

**Palmetto City Council**  
**August 21, 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 Director Public Works**  
**Allen Tusing, Supervisor Public Works**  
**Margaret Tusing, City Planing/Zoning Administrator**  
**Diane Ponder, Administrative Assistant**

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

**Chief Bright gave the invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.**

**Chief Bright recognized the efforts of Palmetto citizens Dwight Taylor, Roosevelt Taylor and Raphael Houston, who helped in the apprehension of suspects in the armed robbery at Blockbuster Video. Chief Bright presented plaques to the individuals. Representatives of Blockbuster Video also expressed their appreciation.**

**City Clerk Dave Meng recognized Human Resource Director Sharon Jones for achieving certification as an accredited Public Personnel Professional.**

**GENERAL TOPICS**

**1. RESOLUTION NO. 00-16: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, VACATING A PORTION OF 11<sup>TH</sup> STREET WEST AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"; RETAINING A 15-FOOT PUBLIC DRAINAGE/WATER EASEMENT AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "B"; RETAINING A 20-FOOT PUBLIC/PRIVATE UTILITY EASEMENT AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "C"; RETAINING A 10-FOOT PUBLIC/PRIVATE UTILITY EASEMENT AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "D"; RETAINING A 10-FOOT PUBLIC/PRIVATE UTILITY EASEMENT AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "E"; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (V0001-Albertson's, Inc.)**

The public hearing was opened; no public comment, hearing closed.

**MOTION:** Ms. Bryant moved, Mrs. Keefer seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 00-16.

**2. RESOLUTION NO. 00-17: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, VACATING A PORTION OF 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET DRIVE WEST AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"; RETAINING A 10-FOOT PUBLIC SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "B"; RETAINING A 10-FOOT PUBLIC/PRIVATE UTILITY EASEMENT AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "C"; RETAINING A 10-FOOT PUBLIC/PRIVATE UTILITY EASEMENT AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "D"; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (V0001-Albertson's, Inc.)**

The public hearing was opened; no public comment, hearing closed.

**MOTION:** Ms. Bryant moved, Mrs. Williams seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 00-17.

**3. FIRST READING & APPROVE FOR ADVERTISING ORDINANCE NO. 685**  
Ordinance No. 685 was read by title.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 663 EXHIBIT "B", CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN, BY CHANGING THE APPROVED USE FOR A PORTION OF PARCEL 10 AND PARCEL 16; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Riviera Dunes)**

The requested change pertains to a portion of lot 10, exchanging it for the convenience retail that was approved on parcel 16. A discussion was held concerning parcels 16 and 17 becoming part of the new P2000 Grant if approved. As that has not yet happened, the current uses for those parcels is what was approved in November 1999, hence the reason for the change.

Also discussed was the appraisal and identification of wetlands on parcels 16 and 17 and the donation of the property to the City in conjunction with the P2000 Grant.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Keefer moved, Ms. Cornwell seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 685 for advertising and schedule a public hearing September 11, 2000.

**4. FIRST READING & APPROVE FOR ADVERTISING ORDINANCE NO. 687**

Ordinance No. 687 was read by title.

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 0005-James E. and Glenna M. Amerson; approximately 1.89 acres)

MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve Ordinance 687 for advertising and schedule a public hearing September 11, 2000.

**5. FIRST READING & APPROVE FOR ADVERTISING ORDINANCE NO. 688**

Ordinance No. 688 was read by title.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, AMENDING THE PALMETTO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM RES-9 (RESIDENTIAL 9DU/AC/COUNTY TO GC (GENERAL COMMERCIAL/CITY) BY INCORPORATING THE LAND LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN SECTION ONE AND IN PLAN AMENDMENT NO. PA0005 ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (PA0005/City of Palmetto/James E. and Glenna M. Amerson; 1.89 acres)

MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 688 for advertising and schedule a public hearing September 11, 2000.

**6. FIRST READING & APPROVE FOR ADVERTISING ORDINANCE NO. 689**

Ordinance No. 689 was read by title.

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 CG (COUNTY) TO CG (COMMERCIAL, GENERAL/CITY); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Z0009/City of Palmetto/James E. and Glenna M. Amerson)

MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 689 for advertising and schedule a public hearing September 11, 2000.

**7. WILL'S OAK SUBDIVISION**

**A) Waiver Request for Minimum Right-of-way and Use of Private Access Easement**

**MOTION:** Ms. Cornwell moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve with conditions the Waiver Request for Minimum Right-of-way and Use of Private Access Easement and that Lot 1 shall not be divided.

**B) Final Plat Approval**

**MOTION:** Ms. Cornwell moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the Will's Oak Subdivision Final Plat.

**8. JULY BUDGET REPORT**

Mr. Meng reviewed the July budget report.

**9. CONSENT AGENDA – Approve Minutes of July 31, 2000, August 3, 7 and 14, 2000 meetings.**

**MOTION:** Ms. Bryant moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

**10. MAYOR'S REPORT**

A discussion was held concerning the Public Works proposed wireless communication provided by Nextel.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Keefer moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve expenditure to Suncoast Wireless Communications not to exceed \$1,189.60.

Mayor Whitesel reviewed the handicap ramp and sidewalk maintenance that was needed at Heritage Park. Mayor Whitesel also advised Council of the need to pay outstanding billings on the Wedding Chapel. A discussion was held whether the City should directly pay the obligations or extend a loan to the Historical Society.

**MOTION:** Mr. Williams moved, Ms. Cornwell seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the expenditure of \$1,078.80 for the handicap ramp and pay the existing bills.

Mayor Whitesel advised Council the P2000 Grant has been deemed complete and is being evaluated.

Mayor Whitesel advised Council she would be attending the Cities International Academy. The Manasota League is paying the \$175 registration and asked the City to pay the hotel reservations and travel & per diem of approximately \$294.

Mayor Whitesel reported on the meeting held with Manatee County Administrator Ernie Padgett, reporting the Water Contract is unchanged; swimming pool will be taken back to the County Commission; recycling bins at the trailer parks will be in place by October 1, 2000; skate park is a non-issue; the ordinance pertaining to Groover's Market and problems associated with the area around Lincoln Middle School is being formulated. The last issue discussed was the Library. Mr. Prather reported the lease agreement for the Library will be ready for review next week.

## 11. INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS

### Ms. Bryant

Ms. Bryant stated the memo to a new employee's file should contain the employee's name, start date, starting salary and promise of any salary increases made at the time of hire. Mr. Williams stated he was working on developing a pay scale for next year. He also advised Council the only way the salary scale can be changed is by the city clerk.

Ms. Bryant requested a monthly report on the engineer's projects is prepared, including information on the physical status, dollars expended, changes, and the grant associated with each project.

Ms. Bryant requested a poll be taken of Council Members before cancelling any scheduled meeting. Mayor stated that meetings would not be cancelled in the future.

Ms. Bryant inquired about citizen notification of the city wide clean up in conjunction with Keep Manatee Beautiful.

Ms. Bryant stated she would present a citizen's name for the Historical Board. Mayor Whitesel stated a flyer about the creation of the board would be included in the water bill.

### Ms. Cornwell

Ms. Cornwell advised Council of Lincoln Middle School's plans to have a wetland park on campus, but the school will have to move a tank to irrigate. When the old building is gone, the school would like to have the City release as much water as possible. Mr. Tusing explained that once the project is complete a well would be located in the middle of a field, which for safety sake needs to be abandoned. The construction budget allows for the construction of a new well. The City plans to

extend re-use and wants the school to use that water rather than well water, but the schools needs the water in the next 30 days. Mr. Tusing suggested the possibility of the City installing a potable water supply and possibly charging the School Board a pass-through charge on water used only for irrigation of shrubbery at Lincoln Middle School. The cost of the new well could then be used for installing a fence along the highway.

The Council discussed existing issues the City is facing with the School Board.

Ms. Cornwell stated she was asking Council to determine whether the City would be interested in selling water to the School Board for use at Lincoln Middle School, other issues notwithstanding. Excluding Mr. Williams, it was consensus of Council to provide the water at the pass-through rate until re-use is installed at the school.

Mrs. Lancaster

Mrs. Lancaster reported the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce had recommended an individual willing to serve on a City board. She reported the individual had a business in Ward 1 but lived in Bradenton. Ms. Bryant suggested the individual be contacted to work with the City's boards.

Mrs. Lancaster suggested that when discussing projects that had scope changes the project not be referred to as being over budget.

Mr. Williams

Mr. Williams stated he would be meeting with Mr. Meng and Mrs. Jones concerning a pay scale. The pay scale Mr. Williams is trying to develop will eliminate problems occurring with new hire salaries.

He asked about the attorney's opinion on comp time, which will be brought to the August 28, 2000 meeting.

Mr. Williams asked about job advertisements and the need to pay a new employee the stated salary range, discussing the Purchasing Director position. Mayor Whitesel stated if the Public Works Department privatizes a Purchasing Director would not be needed. A discussion ensued relating to the privatization of Public Works. Mr. Meng was instructed to get sample RFP's from other agencies that have privatized.

Mr. Williams advised Council they would be receiving a letter from Boyd Insurance Co. relating to the agent of record for the City's health insurance plan.

Ms. Cornwell

Ms. Cornwell stated Palmetto High School was again looking at putting paw prints on 17<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Tusing stated a price for putting down thermo plastic prints was being solicited.

Ms. Cornwell thanked the Palmetto Police for their cooperation in keeping problems at a minimum at the start of the school year. She also asked Chief Bright to discuss with the SRO's the need of children adhering to the helmet law.

Ms. Cornwell stated Lincoln Middle School would be hosting Election 2000 and was seeking speakers.

Ms. Bryant

Ms. Bryant inquired about the \$108,400 budget item for the Estuary Park. She suggested that in the future other entities be asked to participate in projects that would benefit the entire county. Mayor Whitesel stated grants would be applied for to cover the benches, boardwalks and landscaping.

Ms. Cornwell

Ms. Cornwell suggested applying for grants for the Historic Park. Staff was asked to research the prior grant submitted by the City.

Mr. Williams

Mr. Williams asked Council's approval to allow him to approach the MPO Committee about the State striping the Green Bridge. The installation of the flashing light on the bridge was begun Friday.

Mr. Williams asked that all crossing guards have the appropriate number of cones.

12. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Gary Lynema filed a grievance with Council against City employee Jeff Seger concerning his inability to obtain the CO on his home in a timely manner. Mr. Patterson and Mr. Tusing stated they had only been alerted of the issue earlier that day and the CO has been issued.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Approved: September 11, 2000

  
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City Clerk

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