

Palmetto City Council
July 13, 2000 4: 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:

Chief Ken Bright, Palmetto Police Department
David Meng, City Clerk
Allen Tusing, Public Works
Diane Ponder, Administrative Assistant

Mayor Whitesel called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

1. PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

A discussion was held on the projects in process:

- **The Utility Code Revision will be placed on the August 3, 2000 agenda.**
- **Ms. Tusing will be asked to update Council on the Sign Ordinance.**
- **Mayor Whitesel stated a joint meeting with the County Commission needed to be held to discuss the Manatee County Water Contract. Council suggested a letter be sent requesting a meeting to discuss the water contract together with placement of recycling dumpsters outside the City near mobile home parks, the proposed skate park, a pool in the City, and problems occurring around Groover's Market and Speedy's convenience store.**
- **Mayor Whitesel will report back to Council on the Billboard Sign after next week's scheduled meeting with the attorney.**
- **The work on 14th Street West was discussed. Mayor Whitesel apprised Council funding for the project would be received through a grant. Council requested a copy of the confirmation from the Water Advisory Panel of the \$309,000 grant and a copy of the \$274,000 grant confirmation from SWFWMD.**
- **Ms. Bryant reported she would have a date for a Town Meeting in her ward in the near future.**
- **Mayor Whitesel will contact Frank Baxter regarding the Construction Site Sanitation Ordinance.**
- **The Section 108 Loan Program was discussed. Ms. Bryant suggested the CRA Board be advised Council is considering the termination of this program.**
- **RFP for I&I was discussed. Mr. Williams stated Ms. Tusing had developed the RFP as a suggestion as to how the RFP could be assembled. Council requested copies of the RFP for review.**

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- **Chief Bright will contact the landscape architect about how to complete the barrier around the retention pond located next to the Police Department. He will also look into the use of surveillance cameras.**
- **17th Street resurfacing will be completed before August 14, 2000.**
- **The Employee Safety Program will be presented to Council.**
- **Laptop computers for Council Members will be left on the list to be addressed at such time a new computer system is considered. Ms. Bryant suggested employees at City Hall needing access to the Internet should be connected as quickly as possible.**

2. HABEN BOULEVARD STREET LIGHTING

Mr. Williams recommended this topic be taken back to CRA.

3. CRA BLUE SKY LIST

Ms. Bryant reported CRA is preparing its budget and requested Council's top priority project for year one. After discussing the topic, it was consensus of Council that Mr. Williams, as liaison to CRA, suggest CRA develop a formula, whereby a percentage of the budget funds would address the areas of slum and blight, development of business revenues, and the City's infrastructure needs. Council will review the formula once developed.

4. FLASHING LIGHT ON GREEN BRIDGE

This topic will be taken to CRA for discussion.

5. AGENDA – JULY 17, 2000 MEETING

Motion: Mr. Williams moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried unanimously to approved the July 17, 2000 agenda as modified.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Whitesel reported on the Manasota League breakfast August 12, 2000 at 7:45 am. She asked Council Members to advise Ms. Riggins who would be attending.

The letter from Taylor & Fulton concerning wastewater discharge was discussed.

Mayor Whitesel asked Council Members to review the information from Ms. Petruff concerning the privatization of the Public Works Department. Council was advised eight applications have been received for the director's position. Council asked this topic be placed on the July 17, 2000 agenda.

7. INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS

Mrs. Bryant

Mr. Bryant asked the status of the mapping of the balance of re-use throughout the City.

Ms. Bryant asked for a report regarding the status of the installation of the back-flow preventers throughout the City.

Ms. Bryant stated a citizen had commented to her about a complaint at Flagstone Acres. Mayor Whitesel stated she had instructed the Public Works Department to maintain the berm separating Flagstone Acres and Lampost Place, due to the fact the City has a right-of-way through this area.

Mrs. Keefer

Mrs. Keefer advised Council the Palmetto Trace Development Agreement called for a tenant service facility, making it available to a licensed day-care facility at \$1 rent per year. Mrs. Keefer, a board member of the Manatee County Nursery Schools, will be contacting Palmetto Trace to advise them Manatee County Nursery Schools is looking for a facility in Palmetto to place a nursery school.

Mrs. Keefer stated a Time Warner box had been placed on the property of a neighbor. Mrs. Keefer stated Public Works has been notified and will be getting in touch regarding this issue.

Mrs. Keefer stated the current League of Cities directory's employee listing has not been updated. She also stated she would be serving on the Florida League of Cities nominating committee. Mayor Whitesel stated she would be running for 2nd Vice President of the Florida League of Cities.

Mrs. Lancaster

Mrs. Lancaster commented funds would be available for the Mayor to attend Chamber of Commerce leadership conference. Mr. Williams stated he thought it had been approved contingent upon the availability of funds.

Mrs. Lancaster thanked the Public Works Department for taking care of a problem in her ward.

Mrs. Lancaster commented on the frequency of CRA canceling meetings. Mayor Whitesel stated Ms. Hartman was ill and the chairman of the board elected to cancel the meeting. Mrs. Keefer stated there were many times when a quorum was not present for the meetings.

Mrs. Lancaster stated a Weed & Seed meeting would be held July 18, 2000 at the Youth Center.

Mr. Williams

Ms. Bryant advised Council Mr. Williams had been asked to serve as an associate director of the Manatee County Fair Board.

Mr. Williams asked Mr. Tusing to remove a limb hanging over the Chapel in the Historical Park. Mr. Williams also requested the amount of money City has contributed to the Chapel, as the society needs to have a handicapped ramp built. Mr. Tusing stated he had heard discussion concerning the ramp and felt Public Works would be constructing the ramp.

Mr. Williams discussed the 4th of July fireworks and requested a letter be sent to Mr. Jim Taylor thanking him for a job well done. A letter to Manatee County and Bradenton will also be sent asking for confirmation of their intention to participate in next year's display.

Mr. Williams stated the relocation of the weigh station would be discussed with CRA.

Mr. Williams asked whether there would be further discussion on the lawsuit brought by the Browns. This topic will be placed on a later agenda.

Mr. Williams asked Mr. Meng the total amount of funds available to CRA. Mr. Meng reported the total amount was \$108,000.

Mr. Williams asked how the City handled an employee's absence who no longer had available accrued time to use. A sick day bank was discussed.

Ms. Cornwell

Ms. Cornwell asked that Mr. Patterson address the letter from Desiree Garcia when he returns from vacation.

Mr. Tusing explained the request to purchase a meter, strainer and backflow assembly in the amount of \$8,914.25, explaining the expenditure will be reimbursed by Riviera Dunes.

Motion: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mrs. Keefer seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$8,914.25 for the purchase of a meter, strainer and backflow assembly and an expenditure not to exceed \$1,014.00 to Advanced A/C to replace an air-conditioning unit at 17th St. Park building.

Ms. Cornwell asked that her files at City Hall be washed beginning this year.

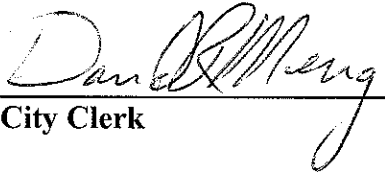
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Mayor Whitesel

Mayor Whitesel advised Council she had appointed James Hall to the Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Board.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes approved: August 7, 2000



City Clerk

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