

Palmetto City Council
February 3, 2000 - 4:00 p.m.

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:

Alan Prather, City Attorney
Ken Bright, Police Chief
Dave Meng, City Clerk
Mary Jean Forrester, Deputy City Clerk
Don Patterson, PSG

1. WATER AGREEMENT WITH MANATEE COUNTY-MR. JOE MCCLASH AND MR. ERNIE PADGETT:

Mr. Joe McClash, Manatee County Commissioner, spoke to Council in regard to the water agreement with Manatee County.

Council discussed with Mr. McClash the surcharge that the City would like to add to water customers located outside the city limits of Palmetto.

Mr. McClash said he feels it is unfair to add a surcharge to people living next door to a city resident. Mrs. Lancaster said that the houses in the City pay city taxes that are not paid by the residents living next door.

Mr. McClash asked that the City provide the County with information regarding the additional cost to the City to serve water to customers located outside the city limits.

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1. WATER AGREEMENT WITH MANATEE COUNTY-(continued):

Mr. Williams asked if Manatee County would be willing to maintain the water lines outside the City. Mr. McClash said that the County would consider maintaining these lines if the accounts were on the Manatee County billing system.

Council also discussed average daily consumption and impact fees.

Mr. McClash agreed to send a copy of Manatee County's water agreement with Sarasota County and to furnish the cost of producing water.

Mr. Williams requested the County to prepare a report on the total tax paid by City property owners and a report of the benefits the City receives.

RECYCLING BINS:

City Council asked Mr. McClash if Manatee County would be willing to furnish recycling bins in areas near the mobile home parks. Mr. Padgett will find out what the cost would be and refer this request to the Board of County Commissioners. The City will furnish specific locations for these bins.

LINCOLN PARK AGREEMENT:

Mr. Ernie Padgett, County Administrator, stated that the County has been working with Ms. Petruff in finalizing the Lincoln Park Lease Use and Maintenance Agreement. Mr. Padgett discussed the section in the agreement that would give the County the authority to design and construct restroom facilities to serve park patrons. The County would like to move forward to Phase II as soon as possible. Ms. Tusing stated that the only restriction of the grant is that it must be maintained as a park for twenty-five years. This agreement will be placed on the February 17, 2000 agenda for discussion and on February 21, 2000 agenda for approval.

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1. WATER AGREEMENT WITH MANATEE COUNTY-(continued):

GROOVERS MARKET:

Mrs. Lancaster discussed the problems that exist at Groovers Market. Mr. McClash said that he will request a meeting with the Sheriff's Department, Palmetto Chief of Police, and the County's legal staff to see if there is a solution to the problems in this area. Mr. Padgett will schedule a time for this meeting and invite Mrs. Lancaster.

2. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mrs. Lancaster referred to the last paragraph in a letter dated January 2, 1997 written by Mr. Prather regarding City Appointed officers. Attorney Prather said that their firm represents the City Council and not individual members of the Council.

Mr. Meng was asked to copy all correspondence for Council.

Mrs. Sharon Jones advised Council that the search for Health Care is moving forward.

Council reviewed the agenda for February 7, 2000.

Council discussed the lack of garbage pickup on Tuesdays after holidays. Mr. Allen Tusing discussed the ordinance, the schedule of pickups and the expense of additional pickups.

Council requested the Sanitation Department to prepare a plan as to how pickups will be handled on holidays. A work shop will be scheduled for this item at a later date.

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2. MAYOR'S REPORT (continued):

Green Bridge Festival was discussed by Council. No action was taken. Mayor Whitesel reported that she has advertised for a part time Events Coordinator.

Mayor Whitesel stated that the grant for the Tomato Festival was not awarded to the City. This item will be discussed at a later meeting.

3. SERTOMA CLUB:

The Sertoma Club projects will be placed on a future agenda.

4. INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS:

Ms. Bryant:

Ms. Bryant reported that the meeting with Terra Ceia Golf and Country Club has been scheduled for April 4, 2000. Ms. Bryant asked that the editor of the newsletter for Terra Ceia Golf and Country Club be advised of this meeting.

Mayor Whitesel said she would advertise for a Public Works Director.

Mayor Whitesel reported that the short list for General Engineering Services has been completed and presentations will be made on February 21, 2000. The three finalist are Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.; Smith & Gillespie Engineers, Inc. and Zoller, Najjar and Shroyer, Inc.

Mrs. Keefer:

Mrs. Keefer asked about the status of 11th Avenue and the completion date for this project. Mayor Whitesel said this project should be completed by the end of February.

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4. INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS (continued):

Mrs. Lancaster:

Mrs. Lancaster asked about the appointment of an Interim Public Works Director. Mayor Whitesel reported that the City is working on the copper and nickel issue.

Mrs. Lancaster asked about the appointments for the various boards.

Ms. Bryant reported that she contacted Manatee County Commissioner Gwen Brown concerning vacancies on the Enterprise Zone board.

Mayor Whitesel stated that she does not have any openings on the CRA Board. Mayor Whitesel said that members of this board have done an excellent job and are being reappointed.

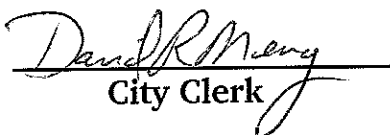
Mr. Williams:

Mayor Whitesel reported that the letter from the Industrial Relations Committee is a dead issue.

Mr. Williams discussed problems of flooding in the Oakridge area. City inspected buildings and permits were issued for repairs. Three months later there was more flooding. Mr. Williams asked that minutes regarding this item be reviewed.

The meeting ended at 6:05 p.m.

Approved: February 21, 2000


City Clerk

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