

PALMETTO CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 2003

Elected Officials Present:

Larry Bustle, Mayor
Shirley Bryant, Vice Mayor
Tamara Cornwell, Council Member
Charlie Grace, Council Member
Mary Lancaster, Council Member
Brian Williams, Council Member

Staff and others present:

Jim Free, City Clerk
Chief Garry Lowe
Captain Clyde Hedrick
Mike Hickey, Public Works Director
Allen Tusing, Public Works Superintendent
Diane Ponder, Administrative Assistant

Mayor Bustle called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Chief Garry Lowe gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Ms. Bryant moved, Mr. Grace seconded and motion carried 4-0 to approve the August 11, 2003 agenda.

2. PRESENTATION BY CENTURY BANK RE. REGATTA POINTE LEASEHOLD

Attorney Scott McKay informed Council that a corporation named Joyland IV was interested in leasing the City owned property at 995 Riverside Dr., and he was seeking approval to transfer the leasehold interest pursuant to paragraph 17 of the initial sublease. Attorney McKay stated he had briefly discussed the topic with Attorney Prather and Attorney Steve Dye. Council discussed whether or not action of any type should be taken without the City attorney present to offer guidance in the matter. Council expressed concerns regarding the noise level affecting the surrounding residential neighborhood and adequate parking.

Joyland owner Walter Preston discussed the hours of operation and alternate parking plans, as well as how rowdy patrons had been handled at the previous location. John O'Neil, president of Century Bank, advised Council the restaurant location had 83 dedicated parking spaces.

Council Member Brian Williams entered the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Jim Hager, a member of the board of directors of the Regatta Pointe condominiums stated the residents would be very insistent in the maintenance of appropriate noise levels. He inquired if staff had compared the parking requirements for a restaurant vs. a

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bar and asked which type of license the tenant held, an SRX license or a full bar license. Attorney McKay stated Joyland holds a regular license. Attorney McKay also stated the proposed business very closely resembles the prior tenant, the only difference being an expanded dance floor; therefore, he considered the current zoning appropriate.

The majority of Council approved the transfer of the leasehold interest with stipulations the documents authorizing the transfer contain covenants addressing the noise level and parking issues and have City attorney approval.

3. GREEN BRIDGE BAIT SHOP

Mr. Free advised Council he met with Tony Lesik regarding the lease of the Green Bridge Bait Shop. Mr. Lesik agreed to the terms of the City's lease and wishes to rent the building "as is". Staff is to make sure the building is structurally sound before execution of the lease.

MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried 5-0 to authorize Mayor Bustle to execute the License and Concession Agreement with Mr. Tony Lesik, making sure there is no assignment provision in the Agreement.

4. FISCAL YEAR 03-04 BUDGET DISCUSSION

As a preamble to the budget discussion, Mayor Bustle presented objectives for Council's consideration.

Mr. Free discussed items department heads had requested that were eliminated from the budget.

Discussion continued on to the Council Items for Discussion list as follows:

EXISTING POSITIONS CURRENTLY VACANT

Two police officer positions will be eliminated; one is currently vacant the other will be eliminated through attrition. The positions were School Resource Officers at Palmetto Elementary and Manatee School for the Arts and were originally funded by a grant. The City will continue to fund the School Resource Officers at Palmetto High School and Lincoln Magnet School.

Staff is to speak with the CRA executive director regarding items CRA can legally fund.

NEW POSITIONS

Department heads discussed their justifications for the requested new positions.

The budget workshop schedule was approved by Council.

Mayor Bustle advised Council he and Mr. Free had met with Bank of American regarding the balance of the City loan. Research is being done to determine the benefits of consolidation of the City's loans via funding through the SRF Loan Program. Information will be brought back to Council.

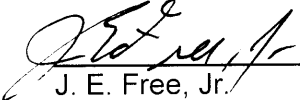
Allen Tusing discussed the need to purchase a 6" pump for rain events. Mr. Tusing stated the approximate cost of \$10,000 could be funded from the Road & Bridge fund in this year's budget.

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MOTION: Ms. Bryant moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried
unanimously to authorize the pump purchase, not to exceed \$20,000.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Minutes approved: August 18, 2003



J. E. Free, Jr.
City Clerk