

**Joint Meeting
Palmetto City Council and
Manatee County Commissioners
May 14, 2001 4: 00 PM**

Elected Officials Present:

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

Elected County Commissioners Present:

**Joe McClash, Chair
Amy Stein, 1st Vice Chair
Gwendolyn Brown, Vice Chair
Jane von Hahmann
Jonathan Bruce
Patricia Glass**

Staff and others present:

**Jim Dye, City of Palmetto Attorney
Ted Williams, County Commission Attorney
Ernie Padgett, County Administrator
Karen A. Conlon, City Clerk
Chief Kenny Bright, Palmetto Police Department
Mike Hickey, Public Works Department
Mary Jean Forrester, Deputy City Clerk
Margaret Tusing, Planning and Zoning Director
Tonya Lukowiak, Grant Writer
Diane Ponder, Administrative Assistant**

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

Mayor Whitesel thanked Mr. McClash for initiating this joint meeting between the Palmetto City Council and Manatee County Commissioners.

Commissioner McClash opened the meeting, discussing the following topics:

- 1) Joint Planning Agreements: Would allow city and county officials the opportunity to identify county properties that could be annexed into the city. Also taken into account would be services provided to the properties.**

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Commissioner McClash stated one issue the county has addressed is the height issue, which also addresses compatibility of development with surrounding areas. Another issue is the reuse system, stating the city at one time attempted to become part of the county's reuse system. Discussion of the MARS Program ensued. It was recommended County Administrator Ernie Padgett be asked to get with Public Works and bring the topic back to Council.

2) Potable Water Agreement: Commissioner McClash stated this was not a topic for discussion at this meeting, but he did want to advise Council the city was within a year of reaching its daily maximum volume threshold and would then face a fee.

Discussion of the Utility Investment Fee on new water meters ensued. It was consensus of Council to schedule a workshop where Mr. Padgett would bring more detailed information for review. Mr. Padgett will also bring to Council details on the logic behind the percentages charged on the fee as well as why the fee would be charged before the city reaches the 2 million gallon daily maximum volume threshold.

Commissioner Stein commended the city on its willingness to transfer ownership of the Palmetto Library so the county would be eligible to apply for grant funds.

Installation of a swimming pool facility in the city was discussed. A partnership between the city and the Manatee County School Board, as well as grant funds are possibilities in funding the facility. County staff will bring an estimate for the facility to Council for review.

Mrs. Lancaster discussed an area around Lincoln Middle School that is in the county and the problems that occur on the premises of a grocery store. The officials discussed steps that have been taken in the past to rectify the problems. Attorney Williams will respond to Council with legal and beer and wine license options that are available to the city.

The 7th Street alignment was discussed. If the city is unable to obtain a full intersection at the location, realignment of 7th Street is the second option for the city's consideration.

Mayor Whitesel recessed the meeting at 5:45 p.m. for five minutes to allow the County Commissioners to depart.

Mayor Whitesel reconvened the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Ms. Cornwell moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the May 21, 2001 agenda.

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DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Karen Conlon, City Clerk

Ms. Conlon discussed the emergency purchase of the EOC computer update at the cost of \$1,523.00.

MOTION: Mrs. Keefer moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the expenditure of \$1,523.00 for the computer update.

Dead end streets, and the 8th Avenue evacuation route, were discussed. Also questioned is if cars parked on designated evacuation routes are permissible. Staff is to research parking on evacuation routes and report back to Council.

Chief Kenny Bright, Palmetto Police Department

The enforcement of the noise ordinance at the Manatee Fair Grounds Arena was discussed. Chief Bright will address training police officers in the enforcement of the ordinance and continue the Police Department's participation at the Fair Board Meetings. Staff will research the cost of a decimeter. Also discussed was enforcing the ordinance in residential areas and along city streets.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

Ms. Cornwell

School will end May 30, 2001. It was suggested the city again look at children's programs where police officers donate their time.

The Police Department was asked to again implement the ice cream program relating to children and the bicycle laws.

It was suggested the city try to locate a larger area for the skate park currently being held at Olympia Theatre. Mrs. Conlon reported Mr. Taylor had been contacted regarding a possible grant for a skate park, but has not yet responded.

Mrs. Keefer

The Interlocal Agreement has been sent to CRA for review.

Discussed the resolution concerning the CRA. A workshop was scheduled for May 21, 2001 at 6 p.m.

Mrs. Keefer asked if Council might reconsider and ask the current attorney if they would reconsider filling the position. Mayor Whitesel stated she would make the appointment of Mr. Singer as attorney. If Council doesn't confirm the appointment, then she has the option of re-appointing the current attorney. Discussion ensued on whether Council should revisit topics on which Council had

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already voted. Discussion was also held on the escalating attorney prices. Mr. Williams related a conversation he had had with Mr. Prather.

Mrs. Lancaster

Reminded Mr. Hickey of needed pothole repairs. Ms. Cornwell advised Mr. Hickey 7th Street was starting to develop small sinkholes in the pavement.

Mr. Williams

Discussed the speed bumps at Oakridge. This topic will be addressed at the May 21, 2001 meeting.

Mayor Whitesel

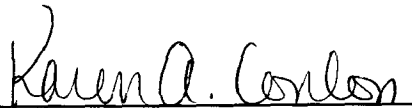
Commented on the sprinklers flooding the median at the approach to the Green Bridge.

Confirmed with Council they had received the letter from Riviera Dunes concerning the boat slips.

Chief Bright announced 150 DARE students had graduated at Palmetto Elementary.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Minutes approved: June 4, 2001



**Karen A. Conlon
City Clerk**

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