers, Revocable Trust; 3.46 acres)

The public hearing was opened. There was no public comment. Mayor Whitesel closed the public hearing.

Motion: Mrs. Keefer moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 682 for advertising and schedule a public hearing for August 7, 2000.

**5. FIRST READING/PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE FOR ADVERTISING ORDINANCE NO. 683**

Ordinance No. 683 was read by title as follows:

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 (COUNTY) TO CG (COMMERCIAL, GENERAL/CITY); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Z0006/City of Palmetto/Rose C. Vickers, William A. Vickers and Rose C. Vickers, Revocable Trust)

The public hearing was opened. There was no public comment. Mayor Whitesel closed the public hearing.

**Motion:** Mrs. Lancaster moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 683 for advertising and schedule a public hearing for August 7, 2000.

**6. FIRST READING AND APPROVE FOR ADVERTISING ORDINANCE NO. 684**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 663, BY REVISING DEADLINES FOR THE PHASE III DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE; BY CLARIFYING THE SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Riviera Dunes)

**Motion:** Ms. Bryant moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 684 for advertising and schedule a public hearing for August 7, 2000.

**7. FINAL PLAT APPROVAL – CANAL ROAD INDUSTRIAL PARK SUBDIVISION**

**Motion:** Ms. Bryant moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Canal Road Industrial Park Subdivision Final Plat and authorized the Mayor to sign the Final Plat.

**8. SPECIAL FENCE PERMIT – 200 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, West**

**Motion:** Ms. Bryant moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Special Fence Permit for 200 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, West.

**9. FLORIDA MUNICIPAL LOAN COUNCIL**

Mr. Meng briefly introduced the loan program as an instrument for possible financing of any capital needs the City may have at advantageous interest rates. Mr. Will Weathers of Gardnyr Michael Capital, Inc., a private firm handling the loan for Florida League of Cities, the sponsor of the program and who will actually be issuing the bonds.

Mr. Weathers introduced Philip Hunt, President of Gardnyr Michael Capital, Inc., who along with J. P. Morgan & Company has been working with the Florida League of Cities and the Florida Municipal Loan Council on this project. Mr. Hunt explained how the loan program worked for municipalities in financing capital projects.

It was consensus of Council to discuss this loan program at the workshop scheduled for July 25, 2000 at 5:30 p.m.

**10. RESOLUTION NO. 00-13 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY**

**Motion:** Ms. Bryant moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried unanimously to accept the bid of \$500 from Lewis E. Byrd for the property described as the West 40 feet of Lot 22, Block D, Sharp & Turners Add, and to approve Resolution No. 00-13.

**11. RESOLUTION NO. 00-14 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY**

**Motion:** Mr. Williams moved, Mrs. Keefer seconded and motion carried unanimously to accept the bid of \$500 from Georgia Lee Angeloff for the property described as Lot 12, Block A, Brunjes Subdivision, and to approve Resolution No. 00-14.

**12. SURPLUS PROPERTY – EAST ½ OF LOT 24, BLK, C, BRUNJES SUB. 1904 10<sup>th</sup> St. W.**

Mr. Meng explained this was a piece of surplus property owned by the City that had gone out to bid, with no bids received. Tenth Street Baptist Church is the only property

owner abutting this property and has requested the City donate the property to the church.

Mrs. Keefer moved and Mr. Williams seconded to donate the property to Tenth Street Baptist Church. A discussion was held on the appropriateness of donating publicly owned property. Mr. Prather suggested it would be more acceptable to contact the church, advising the City would entertain a bid submitted on the property. Mrs. Keefer and Mr. Williams removed their motions.

### 13. FISCAL YEAR 2000/2001 BUDGET

The following budget workshops were scheduled:

September 7, 2000 – 6 p.m.  
September 25, 2000 – 7 p.m.

Motion: Ms. Bryant moved, Mrs. Keefer seconded and motion carried unanimously to set the tentative millage rate for FY 2001 at 4.1645 and so inform the Manatee County Property Appraiser

### 14. CONSENT AGENDA – Minutes June 19 and June 29, 2000 Meetings; June Check Register, Dye, Deitrich, Petruff & St. Paul, P.L. June Statement; Constangy, Brooks & Smith May Statement

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

### 15. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Whitesel advised Council regarding the public work shop August 15, 2000 at Bradenton city hall regarding SWFWMD in conjunction with Tampa Bay Regional Planning.

Mayor Whitesel advised Council of her campaign for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Florida League of Cities, a positive position for the City of Palmetto, as well as the other nine municipalities encompassed in the Manasota League. She asked each Council Member for their support of her representing Manatee County and primarily the City of Palmetto in her endeavor to be elected to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's position in the Florida League of Cities.

Mayor Whitesel read City Clerk David Meng's letter of resignation as the City Clerk, retaining his position as Finance Director, effective when a replacement has been hired.

Mayor Whitesel reported she is trying to schedule meeting with municipalities who have a city manager form of government, as well as cities that have gone back to the form of government lead by a mayor.

Ms. Tusing updated Council concerning AAA Architectural Elements & Coatings, Inc. efforts to solicit industrial revenue bonds through the county for lots 11 and 12 of Canal Road Industrial Park. The county's board will be meeting August 1, 2000, at which time this project will be presented to the county. Ms. Tusing will attend the meeting as a representative of the City of Palmetto.

#### 16. INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS

##### Ms. Bryant

Ms. Bryant stated her belief that the CRA needs some Hispanic involvement, whether on the board or in some other way, until such time there may be an opening on the board. Mrs. Lancaster stated the American Hispanic Board was also trying to identify people eligible to set on City boards.

Ms. Bryant asked the public address system be check before each meeting to ensure citizens in the back of the chamber could hear the discussion.

Ms. Bryant suggested when ordering stationary for the City the web site address is included. Also, when ordering business cards for Council their e-mail addresses should be included.

Ms. Bryant asked for the code enforcement officer to respond to an e-mail she received concerning units at Tropic Isles Mobile Home Park.

Ms. Bryant reported the donation of a boat from Diversified Marine for auction for benefit of the Chapel.

##### Mrs. Keefer

Mrs. Keefer asked Mr. Patterson to observe tree limbs obscuring stop signs.

##### Mr. Williams

Mr. Williams commented on the recent rains and flooding on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He suggested the Public Works Department and the Palmetto Police Department needed to develop a standard operating policy on how to handle situations of this nature.

Mr. Williams suggested the Historical Commission be put on the City's web page, with the commission periodically updating its contribution.

Mr. Williams asked Mr. Prather the status of the Brown vs. City of Palmetto lawsuit. Mr. Groff will be meeting with Council concerning the suit.

##### Ms. Cornwell

Ms. Cornwell asked Chief Bright to comment on the Palmetto Police coming into the City's schools, not to replace the School Resource Officer but to enhance the program.

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**Ms. Cornwell asked the status of the police bike patrol at the mobile home parks.**

**Ms. Cornwell commented on the need to take into consideration the necessity of paving streets in the City.**

**Mayor Whitesel**

**Mayor Whitesel advised Council Mr. Meng would be attending the free, one-day Simplified Communications Service Tax seminar.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.**

**Minutes approved: August 7, 2000**

  
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City Clerk

*Audio tapes of the meeting are on file in the city clerk's office.*