

Palmetto City Council
January 27, 2003 4:00 PM

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:

Attorney Alan Prather
Mary Jean Forrester, Interim City Clerk
Chief Garry Lowe
Mike Hickey, Public Works Director
Diane Ponder, Administrative Assistant

Mayor Bustle called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

1. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION: Ms. Bryant moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve the January 27, 2003 agenda.

2. URBAN DEVELOPMENT ZONE REVIEW

Mayor Bustle reviewed the Urban Development Zone map prepared by Margaret Tusing. He recommended adding the following properties to the proposed map:

Balance of the Manatee Fruit Company property

Hooker Point area, 11th Street, West

Property between 17th Street and 12th Street that abuts Sylvan Oaks

Council discussed also adding the property east of Haben Boulevard to and including 15th Avenue Drive, East and the property on 24th Avenue, East, extended to the south to square off the property.

It was consensus of Council to include all the discussed properties in the proposed Urban Development Zone map.

3. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Chief Garry Lowe

Reported on counterfeiting discovered during the Fair.

Commented on the letters regarding the Citizen's Academy, expressing his hope Council members would be able to participate.

Mary Jean Forrester

Advised Council the joint meeting with the Charter Review Committee was scheduled for February 10, 2003 at 4:00 pm. Mayor Bustle reported on a meeting held with Ron Witt concerning guidance the committee is seeking from Council. Discussion ensued on the necessity of the meeting; the committee has received comments from the Council Members about the items they wish to be reviewed in the Charter. Council discussed the reappointment of department heads, when the referendum would be placed on the ballot, possibility of a quarterly vote of confidence for department heads, elimination of the Mayor's vote. Council suggested a resolution containing directions to the Charter Review Committee be adopted. It was also consensus of Council that the Charter Review Committee undertakes the evaluation and amendment of the Charter without future comment from Council, thereby eliminating any possible bias regarding proposed recommendations.

4. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Pat Glass is sponsoring a meeting regarding migrant housing. Tanya Lukowiak will attend in the Mayor's place.

5. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mrs. Lancaster

Inquired about the city's recourse in holding landlords responsible debris, regarding noise pollution and mischief created by their tenants. Chief Lowe discussed the Night Eye Program whereby the property owners sign an agreement with the city. He stated he would speak with the agent and will correspond with Mr. Wallace, the property owner.

Ms. Bryant


Suggested staff contacts the city of Sarasota concerning its fill ordinance.

Mr. Williams

Commented on the placement of the public notice signs for the application for rezoning on property located at 502-516 6th Avenue, West. He also suggested placing the application on the city's website.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Minutes approved: February 17, 2003


Mary Jean Forrester
Interim City Clerk