

**Palmetto City Council  
January 20, 2000 - 4:00 p.m.  
Administrative Meeting**

**Elected Officials Present:**

**Pat Whitesel, Mayor  
Tamara Cornwell, Vice Mayor  
Shirley Groover Bryant, Councilmember  
Donna Keefer, Councilmember  
Mary Lancaster, Councilmember  
Brian Williams, Councilmember**

**Staff and others present:**

**Carl Taylor, Public Works Director  
Ken Bright, Interim Police Chief  
Mary Jean Forrester, Interim City Clerk  
Dave Meng, Finance Director  
Don Patterson, PSG  
Paul Cook, PSG  
Karen Hartman, CRA Director  
Deborah Gestner**

**Item 2 was moved to Item No. 1**

**1. MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**Expenditures over \$500.00:**

**Mr. Ken Bright requested approval for the purchase of new jackets for police officers in the amount of \$2,496.50.**

**MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the purchase of jackets for police officers not to exceed \$2,496.50.**

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**1. MAYOR'S REPORT (continued):**

**Expenditures over \$500.00:**

Mr. Dave Meng requested approval for the purchase of two I-O 2677C display terminals for \$1,360.00.

**MOTION:** Ms. Bryant moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the expenditure for display terminals not to exceed \$1,360.00.

Mayor Whitesel requested council to approve the appointment of Mrs. Edie Bustle to represent Palmetto on the Manatee County Library Board.

**MOTION:** Ms. Bryant moved, Mrs. Keefer seconded and motion carried unanimously to appoint Mrs. Edie Bustle to represent Palmetto on the Manatee County Library Board and authorize the Mayor to write a letter to the Board of County Commissioners.

Council agreed for Mrs. Lancaster to attend the workshop on Grants for Small Cities to be held February 22 thru 24, 2000 in Tallahassee, Florida.

Mayor Whitesel reported that she had been contacted by Mr. Linda Brown regarding projects the Sertoma Club would like to sponsor in Palmetto. Council discussed playground equipment and updating the mural. Council will discuss this item at the administrative meeting on February 3, 2000.

Resolution 00-01 was added to the Monday, January 24, 2000 agenda.

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**2. RESOLUTION NO. 99-24:**

Resolution No. 99-24, which was tabled by Council on January 10, 2000, was discussed. The revised Resolution No. 99-24 gives the City an increase of \$6,092.12 which is a 15% increase.

**MOTION:** Mr. Williams moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 99-24 authorizing the execution of the contract renewal for highway maintenance with the State of Florida, Department of Transportation and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Whitesel presented Mr. David Meng, Finance Director, with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1998.

**3. CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

Mr. Barry Batson, representing Clear Access, an internet communications company, reported to Council that his company has successfully implemented wireless communications via internet data for the Palmetto Police Department.

Mr. Wade Cullis, representing Palmetto Business Park, spoke to Council about the expansion of the CRA to include this area when the property is annexed. This property is also known as the Siemens property. The Council agreed that a decision regarding this issue could not be made at this time.

**4. DISCUSSION OF SEC. 108 - KAREN HARTMAN, CRA DIRECTOR:**

Ms. Hartman and Mrs. Deborah Gestner discussed the Sec. 108 applications to request loan funds from HUD to assist in economic development projects. The public hearing for the Sec. 108 loan applications is scheduled for Monday, January 24, 2000. Ms. Hartman asked Council to allow the CRA to begin the application process for the Sec. 108 loan funds. Council requested Mrs. Gestner to fax the seven levels of security.

**5. INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS:**

**Ms. Bryant:**

Ms. Bryant stated that she has been contacted regarding the lack of garbage pickup on Mondays after holidays. Council requested this item be added to the agenda for Monday, January 24, 2000 .

Ms. Bryant asked that Terra Ceia Golf and County Club be contacted regarding a meeting with the Council. This would be scheduled after meetings have ended with the mobile home parks.

Mayor Whitesel stated that all the deadlines for the December 31, 1999 grants were met.

**Ms. Cornwell:**

Ms. Cornwell suggested that the Council ask Manatee County to place recycling bins somewhere between Tropic Isles Mobile Home Park and Snead Island. Ms. Cornwell also asked that additional bins be purchased to be used by businesses.

Ms. Cornwell asked permission for the Builders Club at Lincoln Middle School to paint culverts with "Don't Dump Debris". Council agreed to this project and suggested that Manatee Beautiful be contacted for help.

**5. INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS (continued):**

Ms. Cornwell asked for an update of the calendar with short-term and long-term projects.

**Mrs. Lancaster:**

Mrs. Lancaster asked about the Lincoln Park agreement.

Mrs. Lancaster asked about the appointment list for the volunteer boards. Mayor Whitesel requested names and resumes for these boards.

Mr. Williams requested that Council review the charter regarding volunteer boards.

Mrs. Lancaster referred to a memo from Mayor Whitesel regarding the tour of Ward 1. Mrs. Lancaster asked Council to schedule a time to discuss ways to improve this ward.

Ms. Bryant reported that she has requested brochures from the Bar Association regarding the Landlord Tenant Act. Mayor Whitesel asked that a meeting be scheduled after Council has reviewed these laws.

Mr. Williams recommended that Council also review the Minimum Maintenance Standards and Guidelines in the City Code.

Mrs. Lancaster reported on the conditions at Groovers Market and asked for increased patrolling of this area. Mrs. Cynthia Fobbs also reported the conditions at Groovers Market. Mayor Whitesel will contact the Chief regarding additional patrols in the area and request that he work with the Sheriff's Department.

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**5. INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS (continued):**

Mr. Williams stated that he is working with Mrs. Gwen Brown regarding the beer and wine license and drinking on the premises. Mr. Williams recommended that reports regarding Groovers Market be directed to the Manatee County Commissioners and the Sheriff's Department since this property is not located in the City limits.

**Mr. Williams:**

Mr. Williams commended Mr. Jim Craft for his work on the fair booth. Mr. Williams also thanked the Mayor and Council for ordering supplies for the booth. Mayor Whitesel reported that Mrs. Cindy Jarvis is taking care of scheduling coverage for the booth during the fair.

Mayor Whitesel reported that Mr. Joe McClash and Mr. Ernie Padgett will attend the City Council Administrative meeting on February 3, 2000.

The meeting ended at 6:15 p.m.

Approved: February 7, 2000

  
Interim City Clerk

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