

Palmetto City Council
March 30, 2000 4:00 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 others present:

Dave Meng, City Clerk
Mary Jean Forrester, Deputy City Clerk
Don Patterson, Interim Public Works Director/PSG
Ken Bright, Police Chief
Alan Prather, Attorney
Jim Dye, Attorney

Mr. Prather discussed the proposed Interlocal Agreement for Landscaping Maintenance between the City of Palmetto and Manatee County for the perpetual maintenance of landscaping within the right-of-way of State Road 55 (U.S. 41). Council discussed the area specified in the maintenance agreement which includes areas outside the City. Mr. Prather will present this Agreement on Monday, April 3, 2000.

1. FEES FOR USE OF VARIOUS CITY FACILITIES WITH MANATEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION:

Mrs. Ann Marshall, representing the Palmetto Historical Commission, discussed items relating to the operation of Heritage Park. These items include the work needed at Carnegie Library and who would oversee the rentals of the park facilities.

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1. FEES FOR USE OF VARIOUS CITY FACILITIES WITH MANATEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION (continued):

MOTION: Mr. Williams moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried unanimously to post a public notice regarding a meeting with the Palmetto Historical Commission on Saturday April 1, 2000 at the Carnegie Library.

Council requested an ordinance be prepared to cover the fee schedule for rentals of all City facilities.

2. CITY VEHICLE POLICY:

City Council reviewed the proposed Vehicle Usage Policy prepared by Mr. Ron Koper. The Council requested that Mr. Koper review item No. 3 in the Manatee County vehicle policy regarding vehicles not being used to transport anyone other than County employees. Council added the discussion of the City Vehicle Policy to the agenda for April 3, 2000.

Item No. 5 on the agenda was moved to No. 3.

3. SETTLEMENT - CITY OF PALMETTO V. SAMUEL P. SCOTT, ET AL., CASE NO. CA-97-1908. PARCELS 115, 116 AND 124:

Mr. Jim Dye reviewed the Mediated Settlement Agreement regarding City of Palmetto, Florida V. Samuel P. Scott, et al., Case No. CA-97-1908 Parcel Nos. 115, 116 and 124.

MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried 3 to 2 to approve the Mediated Settlement Agreement dated February 29, 2000 and authorize the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City. Mr. Williams and Mrs. Lancaster voted nay.

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3. SETTLEMENT - CITY OF PALMETTO V. SAMUEL P. SCOTT, ET AL., CASE NO. CA-97-1908. PARCELS 115, 116 AND 124 (continued):

Mr. Williams stated that it is unfortunate that Mr. Scott has not cooperated with the settlement in order for the City to move forward. Mr. Williams also stated that he does not think it is right to vote in favor of something we know is wrong. Mr. Williams said that he is happy that the City is moving forward with this settlement.

Mrs. Keefer asked about the vacation process. Mr. Dye stated that the vacation and re-zoning package would be presented as a complete package as any vacation and re-zoning issue.

4. FRONTERAS PARADE:

Mr. Alex Rayna discussed with Council the Fronteras Parade. Council discussed the application to FDOT for the closure of 8th Avenue West.

Mr. Robert Pick, 1511 7th Street West. said that he does not believe the parade should be held on Sunday and also has a problem with the time of day of the parade. Mr. Pick suggested that this and other events not be scheduled on Sundays.

Mr. Javier Martinez and Ms. Sandra Pereira said that most of the people work six days a week and it is necessary to hold this function on Sunday.

City Council discussed an alternate route and time of day that would not require approval from FDOT. City Council and Mr. Rayna agreed to change the time of the parade to begin at 1:00 p.m. and to change the parade route to the following:

Parade will stage near the fairgrounds
On 13th Avenue W.; go North to 17th
Street W. go East on 17th Street W. to
10th Avenue W; go South on 10th Avenue
W; to Sutton Park.

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4. FRONTERAS PARADE (continued):

Mr. Rayna and Ms. Pereira will meet with Chief Bright and Mr. Ray Henry at 9:00 a.m. March 31, 2000 to discuss the parade route.

5. 3rd FESTIVAL HISPANO - SUTTON PARK:

City Council agreed that the time of the festival would begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 8:30 p.m.

Ms. Cornwell requested that a Spanish speaking officer appear on Mr. Javier's radio station to inform citizens of the guidelines for using Sutton Park and to discuss that no alcohol is allowed on city property.

Mr. Patterson stated that Mr. Martinez had agreed to pay a \$500.00 deposit.

6. INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS:

Ms. Bryant:

Ms. Bryant discussed potholes on 20th Avenue near the intersection of 17th Street West. Mr. Patterson stated that if this resurfacing is done as a part of 17th Street West it would cost approximately \$2,700.

MOTION: Ms. Bryant moved, Mrs. Keefer seconded and motion carried unanimously to add the area of 20th Avenue W. which intersects with 17th Street W. to the current resurfacing project of 17th Street W.

Mayor Whitesel said that she is working diligently to get a grant for Ward I. She has talked with Senator Hargrett and Representative Bradley. Mayor Whitesel also said that if this grant is not awarded, the City should make every effort to take care of the problems that exist in Ward I.

6. INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS (continued)

Ms. Bryant:

Ms. Bryant requested information regarding the lease with Manatee County for the library located at 923 6th Street West. Mr. Prather will be contacted regarding this lease.

Mr. Patterson reported on the water line break on 8th Avenue West. The cost estimate to repair the break will be approximately \$50,000. These lines have not been replaced in approximately twenty-five years.

Ms. Cornwell:

Ms. Cornwell discussed the area near Lincoln School and projects that need to be considered during the construction. These projects include sidewalks on both sides of the street and irrigation lines in this area that could be extended into Lincoln Park. Ms. Cornwell suggested that the City work with the School Board and the County on resolving these issues before construction of the Lincoln School is complete.

Mr. Patterson advised Mrs. Lancaster that the City has in reserve money to do sidewalks and streets on 14th Street West if the grant is not awarded.

Mayor Whitesel announced that the application for the Front Porch Florida, Initiative for the State Fiscal Year 2000-2001 has been received.

Ms. Cornwell said that she had received a call from Mr. Robert Jones in regard to water standing at the intersection of 11th Street and 11th Avenue West. Mr. Patterson will check this intersection.

Ms. Cornwell expressed the need for a swimming pool north of the river. The Council discussed asking schools and churches for support of a swimming pool north of the river. The Council requested that Mr. Ernie Padgett be contacted regarding a meeting to discuss this project.

Council discussed the expenses for the volunteer banquet which will cost approximately \$2,000.

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7. CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Mr. Mike Taylor, 1102 27th Avenue West, stated that he has a meeting with Mr. Danny Hopkins, director of Manatee County Parks and Recreation to discuss a skate park at Blackstone Park. City Council agreed that they do not have a problem with the County building a skate park at this location.

8. STAFF REQUESTS

Mr. Patterson reviewed a memo regarding the purchase of an automatic sampler for the collection of effluent samples for the Wastewater Treatment Facility with the cost to be approximately \$5,000. Under the provisions of the new permit from FDEP, the City is required to have a sampler setup at the location specified in the permit seven (7) days a week.


MOTION: Mrs. Keefer moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the request from public works for the purchase of an automatic sampler for approximately \$5,000 for the collection of effluent samples from the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Chief Bright read a letter from the Pinellas County Police Benevolent Association, Inc. requesting a meeting with the City representative to open negotiations for a collective bargaining agreement between the City and employees who are members of the bargaining unit. A copy of this letter has been forwarded to Mr. Michael Malfitano and he is setting up the appointments for these meetings. City Council gave unanimous agreement that we move forward.

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The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Approved: April 17, 2000



City Clerk

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